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Chapter 831 - Massacre, Life's Encounter

Qing Shui didn't expect them to be this immoral in front of everyone in broad daylight. For some reason, this reminded him of a similar scenario on a particular island back in his past life.....

The two old men with towering bodies seemed well-built as they continued to walk towards Long Lingyun.

Qi Gang had bloodshot eyes as a stream of blood rolled down from his eyes, similar to how blood was flowing out of his mouth too. Long Lingyun, Qian Mo, and himself were part of the Cloud Adventurer Guild and had been doing missions together for a long time. Long Lingyun and Qian Mo were like his daughters, so how could he not be furious when he was about to witness an immoral act being performed upon them.....

Long Lingyun was terrified, evident by the pale complexion of her face. Her body was shivering, and she clearly didn't want to see the image of two naked old man coming towards her. However, she remained adamant on keeping her head high. If she lowered her head, it would essentially mean that she had surrendered herself. In any case, she had no intention of raising a white flag to her enemies that easily.

She naturally turned her head to face Qing Shui, but as she did so, she was startled. Qing Shui was showing a calm expression on his face, akin to the serenity of calm water.

She then recalled how mysterious this man had seemed from the beginning. If he were in her shoes right now, he should be scared to death too or even be pleading for his life desperately. But now, he was acting like it wasn't a big deal at all.

"Are you not scared?" asked Long Lingyun. Surprisingly, she became a bit calmer after noticing the undisturbed expression on Qing Shui's face.

"They want you, not me." Qing Shui smiled. His voice was soft, yet everyone could hear him clearly. However, no one was able to notice the abundance of qi in his voice...

"You, you... They will still kill you in the end!" Long Lingyun couldn't control her emotions as she spoke with Qing Shui.

"Are you scared then?" Qing Shui let out a slight chuckle as he asked Long Lingyun.

"I'm not scared. But I'm disgusted to the point of being terrified." Long Lingyun said in a miserable tone as she looked at Qing Shui.

"Well, let this uncle kill them for you, alright?" Qing Shui was calm as he showed her a smile.

"Tch, what uncle? You're still a snotty brat in my eyes." Long Lingyun pouted her lips and scoffed.

"If you don't call me 'uncle', then I won't kill them."

Long Lingyun was confused about her situation. There were clearly two naked men trying to rape her right now. Despite that, she somehow had the time to talk to Qing Shui, and she didn't know whether she could entrust her life in his hands or not.

Those old men were both undoubtedly Peak Martial Saints. It would be extremely easy for them to kill her with only a lift of a finger.

“Uncle. Is that good enough for you?” Long Lingyun said loudly with a hint of anticipation in her tone. She realized how excited she was, and it felt quite bizarre.

“Good little niece. Now that I have adopted a niece, I’m feel quite happy. As promised, I will gladly destroy these men for you.” Qing Shui said casually. Then, he turned his head back to the old men who were approximately ten meters away from Long Lingyun.

“Why do you like to show off so much?” Qing Shui shook his head in disappointment and stood up slowly. With one casual fling of his sleeves, a Frosted Iron Ball appeared and shot towards one of the old men. It was impossible to miss as the old men were so close. Furthermore, they were weaker than him in terms of power, as Qing Shui had already improved his strength before.

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The whole area was silenced. One of the old men was hit in the testicles and the Frosted Iron Ball had mashed his balls into mush. The other old man who had been blazing his pride just a moment ago immediately shriveled back down. Whether his ‘pride’ could become erect again would be his own problem.

The old men hadn’t even considered Qing Shui and the others as a threat since they had been inflicted with the ‘Bone Softening Powder’. If they hadn’t considered that they would send out a distress call after they were trapped, they wouldn’t have used the ‘Bone Softening Powder’ to drain their strength completely.

Who knew this outcome would occur when the old men had completely let down their guard?

Even so, they were still Peak Martial Saints - they could’ve evaded the attack easily through their intuitive senses.

“AH.....”

It took quite a while before the first old man let out a piercing cry. He slumped to the ground and writhed in intense pain. Drenched in his sweat, the old man clenched his legs as blood profusely flowed out. He couldn’t immediately register where he was wounded, but in a few seconds, his body had been stained with red blood.

It was too sudden, so everyone was stunned for a few moments.

Long Lingyun widened her eyes as she stared dumbfoundedly at the situation. Despite the disgusting torment of the old man, she couldn’t take her eyes off of his suffering. The sudden change of situation was oddly entertaining to watch.

“You two deserve to die!”

Hu Yuanqing abruptly leaped at the Cui brothers and hit them with a dense cold light from his palms. The pitiful Cui brothers cried out in pain and died without knowing why they deserved this kind of death.

Qing Shui didn't feel any grief for the pair of brothers, nor any emotions regarding the current situation. He hadn't really acquainted himself with the troupe emotionally as his sole reason for journeying was to enjoy his life and increase his state of mind. Through this journey, he hoped that he could achieve a breakthrough to the 7th Heavenly Layer of the as soon as possible.

Long Lingyun had no opinions about the current situation either. Anyone, even a man, would have done the same thing as Qing Shui if they met with the same situation. Moreover, they could have been killed anytime, as they were powerless from eating the poisoned food. These scumbags deserved to be killed, as a virtue for themselves and society.

"You are really awesome! How could you lie to us, saying that you were an alchemist?" said Long Lingyun in a pleasant cheerful tone.

"I am an alchemist. Eat this and you will be able to move again." Qing Shui quickly threw a few Five Dragon Pellets towards Long Lingyun.

Long Lingyun fetched the pellets and consumed one without hesitation. She seemed to have a hard time putting the pellet in her mouth as she struggled to use her jaw muscles. In the instant after the pellet had travelled to her stomach, she could finally move her body. Overjoyed, she turned towards Qian Mo and Qi Gang and fed them each a pill.

"You brat, prepare to die!"

Suddenly, the old man who was writhing in pain rose up in the air and curled his hands into claw-like shapes to strike Qing Shui. His movements were extremely fast, and the air exploded into a series of booming noises.

Seeing the old man who was still naked rushing towards him, Qing Shui immediately raised his palm and released an attack.

Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm!

Bang bang.....

Without any suspense, the naked old man was instantly killed by the force of the Sixth Wave.

It was a sneak attack at first, but now it was just an all-out war against his opponents. The old man had been a Peak Martial Saint, yet he was instantly annihilated. Being a Martial Saint was an honor, not a common vegetable in the market to be sold for a measly coin that Qing Shui had made him look like.

"You really are an alchemist. If that's true, then that's great." Long Lingyun said happily to Qing Shui. There was an unspeakable comfort in her tone.

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"Hu Yuanqing, since you thought of such a despicable tactic, don't think for a minute that you will leave here alive." Long Lingyun became increasingly furious as she thought of Hu Yuanqing's acts. She then rushed towards Hu Yuanqing, rapier in hand, with the intention to kill.

Hu Yuanqing and the others had already prepared their mounts nearby. With the situation out of hand, they immediately leaped onto their mounts and attempted to escape as quickly as possible.

Qing Shui couldn't allow them to leave alive, so he shot a number of Frosted Iron Balls towards the men at supersonic speed.

The piercing sound of the incoming Frosted Iron Balls shook them into a state of fright.

After a succession of painful cries, the young men flopped to the group motionlessly.

"Uncle, you are so strong, yet you kept your strength a secret from us. I will get even with you later." Long Lingyun puffed in anger as she scoffed, despite her not actually being angry at all.

"Quickly, go take care of those men." Qing Shui was a bit speechless. He had just been teasing her when he asked her to call him 'uncle', but now he had to act like one as he urged Long Lingyun to settle her score with the men from Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild.

Qi Gang, Long Lingyun, and Qian Mo dashed towards their opponents with a rekindled flame of rage. They didn't hold back on their assault - things had escalated to the point that leaving alive was not an option for those despicable men.

Hu Yuanqing was the son of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild's leader, as well as a genius. He could theoretically fight back, as his strength was on par with Long Lingyun, but right now he had no desire to fight. Moreover, he had been suddenly thrown into confusion by Long Lingyun's rage, so he had no idea how to retaliate properly.

The rest of the young men were all Peak Martial Kings. They would eventually advance to become Martial Saints in due time, but that was not meant to be, as none of them could survive when faced with Qi Gang. The disparity of strength between a Martial King and a Martial Saint was too great.

In a blink of an eye, Hu Yuanqing was the only one left standing.

"You cannot kill me. Otherwise, the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild will never forgive you." Hu Yuanqing growled as he kept blocking Long Lingyun's continuous assaults.

"If we let you go alive, will we survive? Even if I can't kill you, I'm still going to vent my anger on you." Long Lingyun shot back, her teeth gritted in rage.

"If I die, Yun Duan will be harassed and tormented by my father. The Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild will know about today's incident. Are you going to let my father's rage ruin the future of the Cloud Adventurer Guild?" Hu Yuanqing fired back at Long Lingyun. He knew she would hesitate when he mentioned Yun Duan from the Cloud Adventurer Guild.

"Uncle Gang, what do you think? If elder sister Yun Duan suffers because of this, everyone in the Cloud Adventurer Guild will suffer the same fate as well....." Long Lingyun halted her assault and turned to look at Qi Gang.

Qi Gang was indecisive as well. Hu Yuanqing was not a person to talk irresponsibly, and he was still quite influential among the members of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild. Whether or not they should kill him was a difficult decision they had to make right now.

When Long Lingyun saw the hesitation in Qi Gang's expression, she felt a sense of immense pressure in her chest. When she turned to look at Qing Shui nearby, he was strangely showing a smile at her. It was then she decided to ask him instead.

“Uncle, what do you say, should we kill him?” Long Lingyun faced Qing Shui as she asked the question in a serious tone.

At that moment, a few flying beasts were speeding towards their direction from a distance.

Qing Shui lifted his head up to get a good look at the flying beasts. He had eyesight that was almost as sharp as that of an eagle.

Three Giant Green Geese appeared in his area of vision. The leading Giant Goose was carrying a woman on its back, with the other two geese were each carrying an elderly man. However, when he saw the woman leading the elderly men, he was stunned.

This woman was none other than the familiar silhouette he had seen at the Cloud Adventurer Guild. Qing Shui wasn't shocked because he had seen the familiar silhouette in this place again, rather he was shocked because he knew who she was.

She was Elder Yun from the Feng Clan!

She was a mature, elegant woman, with an exemplary appearance of a true beauty. She had delicate facial features, graceful and poised. This woman didn't give off an aura of coldness, but somehow she felt unapproachable by most people.

The first thing Qing Shui noticed about the woman standing on the back of the Green Goose was her slender figure and perfectly well-developed chest. This was indeed the remarkable woman that he remembered from a long time ago.

Every part of her body screamed with allure and charisma. Her exquisite eyes were charming and enticing - deadly, even.

Now that he had met her again, he felt that the World of the Nine Continents was a small place. He couldn't quite understand their fateful meeting at this place, and why the leader of the Cloud Adventurer Guild would appear at the Feng Clan in the first place.

He glanced at the elderly men behind her, and noticed that that they were stronger than the two naked old men from earlier. Qing Shui tried to comprehend the current situation one more time, but the more he tried to, the more he became confused.

This was because he hadn't expected to see the woman he had spent a night of lust and affection with appearing in this place. The incident that night had only been due to an exchange of deals between her and Qing Shui.

Fate has a tendency to toy with people's feelings. The fate of meeting her in this place was sealed. Without a second thought, Qing Shui could definitely tell that she was indeed Yun Duan.

Hu Yuanqing wasn't worried when he saw Yun Duan and the two elderly men approaching towards their direction. In fact, he was so happy to see them that he started to straighten his body and stand up proudly, as if he was showing his superiority over them.

“Good to see you, Elder Sister Yun Duan, and Sir Elders!” Long Lingyun greeted Yun Duan and the two elderly men with respect.

“Lingyun, when I heard your group was coming here and that Hu Yuanqing had entered Tiger Stream Valley, I knew something would go wrong. I didn’t think that they would make a move on my Cloud Adventurer Guild even before I married the leader of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild.” Yun Duan sighed with disappointment.

Her voice sounded raspy, but it was somehow strangely attractive and elegant.

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“Sister Yun Duan, you shouldn’t sacrifice your future for the sake of the Cloud Adventurer Guild. Even if you sacrifice your future, as what you have just seen, the outcome might not change.” Long Lingyun walked in front of Yun Duan and said.

Qing Shui had initially thought that Long Lingyun was cool-headed but she paled in comparison with Yun Duan. She lacked a lot more in her temperament and the aura she exuded.

“Future? Hehe, I have been destined to not have that kind of thing since long ago.” Yun Duan slowly said. She only looked at Long Lingyun after she was done talking.

“How can that be? That young man from the Heavenly Beast City, isn’t he in love with you sister? Don’t tell me you don’t fancy any one of them?” Long Lingyun was extremely against the idea of Yun Duan being married to that old geezer from the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild.

“Lass Yun. Look, both of them actually died.” An elderly man dressed in a silvery gray robe said in amazement after he saw the two middle-aged men that was killed by Qing Shui.

