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Chapter 0961: Purifying Spirit Resonance Golden Dew

Before long, the hard work of Li Luo and Li Lingjing garnered a total of sixty droplets of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew.

However, something interesting occurred in the midst of all this. Li Luo was experimenting with the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew and his Acquired Resonance Flame. He wanted to see what would happen if the two were used together.

What caused him to be extremely surprised was that the Acquired Resonance Flame could refine the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew and purify it! In an attempt to see how far he could go, he added droplet after droplet of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew into the flame until he finally obtained a golden crystal the size of a baby's thumb.

When the golden crystal landed in Li Luo's hand, it melted into a stream of pure energy just before he was able to inspect it, then it entered his body.

The mysterious energy caused his three resonant palaces to tremble. And his resonances, which usually sat quietly within them, suddenly attempted to break out of the resonant palaces so they could devour that mysterious energy!

Clearly, the golden crystal created from the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew was of great use in improving one's resonance.

After hesitating for a moment, Li Luo then directed the energy into his Thunder Dragon resonance. It was the weakest amongst the three, a lower seventh-grade, and his aim was to raise all of his resonances to the eighth-grade by the end of this expedition.

After the energy was absorbed by the Thunder Dragon resonance, the resonant power within it seemed to have become much more refined. When the process was over, draconic cries and thunderous booms resounded throughout the palace.

The effect of the crystal was equivalent to refining an eighth-grade spirit liquid or purifying light.

This caused Li Luo to feel a little taken aback. One had to understand that a single eighth-grade spirit liquid or purifying light would cost several million skygold. Even though he had obtained the salary of the Main Hall Master of the Green Nether Hall, using such pricey spirit liquids and purifying lights would cause him to feel a hint of heartache at the sheer cost. Who would've guessed that the golden crystals could also provide such a wondrous effect?

"The Spiritual Resonance Cave is truly a top tier secret realm. I can't comprehend how the Sacred Void Resonance Sect actually managed to construct it." Li Luo was deeply amazed. Of course, he similarly understood that the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew did not have such good effects on its own—it only reached its full potential with the assistance of the Acquired Resonance Flame.

It seemed as though the Acquired Resonance Godly Forging Art was exceptional even within the Sacred Void Resonance Sect.

Li Luo's mind started to race, and he suddenly thought of something. Peering into the jade bottle used to contain the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew, he realized that the only thing he could see was its cold, empty bottom.

Lost in his curiosity, he had exhausted the entire stock of his hard-earned dew in the purification process.

"I've squandered all my efforts from the last few days..." Li Luo sighed helplessly. It looked like he would have to redouble his efforts to gather more Spirit Resonance Golden Dew.

As he sighed, he felt a trace of resonant power undulations from the forest in front of him. At the same time, he heard something resembling a cry for help.

"Cousin Lingjing?" Li Luo was slightly shocked. Li Lingjing had scouted the area earlier, so it should've been safe.

When he made his way over to investigate, he saw several miserable figures sprawled out on the forest floor. Shortly after, Li Lingjing sauntered out with a bamboo pole in her hand.

"Cousin Li Luo, it seems like they have something important to say." Li Lingjing grinned slightly as she spoke to Li Luo.

Li Luo cautiously stepped over as he inspected the bloodied group of individuals. Based on their dressing, they definitely seemed to belong to a group of vicious rogue cultivators. They had likely spotted Li Lingjing all alone and wanted to rob her. Alas, they had ended up kicking a steel plate.

"Please, ma'am! We were wrong. Just treat us like farts in the wind and let us go!" The rogue cultivators were now kneeling and begging for mercy.

They had been dancing along the edge of a knife for as long as they could remember. Thus, kneeling and giving in was just one of their numerous methods to survive.

Li Lingjing stood prettily before them, one hand on her waist whilst the other held the bamboo pole that was now resting on her shoulder. She grinned happily. "Stop with the crap. What is the secretive news that is worth as much as your little lives?"

She waved the green bamboo pole and lightly tapped one of the rogue cultivators' heads. "Remember, you only have one chance! If I feel that the information isn't worth my time, you can't blame me for ending you."

Listening to her cheery tone, the rogue cultivators felt a chill run down their spines. When they had attacked her just a while ago, they experienced for themselves how cruel and ruthless this seemingly weak and beautiful lady in front of them was. Three of their brothers had been struck so hard on their heads by the bamboo pole that their blood and brain matter was mixed into one.

Thus, they did not dare to tell any lies. After pausing for a moment, they replied, "We heard that in the southwestern direction, deep within the mountains, there lies a massive, gilded hall. Numerous droplets of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew condense once someone enters it, and it also seems like no Guardian Spirits appear."

"No Guardian Spirits?" Li Luo was a little taken aback before he asked suspiciously, "Wouldn't all the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew have already been taken away? What's the point of going over now."

"How could it be taken away so easily?" The rogue cultivators hurriedly shook their heads. "Although there are no Guardian Spirits, it's said that there are people protecting it. Many people have approached the gilded hall, only to be cut down."

"There are people defending it?" Both Li Luo and Li Lingjing were surprised by this fact. "Who are they? Other than us explorers, who else could it be?"

The rogue cultivators halted for a moment before replying, "Well, it seems like they aren't real people. We don't really know either. All I've heard is that they don't seem like Guardian Spirits. Instead, they are almost no different from sentient humans, and they can even use resonance arts. Many people have been attracted by these rumors, as being able to obtain the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew from within the gilded hall would easily give them enough dew to activate the Resonant Talismans and enter the Golden Dew Platform. Although this piece of news is not an absolute secret, it is absolutely true! I would never dare to deceive you!"

Li Luo's eyes showed a look of contemplation. He had been searching hard for the last couple of days, but his efforts had not borne much fruit. Clearly, specific locations were required to produce significant amounts of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew, and the gilded hall might very well be the sort of place he was looking for.

This was a little different when compared to the forest that the Dragon's Blood Lineage had set up. That was something man-made, while the gilded hall was at least not created by the people of today.

"This information doesn't seem bad. We can go and take a look," Li Luo said to Li Lingjing. He had squandered away all of their droplets of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew, and if the gilded hall truly did have as much as the rogue cultivators claimed, he could replenish their stock and perhaps the excess could even be purified.

Li Lingjing then stowed away the bamboo pole and said, "You're quite the honest bunch. Go. Live a little more decently and upright. Licking blood off the edge of a knife will inevitably lead to an accident."

The group hurriedly nodded before dashing away into the distance. Clearly, they had been absolutely frightened by her.

"What did you do to them? They're terrified!" Li Luo grinned as he glanced into the depths of the forest.

Li Lingjing didn't reply but grinned as she tugged at Li Luo's sleeve, leading him in another direction.

"Let's go. We have to go to this gilded hall and take a look. It should be a bustling location," she said with a hint of anticipation.

Her mood wasn't the best today, and as a result, her blows had been heavy-handed when faced with those rude and foul rogue cultivators. As a result, blood stained the forest. Those individuals weren't saints. If she were just a normal girl, falling into their hands might very possibly have led to a life worse than death. Thus, Li Lingjing didn't feel any remorse in killing a few of them.

Li Luo smiled and nodded in agreement, letting her lead him along. He wasn't some sanctimonious saint either. Those rogue cultivators had bad intentions, and they had reaped what they sowed. Still, Li Lingjing's actions were a little brutal, and he was concerned the Soul Eater True Devil might have some remnant influence left in her.

As the two soared into the air, they shot away at breakneck speed.

Shortly after they left, a shadowy figure appeared within the bloody forest. He stepped on the sticky pools of blood, and a pair of squirming pupils emotionlessly took in the grisly sight.

His pupils continued to wriggle, eventually transforming into two worms that tunneled out of his eyeballs, seemingly basking in the foul air.

A moment later, a hair-raising smile surfaced on his emotionless face.

"Number Three.... I am Number Two. I want... to devour you."

A bout of stiff, cold, and hoarse laughter echoed out in the middle of the sanguine forest.

Chapter 0962: Meeting Qin Yi

It was not hard to find the massive, gilded hall that the rogue cultivators had mentioned. After Li Luo and Li Lingjing flew for around four hours, they ran into more and more other explorers. They had come from all directions, and judging from their trajectory, it was clear that they were heading towards the same place as Li Luo and his group.

Without a doubt, the news of the gilded hall had spread all over the place.

However, this was also a sign that it really existed.

Li Luo and Li Lingjing picked up their pace as soon as they noticed this. After half a day, they could finally see a mountain shrouded in mist and clouds appear in the distance.

The mountain range was really mysterious. It was covered by fog and clouds all year round, making it impossible to see inside it.