Yun Duan saw both of them were actually naked, so she didn’t look again after a single glance. But now, she had to force herself to look again. Although she had already expected it, she was still extremely surprised.

“Cai Yong and Xie Shuang were the powerful cultivators from the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild and they could be considered as prominent persons. But these two were extremely lecherous and did things without appropriate measure. However, they were still considered as powerful cultivators. I wonder who killed them.”

“Fifth Elder, they were killed by this uncle. He is also the one who have helped us out this time.” Long Lingyun hurriedly introduced Qing Shui when she heard the elderly man’s words.

Qing Shui had been standing at the back. He knew that he’d definitely have to face this woman next. It would be a lie to say that his emotions weren’t stirred up after seeing her again but right now, he didn’t know how to face her.

It was probably fair to say that their fates were deeply entwined for them to be able to meet again here!

“Qing Shui! Is that you?”

An attractive voice that was slightly raspy, yet very pleasant-sounding, travelled to Qing Shui’s ears. And that voice was just right in front of him. A slightly joyful and beautiful face came into his view when he raised his head.

He had been pierced by her sword once before and at that moment, Qing Shui felt that there was really nothing else between them anymore. Even if they meet again, they'd just be strangers to each other. Besides, the chance of meeting each other again was almost next to nothing.

He didn't know when she had left the Heavenly Palace. It had been so many years and she could still recognize him.

Yun Duan's heart was extremely chaotic. She had gone to the Greencloud Continent to gather experience before and was rescued by the Feng Clan when she was in danger. Just like this, she became the elder of the Feng Clan. After that, she didn't want to marry Feng Wuji so she could only make the most helpless choice, thus crossing paths with Qing Shui.

She wasn't a perfect woman and on top of that, her background was quite a mystery. The Feng Clan was not worth to risk for, so he no longer had any intention towards her anymore.

However, that familiar silhouette and that wonderful scene emerged frequently in her mind. She couldn't control replaying the memories in her mind but she knew they would have no chance of meeting ever again in their entire life because he was at the Greencloud Continent and she was at the Central Continent.

Little did she not expect to meet him this way. He had matured quite a lot since then and he also looked a lot more gentle now. Although that face had already lost the childishness that it had before, she still managed to recognize him at the first glance.

"Sister Yun Duan, you know him?" It was Long Lingyun's turn to be surprised.

"He is a friend that I got to know when I was at the Greencloud Continent. Uncles, Hu Yuanqing cannot stay." Yun Duan frowned then said to the two elderly men.

"Don't worry, this old man here is going to clean this up." The Fifth Elder chuckled and walked towards Hu Yuanqing whose face had already gone pale.

"Hello, Miss Yun Duan." Qing Shui greeted with a smile.

He already moved on from the past and had stopped dwelling on it. Some events couldn't be controlled. He had to readjust his attitude and work hard towards achieving the realm of 'observing honor and humiliation as flowers that bloomed and withered in the courtyard and disregarding the ever-changing clouds in the skies'.

[Note: A chinese rhyming couplet that the meaning that 'if a person can view honor and disgrace as normal as flowers blooming and withering, then he will not be easily startled by anything that may happen, if a person can view fame and wealth as ever-changing as the clouds, he will be able to remain calm and unperturbed'.]

Yun Duan was startled by Qing Shui's words but she recovered very quickly and smiled back. "Hello, Qing Shui."

Long Lingyun seemed to have thought of something after seeing both of them together. She retreated quietly with a smile.

“Are you still well?” Qing Shui didn’t really know what to say and only felt that his question was a little inappropriate after he had asked.

“Yes, I am. What about you? It’s been so many years. Are you still at the Heavenly Palace?” A look of desolation flashed across Yun Duan’s face but she still replied with a smile.

Qing Shui caught a glimpse of it. Naturally, he didn’t have to see personally to know that she hadn’t been well. After all, he knew everything about the Cloud Adventurer Guild, at least for the most part. The person who could suppress the situations in the Cloud Adventurer Guild was no longer here. She had to unite with the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild by marriage but even doing so didn’t seem to be able to turn the situation around.

When he met her for the first time back then, he was only a disciple from the Heavenly Palace’s Starmoon Hall with a little reputation. She left the Heavenly Palace, so naturally she wouldn’t know the current situation there.

“Yes, I’m still at the Heavenly Palace and have been fine. I really didn’t expect you to be from the Central Continent.” Qing Shui brushed it off with a smile.

“I went out that time to gather experience and came to the Greencloud Continent. But then I got into danger and was rescued by someone. I wanted to leave but I didn’t want to owe anyone favors. I left after that and came back. What about you? What are you here at the Central Continent for? Can I help you with anything?” Yun Duan looked at Qing Shui earnestly.

He had thought that they’d be strangers and never see each other again. But meeting again after all these years, they could still act like very good friends to each other. On top of that, Qing Shui felt her sincerity.

That sword pierce from back then was still vivid in his mind. Although the wound was not deep at that time, his heart ached very much. Qing Shui’s heart was hard but he wasn’t ruthless enough. He couldn’t be indifferent. He had a one night stand with Yun Duan back then. Even if they had become strangers after that, his heart still ached after being pierced by her sword.

This was also why he couldn’t ever ‘fool around with the beautiful ladies’. He simply couldn’t bring himself to be a heartless person.

“I’m here to find a type of medicinal herb while taking the opportunity to relax. They are from the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild. Are you in some kind of troubles?” Qing Shui pointed at the spot that had been cleanly taken care of.

“I’m fine. The day after tomorrow will be my wedding with the chief of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild. Come have a cup of wine if you are free.” Yun Duan shook her head and chuckled.

He knew that she was only inclined towards doing that because of the Cloud Adventurer Guild. He didn’t know how to evaluate those who would sacrifice themselves for their clan because he felt that he was the same type of person.

And because he was also the same type of person, he thought that this kind of people was very foolish. He couldn’t help but to think that people like this didn’t know how to chase after their own happiness because they were being chained down too much and unable to break free.

But everyone was after different things. People like this took their family matters very seriously. They were willing to sacrifice themselves rather than to let their loved ones and family be harmed.

“You’re not happy.” Qing Shui stated dully.

Both of them knew it clearly in their hearts, the incident that had happened before was just a mistake. But it had already happened and they were also the same kind of people. If the two of them didn’t miraculously meet here, they’d probably never look for each other in their entire lives.

This meeting seemed to make both of them understood something but some words were still difficult to say.

People like them had extremely high self-respect. But Qing Shui knew that Yun Duan was prideful while he was humble.

“No, I am very happy.” Yun Duan insisted stubbornly. But there was a layer of mist in her beautiful eyes.

No one knew the pain in her heart. For the sake of her father and her clan, she had no other choice but to do this. She had to do this for hope. She didn’t even have anyone to pour her heart out to. Many of her relatives didn’t understand either and even congratulated her.

She didn’t know why she felt such grievance in her heart when she saw him today. She didn’t know why he had to rip the mask she had tried so hard to create and didn’t allow her to even keep her last bit of persistence.

“Everyone have it tough. You aren’t in the toughest spot because you can actually choose another path to walk on.” Qing Shui said with a smile. He had been watching this stubborn yet beautiful woman.

He wasn’t saying that she had done the correct or wrong thing. On the contrary, Qing Shui felt that she did a great thing. People should do what was appropriate and discard what was inappropriate. His heart ached a little at her persistence and effort to endure, but he thought she was a little adorable at the same time.

“That’s enough. I am already out of options. Let me have a last bit of hope.” Two drops of tears slid down her face but she immediately wiped it as she forced herself to smile and chuckle.

It would have been fine if she was marrying someone else normally. Although she had been intimate with two people before, that was not love. Besides, it was normal for her to marry someone.

But now that he knew that she was being forced into marriage, he should help her even if it was for only the fate of a single night back then because he now had the ability to do so.

“Regardless of everything, we’re acquaintances. It’s been so long since we saw each other, let’s consider it as my gift for you. Why don’t you let me help you in this? You don’t have to marry him.” Qing Shui offered with a smile.

“Thank you, Qing Shui. But stop joking.” Yun Duan shook her head and laughed.

Qing Shui knew that she wouldn’t believe him. She wasn’t going to joke about the lives of her clan and the Cloud Adventurer Guild.

“Do you think that the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild will not know about what happened today? Are they going to just let this slide? You should know how the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild takes care of things right?” Qing Shui didn’t say much. He already had a well thought plan for this.

Yun Duan understood Qing Shui’s words very well, but she still hold onto her hope. Now that Qing Shui had said it out loud, she felt that her hope was really dim right at this moment.

“Sigh, I can only wait and see.” The raspy yet attractive voice had a deep helplessness in it.

By now, everything had already been cleaned up. Seeing that Qing Shui and Yun Duan were talking, no one came over. After Yun Duan saw it, he smiled at Qing Shui. “Let’s return. I’m treating you to some wine.”

“Sure.” Qing Shui smiled.

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The few flying beasts flew towards the Heavenly Beast City.

“Uncle, how did you know Sister Yun Duan?” Long Lingyun stood beside Qing Shui and asked with a smile.

On their return journey, Qing Shui rode on Long Lingyun’s mount. Qian Mo was as silent as usual.

To be called ‘uncle’ by a lady with such personality made him felt a little awkward. But this was nothing when he remembered being called as ‘the Patriarch’ at the Heavenly Palace.

“I don’t really remember.” Qing Shui laughed.

“Hmph, my Sister Yun Duan is so beautiful. How can you not remember? Then tell me, what’s your relationship with my Sister Yun Duan? She has never been this close with a man before.” Long Lingyun continued to ask.

Qing Shui thought that this woman really couldn’t be underestimated. Judging from her appearance, this lady definitely didn’t seem like someone who like to interrogate. But obviously, he was mistaken.

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“We are friends.” Qing Shui replied with a smile.

“Hmph. That isn’t a good answer. Uncle, do you like Sister Yun Duan?” Long Lingyun’s beautiful eyes lit up brightly as she looked at Qing Shui.

“Children shouldn’t keep on asking these kind of adult questions.” Qing Shui sat down on the Silver-horned Eagle.

Ling Longyun went quiet.

This was his second time coming to the Cloud Adventurer Guild. He had come here as an adventurer on his first visit but as a guest on the second visit.

The Adventurer Guild never closed. The group entered the Adventurer Guild through another big entrance. The moment he entered, he saw the familiar big courtyard, pavilions, fake mountains and pond.....

Yun Duan led the way without stopping. The two elderly men left as soon as they entered the Adventurer Guild. Qi Gang, Qian Mo and Long Lingyun left too.

Long Lingyun seemed to be very reluctant as she left.

“Uncle, don’t forget that we have to go on an adventure when you have time.” Long Lingyun didn’t forget to remind Qing Shui before she left.

Qing Shui waved his hand and promised her as she left. Qing Shui knew he wasn’t going to stay here too long. It was likely he couldn’t go on another adventure with her before he had to leave.

Qing Shui had come here alone to the Central Continent, but he didn’t expect to actually meet Yun Duan here. Right now, he was walking with her towards her house. He had only knew now that this woman was the leader of the Cloud Adventurer Guild.

All of the people who managed Adventurer Guilds were addressed as the Leader.

Qing Shui had initially wondered why this Cloud Adventurer Guild was named after Yun Duan*. But now it seemed like that they had intended for some time for her to become their leader.

[Note: The Cloud Adventurer Guild translates to Yun Duan Adventurer Guild in chinese.]

Yun Duan and Qing Shui walked towards the path at the northern courtyard, which was a little more than a hundred metres wide. The two of them walked side by side, with a speed that wasn’t really fast.

“You are the leader of the Cloud Adventurer Guild. If you go to the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild, what happens here?” Qing Shui asked with a smile.

“My father will manage here.” Yun Duan replied softly.

“How long has this Adventurer Guild used your name?” Qing Shui was very curious about this. He wanted to know if this place had only changed its name after she had become the leader.

“Hehe. This is quite funny. Grandfather had said that I was destined to lead a good life as soon as I was born. He said that I would have glory, splendor, wealth and rank and would even make the Adventurer Guild shine. Therefore, he changed the name of the Adventurer Guild without any second thought on the very day I was born. On that day, I was also named Yun Duan*, with the intention of eventually reaching that height. He had just passed away not long ago and things turned out this way. Perhaps he didn’t expect that the person he had so much faith in would become like this.” Yun Duan’s words were very calm, but her grievance could still be seen. Although her tears didn’t fall, she had reached the pinnacle of the situation, a circumstance where there were no longer any tears to shed.

[Note: Yun Duan means high in the clouds.]

Qing Shui was startled after he heard what Yun Duan told him. It was unfortunate that the grandfather she was talking about had passed away. Otherwise, he would’ve wanted to meet this old man who had

single-handedly supported the Cloud Adventurer Guild. He was also curious about how he could predict that his granddaughter would be destined to have wealth and prestige.