There were already many people standing outside the mountain range. They remained extremely cautious as they studied the mountain, not daring to make any hasty moves. Many people had come running out of the mist earlier, shouting in fear about staying away from the gilded hall or risk dying to the guardians inside.

As such, many of the explorers were left wondering if the guardians they spoke of really existed.

After they made their landing, Li Luo and Li Lingjing took a quick glance at the surroundings and noticed a big group of people gathered at a mountaintop not too far away.

In the center of the group was a charming and beautiful figure. Her long hair danced in the wind, paired with a captivating smile as her bewitching eyes glanced around.

She was none other than Qin Yi.

Numerous young and talented elites from various other powers were by her side. Judging from the undying admiration in their eyes, they must have been captivated by Qin Yi's dazzling beauty.

This was to be expected. After all, she was the one known as the Fairy of Water. Not many youths could withstand her alluring charm.

"Is that Qin Yi from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing? Lower ninth-grade water resonance. She's truly a talented girl with mesmerizing looks. It's no wonder everyone is drawn to her," Li Lingjing remarked as she too was smitten by Qin Yi's extraordinary appearance.

As she narrowed her eyes, she continued, "Cousin Li Luo, it's much more troublesome to deal with someone like this than Zhao Shenjiang. She just needs to throw a nasty look at you, and those soldiers by her side will give you a hell of a time."

Li Luo replied helplessly, "It's not like I wanted it. This is just passed down enmity from the previous generation."

"The guy in black standing by her side is extremely strong. He must be her protector," Li Lingjing proceeded to warn him.

Hearing this, he looked over and saw a skinny guy dressed in black standing behind Qin Yi. The man had an indifferent look on his face, but the fierce and murderous intent emanating from him forced those who tried to approach Qin Yi to back off with restraint.

Li Luo pondered for a moment and said, "That fellow should be Qin Ying, the leader of the previous generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing. His strength should be comparable to that of Li Wuyuan and Zhao Yan."

This was included in the information that he had gathered regarding the elites of various Heavenly Emperor powers before he set off for the Spiritual Resonance Cave.

Just as the two of them were talking, Qin Yi and Qin Ying sensed their presence, and their gazes turned towards Li Luo and Li Lingjing immediately.

Qin Yi's usually calm expression changed immediately when she noticed Li Luo. With a charming smile, she said in a soft voice, "Dragon's Head Li Luo, why don't we catch up since you're here? We have a lot of information, perhaps we can even form a temporary partnership."

When she finished speaking, the young crowd around her turned and looked towards Li Luo with all kinds of gazes. Their faces changed a little as soon as they saw him. In terms of appearances, Li Luo was truly exceptional.

At the same moment, Li Luo thought about her offer for a while before he smiled and replied fearlessly, "How could I dare to turn you down after you've made such a generous offer, Fairy Qin?"

Qin Yi was a really smart girl. She had mentioned information to lure Li Luo over, knowing very well that this was precisely what he could not say no to.

However, Li Luo turned over to Li Lingjing afterwards and told her in a serious voice, "Please do your job well and protect me, Cousin Lingjing."

Li Lingjing laughed and replied, "With how promptly you answered, I assumed you were confident in your ability to protect yourself."

"Of course. My confidence stems from you, Cousin," Li Luo answered boldly.

With that, he activated his energy wings and flew into the sky. A few breaths later, he landed over at Qin Yi's side on top of the mountain.

When he arrived, the crowd surrounding her shot him looks filled with hostility, as if they were trying to tell him it should be first come first served.

However, Li Luo was not bothered by them at all. He looked over to Qin Yi with a smile and asked, "Is it dangerous here? I am surprised you wanted to create a temporary alliance with me."

Before Qin Yi could reply, a youth in golden robes stepped up from her side and replied with a smirk, "Perhaps it's not you, but the young lady by your side?"

Li Luo looked back at him. Nonetheless, he continued in a calm voice before Li Luo could say anything else, "Nice to meet you, Dragon's Head Li Luo. I am Chen Ping from the Golden Goose Clan."

The Golden Goose Clan was also one of the top powers in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent. There was a King in their clan, and Chen Ping was one of the up and coming elites in their younger generation.

Li Luo could clearly sense strong waves of resonant power coming from him. He was at least a one-pearl, judging from the undulations.

Chen Ping glared at Li Luo as he asked with an inexplicable smile, "Dragon's Head Li Luo, is it true that you're still a Fiend Finisher?"

"What's wrong with that?" Li Luo replied with a grin.

"Just asking out of curiosity. After all, I've never heard of any Dragon's Head in the history of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li that was not at the Heavenly Pearl Tier at least," Chen Ping replied.

Hearing this, some of the guys around him gave sly smiles. They understood that Chen Ping was trying to bring down Li Luo with those words.

This was a good thing for them. After all, they would not want the Dragon's Head from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li to steal the limelight here.

In response, Li Luo simply smiled and said, "You're right. I have made unprecedented achievements thanks to my hard work in cultivation every day, coupled with my unparalleled natural talent. It's definitely not due to the resources of the Dragon's Fang Lineage at all. I am sure you are all aware that I've not even spent a full year there."

The crowd's faces turned a little stiff when they heard this. Chen Ping was also left speechless for a moment. "Was I talking about your unprecedented achievement here?"

Although, it was not completely wrong to say that either.

"Dragon's Head Li Luo is really special. After spending more than ten years in the outer divine continent, you still managed to win against all the talents in the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages and obtained the

Dragon's Head position with Fiend Finisher strength. Moreover, this took you less than a year in the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Even I, Qin Yi, have to admire you for such an amazing achievement," Qin Yi said with a sweet smile.

"Enough with the banter. What useful information might you have, Fairy Qin?" Li Luo responded with a smile.

Surprisingly, Qin Yi was not angry at his frank and direct response. She took out a jade stone that glowed and formed a screen in front of everyone.

There was a forest on the lit screen. Further ahead in the distance was a faint sign of a golden-colored grand hall hidden within the trees.

They could see a huge battle happening in that location.

There were many figures flashing by, many with radiant Heavenly Pearls behind their backs. All of them were fighting to move towards the gilded hall.

However, none of them succeeded. At this moment, a group of people walked out of the forest. Massive amounts of resonant power exploded into the air and terrifyingly powerful resonant arts flew across the field. In the blink of an eye, the Heavenly Pearl cultivators trying to make their way into the gilded hall were completely wiped out.

Only a few lucky survivors watched in fear as they retreated hastily.

At this point, the light screen abruptly stopped. It froze on the scene with the mysterious individuals who had suddenly appeared. They all had indifferent looks on their faces, as if they had no emotions at all.

However, what really caught Li Luo's attention was the uniform-like robes that they were all wearing. The symbol of heaven and earth was sewn onto them.

Wearing matching outfits that seemed to resemble a sect's uniform in this situation? In that instant, Li Luo could guess just who they could be.

"These people... were they the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect?"

Chapter 0963: Cooperation

When the recording ended, the crowd fell into silence. Judging from their reactions, Li Luo could tell that they had guessed these people's identities just like himself.

After all, they were all elites from the various powers, so they would surely have heard of the origins of the Spiritual Resonance Cave.

"Do these people show up whenever the Spiritual Resonance Cave opens?" Li Luo asked curiously.

Qin Yi sighed deeply before shaking her head. "The Spiritual Resonance Cave was only discovered a few dozen years ago, so it has only opened a few times. Unfortunately, we have never heard of any disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect making an appearance. Additionally, they might not be actual humans. I feel like they are some sort of energy projection. The thing is that the Spiritual Resonance

Cave is full of mysterious phenomena, and the Sacred Void Resonance Sect is known to have been capable of creating all sorts of miraculous things. It's not surprising at all that they had the means to produce energy projections capable of maintaining such tyrannical power despite thousands of years going by."

At this point, Chen Ping spoke up. "Actually, the Spiritual Resonance Cave is connected to you, Dragon's Head Li Luo."

"Connected?" Li Luo frowned.

Chen Ping grinned. "The Spiritual Resonance Cave only made its appearance two years after your parents entered the supposed ruins of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect."

These words caused the atmosphere to turn silent, and the gazes of the crowd shifted away from both Li Luo and Qin Yi. It was that very same incident that resulted in Li Taixuan, Tan Tailan, and Qin Lian forming an endless grudge with each other.

The corner of Li Luo's lips twitched slightly. This piece of crap just couldn't wait for Qin Yi to break out into a brawl by fanning the flames. It seemed like all of these proud children of the heavens were simply vile and toxic. Thinking back to his time in the Xia Kingdom, House Duze's steel-headed leader was much more adorable compared to them.

Qin Yi's eyes also fluttered briefly, but she did not show any emotion, only changing the subject.