Qing Shui didn't believe in fortune telling back in his previous world, but now he could divine some things. He could tell the fortune of a person by reading his facial features and bones. If a person who had great bone structure also had good aptitude, it wouldn't be too difficult for him or her to become the strongest with just a little luck. Of course, for this to be true, he or she would need to have exceptional bone structure and aptitude.

Bones were bizarre things. Some people had not only good bone structures but also good brains. It was very easy for an extremely bright person to stand out among his peers. Of course, not everything was absolute. There were also many people with unrecognized talents. However, this world advocated martial arts, so the chance of that happening were pretty small.

Boys and girls with well proportioned skeleton frames and good constitutions would usually be handsome and beautiful when they grew up. These external conditions shouldn't be underestimated because they would sometimes play an important role, especially with women.

The appearance of a woman could cause the downfall of kingdoms and cities, of causing a calamity to its people. A heaven-defying beauty could even topple a large clan or sect. It was evident that the effects of cultivating beauty and temperament to its maximum for women would definitely be comparable to that of a weapon.

So, it was slightly easier to tell the fortune of a woman by reading her facial features. Qing Shui knew how to do it too. Unfortunately, he hadn't really believe in it, but now, he knew that Yun Duan's grandfather was accurate in his readings.

He had decided to give Yun Duan everything he could, or at least a peaceful environment. Glory, splendor, wealth and rank weren't too difficult to attain. As long as her Cloud Adventurer Guild became powerful, she'd have everything.

It wasn't like the Cloud Adventurer Guild didn't have any powerful cultivators. Qing Shui knew this as soon as he had entered the Cloud Adventurer Guild. He already knew some of the reasons behind this with just his intuition and the information he heard.

The Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild was the most powerful guild. They used threats and bribes to break up the powerful cultivators of the Cloud Adventurer Guild and force them into a corner. This was why the Cloud Adventurer Guild had been forced into a position where they didn't even have any strength to retaliate.

"Is the disparity in strength between the Cloud Adventurer Guild and the Mighty Adventurer Guild really that great?" Qing Shui asked as they walked.

"I'm lacking in strength and I'm a woman on top of that. Even so, grandfather still insisted that I take over the Cloud Adventurer Guild so this resulted in some complaints among the people. Grandfather is no longer here and the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild had been undermining us while we tried to maintain peace. To them now, the Cloud Adventurer Guild probably looks like it will collapse at a single blow." Yun Duan laughed as if she was mocking herself.

Passing through a corridor, they arrived at a manor. There were many women and children as well as some old men. Some were playing chess, while others were slowly practising sword and fist techniques

It was very peaceful here and there were rows of manors. The people who lived here were all the family of the Cloud Adventurer Guild's core members. Two rows of weeping willows lined both sides of the path.

He could see that the place was very clean with just a single glance. The air here was also very fresh. Many children were running around and playing and they would all greet Yun Duan when they passed her.

"Hello, Big Sister!"

"Hello, Auntie!"

"Is he your boyfriend?"

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The questions that the children asked were also quite complicated. Qing Shui looked at them in amusement but didn't say anything. Yun Duan greeted them with a smile and occasionally reached out to pat their heads.

Qing Shui was sure that the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild would definitely use these people and her clan to force her to give in. A woman was indeed helpless when she was in this kind of situation.

This must be why many beautiful ladies have suffered an unlucky life since ancient times!

After not too long, they went into a courtyard on the left. Across the entrance of the courtyard was a small fake mountain that stood in front of a small pond. There was an arched bridge above the pond, whose flowing water was pleasant and melodious. Just listening could easily calm one down. There was a purple colored pavilion stood beside the tranquil pond.

On the other side was a small bamboo forest and there was a two-story small building not far from the forest. A winding corridor led to another building.

Just at this moment, a few people came out from that building. There was a handsome middle-aged man who appeared to have been through the vicissitudes of life, a beautiful madam that was aging gracefully and a few handsome young men who were about the age of 40. He could feel a wave of oppression surrounding all of them at a single glance.

"Father, Mother, Big Brother, Third Brother, Little Brother, you're all here." Yun Duan greeted them with a smile.

"Little Sister, you are supposed to marry Hu Yunlong, the leader of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild the day after tomorrow! Why are you with another man?" The man who looked slightly older compared to the other young men reprimanded.

"Big Brother, this is my friend." A look of pain flashed across Yun Duan's eyes.

“Yun Yao, how could you speak like that to your sister?” The scholarly middle aged man immediately shouted.

“Duan’er, come introduce him to your mother. It is very rare for you to bring friends over.” The woman held Yun Duan’s hand and smiled benevolently. There was a pained look in her eyes. Yun Duan was her only daughter and she loved her dearly, much more so than her other few sons. But now, she had to suffer. As a mother, this feeling was intensely agonizing.

“Mother, this is Qing Shui. A very good friend of mine.” Yun Duan introduced him with a smile.

“How do you do?” Qing Shui smiled and greeted them. When he heard how Yun Duan introduced him as a very good friend just now, he wasn’t certain on what to feel.

“This fellow is not bad. Come, let’s go in. Mealtime is ready. It’s just a normal one so I hope you won’t mind.” The scholarly and handsome man invited Qing Shui warmly.

“Why would I mind? I shall intrude upon you all then.” Qing Shui modestly followed the people of the Yun Clan into a big lounge.

“Lass, I’ve thought about this. You mustn’t marry over there. Not when I am still alive.” The man suddenly said when they were eating their meal.

If Qing Shui didn’t previously know the situation, he definitely wouldn’t understand what was going on.

“Father, if Little Sister doesn’t marry Hu Yunlong, the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild will kill us all.” Yun Yao said agitatedly.

“Bastard, are you saying that your Little Sister should marry that old geezer who is even older than me by 200 years old for the sake of staying alive?” The man slammed the chopsticks in his hands against the table.

Yun Yao didn’t dare utter another single word.

“Yun Peng, calm down. Duan’er isn’t marrying anyone. We can’t let our daughter suffer even if it costs our lives.” The beautiful madam hurriedly said.

“Father, Mother, your daughter is willing to do this. Don’t be sad. Ensuring that our Adventurer Guild can survive and be passed down to the next generations are the most important things.” Yun Duan assured with a smile.

“Little Sister, Third Brother has the same opinion as Father. This Adventurer Guild means nothing if you have to suffer like this.” Yun Yang, who had been silent all this time, finally spoke up.

Qing Shui had already identified these few people from the introduction earlier. The scholarly handsome man was Yun Peng. The eldest son was Yun Yao. The third son who had just spoken was Yun Yang, the fourth son was Yun Chi, followed by Yun Duan’s youngest brother, Yun Tong.

“That’s right. Big Sister, I am against the idea of having you marry into there as well. We will really never be able to live in dignity for the rest of our life.” Yun Tong bit down on his lip.

Just then, someone came in from outside. It was an elderly man. He looked around and hesitated for a moment before saying “The people from the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild are here.”

The middle-aged man frowned. “What are they here for?”

“They said they are bringing Miss back.” The elderly man also frowned as he responded.

“Bringing back?”

“Yes and they are very aggressive. It’s Hu Wenlong and his company.”

“Hu Wenlong?” Yun Yao exclaimed in surprise.

Yun Duan’s body quivered too after hearing it was Hu Wenlong. For them to suddenly come to bring her back, they probably knew that she had killed Hu Yuanqing.

Right now, she felt as if all her hopes had turned to dust. They already knew about it. Was this going to be the end for her, her clan and the Cloud Adventurer Guild?

She missed the time when her grandfather was still around. She missed her grandfather. When he was around, the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild didn’t dare to take such actions against them.

Now that her grandfather wasn’t around, the Cloud Adventurer Guild was as powerless as a newborn infant.

“Uncle Qiong, tell them that I’ll be over right away.” Yun Duan told the elderly man with a smile.

After the old man left, the room grew silent.

Hu Wenlong was Hu Yunlong’s elder brother. He was the elder brother of the Mighty Tiger Adventurer Guild’s leader and a Grand Elder. The position of Grand Elder could only be held by someone powerful. Without power, even an immediate clan member wasn’t allowed to hold the position. It was evident that this person was very important.

Chapter 834 - Yun Duan’s Heart, Hu Wei Adventurer Guild

Yun Duan was stunned for a moment, “I will go check.”

She spoke in a mild manner. She knew how powerful Hu Wenlong was since he was one of the top-rankers in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. Even the head, Hu Yunlong could not defeat him. He could have easily gotten the position as the head but he was too obsessed about martial arts. He loved cultivating and was engrossed in it, so the position fell to Hu Yunlong.

Even though he disliked troublesome matters, he enjoyed fighting and was very protective of his own people. Everyone in Heavenly Beast City knew about Hu Wenlong’s character and how he dealt with his affairs. There was an occasion when a talented member from the Zhou Clan in Heavenly Beast City maimed the son of the fifth brother, Hu Yanglong, of the Hu Clan. After that, Hu Wenlong directly eliminated the entire Zhou Clan.

The incident caused a ruckus in Heavenly Beast City but Hu Wei Adventurer Guild was extremely powerful so nobody dared to criticize them. Besides, the entire Zhou Clan had disappeared so no one wanted to stir up trouble for themselves.

After this incident, no one dared to offend the people from Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. The disciples of the core members became more and more arrogant and unreasonable because most people could only hold their grudges silently and not retaliate. As a result, the members from Hu Wei Adventurer Guild habitually oppressed others.

Many people wished to join Hu Wei Adventurer Guild as it was the ticket to staying alive since the Guild had great influence in Heavenly Beast City and even the nearby surrounding cities.

“Father will go with you, even though I do not have the ability to protect you,” a handsome scholarly man sighed helplessly.

“Father, don’t say that about yourself. I am happy that I have a father like you. I feel blessed,” Yun Duan said happily.

Yun Duan knew that her father would definitely follow her so she did not attempt to dissuade him. She looked at Qing Shui, “Don’t involve yourself in this mess. Tong’er, please show Qing Shui the way out.”

“Elder sis, I want to accompany you.” Yun Tong held out his fists as he knew that this matter was not as simple as it seemed.

“Let me bring her away with me.” Yun Yao stood up and said. He knew that the situation facing them was tricky. His plan was to escape with her and either return after things died down or never return if something went wrong.

The scholarly man sighed and so did the others. Even his beautiful wife’s eyes glistened with grief. Yun Duan hesitated for a moment and said, “Qing Shui, I kept thinking of you since the last time we parted. Even though I stabbed you, my heart hurt. Over these few years, I will think about you every now and then. I don’t really understand what we have between us but I just want you to be well. We will always be friends.”

Perhaps, only during the most fragile period of her life did she realized that she had so many regrets. Luckily for her, she could see Qing Shui during the final juncture of her life.

She knew that she would definitely die this time so she discard her reservations and told him her honest feelings.

She had kept her virginity until her encounter with Qing Shui and had never had any intimate contact with other men after that. Such a woman would not forget the man she had her first sexual experience with but she never said that aloud.

She knew that if she didn’t confess today, she might never have the chance to do so. At least he would know her feelings and see that she was not a wanton woman.

Qing Shui was stunned when he heard what she said. He could never have imagined that such an obstinate woman would actually show her vulnerability now.

“Qing Shui, you should leave with my brother. Don’t even come back to Heavenly Beast City,” Yun Duan said gently as she faced Qing Shui. She looked as if she was about to reach out to him but did not do so in the end.

"I already told you that I will settle matters with Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. Don't you remember that your grandfather said that you will have a fortunate life? Don't you know that Hu Wei Adventurer Guild will become stronger because of you? I am the man of your destiny so let me step in." Qing Shui smiled slightly.

"Qing Shui, I know that you want to help. Even though you are very powerful now, you can't defeat Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. So please listen to me and leave with my brother. Before it is too late." Yun Duan was a little emotional and spoke very quickly.

Qing Shui felt a warmth in his heart hearing her words. So, she was actually so gentle. Qing Shui liked her tender voice and it was even more heartfelt since it came from such a prideful woman. He was very happy and wanted to give her a stable life despite not being able to give her much affection.

Perhaps because she was too involved in the issue, Yun Duan did not believe for a moment that Qing Shui had the ability to go against Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. On the other hand, even though it was unbelievable to the others, they still saw it as a hope.

"Qing Shui, quick! Let me send you out. If we delay, it may be too late. Don't upset my younger sister." Yun Yao urged anxiously.

"You are unworthy of being her elder brother. I can make my own decision and you can leave. If you want to run away, you can go ahead, no one will stop you," Qing Shui said calmly.

"Who do you think you are? How dare you criticize me?" Yun Yao yelled at Qing Shui, angered by embarrassment after Qing Shui exposed him.

"If you weren't Yun Duan's elder brother, I wouldn't even waste my saliva on you. How can a man use his own sister as a bargaining chip. You are just a spineless coward so don't get angry. You don't deserve to be angry because you are not even an ant in my eyes." Qing Shui suddenly released his spiritual energy creating an oppressive aura.

Yun Yao fell to the ground due to the oppressive aura and his sweat poured from his entire body, he was rendered speechless.

Suddenly, sounds of explosion came from outside. They also heard screams and cries. Yun Duan ran outside, not knowing what had happened. Qing Shui looked at the members of the Yun Clan before running out after her.