"Dragon's Head Li Luo, what you've just seen are just the normal protectors of the gilded hall. What's truly thorny is the second layer of guardians. The squad is composed of eight elite disciples with strength at the seven-pearl tier. And perhaps due to the enhancements provided by the ward that covers them, their battle strength is on the level of an eight-pearl. This is the reason why no one has managed to break in thus far."

"Oh? Eight disciples with eight-pearl strength?" Li Luo was a little taken aback. Not even he would be able to break through such powerful enemies.

However, this also meant that the real reason why Qin Yi sought to work with him was because of Li Lingjing.

When Li Luo reached that conclusion, Qin Yi's beautiful gaze turned towards the silent Li Lingjing. "Might you be Lady Li Lingjing? You should be the Western Region's Li family's prized daughter, and it was said that you had the potential to become the Dragon's Head of your generation. It was a pity that you disappeared without a word due to an accident. However, it looks like your strength is not at all inferior to Li Wuyuan's."

Li Luo was a little surprised. Qin Yi was far more adept at gathering intelligence than he had expected. He never thought that she would be able to determine where Li Lingjing had come from and even recognize that she was on par with Li Wuyuan.

Li Lingjing was similarly shocked, but she flashed Li Luo a smile. "It seems like even the young heroes of the Dragon's Fang Lineage are unable to resist Fairy Qin's charm."

The only way that the other party could receive such in-depth information was if someone within the lineage had leaked it. That being said, this was not at all unexpected. Her enchanting looks could keep

pretty much any youth from the Dragon's Fang Lineage under her thumb, easily giving her what she wanted.

Li Luo pouted helplessly.

Qin Yi did not admit to it, only giving a slight smile. "Lady Li Lingjing, if you were to combine forces with Elder Brother Qin Ying, you should be able to deal with quite a number of the elite disciples. With the aid of everyone else here, we should be able to break through the eight disciples' defensive line."

The black-robed youth behind Qin Yi glared at Li Lingjing with a gaze like daggers as he indifferently said, "I can sense that Lady Li Lingjing has been directing a hint of hostility towards me. You should have your means."

The expressions of the elites from the other powers changed. They now looked at Li Lingjing with an even higher degree of alertness. Even though they were in pairs too, their own protectors were nowhere near her level.

Additionally, the eight-pearl cultivators were this generation's top experts.

Li Lingjing then flashed a shallow smile towards all of the other youths. "If you dare to provoke Li Luo again, be aware that I might just end you here."

The crowd's expressions started to twitch, and they inadvertently took a step backwards. At the same time, their stronger partners began to closely observe her every movement. They weren't sure if they were mistaken, but they seemed to have sensed a hint of murderous intent in her words.

However, this beautiful girl was surely just joking... right? Only Li Luo knew that she wasn't kidding around. Her slender, jade hands had already reaped countless lives in the Spiritual Resonance Cave.

Although his cousin seemed smiley and lovely, she was hiding a heart full of slaughter beneath.

Li Luo didn't have any solution to this either. The experiences that had shaped her had been too defining. She was once the treasured daughter of the Western Region, but over the passing of time, her outstanding radiance had morphed into a burden. The heaven-toppling drop in status she had experienced had warped her personality, and this was on top of having half her spirit consumed by the Soul Eater True Devil. The constant erosion and torture of her will would cause even Li Luo to feel a chill just thinking about it.

The only good thing was that Li Luo was the one who had salvaged her situation and pulled her from the depths of the abyss into the light. Thus, she truly treated him well.

"When do we take action, then?" Li Luo quashed the thoughts in his heart and directly questioned Qin Yi. If the defenses were as Qin Yi had said, just relying on Li Lingjing would not be enough to break through.

Qin Yi made her decision. "We won't dawdle any longer. More and more rogue cultivators are making their way here, and the situation will change the longer we take."

Li Luo naturally did not disagree.

When the crowd moved out, their presence was eye-catching. Countless gazes shot towards them, and the most outstanding of the lot were Qin Yi and Li Luo. They were instantly recognizable with their esteemed statuses, and the fact that they were working together elicited much surprise. They were supposed to be blood enemies, yet they were now cooperating.

Of course, such opinions were ignored by the two. They might be working together on the surface, but they kept a fixed distance of ten steps from each other. Both of them inched ever closer to their paired protector.

Clearly, the two didn't trust each other fully, as it should be.

The group then entered the mountainous forest and disappeared into the fog.

The other rogue cultivators nearby also took action, following the group at a distance. They were hoping to fish within the chaos and enter the gilded hall to find treasures.

Amongst the crowd, an emotionless male slowly walked up with squirming, black pupils. His gaze was locked in Li Lingjing's direction.

"Hey! Why are you taking your time here? Scram if you don't want to follow!" An angry shout was directed at the male from an angry rogue cultivator.

The male did not move, completely ignoring the other person.

The rogue cultivator then became infuriated, so he surged with resonant power and directly punched towards the male, causing a boom to echo throughout the sky.

He struck at the seemingly defenseless back of the male, who seemed completely oblivious to what was happening.

However, the body of the rogue cultivator suddenly tensed up, and he stared at his own fist in absolute terror. A single black worm had tunneled into his skin, and its limbs were extremely strange, looking like countless miniature human hands. Before he knew it, it vanished.

Suddenly, the rogue cultivator's pupils turned stygian black, and a single worm could be seen squirming within one of his eyes.

A moment later, the rogue cultivator began to follow the strange male with stiff steps, disappearing into the clouds.

Chapter 0964: Li Luo's Discovery

Visibility was bad due to the mountain being shrouded in mist, and one's other senses were naturally dulled here.

Li Luo, Qin Yi, and the group marched forward while maintaining some distance between themselves. Their eyes scanned the surroundings as they remained vigilant.

When they first entered the area, there were quite a number of rogue cultivators heading in the opposite direction. Some of them were even injured, clearly escaping from the disciples of Sacred Void Resonance Sect, judging from their sad appearances.

However, Li Luo and the group were not bothered by their presence. They maintained their pace and marched forward, swiftly disappearing into the thick mist.

This went on for dozens of minutes.

Suddenly, Qin Yi, who was at the front of the group, stopped in her tracks. Her expression had turned serious. As the others looked over in the direction of her gaze, they could see a vague silhouette walking out of the mist.

Li Luo looked over too, a serious expression on his face. They didn't look out of place at all, except for the fact that they were wearing the robes of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect.

There was hardly any emotion on their faces, no spirit within their eyes. Clearly, they were not real humans.

When the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect emerged from the mist, they did not say anything. An instant later, huge amounts of resonant power surged up within them and extraordinarily powerful arts were activated. A barrage of resonance arts flew towards the group like raging waves.

Without any hesitation, they took out their treasured artifacts and activated their own arts, preparing to defend themselves.

Qin Ying, Li Lingjing, and the other strong Heavenly Pearl Tier cultivators took a stand at the front and deflected the majority of the attacks that came charging towards them.

Li Luo, Qin Yi, and the weaker ones stood on the sidelines and dissipated the remainder of incoming attacks.

With this formation, they would have no trouble defending against the attacks of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect's disciples under ordinary circumstances. However, Qin Ying's face changed a little after the two sides exchanged blows for a while. He exclaimed, "Something is off! Their resonance arts seem to contain some kind of hidden energy that can erode the resonant power in our bodies!"

Another expert replied, "Indeed. What exactly is this energy? It's so domineering!"

Even Qin Yi nodded slightly in agreement. "My resonant power has also been slightly eroded. But the feeling is weaker."

However, there were many shocked faces as soon as they heard her. They knew that Qin Yi possessed a lower ninth-grade water resonance, which was an extremely high resonance grade. It was an extremely challenging thing to erode resonant power like hers.

The fact that even their ordinary disciples could pull off such a feat demonstrated that the Sacred Void Resonance Sect truly was the most formidable sect in the world in its time.

However, a thought flashed in Li Luo's mind while the others were surprised by this development.

He did not change his expression, but he clenched his fingers tightly. Two resonant powers surged up within his body and rapidly merged into dual resonance power.

This bit of energy contained Vestiges of Spirituality, providing it sentience. At this moment, his resonance grade was comparable to Qin Yi's lower ninth-grade water resonance.

Right at the same moment, there was another wild attack charging towards them from a disciple of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect. Li Luo punched towards it to counter.

The two resonant powers clashed openly. Li Luo could clearly sense that his dual resonance power was eroded slightly as well.

There was truly a hidden kind of power within the attacks from the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect that could weaken their opponents' resonant power.

In fact, this power was something Li Luo was very familiar with.

It was... the Acquired Resonance Flame.

These attacks from the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect contained the traces of the Acquired Resonance Flame.

"So, the Acquired Resonance Flame has the function of igniting and weakening others' resonant power?"

Li Luo felt taken aback at this discovery. He had no idea the Acquired Resonance Flame had such a use. At the very least, the Acquired Resonance Flame that he had cultivated was not capable of doing the same.

How could the flames from the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect do so?

Li Luo could not help but get excited over this new discovery. This was truly practical and effective. If his Acquired Resonance Flame could also gain erosion properties and he merged it with his resonant power, his offensive capabilities would improve by one fold.

But how could he do it?

Should he fuse the Acquired Resonance Flame directly with his resonant power? He had already tried such a simple method in the past, and it did not work out.

"Perhaps there is a trick I need to learn? Or is a more complete cultivation method required?" Li Luo thought to himself.

This was highly plausible. After all, the foundation of an ancient sect like the Sacred Void Resonance Sect went deep. It was likely leagues above the Heavenly Emperor powers today. Naturally, their special methods were not something that could be easily learned.

As Li Luo was pondering over this, the defenses of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect's disciples were attrited steadily by the group. Their group ultimately had the advantage based on their strength and cultivation levels.

As long as they did not encounter the elite disciples, they should have no issues advancing.

Noticing this development, Li Luo calmed the excitement in his heart. He put the idea of the resonant power that could erode that of others onto the back of his mind for now.

Perhaps he would be able to find more clues about it in the gilded hall. Minimally, he would need to understand more about the ancient and mysterious Sacred Void Resonance Sect.

With that in mind, he continued making his way deeper into the mountain.

There were other disciples from the Sacred Void Resonance Sect along the way, and their resistance steeped in intensity as they advanced. In the end, casualties started to form within Li Luo's group as well.

The fact that the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect could ignite and weaken their resonant power was really giving them a headache. Even though they had the edge, their resonant power was getting depleted rapidly against these unusual opponents. It was causing a much greater toil on them than ordinary battles.

Unless there was an overwhelming gap in strength, anyone would have trouble fighting foes capable of eroding one's resonant power.

Nonetheless, Li Luo's gaze was getting more and more passionate as he saw the others struggling. He looked deep into the depths of the mountain. His interest in the Sacred Void Resonance Sect was increasing exponentially.

He was going to make his way into the gilded hall to have a closer look one way or another.

As they slowly progressed, the group finally entered the deeper regions of the mountain. At this moment, golden light could be seen faintly glowing in the thick mist.

Everyone began to look more excited as they marched on.

However, a wave swept in from the front as soon as their expressions of excitement surfaced. The mist was slightly blown away for a moment, and eight stone platforms appeared in front of them.

On each platform was a young person sitting in the lotus position. They sat there like guardian statues, watching the group approach with calm and empty eyes.

However, their robes were different from those of the ordinary disciples earlier. They were much more elegantly designed, and the disciples themselves exuded an air of dominance just by being present.

Seeing this, the expressions of Li Luo and the group grew more serious. They understood that these eight people were the elite disciples that guarded the massive gilded hall.

There were eight eight-pearl experts.

Breaking through would be an arduous task.

Li Luo scanned the surroundings and noticed that there were multiple corpses lying around the place. Some of the blood was still fresh. Clearly, a recent attempt had just failed miserably, and all of them had been slaughtered.

"Take care of yourself. I may not be able to look after you when we fight them later," Li Lingjing told Li Luo.

Even she could not let her guard down against such strong foes.

Li Luo nodded, and the dragon sigil on his forehead glowed brightly.

On the other side, the eight elite disciples had not said or done anything. They simply watched the intruders charge towards them. A brief moment later, they started forming hand seals.

Weng!

Astonishing amounts of resonant power burst into the sky.

A bright flame flared up, and numerous phoenixes materialized above. The birds cried out sharply as they covered the sky and rained down upon the crowd of intruders. It was a truly frightening sight.

Chapter 0965: Lying Corpse

A sky full of phoenixes swept downwards, each one emitting terrifying undulations of energy. Every single feather on their bodies was alight with flames, giving them an intimidating appearance.

The flames reminded the group of the foes they had encountered earlier, possessing the ability to ignite one's resonant power, though this was on a significantly smaller scale.

Clearly, the elite disciples before them wielded an even greater mastery of this power.

In order to prevent the weaker ones in their group from sustaining severe injuries, Qin Ying, Li Lingjing, and the rest of the stronger ones did not dare to tarry. They immediately burst forth with majestic amounts of resonant power, and all of their Heavenly Pearls immediately manifested behind them, devouring worldly natural energy endlessly.

Streams of energy rose up to block the flames.

But the layers of energy were swiftly eroded, and the expressions of the group changed. It was indeed as they had expected. Each phoenix was also able to burn away one's resonant power, so their own resonant power had dissipated upon that collision.

Their defenses were breached almost instantly, and the phoenixes tunneled through the gaps. It was then when Qin Yi, Li Luo, and the rest took action.

When Li Luo saw this, he activated his wings. With a flap, he vanished like a bolt of lightning, attempting to dodge the phoenixes.

The barrage of attacks was so strong that even Li Lingjing, Qin Ying, and the rest were unable to protect them, so of course they had no chance of stopping it themselves.

When Li Luo dodged, Qin Yi's reaction was in no way less efficient. A stream of water took form beneath her feet and then a small water fountain instantly appeared a distance away. It transformed into a water lotus, and Qin Yi's figure flashed before appearing on it tens of feet away, as though she had teleported.

This technique that combined speed and elegance gave her the appearance of an immortal fairy.

Everyone else began to reveal their own preservation abilities. Still, there were some unfortunate ones who were struck directly by the phoenixes, letting out miserable yelps. They ended up covered in flames as a result, but their bodies remained unharmed. Their resonant power, however, gradually receded into nothingness.

In the short span of ten or so breaths, they powerlessly collapsed onto the ground. Although they were still breathing, all of the resonant power in their bodies had been sucked dry and they had no ability to resist any longer.

This caused the team's scalps to turn numb. They were sitting ducks without resonant power, unable to utilize any of their techniques or arts, leaving them completely at the mercy of others.

Li Luo continued to evade, flickering and weaving through the flying phoenixes. Occasionally, one would almost brush past his body, leaving him with a back full of cold sweat.

His eyes swept across the battlefield before he noticed Qin Yi. He approached her and shouted, "Fairy Qin, how long are we planning to hide for?"

Qin Yi batted him a single glance before replying, "This is just their first wave of attacks. The stone platforms they are sitting on should contain unique wards that bolster their strengths. They are also the keys that will allow us to enter the gilded hall. We are awaiting the moment when their offensive stops before we launch a combined counterattack. The moment we can knock one disciple off their stone platform, we can make our way in."

Li Luo nodded. Although the stone platforms were able to boost the elite disciples' strength, they were no different from automatons as they lacked spirit and sentience. If they could find an opportunity, it should allow them to break through.

The only issue was that before the chink in their armor could be found, the assault only increased in intensity and ferocity.

They formed more hand seals, and all of the remaining phoenixes that were flying in the air suddenly fused together and transformed into a gigantic thousand-foot-tall phoenix.

The phoenix spread its wings. With a single motion, countless flaming feathers poured down from the sky like a torrential rain. When faced with this overbearing assault, even Li Lingjing, Qin Ying, and the rest of the ones who were powerful enough to resist the eight-pearl elite disciples could only do their best to attract as much of the flames as they could, with the hopes of reducing the pressure on the ones they had to protect.

The opponents could make use of the wards to unleash torrential attacks, but it was not time for the counterattack yet.

Unfortunately, this also meant that the danger Li Luo and the rest were under had increased. The flaming feathers that blanketed the sky were weaker than the individual phoenixes, but in terms of sheer quantity and reach, they vastly exceeded the latter. If one were struck by too many feathers, they would be left in a miserable state.

Li Luo did his best to avoid them, but he noticed something interesting. The quicker he moved, the quicker the feathers became and the more feathers he would attract.

The flaming feathers seemed to possess some sort of tracking ability.

Thus, Li Luo quickly realized that he was being chased by a large amount of flaming feathers. He was well aware that if he was struck, he would likely have all of his resonant power sapped from his body.

Being exhausted of all his resonant power in this situation would definitely be an ominous situation for him. Even the temporarily allied Qin Yi might cut him down at that opportune time.

Li Luo then glanced at Qin Yi and realized that she had not utilized many means to avoid the flaming feathers. Instead, she remained cool and collected, restraining the resonant power within her body, looking almost like an exquisite and beautiful jade carving.

In this almost passive and inanimate state, she avoided all of the flaming feathers. The few that struck her passed through her body as though she was not there.

At this point in time, Li Luo understood that Qin Yi already knew how to dodge this attack but had not been inclined to inform him.