The commotion came from the main hall of the Cloud Adventurer Guild. Apparently, the main hall had been destroyed. Hu Wei Adventurer Guild had really been offended. Qing Shui smiled at Yun Duan and the other members of the Yun family also followed them outside.

"Hu Wenlong, you are really too much," Before they reached the main hall, a loud old-sounding voice rang out.

"You old men, how foolish! Cloud Adventurer Guild will be destroyed because of this silly little girl. I'm giving you the easy way out. Get out of my way. If you stop me, I will annihilate your entire clan." a similarly old but much more overbearing voice replied.

“We are grateful to the old sir of this place. Even if I die here, I will not let you bring away our young mistress,” Some old voices rang out.

“Stupid fools! If you join our Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, you will enjoy a life of riches and your future generations will have easier lives. Look there are intelligent people from the Yun Clan too. Why don’t you ask them if they suffered after they joined my Hu Wei Adventurer Guild?” The oppressive old voice retorted.

“Third Brother, there are many opportunities in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. Come on, we should...”

“Shut up! When you left Cloud Adventurer Guild, we disowned you. A person without any moral boundaries does not deserve to be called a human.”

“People always seek to climb up higher and water will always flow downwards. I don’t think I made the wrong decision. We all have our own pursuits. Why do you have to be so stubborn?”

“Sixth, if you left us in the past, I would not criticize you. But the Grand Ancestor is not around and Hu Wei Adventurer Guild is breathing down our backs, yet you choose to leave us without a hint of guilt at this critical point and even join our rivals, Hu Wei Adventurer Guild! Is this what a decent person does? If Hu Wei Adventurer Guild ends up like our Cloud Adventurer Guild, will you also switch sides and go against Hu Wei Adventurer Guild?” The man who spoke previously replied. A soft approach was always more effective than a aggressive reply.

Hu Wenlong frowned, “San Cai, you can stop creating disaccord. Since you don’t accept our offer, don’t blame us for being unpleasant. It’s your own choice to seek death!”

“Bring it on. Even if we die, we won’t make this easy for you!”

At that moment, Qing Shui was already nearby. He could see that the main hall was destroyed and there was rubble everywhere. At the same time, there were people lying on the ground; some of them were already dead. There were many people surrounding the site, other than the adventurers there were also people who just wanted to watch the commotion.

The most eye-catching person among them was an exceptionally tall and muscular elderly man. He was at least 8 chi and was distinctly taller than the rest of the people. He wore a purple battle armor and had a headful of white hair and chiselled features. Even though he was old, he looked more energetic and powerful than any other younger man.

There were about 20 people behind that old man, they were either middle-aged or as old as him. The aura of the man standing at the forefront made Qing Shui conclude that he was Hu Wenlong.

Their opponents were also a bunch of middle-aged and elderly men. There were more than 20 of them but none of them could match Hu Wenlong, so they were still at a disadvantage.

“Stop!” Yun Duan shouted to stop the old men from attacking.

“Third Grandfather, Fifth Grandfather...” Yun Duan shouted out. Her heart ached knowing the perseverance of these men, she was touched.

“Hai, what a pitiful child,” the old men sighed.

"I am here. Why do you want to kill them?" Yun Duan yelled at Hu Wenlong, she was extremely furious.

"Why do I want to kill? Don't you know? I want to kill them and show them how they die!" the sturdy old man glared at Yun Duan and sent a powerful aura towards her.

Yun Duan was only a low grade Martial Saint so there was no way she could withstand it. Her body felt weak and her face turned pale but she forced herself to stand. But the aura that weighed like a mountain was like an ocean that could swallow up her tiny boat anytime.

Just then, Qing Shui stood in front of Yun Duan. It was as if her tiny boat had found a refuge and the waves around her became calm again. The figure in front of her wasn't huge but it was so sturdy that her heart calmed down.

Qing Shui stood smiling at Hu Wenlong, "Hu Wei Adventurer Guild is so arrogant! Aren't you afraid that someone will pull over your tiger tooth?"

"Who are you? How dare you speak to me in this manner? You've got some nerve!" the old man boomed loudly. His voice continued ringing in the ears of the surrounding people as the man increased the pressure on Qing Shui.

He wanted to embarrass Qing Shui. How dare that young chap challenge him?

However, he realized that his pressure was like a sinking rock in an ocean. The young man did not show any reaction. It was as if the young man felt nothing. Just when the old man was bewildered, Qing Shui's aura rushed towards him like a thunderstorm.

Like a ferocious tiger out of the mountains, the force was overwhelming!

Chapter 835 - Killing Hu Wenlong In An Instant, Pounding Heart

It was like a tiger's descent from a mountain, no one could withstand the pressure!

Caught unaware, Hu Wenlong was forced to take a step back after facing Qing Shui's pressure. This made him extremely astonished and he felt that he had lost his reputation.

The young man opposite him was only a Xiantian...

"That's not right!" Hu Wenlong squinted his eyes. It was because up to now, he still could only sense that this young man was at a Xiantian level. However, he was able to push Hu Wenlong back one step. Even if Hu Wenlong had let his guard down earlier, he was still not one whom a Xiantian cultivator would be able to push back just with aura alone.

"Moreover, if he's a Xiantian cultivator, I'd be able to crush him just by pressure alone. However, it seems like he's able to ignore my pressure?" Hu Wenlong was still extremely astonished.

He felt that Qing Shui was not such an expert, not at his young age. Then it must be because the young man could ignore other people's pressure or had even cultivated some special mental martial technique.

There was a kind of powerful person in the world of the nine continents. This kind of person had a powerful spirit energy and cultivated Five Element Art or some technique which increased one's attacks via spirit energy.

Five Element Art was a type of technique where one cultivated the five elements, just like Qing Shui's primordial flames. Such techniques were related to one's powerful spirit energy and usually, most of these people would become alchemists, forgers and beast tamers.

Another job one could take was to be a "Spiritualist". This job had a higher requirement for one's spirit energy as compared to the cultivation of Five Element Art or other jobs such as alchemists, Forgers and beast tamers. They do not perform alchemy, do not forge weapons, nor do they tame beasts. They only kill.

"Spiritualist" kill without showing a drop of blood nor do they use blades. They rely on their powerful spirit energy, through cultivating unique spirit energy attacking techniques, directly attacking one's brain and soul, unbeknownst to anyone.

These people were very terrifying but they had very weak physiques. They would have no other way out if they came across people with powerful spirit energy. Usually, they would have people to guard them. Although they were extremely good at killing people, they were also easily killed.

It was tens of times more difficult to become a powerful "Spiritualist" than to become a powerful cultivator. It was because the talent required of the Spiritualist was much harsher and even the cultivation techniques they used were extremely unique and rare. There were many people who had powerful spirit energy but did not have the techniques to attack with their spirit energy and thus missed out on the chance to become a "Spiritualist".

Martial arts cultivators trained their "body" and "Qi". Although their spirit energy would increase as their bodies become more powerful, such increases were slow and gradual. Martial arts cultivators of the same level would usually not have a big difference in terms of their spirit energy.

They were unlike Qing Shui who had the Yin-Yang Image and Nature Energy!

Nature Energy could power up the user's spirit energy cultivation but was not able to allow one to better unleash one's spirit energy to perform attacks.

It was like the which increased Qing Shui's cultivation level. However, it required various battle techniques such as the Sword of the Sixth Wave, Basic Sword Techniques, Combination Sword Technique and the hidden weapons to bring about stronger destructive forces.

The same went for attacks with spirit energy. Qing Shui's Nature Energy and Yin-Yang Image were comparable to his but Qing Shui's primordial flames could only be considered a type of the Five Element Art and was not a technique which allowed him to attack with his spirit energy.

The old man was worried that Qing Shui was the type of person who cultivated techniques to attack others with their spirit energy. After all, while those people appeared to be very weak, they could easily kill their targets and could even kill people who appeared to be much stronger than themselves.

"Young lad, come to our Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. I'll give you the position of an Elder," Hu Wenlong looked at Qing Shui and said seriously.

Qing Shui had thought that the other party could not wait to kill him but to think that he was trying to pull him to his side. Moreover, it seemed that the offer was not small.

It was a pity that even if he were to give the entire Hu Wei Adventurer Guild to him, he would not be interested. Moreover, it was hard to tell if this was a trick.

Qing Shui's expression did not change, as if he was thinking.

"I'll not just give you the position of an Elder, I'll also give you a manor, twenty beautiful maids, two thousand gold and jewellery..."

Seeing that Qing Shui was deep in thought, Hu Wenlong continued.

Qing Shui had not expected that Hu Wenlong was one who would actively bribe people. It might be because of Hu Wenlong's status. This position of Elder was still very significant. Twenty beautiful maids would also be a great temptation for lecherous people. And the two thousand gold and jewellery... Status, money and beauties... all of them had been taken into consideration.

"If I want the entire Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, would you give it to me?" Qing Shui lifted his head and asked Hu Wenlong calmly. He wanted to make a fool out of Hu Wenlong, wanted to make him angry.

"How dare you! To think that you don't appreciate the goodwill of somebody else. You don't know any better!" Hu Wenlong bellowed furiously.

"How dare I?"

"Haha, wait till I flatten the entire Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, you'll know if I dare to do so or not." Qing Shui continued to look at Hu Wenlong calmly. Qing Shui had not given a hoot for the Hu Wei Adventurer Guild but he was still very careful when dealing with them.

"Grand Elder, I'll go kill him." A middle-aged man behind Hu Wenlong said in a soft voice.

Hu Wenlong nodded. It was only his suspicions that Qing Shui was a Spiritualist. After all, Spiritualist were too rare and thus he wanted to take this opportunity to test it out.

The middle-aged man drew out his longsword and pounced toward Qing Shui without a second word.

His leap was very unique, appearing to be slow but was in fact very fast. The longsword in his hand brought about a pitch black after image as it swept out toward Qing Shui, immediately making the air in the area cooler by a few degrees.

Qing Shui shook his head, not retreating but instead, advancing forward. He launched out his right hand at great speed, hitting against the man's throat.

Pfft!

The sound of his throat being torn apart rang out and the man eyes popped out in disbelief right in front of Qing Shui.

This time around, Hu Wenlong was truly astonished. He felt that this young man's abilities were no weaker than his own.

Qing Shui turned to look at Yun Duan who was in a slight daze. "Trust me, while I might not be able to bring you great wealth, I can give you the life that you want."

Yun Duan looked at Qing Shui in a daze. At this moment, it was as if something warm was flowing in her heart, giving new life to her entire body.

Qing Shui looked at Yun Duan and smiled before he turned back to look at Hu Wenlong. He then charged out like an agile leopard.

His aura and martial techniques were all circulated to the peak and the Big Dipper Sword and Thunder God appeared quickly in his hands. He wanted to give this Hu Wei Adventurer Guild a strong last blow.

Qing Shui sensed that Hu Wenlong's abilities were about four and a half stars. In Heavenly Beast City, this was already considered relatively powerful. What Qing Shui wanted to do when he dashed over, was to deal the fatal blow.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Qing Shui did not weaken the opponent since there was no need to. When their abilities were about the same, the Sword of Sixth Wave could kill his opponent instantly. Moreover, this old man's abilities were not as strong as when he was in his peak.

Ding ding ding...

Sharp sounds of metal collisions rang out. A faint smile appeared on Qing Shui's face while the look on Hu Wenlong's was one of disbelief and desperation. He had not expected himself to be killed even in his dreams. Moreover, it was at the hands of such a young man.

The short moment was like a hundred years and he was devoured by darkness.

It was absolutely quiet in the surroundings, without a hint of sound. They could even hear the sound of breathing. Everyone forgot what they were supposed to do.

Dead! instantly killed!

"My eyes haven't played any tricks on me, right? Hu Wenlong was instantly killed by a young man?" Someone rubbed their eyes so hard that they had turned red as he spoke in disbelief.

"Who is this young man? He seems to have a very good relationship with Miss Yun Duan."

"That's right. Could he be Miss Yun Duan's lover?"

"It's hard to say. Hu Yunlong was dreaming of getting his hands on Miss Yun Duan despite his old age. This is great. Hu Wei Adventurer Guild is probably goners now."

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The commotion in the surroundings grew increasingly louder. There were people who were happy, there were people who were aggrieved. However, most of the people were wearing a gloating expression. Right now, the people who were the happiest were the people from Cloud Adventurer Guild.

Yun Duan stood there and watched in a daze. She could not believe that everything she saw was true. Yun Peng smiled with her face flushed red. The beautiful married lady stood there, tears flowing out of

her eyes. Those were tears of happiness. She knew that her daughter no longer had to go through a hard life anymore.

Yun Chi, Yun Yang, Yun Tong and the others were also extremely excited. Only Yun Xiao was gloomy. He had broken out in cold sweat. If it was not for Yun Duan, eldest brother would probably have been killed by that guy...

“Hahaha, heaven has eyes!” The man who was called 3rd brother earlier broke out into laughter. The old men next to him were also overjoyed.