"Cunning!" Li Luo gritted his teeth in silence. This woman was not to be trusted after all. However, it was not the time to think about such matters as the flaming feathers behind him shot towards him. Li Luo suddenly retracted all of his resonant power and rolled on the ground several times. He then froze in position and acted like a lifeless corpse.

As Li Luo played dead, the large number of flaming feathers halted a few inches before his frightened gaze. A brief moment later, they turned around and directly rushed towards the other fleeing opponents.

This brought a sense of relief to him. It seemed that the feathers had the ability to track down moving creatures with resonant power undulations. By remaining still and abandoning his sense of fear, he could easily avoid them.

One only had to feign death and await the prime chance to break through the elite disciples' wards, then they could enter the gilded hall.

The motionless Li Luo swept his gaze in all four directions and noticed that the ground was full of corpses. There were many rogue cultivators who had fallen trying to break in, and the majority had ended up here.

This tragic and bloody scene shook Li Luo.

He offered them a quiet prayer before he caught a glimpse of a lone flame feather rushing towards him. It seemed as though a fish had slipped through the net.

Li Luo frowned, but he then noticed a large, mountainous individual that had died on his right. He quickly moved himself behind that body and used it as a meat shield.

The flaming feather lodged itself in the massive body, then a large amount of flesh was blown apart, causing blood to spill in every direction. At the same time, the body began to burn.

"My condolences, brother. I hope you rest in peace even though your corpse couldn't remain intact." Li Luo sighed in his heart.

However, he then realized that a few more flaming feathers had shot towards him yet again. These were all feathers that had escaped the net. It seemed like they had wandered too far from the phoenix, so now they were randomly attacking anything in their sights instead of maintaining their original targets.

Li Luo noticed that the out-of-control flaming feathers liked to shoot in his direction. It seemed as though there was something about him that was attracting them.

Confusion flooded his mind. Did it mean that he could no longer pretend to be dead?

Just what about him was attracting the attention of these damned feathers.

After a moment of thought, the corner of his mouth twitched inadvertently. Could it be that it was the Acquired Resonance Flame? As a result, the lost feathers naturally felt an attraction and affinity towards him, racing at him as a result.

Li Luo smiled bitterly. Fortunately, the mountain of meat before him was a helpful shield, able to resist quite a few more feathers that flew in his direction. Unfortunately, it gained quite a few new holes as a result.

"Brother, thank you for your help. I'll definitely find an auspicious place to bury you later," Li Luo murmured to the corpse which he had repurposed as his shield.

After he spoke, he was completely shocked to see the mountain of meat suddenly open his eyes and stare at him!

His voice trembled as he said, unsure of whether it was because of the sheer pain or anger towards Li Luo, "Dear brother, could you move a little further away from me, please? You're about to get me killed!"

Chapter 0966: Zhu Dayu

The sudden reaction from the mountain of meat gave Li Luo a fright. However, he soon felt a hint of vitality arising from within what he had thought was a corpse. He was alive! The fellow was trying to do what he was... which was to play dead and avoid the assault of the elite disciples.

Li Luo felt a little embarrassed. He had thought this was a dead man and thus used his body to block quite a few hits.

However, despite all of the awkwardness he felt in his heart, his face held no trace of that. Instead, he smiled and said to him, "Brother, our meeting is one of fated destiny. Shall we not bicker about the minor details?"

At the same time, he sized up the massive fellow. It seemed that on top of being prodigiously fat, he was also fairly young.

The humongous youth then glared angrily. "Fated my ass! I've been happily hiding here for half a day without being disturbed, but then you came along and now look at me. Are you trying to sabotage me?"

Li Luo smiled. "I don't even know who you are, how could I possibly try and harm you?"

The youth then berated Li Luo, "Get away from me!"

Li Luo shook his head. "Well, this place doesn't belong to you. If you want to leave, you can. I'm not moving an inch!"

Why would he leave when there was such an excellent meat shield before him? The moment he so much as twitched, he would definitely attract the attention of all the rogue flaming feathers that were out to get him.

The fat youth then glared at the shameless Li Luo viciously. The more he thought about it, the angrier he got, then he swiped the pocket sphere on his wrist and an object flew out.

When Li Luo saw this action, he immediately went on guard and prepared to react to the chubby fellow.

But when he saw what the object was, he was left in a daze. The chubby fellow wasn't taking out some sort of mighty, slaughtering treasure... Instead, it was a leg of roasted beast meat, and he immediately began to chomp down on it heartily, swallowing it in a mere two to three bites. Grease dripped off his chin and landed on the ground.

Watching his meat shield gorging all of a sudden left Li Luo flabbergasted. Had he snapped?

As Li Luo's mind churned, he was shocked to see that as the fatty ate, the injuries that he had received as a result of the exploding feathers were quickly healing.

A minute later, all of the bloody holes on his body had healed over. This frightening regenerative ability left Li Luo stunned once again. Even if he took advantage of his water, light, and wood resonant powers, all of which held strong restorative properties, they could not even begin to compare!

This brought a thought to his mind as he asked, "Are you from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhu, brother?"

He had once seen intel on their bloodline, and this sight had reminded him of it. The people were unique in the sense that the majority were quite rotund, and they had a unique resonance that allowed them to use food as a means to obtain terrifying regeneration powers.

It was said that their Dukes were the hardest to kill. So long as they were not finished off in a single move, they could activate their regenerative abilities and quickly reach peak condition again even if their bodies were left half-destroyed.

The fatty then snorted. "It looks like your eyesight isn't bad. The Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhu isn't to be provoked, so you best leave."

Li Luo grinned. "Nice to meet you, I'm the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li's Li Luo."

The fatty then turned slightly sluggish as he glanced at Li Luo. "The new Dragon's Head from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li, Li Luo?"

It seemed he had heard of him.

Li Luo nodded, a genial smile on his face.

The fatty then pouted in displeasure. This meant that it would be useless to use the threat of his bloodline to scare Li Luo away!

"You can call me Zhu Dayu," the fatty stated.

"I guessed as much. With such a stalwart figure, who else could you be?" Li Luo grinned.

Based on what he knew, the members of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhu deemed one's fat as beauty, especially when it came to their own figures.

Clearly, Zhu Dayu reacted positively to this compliment as his brows seemed to lift in satisfaction. Li Luo suddenly seemed a lot more pleasant.

"Brother Zhu, how long have you been lying here?" Li Luo asked.

"Almost half a day. I followed the first group of people in, but almost all of them have died. I didn't want to give up, so I lay here, awaiting an opportunity," Zhu Dayu explained.

Li Luo nodded, but before he could continue speaking, the corner of his eye caught a glimpse of a flaming feather shooting towards him. He immediately got down, and the feather, unfortunately, impaled itself in Zhu Dayu's butt before exploding, blowing a bloody hole yet again.

Zhu Dayu's immense body trembled as he silently glared at Li Luo. Before he could give him a piece of his mind, Li Luo had already started speaking. "Brother Zhu, your magnificent body is akin to a mighty mountain! Your splendor is clearly grabbing the attention of the feathers, but this shouldn't be an issue for someone with your amazing regenerative abilities."

Zhu Dayu fell silent and swallowed his words before he took out yet another hunk of meat to chow down on.

Very quickly, the injury on his butt healed.

However, not long after, yet another flaming feather arced over!

Bang!

"You have such a sturdy body! You must be the most heroic person I've ever seen, Brother Zhu!"

Bang!

"You truly have the demeanor of a future Duke, no, the demeanor of a King!"

Bang!

"Brother Zhu, look at how interesting this hole is... it's perfectly round!"

In the end, Zhu Dayu finally said with a pale face, "Brother Li Luo, could you please stand aside for a moment and give me a moment to catch my breath?"

Li Luo then consoled him, "You just have to hold on for a little longer. The assault of the elite disciples has begun to wane, so we will soon have an opportunity to counterattack!"

Zhu Dayu couldn't get rid of the bitter taste in his mouth. Just what sort of unlucky star was this guy? With the way things were going, he might actually be killed! Although the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhu possessed incredible restorative abilities, they weren't infinite!

But just as Li Luo spoke, the situation indeed started to change. Li Lingjing, Qin Ying, and the rest approached the elite disciples.

The countless flaming feathers that once blanketed the skies had started to reduce in number.

A glint flashed through their eyes. Immediately after, boundless amounts of resonant power surged out of their bodies like erupting volcanoes.

"Everyone, let's combine our efforts!" Qin Ying shouted as he rallied all of the higher Heavenly Pearl Tier cultivators to release their mightiest attacks.

A torrent of berserk resonance arts was launched in the direction of the eight elite disciples, and the air shuddered as they whizzed past.

The eight disciples similarly joined hands and executed a few more hand seals. Starry threads spurted out of the tops of their heads, forming a barrier that protected them.

Bang! Bang!