The elderly men who were opposite them, having ran away from Cloud Adventurer Guild to join Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, now had pale faces. In the blink of an eye, not only were their reputations ruined but everything they owned, including their lives, were going to be lost soon.

“Heavens, you’ve finally done something right for once. Old Master’s decision back then was right. Miss was one was born for great things. The Cloud Adventurer Guild will definitely grow,” the old man said, with tears of happiness flowing.

His words also sent out a message toward the people around them. Yun Duan was their hope. Yun Duan had the help of a great person and Cloud Adventurer Guild would become stronger. No one would be able to come offend them easily.

Just as Qing Shui was about to kill the rest of the people, Yun Duan immediately spoke out, “Qing Shui, let them go.”

Qing Shui stopped and without saying a word, broke into a faint smile.

“They belonged to our Cloud Adventurer Guild in the past and have done great work for us. They also have big families to care for.”

“We’ll do as you say,” Qing Shui smiled and said. Seeing that a hint of her hair was brushing against his face from the wind, giving him a tingling feeling, he naturally helped her put her hair in place.

Yun Duan could not help but take one step back, a faint red blush appeared on her face. “Thank you!”

At this moment, the other old men from earlier walked over and bowed to Qing Shui. However, Qing Shui quickly helped them up. He could not stand to accept such a bow from them.

“Your martial techniques are very strong. Let us give you our thanks.”

“I’m very, very good friends with Miss Yun Duan. Her problems are mine. You guys don’t have to do this. I’m doing this willingly,” Qing Shui spoke out his heart felt thoughts.

When Yun Duan heard Qing Shui emphasizing that they were very, very good friends, she could not help but panic a little. She lifted her head to see Qing Shui smiling at her and quickly turned away. Her heart was pounding very quickly. Although they had had the closest skinship previously, it was an accident. It was only now that her heart was pounding very quickly...

Chapter 836 - Bringing the fight to their doors, A bunch of degenerates

Qing Shui looked at Yun Duan. He was aroused to see that sort of docile look on a matured and elegant woman like her.

She was the most beautiful woman in Heavenly Beast City, even Long Lingyun could not compare to her. Yet, Qing Shui was more amazed by the fate between the both of them. Without the events at Heavenly Palace, he wondered what would have happen today.

Fate is an amazing and mysterious thing. One cannot see or touch it. It only amazes a person at times, like in this moment.

Seeing the uncharacteristically bashful Yun Duan, Qing Shui averted his gaze. The others have already noticed their ambiguous relationship. They knew that it was the first time that the beautiful young lady of the Yun Clan actually showed such a docile expression to a man.

“Let’s not delay. Let’s go to Hu Wei Adventure Guild now!” Qing Shui said softly, looking at Yun Duan regaining her composure.

“Qing Shui, Hu Wei...”

“Trust me!” Qing Shui said gently. With a single gesture, his Fire Bird appeared in the sky. Many people were shocked by the ear-piercing call from the huge Fire Bird. The clear sound from the Fire Bird was much more awe-inspiring and regal than any other average demonic beast.

“Uncle, Auntie, I will bring Yun Duan to Hu Wei Adventure Guild and put an end to things. You don’t have to worry. I won’t let anything happen to your daughter,” Qing Shui said to the scholarly-looking middle-aged man and his wife, smiling.

“Okay. Auntie won’t stop you and won’t try to dissuade you but please be careful.” There were tears of happiness on his beautiful wife’s face. She said this looking at Qing Shui joyfully.

After acknowledging the others with a nod, Qing Shui held Yun Duan’s snow-white wrist and leaped up into the sky, riding his Fire Bird. Yun Duan could not help trembling a little.

Qing Shui could not help feeling that women are a marvel. Even though they were not familiar with each other they have had sexual contact after all. Despite the years that have passed, he could stir her emotions just by holding her wrist.

He did not know whether he should be happy or crestfallen. Normally, in this situation, one would feel nervous and embarrassed, not knowing whether the other party would accept or reject them. But he felt anxious because he had such emotions when he thought about what she said previously.

It turned out that he also had feelings for her!

If he thought about it carefully, he did long for her woefully but occasionally he would think of her and even have the impulse to look for her.

Yun Duan gave Qing Shui the directions and his Fire Bird stretched out its wings and disappeared from the sight of the crowd.

Qing Shui and Yun Duan stood side by side on his Fire Bird's back. A breeze blew as their sleeves fluttered behind them. Yun Duan's dress danced in the wind, making her elegant refined face even more poised and graceful.

"Thank you!" Yun Duan said to Qing Shui again.

Qing Shui turned to look at the woman standing close to him. In the past, they parted ways injuring each other. Yet, when they met again, they seemed to cherish the feelings between them.

"You said that many times. Just take it as if I owe you a favor. Actually, I think of you too. I don't know why but I always felt that I owed you something and I just want to see that you are living well." Qing Shui smiled as he looked to the distance.

Hearing Qing Shui's words, Yun Duan smiled, showing the gentle curve of her lips which was extremely alluring.

"You've matured!" Yun Duan said looking at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was stunned for a moment before he smiled, "You've also matured a lot from that time."

"Am I old now?" Yun Duan asked softly, she sounded slightly anxious. She was indeed older than Qing Shui so she was a little worried about it. Even though she could still be considered young she could not help feeling a little awkward.

"No. How can the most beautiful woman in Heavenly Beast city get old? When everything is over, I'll give you something, it will extend your youthful looks another 30 years." Qing Shui laughed lightheartedly.

"Qing Shui, you are so powerful now. There is no one in Heavenly Palace stronger than you. Remembering the time when you were fighting with those rich brats seems so long ago." Yun Duan had an indescribable feeling remember those past events.

"Qing Shui, it's there."

Just when Qing Shui was about to speak, Yun Duan pointed at the compound in a distance which looked similar to Cloud Adventurer Guild.

"Let's get down here."

Qing Shui did not stay on his Fire Bird but pulled Yun Duan with him as they jumped down towards Hu Wei Adventure Guild. He purposely held her jade-like hand tightly.

When they were in mid-air, Yun Duan looked at the unforgettable man by her side. She already trusted that he would bring her luck. She did not need fame and money but she did not know if he knew what she wanted.

His Fire Bird called out loudly, quickly alerting multiple members in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. When Qing Shui landed in the inner courtyard, many people had appeared near them.

"Quick, inform the head, they are from Cloud Adventurer Guild. Just tell him that Yun Duan has arrived."

"Why didn't Great Elder return?"

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Qing Shui and Yun Duan stood in the middle of the courtyard looking at the people who surrounded them. When Qing Shui observed their strength, he knew that they were just a common mob, so he wanted to wait for the core members of Hu Wei Adventurer Guild.

“Lady Yun Duan, you can’t wait to get married so you came early to our Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, right?”

After a short time, over ten people approached them from a distance. They were all about the age of Hu Yuanqing. They were probably the grandchildren of the Hu Clan.

“Second brother, Grandfather is really too much. He is already so old and he has so many women. Now he won’t even give up on the most beautiful woman in Heavenly Beast City? I feel angry even as his grandson,” a sloppy looking man said.

“Seventh brother, Grandfather is only marrying this woman as a strategic measure. Besides, elder brother was killed by this woman. Do you think she will have a good life living here,” the Second Brother taunted as he looked at Yun Duan.

“So Second brother, you are saying that even if she is Grandfather’s wife in name, she is just a prisoner? Hehe...” the young man in red laughed.

“What should we do if that woman commits suicide here at Hu Wei Adventurer Guild?” the seventh brother said worriedly.

“Don’t worry. She won’t have a chance. She won’t die, since she had already agreed to join us, it means that she is afraid that we will deal with her family and the members of Cloud Adventurer Guild. We just need to use her family against her and she’ll do whatever we want,” the man said schemingly.

From their conversation, Qing Shui felt that the man who was called second brother was a core member. A cruel smile flashed across his face as Yun Duan fumed. It was spine chilling to think what would have happened without Qing Shui.

Qing Shui looked at the men in front of him. They looked refined but they were just beasts with human skins. With a flick of his sleeve, he shot out a Coldsteel Needle. Even though it was a little far, that man could not dodge with the level of his current abilities.

The man did not even notice. He only felt a cold sensation on his forehead and immediately lost consciousness. The others only realized that something was wrong when the man fell to the ground.

“Second brother is dead!”

“They killed Second Brother!”

A stream of fresh blood poured from the middle of his forehead and just like that the man died.

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At this time, all the people suddenly felt chilled to the bone. They had not even noticed when the opponent attacked and their brother was killed. Furthermore, that man was the strongest among them.

It was obvious that the young man in front of them was the culprit, since Yun Duan wouldn't dare to do that and she did not have the ability to do so.

Since he came here to kill, it was not necessary to spare the group of degenerates in front of him. Qing Shui lifted both arms and a sharp boom rang out in the air.

The youths of the Hu Clan immediately died, without even one survivor.

At the same time, ten elders ran out. When they saw their dead younger family members sprawled out everywhere. They rushed at Qing Shui and Yun Duan furiously.

Qing Shui acted like nothing had happened. He looked at the old man who resembled Hu Wenlong. That man was also tall and muscular but he lacked the aggression that Hu Wenlong possessed and instead had a shrewdness. There were many others who also resembled Hu Wenlong.

"Qing Shui, the person leading them is the head of the Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, Hu Yunlong. Four of the others are his brothers. They are all the elders of Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. Usually they don't involve themselves with the matters of the Guild," Yun Duan informed Qing Shui.

Within a city like Heavenly Beast City, it was quite a feat that there were people with such capabilities. Since the place was quite remote and near Tiger Gorge mountain, there were pros and cons. It wasn't a remarkable place so they don't get attacked by other powerful enemies.

"You want to marry Yun Duan?" Qing SHui looked at Hu Yunlong and said calmly.

"Brat, don't you know that this is Hu Wei Adventurer Guild?" Hu Yunlong glared at Qing Shui saying in a solemn voice. He was already very mad but he did not rush over to cut his opponent down because he thought that it would be too easy on that young man.

"Of course! Not only do I know but I will crush this place. That useless Hu Wenlong has already been killed by me." Qing Shui laughed, looking back at Hu Yunlong.

The members of the Hu Clan were dumbfounded when they heard what Qing Shui said. This was like a bolt from the blue. They didn't believe it at first but then they thought about the fact that Hu Wenlong had not returned. It could be that they had missed each other but if so why did these two people have the guts to be here?

Boom! Boom!

Qing Shui's Fire Bird shot out its Nether Fireball and started burning the buildings. The raging fire and the sound of crumbling buildings caused chaos. There were many people in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, with the buildings falling apart, a crowd started to surround them yet no one dared to get close.

Just then, a middle-aged man ran anxiously in front of Hu Yunlong and whispered a few words. Hu Yunlong's face immediately turned as white as a sheet, he looked at Qing Shui as if he was seeing his nightmares come alive.

Chapter 837 - Like a hot knife through butter, Heart Toxin Talisman

Qing Shui heard their conversation clearly. The man verified the information that Hu Wenlong was dead. More importantly, Hu Wenlong was killed within seconds. If Qing Shui had the ability to kill Hu Wenlong in seconds, Hu Yunlong knew that Qing Shui could also easily kill him.

“Hey, look! Someone actually went to burn Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. They must be very powerful to do that!” Some people cheered happily when they noticed from a distance.

“Yes! I think Hu Wei Adventurer Guild is in deep trouble now! I can’t wait to see a good show!” Someone immediately replied.

“Hu Wei Adventurer Guild has committed so many atrocities over the years, this must be a retribution from heaven!”

“Hey, lower your voices. If Hu Wei Adventurer Guild wins this and finds out about this discussion, they won’t spare us,” a middle-aged man, who had been silent, quickly warned.

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“What vendetta do you have against Hu Wei Adventurer Guild?” Hu Yunlong looked at Qing Shui, he was still unable to accept that Qing Shui could actually kill Hu Wenlong.

“Because you dare to bully my woman. So should I annihilate all of you?” Qing Shui said calmly.

Hu Yunlong stared blankly at Yun Duan, who was slightly behind Qing Shui. He had never heard any news about the most beautiful woman in Heavenly Beast City having a romantic relationship. He never expected that she would entrust herself to such a powerful man and one so young.

It was no wonder why she didn’t fancy any of the young talented men in Heavenly Beast City since those men weren’t even worthy of carrying this young man’s shoes. She probably saw those arrogant men as childish fools and he himself wasn’t that powerful anyway.

Yun Duan trembled again when she heard what Qing Shui said. What did he meant by that? She was his woman?

His words were loud and clear so the many people around them all heard what he said.

What is he doing? Was he announcing his relationship with her? Yun Duan silently observed the man in front of her.

“Didn’t I tell you? How can such a beautiful woman be unattached?” Someone explained hearing what Qing Shui had said.

“That’s right. Only such an outstanding man is worthy to be with her. This time round Hu Wei Adventurer Guild has made the wrong move in coercing Cloud Adventurer Guild. We can watch a good show now!” another person immediately said, rejoicing in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild’s impending doom.

“Yang Laosan, don’t speak so loudly. What if the members from Hu Wei Adventurer Guild seek revenge on you?” a middle-aged man advised the man who spoke.

“Hehe. Can’t you see that their buildings have been burnt down? Hu Wei Adventurer Guild will definitely be destroyed today! This man will never let those people escape!” Yang Laosan rebutted, smiling.

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“I will give you a chance to give it your best shot. Otherwise, you won’t even get to do anything,” Qing Shui said looking at Hu Yunlong. He was neither being careless nor righteous when he said this.

With a wave of his hand, he summoned his Diamond Gigantic Elephant. He wanted to make a lasting impression with all the strength he possessed. This was mainly so that no one would dare to target Cloud Adventurer Guild even after he left, since he had promised her that she would be safe. Besides that, Qing Shui also had other intentions.

Hu Yunlong took out his sword. It was a long sword which glowed with a moving green light. There was a sort of natural aura within it making it seem almost alive.

“Let’s attack him together, kill him!” Hu Yunlong suddenly yelled and rushed towards Qing Shui.

Even if one lost, they should keep their dignity and poise. The fact that they could not even do that made it clear that they had already lost.

Qing Shui responded calmly, drawing out his Big Dipper Sword. Since his opponents attacked first, he did not need to take anything else into consideration. He displayed his Combination Sword Technique and Cloudmist Steps together, in perfect unison.

Boom! Boom!

His Diamond Gigantic Elephant used its Mighty Elephant Stomp in the middle of the compound. The buildings around them fell rapidly. The impact was so forceful that it seemed like the entire ground would be destroyed. Even the people surrounding them were thrown a few hundred meters away!

Seven Star Armored Vest!

Without taking out his Thunder God, Qing Shui directly donned his Seven Star Armored Vest— he would have no problems as long as he didn’t receive damage to his vital points. His Four Moves Combination Sword Technique already gave a preview of his overwhelming strength.

Sixth Wave of the Sword!

Taking the opportunity, he immediately kill one of his opponents.

Cloudmist Steps gave him an almost demonic-like presence in such battles. With Qing Shui’s speed, his opponents could only react passively— that meant that they could only stand there getting thrashed. Within a short time, half of his opponents were already defeated.

Critical Damage!

Without the added stats from his Thunder God, Qing Shui’s ability was not much higher than those people. He might even be a little weaker than Hu Yunlong but he had many ways of getting rid of that man.

Qing Shui paused for a moment. Killing wasn’t his final goal but only a means to an end. Yun Duan walked to his side and he turned and smiled at her. “Let’s go back!”

Yun Duan smiled and nodded.

“Hahaha...”

Just then, a loud laughter rang out in the air. The resounding laughter was marred with resentment and recklessness.

Qing Shui shifted in front of Yun Duan quickly as he locked his eyes on a position in front of him.

An indistinct smile appeared on Yun Duan’s face as she gazed at Qing Shui, who was shielding her. She had so many surprises today and she really wanted to hug him, that thought made her blush.

Many people were taken aback by the sudden laughter. Even a fool would know that the person who laughed was very powerful because even though the laughter was a few hundred meters away, it was ear-piercingly loud.

Qing Shui took out his Thunder God without panicking and continued looking in the direction the laughter came from.

A sturdy-looking old man walked towards them. His clothes were shabby and his hair was a mess. When Qing Shui saw the old man, he instantly understood the situation. That old man had been cultivating in seclusion.

The old man’s face was full of sorrow when he saw the rubble around him. Then, it was replaced with rage. Finally, he gave Qing Shui a deadly stare, “Why did you do this?”

“Because they deserved to die! Who are you?” Qing Shui stared at the old man. That old man was much more powerful than Hu Wenlong so Qing Shui took out his Violet Gold Divine Shield.

“They deserved to die? Haha! Then, you too! I don’t know who I am but others call me Hu Langsha.” The old man’s eyes glowed with anger as he looked at Qing Shui.

“Huh, Hu Langsha. Didn’t he died twenty years ago?” Yun Duan blurted.

“You know him?” Qing Shui asked without turning his head.

“Twenty years ago, he was the most powerful person in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild. He is Hu Wenlong and Hu Yunlong’s father. After he came from Tiger Gorge Mountain with serious wounds, there were rumors that he died before he could recover. I didn’t think that he would be alive.” Yun Duan said worriedly.

“After I went into isolation for twenty years, I never expected that my territory would be totally razed to ground. Fine then! Let me see how good you are?” The old man pulled out a fully purple long sword after he finished his sentence and waved his hand.

Roar!

Suddenly, a huge demonic beast, entirely red, appeared above the old man’s head. Qing Shui was stunned for a moment when he realized that it was a Four-headed Red Jiao.

A Four-headed Red Jiao is a variety of Fantastic Beast. If it was another type of Four-headed Jiao, Qing Shui might have been a bit apprehensive but a red variety of this did not threaten him, since a Red Jiao’s speciality was fire.

Qing Shui's body had a very high resistance against fire because he possessed his primordial flames. Normal flames did little damage to him but that demonic beast still looked quite fearsome.

The Four-headed Red Jiao was about a hundred meters long. It's girth was about the size of three large water vats. A fiery aura enveloped its body while it moved and red hot steam poured from its four large sinister-looking horns. The air in the surrounding atmosphere became scorching hot, so much so that those who were weaker could not approach.

Qing Shui kept his Firebird. Carrying Yun Duan, he jumped up onto his Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

"Young fella, your elephant will be slaughtered in seconds by my Red Jiao," Hu Langsha said disdainfully.

"I only need a split second to kill that giant worm of yours!" Qing Shui laughed, looking at the old man. He summoned his Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable so that it could protect Yun Duan. Next, he summoned his Thunderous Beast.

As Qing Shui summoned his demonic beasts, Hu Langsha's eyes narrowed. He was very experienced and knowledgeable so he could recognize all the demonic beasts that Qing Shui had summoned. Then, he looked at the dead Hu Wei Adventurer Guild members. He had a feeling that this was not going to be as easy as he had thought.

"Imbecile!"

"Come meet your death!" the old man brandished his purple sword and charged at Qing Shui.

"Remember, don't get down!" Qing Shui turned to look at Yun Duan and then he retreated backwards quickly.

Descending Heavens Talisman!

At the same time, his Diamond Gigantic Elephant activated its Vajra Subdues Demons!

Fiery Golden Eyes!

Emperor's Qi!

The effects immediately affected the old man.

The old man stopped suddenly. Qing Shui stood still as if he had anticipated that the old man would stop. He then looked at the old man who was now twenty meters away from him.

Hu Langsha's body wobbled for a few moments, both his eyes locked onto Qing Shui, his hand on his purple sword trembled.

His strength had been shaved down from nine stars to not even six stars.

When a person's strength had been reduced by more than one third, how could they not be shocked and panic stricken! And at this moment, Qing Shui took out another talisman.

Heart Toxin Talisman!

This was a Talisman that he had not tested.

Qing Shui laughed looked at the Heart Toxin Talisman in his hand. The woman on it was still as enchanting as before. He took a look at the old man and wondered if the “heart attack” effect of the talisman would cause the old man to be embroiled in the pain of that man’s past affections.

When Qing Shui had tested it, he remembered all the women who he felt guilty towards. There were also times where he saw visions where he was killed by Di Chen and Yiye Chuge.

After that, Qing Shui discovered that his Heart Toxin Talisman would stir the emotions of the victim and drown the victim in fear. The hallucinations could appear so real that anyone without a strong spiritual energy would be driven insane.

This Heart Toxin Talisman could be immensely effective in battle. The cost of being even slightly affected by it was a definite death. More important, it was unavoidable, unless one possessed an incredibly high amount of spiritual energy.

Chapter 838 - The Effect of the Heart Toxin Talisman, Two Hearts

Qing Shui threw out his Heart Toxin Talisman.

It was impossible to dodge the Heart Toxin Talisman, just like it was for the Descending Heavens Talisman. Therefore, even though Hu Langsha tried to dodge it, he was still hit. Then, stunned for a moment, his face immediately flushed red.

Qing Shui saw Hu Langsha’s expression and was stunned too. To think that someone who was so old would have such an expression. This of one of extreme excite... Usually, one would only have such an expression when in his dreams, having sex with ladies he could never dream to touch. To think that this old man would have such an expression as well.

It seemed that the old man’s spirit energy was ordinary as well. Everything happened in just an instant and Qing Shui shot out two Frosted Iron Balls with no hesitation. Twin Dragon Balls!

In this crucial moment, with Qing Shui having delayed a short moment earlier, the old man was able to dodge getting hit in critical spots but his shoulders and lower abdomen were pierced. Although the injuries were serious, they were not fatal.

The old man looked at Qing Shui. It was only now that a hint of surprise appeared in his eyes. This young man was a demon. To think that he was able to create illusions which could cause one to lose their minds.

“Kill!” Suddenly, with a loud bellow, the old man waved his hand.

The “Four-headed Red Jiao” which was in mid-air, pounced toward Qing Shui, its four huge heads spewing out thick crimson colored flames. At the same time, it whipped out its huge tail like a steel whip from behind Qing Shui.

Hu Langsha was considered to have been crippled. The other people in the surroundings were still drowned in the astonishing scene from earlier and had not sensed that Qing Shui had weakened them. They merely saw Qing Shui’s creepy Talisman Arts and terrifying Hidden Weapon Technique.

Standing on top of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, Yun Duan realized that this man had been giving her too many astonishments throughout the day. What was his actual level? How had he been spending all these years? How could he be so powerful?

Although she did not understand, she was now especially surprised. Cloud Adventurer Guild was considered to have been saved. Herself, her family and the people from Cloud Adventurer Guild were now all safe. Wasn't this her goal? In order to achieve this goal, she had not cared about pushing herself toward hell.

However, very quickly, she saw that huge Four-headed Red Jiao pouncing toward Qing Shui. Although she knew that he should be fine she still could not help but feel worried.

This feeling made her understand that unknowingly, he had already gotten ahold of her heart. To think that her heart was thumping as he moved, making her both happy and anxious.

Looking at the Four-headed Red Jiao which had pounced over, Qing Shui dashed up, dodging that whipping tail and then shot downward rapidly, performing the "Mountain Splitting Strike" with the Thunder God in his left hand.

This was one of the more powerful moves in Qing Shui's "Hammer Techniques". It specialized in attacking demonic beasts of a larger size. This was a tremoring attack which had a small area effect. The attack had a penetrating effect and could ignore the impact resistance of armor of a certain level.

Boom!

With the hammer swinging out at full force, even the Four-headed Red Jiao could not help but let out a horrified cry. It shot upward and once again spewed crimson colored flames toward Qing Shui. The four streams of crimson colored flames pounced toward Qing Shui like four huge fire pythons.

This time around, Qing Shui didn't dodge them. He merely circulated his powers to their maximum level and circulating the Ancient Technique: Flames of Yin-Yang to its limits. When performing the primordial flames, he had to circulate the Ancient Technique: Flames of Yin-Yang.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Boom boom...

The terrifying crimson colored flames hit Qing Shui's body but a strange scene occurred. Those flames seemed to have entered his body and his Big Dipper Sword slashed down on one of the Four-headed Red Jiao's heads.

With tremendous howl which pierced through the clouds, one of its huge heads was smashed, spouting out fresh blood ten meters upward which eventually fell down as rain.

Although the Four-headed Red Jiao would not die from losing just one of its heads, that immense pain would make it lose its cool and its battle prowess would also be raised slightly.

Qing Shui was not worried about this Four-headed Red Jiao at all. It was because things that were of the fire element had no impact on him. This huge demonic beast was quite strong but it was a pity that he was its opponent. It was quickly killed by Qing Shui without even being able to unleash 30% of its prowess.

As the huge Four-headed Red Jiao fell to the ground, the earth trembled. It also announced the end of the battle and spelled the demise of the Hu Wei Adventurer Guild.

Of course, Cloud Adventurer Guild also gained attention immediately. People were also concerned about Miss Yun Duan's man. Where did this guy come from? How strong is he? ...

The old man was already dead. It could be because when he saw that the Four-headed Red Jiao was not a match for Qing Shui, he knew what would become of himself. Although he could not accept this ending, he had no other choice.

Having entered into seclusion training, what had welcomed him on the first day he came out was death. He had thought that this time he came out, Hu Wei Adventurer Guild would become more powerful once again and even control the entire Heavenly Beast City.

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Qing Shui put the Four-headed Red Jiao's corpse into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. As for the others, other people will take care of them.

Yun Duan leaped down from the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and quickly ran over to Qing Shui, "Are you alright?"

Looking at this lady who was full of concern for him, Qing Shui smiled, "I'm fine. Everything here has been taken care of. Let's go back!"

"Mmm!" Yun Duan smiled and nodded.

Qing Shui put away the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and called out the Fire Bird.

This time around, Qing Shui hesitated about whether he should pull her up without saying a word. He had forgotten that Yun Duan was an elementary Martial Saint and could fly. However, he seemed to have neglected this issue.

However, just then, Yun Duan smiled and reached out her hand for Qing Shui. Her face that was like white jade had a hint of a flush to it. She didn't lower her head but forced herself to look into Qing Shui's eyes.