As the resonance arts landed upon the starry veil, it trembled violently before the attackers' onslaught.

However, the starry veil wasn't showing any signs of giving way.

The arts of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect were evidently exceptional.

When Qin Ying saw this, he frowned before he shouted, "Zhu Zhu! If you don't lend us a hand, we will all go home empty-handed!"

"Ah! Qin Ying! You're quite sharp. I can't believe you noticed me."

Right after Qin Ying's voice echoed, a female's vigorous laugh could be heard. Then a pile of corpses suddenly blew apart, and a well-built figure dashed out. Eight Heavenly Pearls manifested, rotating rapidly behind her as she dashed towards a corner of the starry veil. Her fingers clenched into a fist and she struck out with imposing force.

Bang!

That single punch was ferocious and maniacal. However, the scene looked like a gigantic primordial pig colliding with a mountain, causing the ground to shake hard enough to feel like an earthquake. The corner of the starry veil could not endure Zhu Zhu's punch, and a tear formed on the point of impact.

Some of the elite disciples on the stone platforms were affected by the aftershock and were sent flying.

When the platforms were exposed, all of the people in the crowd had blazing gazes as they knew that the passage to the gilded hall had emerged.

Almost simultaneously, wings appeared behind Li Luo and he kicked off like a bolt of lightning, explosively shooting towards the gap.

Similarly, the previously inanimate Zhu Dayu, who was moaning on the ground, demonstrated an uncanny swiftness that one would not expect from someone with his body type. He flashed forward, leaving behind a trail of afterimages.

Li Lingjing, Qin Ying, Zhu Zhu, and the rest did not rush in after them, as they had to concentrate on suppressing the starry veil. Otherwise, it would recover and block the entrance once more.

In the short span of a few breaths, Li Luo approached the tear in the veil. Just as he was about to barge in, a geyser of water appeared before him, and Qin Yi appeared in it. She had clearly been a step ahead of him.

When Li Luo's foot landed on the stone platform, the scene before him seemed to have changed. A trail appeared before him, and a gilded hall could be seen looming amidst the clouds and mist at the very end.

Li Luo's heart was bursting with excitement as he dashed forward. He reached the end of the path moments later, then he rushed into the gilded hall and disappeared inside.

Chapter 0967: Stone Cup

The moment Li Luo stepped into the gilded hall, he could sense his surroundings begin to change. Clouds and mist appeared around him. When his vision cleared up, he found himself on another small path leading far into the distance. There were many courtyards and halls along the way.

Furthermore, there seemed to be a mysterious force controlling the space around the hall, making him unable to leap up high or fly.

Li Luo simply kept his composure and proceeded with caution. After a few moments, he paused in front of a hall. There was a special kind of energy coming from inside it that caught his attention.

He thought about it for a while before he gingerly pushed open the tightly shut door. The hall was wide and spacious, with very few things inside of it. In its center was a stone ladder leading up to a stone platform with a stone cup on it.

The cup caught Li Luo's attention immediately. It contained golden liquid that seemed to display a hint of sentience, as though there were spirits dancing in it.

As soon as he saw this, his eyes lit up with desire. That liquid was none other than the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew that he wished for!

When he looked closer, there appeared to be around ten droplets. This was considered a really great harvest. Li Luo and Li Lingjing had worked very hard for multiple days to obtain the same amount. Now a significant quantity had simply fallen into his hands.

Li Luo scanned the surroundings carefully before he took his first step forward. Proceeding with utmost caution, he slowly walked towards the stone platform.

With each step he took, the stone cup was becoming clearer and clearer in his eyes. He began to see rays of light extending out of it, continuously absorbing the worldly natural energy from the surroundings.

"It seems the cup's purpose is to absorb worldly natural energy and then refine it into Spirit Resonance Golden Dew. Could this hall have been built by the Sacred Void Resonance Sect in order to collect the dew?" Li Luo thought to himself as he stretched his hand out to grasp the stone cup.

However, it shook violently right before he was able to touch it. Five rays of light shot out of the cup and transformed into five silhouettes. Their resonant power surged up instantly, then they launched their attacks at Li Luo directly.

This sudden development caught Li Luo completely by surprise. Nonetheless, he did not panic as he had kept his guard up the entire time. He was prepared for this.

Without any hesitation, the Golden-Jade Onyx-Elephant Blade materialized in his hand. The Dragon Sigil between his eyebrows glowed brightly as well.

"Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body!"

At this moment, Li Luo's body expanded and his physical strength, speed, and defenses increased substantially.

"Five Dragon's might!"

Li Luo slashed down with his blade, launching a blade light towards the attackers. A faint, draconic cry bounced around the room, and the air vibrated vigorously as the blade light traveled across.

Clang!

When the slash clashed with the five figures, a sharp noise exploded in the air and a wild storm of energy swept across the hall.

Fighting against five opponents at the same time, Li Luo could not help but feel the strain on his body despite coming in prepared. Fortunately, the Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body had strengthened his body tremendously. He was not hurt badly, but he was sent flying back with his feet dragging across the ground, leaving a trail behind.

Li Luo quickly steadied himself before he looked at his foes with a solemn expression.

There were five people dressed in the robes of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect standing between him and the stone cup. They were utterly quiet and expressionless, just like the ones he had come across outside. However, these disciples were slightly weaker, probably around the one-pearl tier.

Li Luo was fully confident he could be each of them individually. However, things were a little more troublesome with five of them working together.

"Is this a protection mechanism for the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew?" Li Luo muttered to himself. This appeared to be some kind of defense or trial set up by the Sacred Void Resonance Sect, and it would activate as soon as anyone touched the stone cup.

When the five disciples appeared, their gazes locked onto Li Luo immediately. In the next moment, their resonant power surged up like a storm and they attacked him again.

"I can't let this drag on for too long. Otherwise, other people will come," Li Luo thought to himself. The starry veil had already been torn by Li Lingjing and Qin Ying earlier, so it wouldn't be long until it was destroyed completely. At that time, a lot of rogue cultivators would rush in. Thus, he had to make full use of his time now to grab all the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew he could.

With this thought in mind, Li Luo formed hand seals with a single hand. The power of dual resonances filled with Vestiges of Spirituality flowed out of him like raging torrents.

"Pseudo Duke Art, Emerald Dragon Ent!"

The ground in front of Li Luo cracked open instantly, and a giant tree grew out of it. Its branches extended out and transformed into countless dragon ents that proceeded to charge towards the five disciples.

At the same time, Li Luo rushed towards two of the disciples.

"Thunderpeal Avatar, Three Sonic Pulse!

"Divine Elephant Power, Level Three!"

Despite the calm expression on his face, there was a thunderous howl coming from Li Luo's body. His right arm shook violently, the green veins beneath his skin twitching as he charged ahead with full force like a stubborn elephant.

Resonant power flowed out of his body relentlessly like a broken dam. There was no end to the power of his dual resonances as he swung his blade down on the two disciples.

Before his attack could land, the void in front of him tore open. The sound of a flowing river could be heard, and in the next moment, an impressive and lively black dragon floating along a black river flew out of the crack, its dazzling scales glinting with cold light.

Although Li Luo was still a Fiend Finisher, his Fiend Dipper Energy had already reached seven hundred feet. And this was before taking the Nine Orifices Dipper Smelting Pill. He could stretch his Fiend Dipper energy to nine hundred feet whenever he wanted, which would put him at the very end of the Fiend Finisher Tier.

Those with weaker foundations might have decided to give up cultivating their Fiend Dipper Energy long before reaching the same length and attempted to break into the Heavenly Pearl Tier already. Of course, this would result in a lower chance of success. Moreover, the quality of their Heavenly Pearl would not be too high even if they succeeded out of luck.

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Li Luo did not want to sacrifice his foundation in order to rush things. Therefore, he would only attempt to break into Heavenly Pearl Tier when his Fiend Dipper Energy reached its limit.

As a result, he had been holding onto his Nine Orifices Dipper Smelting Pill while he waited patiently for the moment to arrive.

Besides, Li Luo was comparable to a one-pearl with the advantage of his three resonant palaces.

Taking all these factors into account, how could an average one-pearl be able to handle his Greater Completion Underworld River's Black Dragon Banner?

The two closest disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect melted instantly after the howl of the black dragon, not given any chance to struggle at all.

He had eliminated two foes in a blink, and it had only taken one strike. On the other side, though, the three remaining foes had smashed the Emerald Dragon Ent into bits.

They pointed their fingers towards Li Luo and shot three flames towards him.

Li Luo froze immediately when he saw this. These flames looked similar to the flaming feathers from before—they surely had the special ability to burn up one's resonant power.

If he got hit by them, his resonant power would be greatly depleted.