That resisting yet welcoming expression made Qing Shui's heart skip a beat. He could not help but think of how a lady's beauty is more fatal when it's released unintentionally. It could really draw one to their death.

"So beautiful!" Qing Shui pulled her up by her hand and leaped up while the Fire Bird flew below them. The two of them landed on the Fire Bird and then flew toward Cloud Adventurer Guild.

The Fire Bird's speed was stable and did not fly fast this time around. The battle had just ended and Qing Shui needed to calm his heart. This process was very important toward cultivators.

When he was at the Hu Wei Adventurer Guild, Qing Shui's spiritual sense had encompassed the surroundings and he had even asked Yun Duan who the stronger people in Hu Wei Adventurer Guild were.

There would definitely be people he had missed and there could be quite a lot of them. After all, they had so many people and Qing Shui had not reached the stage where he had lost his sanity. However, those who managed to survive were also those that Qing Shui had decided to let off. There were already no powerful cultivators amongst them. Even if they wished to get up on their feet again, they would not be able to reach the same level without a few hundred years.

Even on the Fire Bird, Qing Shui didn't let go of Yun Duan's hand. Yun Duan let Qing Shui hold her hand. Something that neither she nor the Cloud Adventurer Guild had been able to accomplish, this man accomplished in less than half a day.

Even the most rational lady would have an emotional side to her. She now started to believe that she had an affinity with Qing Shui. She was also starting to believe what her grandfather had said before he had passed away.

Would she really have a relationship with him?

Yun Duan looked at Qing Shui in a daze. Although she was looking at Qing Shui, her mind was no longer on him. She was lost in her own thoughts.

However, when Qing Shui saw that she was looking at him in a daze, he could tell that she was lost in her thoughts. He slightly tightened his grip on her hand and smiled, saying, "Why are you staring at me like that? You want to eat me up?"

Yun Duan seemed to have been shocked to her senses and when she heard Qing Shui's words, she chided, "What's there about you that's good to eat?"

"You're very delicious!" Qing Shui smiled and said softly.

Yun Duan's body trembled a little but a hint of disappointment appeared on her face, "Do you look down on me?"

"Why would I?!" Qing Shui quickly said.

"I'm also forced to do this. I haven't liked anyone before. Every since the other time you... I haven't had any contact with other men..." Yun Duan's voice was very, very soft.

Qing Shui gently hugged Yun Duan. "Don't think too much. Having met each other again this time, it means that our affinity is there. In fact, ever since we met this time, I've not planned to let you leave me. It's because you can only be my woman."

"How can you be so domineering?" Yun Duan lifted her head shyly and mumbled.

Qing Shui put his hands around her waist, his heart very calm. He lowered his head gently and planted a kiss on her forehead, "Duan`er..."

This was the first time he had called her this. Even Qing Shui himself felt a little bit weird.

However, Yun Duan softly answered him and rested her head on his shoulder.

"Duan`er, back in Heavenly Palace, why did you agree to use yourself to make a deal with me?" Qing Shui asked.

Yun Duan's body stiffened up before she said, "Feng Clan saved my life before and I'm indebted to them. Only by doing so could I leave. Feng Wuji has had his eyes on me for a long time. However, they knew that I came from Central Continent. If I didn't do this, he'd definitely try to get his hands on me regardless of the means used."

"Then do you regret it?"

Qing Shui smiled and looked at Yun Duan. Back then, he was astonished that this was her first time.

"You rascal. Thinking about it, it might be because I owed you in my previous life." Yun Duan's face was flushed red. To think that thinking about the past had made her feel slightly happy because the two of them had met once again.

"Duan`er, will you be my woman?" Qing Shui said softly next to her ear.

"I'm your woman!" Yun Duan put her hands around Qing Shui's neck softly.

Qing Shui didn't stand on ceremony and kissed those red and moist lips, planting kisses all over her poised and dignified face. Before he knew it, his hands were already on her round and perky beautiful butt. That smooth and bouncy feeling made Qing Shui have a strong urge to eat her up immediately.

"Qing Shui!" Yun Duan gasped and called out to Qing Shui who was undressing her.

"Mmmm!" Qing Shui let go of her hand, with the other still in her clothes... He felt a little sorry. It could be because he hadn't touched any women for quite a while and could not hold back.

He thought that Yun Duan would reprimand him. But Yun Duan's reaction earlier was also quite big and she panted, her beautiful face appearing embarrassed, "We're going to arrive soon!"

Qing Shui took a look and saw that they were going to arrive at the Cloud Adventurer Guild soon. He grinned, saying, "Leave the door open for me tonight. I can't hold it in anymore..."

Such crude words made Yun Duan's flushed face even more tempting and a faint mist appeared in her beautiful eyes. She felt very complicated, slightly nervous, a little happy and there also seemed to be a slight hint of anticipation...

Qing Shui smiled, one hand still remaining in her clothes, thoroughly feeling her peaks. That wonderful feeling made Qing Shui's heart itch.

Chapter 839 - Taking the Mysterious Fruit Once again

Qing Shui only let go of her hand with great reluctance when they had arrived above the Cloud Adventurer Guild, making Yun Duan speechless. This guy was really insatiable. To think that she had already let herself loose as it was.

Although he appeared to be very mature, Yun Duan felt that it could be because of her first impression toward him. In the battle earlier, he was very upright and reliable but when he stopped, she would keep thinking of how he was when they were back in Heavenly Palace. Back then, he already looked a little more mature for his age but he was still very much like a kid.

Therefore, she felt that she was slightly self-indulgent and had also allowed herself to indulge in him a little.

Thinking of how he was appearing to be like a greedy kid earlier...

Qing Shui and Yun Duan jumped down from the Fire Bird. There were still many people there, most of them from Cloud Adventurer Guild. Seeing that they had returned safely, they knew that the problem was solved.

However, Yun Clan and some of the core members of Cloud Adventurer Guild still rushed over. Although they had guessed what the result was, they still wanted to hear it directly from Qing Shui and Yun Duan.

“Father, mother, Hu Wei Adventurer Guild is gone now.” After saying this, Yun Duan hugged the beautiful woman with tears in her eyes.

Although she was silent, Qing Shui knew that she was crying. This stubborn lady was still a lady after all. It was just that she was stubborn and didn’t wish to show him her weaker sides.

A loud cheer spread out and many people left from Cloud Adventurer Guild to spread the good news. There was nothing that could be happier than this.

The few Elders from Cloud Adventurer Guild also took their leave. They had been worried about this previously since it didn’t only concern their own lives but also that of their families. This time around, they knew that their persistence had paid off.

It was not that people with a strong sense of righteousness were not afraid of death. No one was not afraid of death but it was a matter of whether the death was worth it. Moreover, if they were to remain alive, could they handle the responsibilities they had to bear, as well as could their consciences handle it... In fact, for most people, it was just that they could not get past themselves.

Now, knowing that everything was fine, they could also put down the heavy burden in their hearts. Letting out a long exhale, the few old men left happily.

“Esteemed nephew, come, let’s go back,” the learned and refined looking man looked at Qing Shui happily and said.

Of course he could tell that this guy did not have a simple relationship with his daughter and he could also tell that his daughter liked this guy. The situation now was as if they had left hell and headed immediately for heaven.

The reason behind all the changes was because of this guy.

“Qing Shui, come, they are already preparing the food.” The beautiful married woman held Yun Duan’s hand and smiled while speaking to Qing Shui. She was now the happiest out of all of them. Children are the most important thing to mothers and if their children were not living well, the mothers would be the ones who felt worst. Right now, she did not know what to do on hearing this great surprise.

Yun Duan stood next to the beautiful married lady, throwing Qing Shui occasional glances, while wearing a faint smile. The refined man and the beautiful married lady, as parents, naturally noticed this scene.

However, this was something they wanted to see. Moreover, there was nothing about Qing Shui which they could complain about. Anyway, if it was not for this young man, everything would have been gone. They were satisfied with the current situation.

Qing Shui nodded and left for the inner hall with the Yun family. There would naturally be people who would fix and reconstruct the hall in the Adventurer Guild.

“Brother Qing Shui, thank you very much,” Yun Yang smiled and said to Qing Shui.

Yun Chi also looked at Qing Shui happily.

“Brother Qing Shui, is my elder sister beautiful?” Yun Tong chuckled and asked.

“Of course she is. Is there a need to ask?” Qing Shui smiled and replied. Now, everyone’s mood was relaxed and thus their conversations were much lighter too. They could even bring up less stressful topics.

“Brother Qing Shui and my elder sister are such a good match.” Yun Tong grinned, appearing to be very honest and straightforward. However, it was hard to link that handsome appearance to a person who was very honest.

“Younger brother, if you’re going to continue with that crap, you can have sword practice with me in a while,” Yun Duan chided.

“Alright, alright, I’ll stop.” Yun Tong quickly said. He had no intention of being a punching bag.

Qing Shui did not see Yun Duan’s eldest brother. The latter probably was too embarrassed to appear before him. It might be good to let him stay away for a while. He tossed this thought aside. This was Yun Clan’s family issues. He was neither in the mood nor was there a need for him to be bothered with this.

The dishes served were quite extensive. It was late and it was dinner time. Yun Peng and the beautiful married woman casually asked about Qing Shui’s family situation. If they didn’t it would appear as if they didn’t show any interest but if they were to probe too much, it would make him feel uncomfortable. Therefore, they only asked a few casual questions. However, Qing Shui replied more since they would be able to get a better understanding about the situation without them asking too much.

Toward Qing Shui’s courtesy, Yun Peng, the beautiful married woman and the people from Yun Clan were all very happy.

They had an enjoyable meal together and the atmosphere was very good. When one was in a good mood, anything would taste delicious. They finished the dinner about two hours later.

Everyone departed after the meal and Yun Duan was naturally the person to bring Qing Shui to his room. However, thinking of Qing Shui’s words during the day, she felt a little nervous and uneasy.

Walking out of the hall, Yun Duan led Qing Shui to the building. Although it was dark at night, the moon and stars in the sky as well as the light stones all around lit the place up.

Unknowingly, they held each other’s hands and slowly walked to the other building. While it was a short distance away, they took a very long time to walk over.

“Qing Shui, how long will you be staying here?” Yun Duan smiled and asked softly.

“About three to five days. Or maybe I’ll leave tomorrow,” Qing Shui gave it some thought and said. He didn’t want to lie to her. He wanted to head to Eastern Victory Divine Continent to look for medicinal herbs. Of course, if there was Sky Penetrating Grass which was 5,000 Years or older, he didn’t mind staying here longer.

Clearly, Qing Shui’s reply was within Yun Duan’s expectation. She was not surprised and merely smiled and answered, “Will you come back and look for me in the future?”

After making their relationship clear, the two of them were now much more intimate in their conversation. Qing Shui only said this because he wouldn’t be staying long. Moreover, they had been very intimate on the Fire Bird, with her being the one to express her feelings first.

“I will. You’re my woman. If I’m alive and have time, I’ll come and visit you,” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Don’t be saying such unlucky stuff.” Yun Duan covered Qing Shui’s mouth and said seriously.

They walked into the building. She stayed in this place alone. The building was not very big, with only three levels in total. There were no rooms on the first level. There was only a hall, kitchen, bathroom and such.

“Qing Shui, you can go look for a room on the second floor. I’ll go take a bath...” After walking into the hall, Yun Duan said to Qing Shui.

“Let’s have a bath together. I want to have one too...”

Before Yun Duan could reply, Qing Shui picked her up and headed for the bathroom.

“Qing Shui...” Yun Duan called out a few times shyly and then entered the bathroom with Qing Shui smirking.

The bathroom was neither very big nor very small. There was a big bathtub which was six feet long and wide and four feet deep. Qing Shui filled up the tub.

Looking at the flushed red lady in his arms, Qing Shui noticed that he was slightly agitated at this moment. He found it funny himself. He knew that this was because he was not that familiar with this lady, although they had spent a night together previously.

Qing Shui was still carrying Yun Duan but he was already kissing her lips while his hands started to remove her clothes!

It might be because she knew that Qing Shui was going to leave very soon that Yun Duan didn’t resist too much and let him do as he wished. Very quickly, they were both undressed.

She had beautiful snow-white skin and a graceful and curvy figure.

She was warm to the touch and the tender feeling made Qing Shui enchanted. He released the slightly reddened lips and carried her into the bathtub.

The water in the bathtub only reached up in their chests, leaving Yun Duan’s upper body above the water. Qing Shui could not control himself and grabbed the snow-white and well-rounded peaks.

Yun Duan's face turned slightly red from her blush and with the heat from the steam. She let out steamy gasps and there was an indescribable charm added to this graceful lady.

Qing Shui could not hold back the urge and embraced her, connecting with her.

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Qing Shui looked at the lady sleeping in his arms who had a hint of satisfaction on her beautiful face. He thought of how he had wanted her many times over the night. To think that such a graceful lady would also have such a crazy side to her. It might be because he wouldn't be staying for long that she only fell asleep a short while ago.

Qing Shui looked at the sky. It was already late in the night. He dared not move for fear of waking up the beauty in his arms.

It was only after Yun Duan was deeply asleep that Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

"Mmm, the second Mysterious Fruit is also mature now."

Qing Shui looked at the two Mysterious Fruits he now had. The ratio of the time flow in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had increased once again, making it even faster for the medicinal herbs to grow. After some cultivation, Qing Shui planned to use the two Mysterious Fruits.

When there was only one of it, Qing Shui felt that the chances were too low. He was afraid that it would be too depressing should he fail.

He put both Mysterious Fruits next to him.

Qing Shui was still very agitated, if he was lucky enough, he might be able to breakthrough to the seventh heavenly layer. However, Qing Shui was not having such high hopes. He would be satisfied if he could get some advancement.

Although the Mysterious Fruit only had a 1% chance of success, this was only so for other people. Qing Shui didn't know what was the success rate for himself but it would definitely be higher than 1%.

He had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal which was tied together with his life. Just this alone would increase his success rate by quite a bit. Moreover, he also had the Nature Energy and the Unmoving Like A Mountain.

In fact, there was still one thing which had a close connection with success rate...

Comprehension!

Qing Shui felt that his comprehension level was still quite high. Otherwise, he would not have been able to enter epiphany for so many times.

After circulating the first round, Qing Shui then circulated Unmoving Like A Mountain and even used an amplifying Heavenly Talisman, bringing the condition of his body to the best it could be.

His Nature Energy circulated automatically. There was also the Diamond Qi, Diamond Protection, Diamond Crossing Rivers and others...

He then took one of the Mysterious Fruits, tossing aside all distracting thoughts, calming his mind and increasing the speed at which he was circulating the Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique. He focused and tried to comprehend the power from the Mysterious Fruit in his body.

Time passed by slowly and Qing Shui didn't move at all. His hands formed signs as he slowly controlled the Qi of in his body slowly, gradually absorbing the power from the Mysterious Fruit.

Having experienced this one, Qing Shui tried his best to do what he did the previous time, trying hard not to let the power of the Mysterious Fruit to seep out of his body.

Respectful address to someone from a younger generation. Does not have to be toward one who was related by blood.

Chapter 840 - The Heart of Roc in the Large Success Stage, Fated to Be

Everything seemed to be going very smoothly, at least more so than the previous attempt. Previously, he had felt that it was a little tough and he realized that the power of the Mysterious Fruit could seep out. And once it did, the power would be lost.

Qing Shui didn't know what it was like for others to take it but he felt that he should be absorbing the power of the Mysterious Fruit to the best of his ability. The more he absorbed, the higher the success rate and the greater the benefits he should get.

Gradually, the aura in Qing Shui's body slowed down. After a short moment, he abruptly opened his eyes, his face in a daze and then he broke into a delighted smile.

He has succeeded!

Now, Qing Shui realized that as long as he controlled it well, the success rate of the Mysterious Fruit was basically very high. It could even reach up to above 50%. The only thing was that it took a very long time for one Mysterious Fruit to mature and even with the current Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, it would take over two years.

The success this time did not allow him to breakthrough to the seventh heavenly layer. However, one of Qing Shui's techniques leveled up. This surprise made Qing Shui feel overjoyed.

It was because the Mysterious Fruit had let Qing Shui's Heart of Roc reach the large success stage...

Toward the end, when Qing Shui sensed that his spirit energy had increased several times, he knew that his Heart of Roc might be reaching a breakthrough. It was because a huge increase to his spirit energy could let the prowess of the primordial flames increase directly.

As expected, when he saw the large success stage for the Heart of Roc lit up in his consciousness, he was happy beyond what words could describe. It was because the Roc form's battle techniques require very harsh requirements to reach the large success stage. The time required was not short and it also required talent, opportunity and a high level of comprehension.

At the large success stage, the Heart of Roc could allow Qing Shui's abilities to increase by several times. It was because Qing Shui had the Hidden Weapon Technique and could fully unleash the prowess of the Heart of Roc.

It could increase the prowess of the primordial flames by five times. Just thinking about it made Qing Shui extremely agitated. What would five times the prowess be like? The prowess of the primordial flames could already become Qing Shui's great weapon previously and now, it has exceeded the majority of Qing Shui's other attacks.

It would not even lose out to the poison weapons which had been tempered with the five-colored poison. Poison weapons were expendable and would decrease in numbers after each use. They also require the help of the Hidden Weapon Technique and there were great restrictions. In all, it was not as good as the primordial flames.

The Primordial Flame Ball depleted a large amount of energy but was convenient. It was also very flexible and could even be condensed to form into the shape of a sword whose prowess was not to be undermined. Qing Shui could also channel the prowess of the primordial flames through some mysterious items.

It was like how, in the past, in Hundred Miles City, he could use the Gold Needles to channel the primordial flames and incinerate the heart of a Xiantian cultivator. He did not know if the Gold Needles could still handle the primordial flames as they were now.

The primordial flames could refine everything in the world but for some things, time was required. For example, in order to refine the 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needles, it would take the current primordial flames some time to accomplish things. To be able to refine everything in the world did not mean that it was something that could be accomplished immediately. Moreover, there are many mysterious things in the world which have a strong resistance for fire or are things that fire could not get close to.

Fire Repelling Pearl!

Legend has it that it was of a similar existence to the Water Repelling Pearl. It has a natural resistance toward fire and flames that got near to it would be pushed away. Other than the Fire Repelling Pearl, it was also said that there were the Earth Repelling Pearl, Wood Repelling Pearl, Metal Repelling Pearl, Thunder Repelling Pearl...

The five elements contradict each other and each of them was a treasure that was hard to come by. Qing Shui even returned his only Water Repelling Pearl to that old turtle.

Therefore, no matter how powerful the "fire", when it comes across something that contradicts it, its prowess would also be diminished slightly. There were things that required a very long time to refine and could even take years.

Qing Shui thought of his Big Dipper Sword. He was not sure what material the Big Dipper Sword was made from but he knew that the previous primordial flames were not able to affect the Big Dipper Sword even after burning it for some time.

Therefore, he felt that the Big Dipper Sword might just be a great treasure.

"I have the 10,000 Years Coldsteel! I can give this a try. I wonder how long it would take to refine the 10,000 Years Coldsteel." Thinking of this, Qing Shui was full of anticipation.

He had the 10,000 Coldsteel Needles which he had forged and thus there was no need to prepare other materials.

Taking in a deep breath, Qing Shui stretched out his hands to be parallel to the ground and started circulating the Ancient Technique Flames of Yin-Yang and his Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique. Very quickly, a 6 foot long grey colored flame appeared in his hands...

This astonished Qing Shui. To think that it had improved by so much. Gradually adjusting his control, the primordial flames in his hand now continued to expand and contract with a throbbing temperature. Even the air was burned, leaving behind a black hole.

“How powerful!” Qing Shui smiled and could not help but exclaimed.

Qing Shui then started to gradually condense it. This was a technique and a process and in this process, he needed to be able to reduce the time spent to the shortest limit. Only then would it bring him more advantages when he was facing enemies.

With prior experience, he got the hang of it very quickly. However, when it was condensed to the size of an adult’s head, it had reached its limit and could not be condensed any more. Qing Shui sensed the two large flame balls in his hands which encompassed a terrifying temperature and prowess within.

Go!

Qing Shui tossed them out into the air!

The two grey colored flame balls that were the size of a human head collided, creating a tremendous explosion. The sky turned black for a moment before immediately recovering. Qing Shui knew that even if his opponent managed to survive the explosion, he would be devoured by the darkness.

Drawing out a 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needle and then channeling in his primordial flames, the 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needle which was as thin as a cow’s hair disappeared in the time it took for one to take a breath. Although it was very fine, it was made from 10,000 Years Coldsteel.

The time it took for one breath was sufficient. Qing Shui was very happy. If he could use it, it would only be a moment as well. Actually, what Qing Shui needed was not its resistance to high temperatures but he needed the material to be able to conduct quickly and it must also be tough enough. Otherwise, it would not even be able to pierce through experts’ flesh. Moreover, if he could hang on for just a short while, he could increase the penetrating impact of the 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needles.

Qing Shui thought of forging some slightly thicker 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needles. Being thin, the 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needle could be used to break through the defences of some experts. After all, being able to gather strength into one point would allow an increase in prowess.

However, who would be able to unleash their entire strength within a needle which was thin as a cow’s hair? Therefore, while everyone understood this theory, Qing Shui had yet to come across one who could put it into practice.

Qing Shui has been cultivating the Solitary Rapid Fist for many years and had even entered a state of epiphany once. Moreover, this was an ancient battle technique and he had only the achievements today because of the the ratio of the time he had in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal as well as him having an extraordinary perseverance.

Ordinary people would not be able to use Coldsteel Needles which were thin as a cow's hair but Qing Shui could do it. It just took him some practice. In his hands, they could be miraculous needles which saved lives but they could also be fatal needles which robbed people of their lives.

In the remaining time, Qing Shui tried to practicing controlling his Primordial Flame Balls, trying his best to be able to condense them even smaller and to be able to do so in a shorter amount of time.

All in all, Qing Shui was very satisfied with the Mysterious Fruit's effects this time around. After all, if a person were to continue to cultivate his Heart of Roc under normal circumstances, it would probably take the person at least ten years to break through to the large success stage. It would also require encounters and luck. He felt that he must have gotten a streak of luck this time around.

This made Qing Shui turn toward the last Mysterious Fruit. He had wanted very much to eat it. Maybe it would really bring him to the 7th heavenly layer...

Dreams were beautiful but reality was harsh. Regardless if it was medicinal pills or heavenly and earthly treasures, there would be a buffer period. The better the item, the longer the buffer period. Therefore, for something like the Mysterious Fruit, it would be about at least half a year. Moreover, the shorter the duration between both consumptions, the shorter the success rate would be.

To Qing Shui, this would only be a few days time.

Now, Qing Shui was thinking about whether he should be using it for himself or refine it into a Fate Pill. He was not able to use the Fate Pill for himself and if he were to refine it, it would be for the people around him.

In the end, Qing Shui decided to leave it for now. He might have an urgent need for it later. In his remaining time, he focused on his cultivation.

Right now, his happy mood had made him temporarily toss away all other thoughts. The breakthrough for the Heart of Roc caused Qing Shui to feel slightly arrogant...

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Feeling satisfied, he left the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The sky was just starting to turn bright. Qing Shui had spent half the time in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. When he left, Yun Duan was still deep in sleep but he knew that she was going to wake up soon.

Martial arts practitioners were light sleepers and would be able to sense motions and the time they slept was also very short. It might be because she was with him or that it had been too tiring that she was now sleeping so soundly. He walked over softly, sat by the bed and looked at this lady whom he thought would pass by in his life forever. Even now, he still had the feeling that he was in a dream.

If they had not met, Hu Wei Adventurer Guild would definitely wipe them out completely. This stubborn lady would definitely not take the initiative to look for him, nor would she think that he would be able to solve a problem like this. This was fate. They had met and it was before this problem had arisen.

Therefore, even Qing Shui who did not believe in fate and affinity felt that this lady was blessed to him by the heavens. It was all fated.

Just then, Yun Duan opened her bright eyes. When she saw Qing Shui, her eyes twitched a little. Her long lashes were like small fans and were very beautiful. She was covered in a thin snow-white blanket, giving her an additional sacred feeling. Together with the bedsheets under her, she appeared very dignified and he could not help but think of how he had embraced her her last night.

Qing Shui smiled and reached his hands in, "You've waken up? Why don't you sleep a little longer?"

"Ahhh, how am I going to sleep with you like this...?" Yun Duan tried to dodge Qing Shui's hand and chided.

After Yun Duan begged to be let off, Qing Shui smiled and gave her a kiss before leaving. He was still going for his morning practice as usual and when he walked out of the building, he saw a bamboo forest.

Green bamboo!

There was quite a large space amidst the tall bamboo forest. When Qing Shui drew in, he realized that the Nature Energy in his body that was automatically circulating was now even faster than before. It was even starting to absorb the Nature Energy in the surroundings, albeit at a very slow rate.

"Hmmm? What is this?"

Qing Shui was now astonished by this scene. When he came across the unknown, he would first feel worried, even if it was something good. Misfortunes and fortunes usually came hand in hand. Suddenly, Qing Shui's gaze fell on the bamboo forest in front of him.

Between broken rocks striking my root deep, I bite the mountain green and won't let go.

From whichever direction the wind leaps, I remain strong, though dealt many a blow .

Unbending and rising steeply from level ground, how strongly they tower into the sky...

The bamboo has the most unflinching righteousness!

Could it be that bamboo could nurture his Nature Energy?

A Chinese poem written by a Qing Dynasty artist by the name of Zheng Xie on his painting of bamboo and rocks. The English translation was done by Zheng Banqiao, an official in the Qing Dynasty. The latter was also apt in calligraphy and painting as well as in the area of literature.

Translator's feeble and miserable attempt to translate an extract of a Chinese Poem of an Qing Dynasty official, poet cum educator.

The bamboo has always been seen as a symbol of integrity and righteousness.