Like a flash of lightning, Li Luo's mind spun as a new thought came to mind. "I wonder if I can use the Acquired Resonance Flame to counter these?"

He no longer hesitated. The ability to burn up one's resonant power was the most troublesome obstacle when fighting against the disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect. If he could find a way to handle it, his path forward would be much smoother.

Li Luo stretched out his palm, and the Acquired Resonance Flame materialized at the next moment.

It was a transparent flame that gradually rose up.

Just as Li Luo was about to counterattack with this transparent flame, a shocking scene unfolded in front of him.

All of a sudden, the three flames that were still a distance away disappeared.

"Eh?"

Li Luo couldn't help but react in surprise. When he lifted his head and looked at the three disciples of the Sacred Void Resonance Sect, he could sense that the resonant power within them was no longer surging. It had been suppressed completely.

The looks in their eyes had changed as well. Afterwards, they each formed a sign with one hand and placed it in front of their chests. To Li Luo's surprise, they slowly bowed before him.

This was a display of formality.

A sign of respect towards him.

The offensive attitude towards him from before had completely disappeared.

Li Luo was dumbfounded for a while before he looked down at the Acquired Resonance Flame in his palm again. It was only at this moment that he finally understood.

The Acquired Resonance Flame that he had cultivated was special even among those in the Sacred Void Resonance Sect. It seemed like... this was something that represented one's status?

Chapter 0968: Lantern Bearer

The hall that was just raging with wild energy a moment ago fell into silence. If not for the debris that remained on the ground, Li Luo might have thought that he had been hallucinating the entire time.

The three remaining disciples stood quietly on the stone platform, showing no further signs of hostility.

Li Luo was filled with mixed feelings. A few moments later, he slowly walked towards the stone platform. He then stretched out his hand, the small Acquired Resonance Flame still hovering on his palm.

The dragon sigil between his eyebrows was still glowing, his body was still tense, and his resonant power was still activated. He dared not let his guard down for even a moment.

Maintaining constant vigilance, he approached the stone platform once again. The disciples did not stop him this time.

Li Luo was able to reach the stone cup successfully.

With a wave of his sleeves, the Spirit Resonance Golden Dew inside it floated into the air. Not wasting a single second more, he took out his jade bottle and collected the dew.

The process was so smooth that it was almost unbelievable. The three guardians stood on the side, showing no intention to obstruct him at all.

Li Luo was pleasantly surprised as he studied that Acquired Resonance Flame on his palm.

Based on the reactions of the disciples, it was clear that not every member of the sect was allowed to cultivate the Acquired Resonance Flame. One required at least a respectable rank within the Sacred Void Resonance Sect to be allowed to do so.

In addition, these disciples were just replicas. They did not have the mind and awareness of real people. Hence, they had determined that Li Luo was a respected individual from the Sacred Void Resonance Sect and stopped their attacks immediately.

Li Luo then tried to control the disciples using his Acquired Resonance Flame. However, they did not show any reaction despite his numerous attempts, so he had to give up on this idea.

"Forget it. It's already good enough that I can avoid getting attacked," Li Luo commented with a laugh. He did not hang around any longer and walked back onto the silent pathway, following along it in search of further clues.

Although ten droplets of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew was not a small amount, it was still insufficient for him. He had to continue searching for more.

In the next hour, Li Luo managed to find quite a few more cups. However, some of them had already been shattered and there was no Spirit Resonance Golden Dew to be found. As a result, he only managed to get a few dozen droplets of dew on his subsequent search.

As time continued ticking by, Li Luo began to sense movement coming from behind him. It was clear that others had entered the gilded hall too.

There were quite a few strong undulations of resonant power as well. However, he was not sure if this was due to fights among the rogue cultivators themselves or if they were fighting against the Sacred Void Resonance Sect's disciples.

"I have to hurry up," Li Luo muttered to himself.

Although the gilded hall was vast, there would be fewer droplets of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew left for him as more rogue cultivators entered. He had to ensure that a sufficient amount was obtained for himself before these people appeared for a slice of the pie.

With that in mind, lightning crackled beneath Li Luo's feet and he zoomed into the distance ahead.

As he traveled deeper in, he suddenly began to sweat profusely. The dragon sigil between his eyebrows also began to hurt.

Li Luo stopped in his tracks immediately. He knew that this was a signal from his body that there was a life-threatening presence somewhere nearby.

Li Luo scanned his surroundings with a serious look on his face. His fingers were placed on the crimson bracelet containing the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf.

Given that the Spiritual Resonance Cave had a cultivation level restriction, he would not dare to use the power of the wolf unless he absolutely had to. He was afraid this would cause an abrupt and unexpected effect in the space around him. However, he would disregard the rules if he was truly thrown into a life-or-death situation. Additionally, there should not be too much of a commotion if he only tapped into part of the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf's power.

As soon as he entered a state of high alert, Li Luo heard faint footsteps coming from the end of the pathway shrouded in mist. The steps sounded light, but he could not tell who or what it was exactly.

He stared without batting an eyelid.

A few moments later, someone emerged from the faint mist. It was the figure of a human, but he was somewhat illusory. Clearly, this was not an actual man.

He was wearing the familiar Sacred Void Resonance Sect robes. However, his robes contained golden threads and were clearly more elaborate and delicately designed than those of the previous disciples.

"Another energy replica from the Sacred Void Resonance Sect?" Li Luo thought to himself. He could not understand why this energy replica was wandering aimlessly around here though.

As Li Luo looked at him anxiously, he noticed that the illusory replica was holding onto a bronze oil lamp. However, there was no flame.

The replica tightly grabbed onto the bronze oil lamp and said, his hollow voice echoing in the air, "The flame has died out. The flame has died out..."

Li Luo swallowed his saliva as he listened to the eerie echo. He did not dare to make any hasty moves before he figured out what exactly was going on with this replica. The last thing he wanted was to trigger any defensive mechanisms and end up in a battle.

As such, Li Luo stood on the same spot without moving a single step. He opened his eyes widely and observed the mysterious replica floating closer to him on the pathway before disappearing into the distance again.

"Phew."

Li Luo finally heaved a sigh of relief as he saw the lantern bearer disappear from his sight. "Was he referring to the flame in the lantern in his hand?"

"What'll happen if I help him light the lantern again?"

“However, there’s no way an ordinary flame would work...”

As Li Luo thought about this, his expression suddenly changed. “Could it be the Acquired Resonance Flame? “

Nonetheless, Li Luo kept this thought in his mind and did not dwell on it any further. It would not be wise to approach that man recklessly. He could give it a try after he had collected enough Spirit Resonance Golden Dew.

For now, it was better to wait.

With that in mind, Li Luo did not hang around any longer and continued down the pathway, this time in the opposite direction from where the lantern bearer had disappeared to.

After a few dozen minutes, Li Luo paused in his tracks once again. A hall with a concealed gate had appeared right beside him.

He could sense strong and condensed energy waves undulating from it.

Li Luo was hit with extreme excitement and moved towards it immediately. He paused at a spot several feet away from the gate and glanced inside. His eyes burned with excitement from what he witnessed. The courtyard behind the gate was far larger than the locations he had seen previously. The stone cup that stood in the center was overflowing with golden light. It seemed like there was quite a lot of Spirit Resonance Golden Dew inside it.

"Finally." Li Luo prepared to head towards it, controlling his surprise.

Just as he was about to push open the gate, water materialized in front of him. It expanded to form a veil, covering up the entrance completely.

Li Luo frowned at the sudden development. He slowly turned around.

There was a charming fairy not far behind him, walking towards him with light steps. Her long hair hung down her slender waist like a smooth waterfall, and her beautiful eyes reflected the world like a crystal-clear mirror.

"Fairy Qin, you sure are fast," Li Luo said with a smile.

He pointed to the hall at his back and continued, "Everyone gets a share. If you are interested, we can discuss how to split it."

Qin Yi looked back at Li Luo with her pretty eyes. Her red lips pouted a little as she replied with a slight smile, "If I say I want to have it all, would you be willing to give in, Dragon's Head Li Luo?"

Hearing this, Li Luo sighed helplessly.

As expected, it was impossible for Qin Yi and him to cooperate peacefully. The enmity from their previous generation was far too great. They were destined to be foes rather than friends.

Previously, they had cooperated purely out of necessity. Now that Qin Yi had encountered him alone, she would surely think about acting against him.

Perhaps she wanted to find out just how strong Li Luo had gotten. However, if Li Luo's performance didn't meet her expectations...

The test would become a battle of life and death instantly.

Chapter 0969: Battling Qin Yi Again

When Qin Yi said those words, Li Luo knew that he could not avoid exchanging blows with her. Thus, he immediately unsheathed his Onyx-Elephant Blade, the mottled edge glistening with cold light.

"Although I exchanged blows with you at the Dragonbreath Pool, it was under special circumstances. I've never truly gotten a taste of how mighty your lower ninth-grade water resonance is. I'll finally get the long-awaited chance to find out today." Li Luo grinned, showing no sign of fear.

There wasn't much of a conflict between the two in particular, but their parents were filled with enmity for each other. And the feelings of hostility had been passed down.

Qin Yi was obedient to her mother, so she could never have a cordial relationship with Li Luo. Additionally, Qin Lian had commanded Qin Yi to find the opportunity to beat Li Luo into the dirt so she could let everyone in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent know that her bloodline was superior to Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan's.

Even though Li Luo didn't want to have a bad relationship with Qin Yi, Qin Lian wanted to use him as a vehicle for her wrath towards his parents. As someone with a backbone, he couldn't simply retreat and let her have her way.

Otherwise, when Jiang Qing'e arrived at the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent and found out that he had been suppressed by her masters' enemy, the first one to receive a beating would very likely be him! Then she would go and deal with Qin Yi. Jiang Qing'e held utmost respect for his parents and would not tolerate any sort of insult towards them. Plus, they were using that conflict as a means to suppress Li Luo too.

Thus, if he wanted to keep his head held high before Jiang Qing'e, he knew he could lose to anyone but Qin Yi.

Otherwise, his position in the family would plummet into the depths! At that time, even his mother might look at him with disdain. He could already imagine the words coming out of her mouth. "Such a worthless son. You might as well just leave the family!"

At this point, Li Luo felt a chill run down his back.

When he looked into Qin Yi's eyes, he gained a renewed sense of conviction and cruelty. In order to protect his esteemed position within his family, he would have to bear the pain and go through with it.

When Qin Yi noticed the change in Li Luo's gaze, she felt like he was acting a little strange. No one could possibly imagine the complicated threads of logic in Li Luo's heart and how quickly he had come to a decision.

However, she didn't mind this at all.

As the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing's most outstanding youth, she possessed unparalleled self-confidence. She was not afraid of anyone in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent.

Whether it was Zhao Shenjiang from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao or the Heavenly Origin Ancient College's Jiang Wanyu.

Although Li Luo had only spent a short time in the lineage and had experienced a frighteningly rapid growth, she had belief that she could accomplish the task her mother had given her.

No matter how many tricks Li Luo had up his sleeve, he was still in the Fiend Finisher Tier, while Qin Yi had two-pearl strength. And Li Luo wasn't the only one that could beat people at a higher cultivation level.

Qin Yi's beautiful face glinted with scintillating, white light, complimenting her ethereal, fairy-like appearance. With a wave of her jade-like hand, two Heavenly Pearls manifested behind her.

The pearls were azure in color, bright, and dazzling. Their mere presence caused the world around them to turn moist as all the water-affiliated worldly natural energy surged forth. In a blink, it was like a river of water had manifested behind her.

Additionally, her dress had been covered in a layer of water that flowed and turned into waves.

This was her Soul Ascension-grade body-tempering Duke Art, Invincible Water Jade Armour.

Qin Yi seemed delicate, but the truth about her physical body was that it was even stronger than Li Luo's Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body by an entire level.

Li Luo squinted a little as he could feel a hint of danger emanating from her body. Strictly speaking, the aura she gave off was even stronger than the energy replica of Li Taixuan!

Bang!

Li Luo's three resonant palaces immediately got to work. Waves of resonant power began to flow ceaselessly, taking the form of dual resonance power and emanating from his body.

The majestic dual resonance power was interlaced with Vestiges of Spirituality, which gave a form of sentience to his energy.

"Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body! Thunderpeal Avatar, Four Sonic Pulses!" Li Luo activated all of his enhancements instantly, and thunderous booms could be heard coming from his body. Savage energy filled every inch and crevice of his flesh and blood, overflowing into the space around him.

When the Thunderpeal Avatar let out four booms, Li Luo knew that he had reached his limit.

Feeling the explosive strength that was hidden within his lean muscles, he suddenly took a step forward, crushing the tiles beneath his foot. He then dashed towards Qin Yi like a bolt of lightning, creating a thunderclap as a result of his sudden acceleration.

He grasped his blade with both hands and hacked downwards emotionlessly.

"Divine Elephant Power, Level Three!" A brutal slash that tore the void in its path arced downwards with such speed that one could only see the trail it left in its wake. It was fierce and savage. A weaker two-pearl expert might not be able to take such a blow.

However, Qin Yi's eyes remained as clear as a still lake despite being faced with such a move. She pointed her finger, and the void rippled with waves. A brief moment later, a water mirror engraved with numerous mystical runes formed before her.

The mirror rippled vigorously, and immediately after, a berserk blade strike lashed forth from it, leaving a trail of blade light in its wake. It looked exactly like the slash Li Luo had just executed.

Qin Yi had clearly replicated Li Luo's attack.

This was the most commonly used method among water resonance users—they would reflect the enemy's attack using water as a mirror. And Qin Yi's lower ninth-grade water resonance possessed exceptionally pure water resonant power, so the reflected attack was nearly identical to the original in terms of strength.

Bang!

The two strikes clashed, and blade energy raged in every direction, riddling the ground with gashes in an instant.

However, a replica was ultimately just that. It could not surpass the original in strength, so a few breaths later, Li Luo's strike shattered the mirror image like a dried twig and struck the water mirror explosively.

The energy from the blade strike was absolutely overflowing, even injuring Qin Yi as a result.

Qin Yi then raised a single hand, and a faint, green light coalesced around it, causing her beautiful arm to seem as though it had transformed into green jade.

Duke Art: Starplucking Green Jade Hand. Qin Yi casually flicked her jade-colored fingers, and the air before her shuddered at this seemingly simple movement. The amount of power that was being displayed was truly shocking.

Clang! Clang!

Blade energy continuously clashed against her fingers, causing metallic ringing sounds to reverberate, and a shower of sparks accompanied each hit.

Regardless of how violent each strike was, the blade energy was unable to penetrate her defenses and was cleanly mitigated.

Li Luo's gaze turned serious as he could feel the shock coming from the rebounding of blade energy. They had barely exchanged blows in the Dragonbreath Pool, but it was clear now that Qin Yi had been holding back many of her other techniques.

Weng!

At this point, the void before Li Luo shattered and the manifestation of the green jade hand burst through the gap. It had dealt with the remnant blade energy and now mysteriously appeared before him

with an unexpected strike. As the hand descended, it directly reached out towards Li Luo's head, looking to pluck out his eyes!

This unexpected ambush was swift and left him with nowhere to run. As a result, the green jade hand manifestation directly pierced Li Luo's eyes.

However, no blood spewed forth! Li Luo's body turned illusory instead.

It was an afterimage.

Qin Yi's enchanting eyes narrowed slightly as she glanced around. Where Li Luo's body once was, there was now a puddle of residual water resonant power that had formed a reflection that took the place of his true body.

"Water resonant power..."? Her gaze trembled. She had almost forgotten that Li Luo had a water resonance too, and he seemed to be particularly adept at using it.

Additionally, she vaguely sensed that there was a trace of holiness within the water resonant power.

"Could it be light resonant energy?"

It was the combination of two kinds of resonant power that allowed his eighth-grade water resonance to create an illusion that was indistinguishable from reality.

"Didn't he only have three resonances?" A hint of surprise arose in Qin Yi's heart.

However, before she could contemplate further, Li Luo reappeared by her right like a ghost.

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He immediately struck down with his blade and tore the void in its wake.

The next moment, an overwhelmingly large and fearful black dragon soared out of the void accompanied by a stygian black river that emanated absolute coldness. It directly struck at her with tyrannic strength.

This Duke Art was something that Qin Yi had seen Li Luo demonstrate during the Dragonbreath Pool.

The only thing was that this time, the Duke Art simply seemed much more alive.

"Is it..."

"A Greater Completion Duke Art?" she mused to herself.

Li Luo's assault did not stop there. He flew backwards as the black dragon roared, and a bow that gave off an ancient air appeared in his hands in a blink.

Triple violet-eye treasured artifact: Heavenly Dragon's Sunchaser Bow!

Li Luo was not planning to spare any mercy.

He would ruthlessly destroy this gorgeous flower today.

Chapter 0970: Sunchasing Arrow

Roar!

The black dragon roared angrily as its massive claws smashed downwards. The void was showing traces of being completely destroyed just by its presence. Black water wreathed the dragon's claws, taking the shape of dusky runes.

The runes radiated an endless chill. If they were to hit someone's body, the victim's resonant power might very well be frozen before gradually eroding.

The Greater Completion Underworld River's Black Dragon Banner possessed a might that could not be underestimated.

A look of solemnity appeared on Qin Yi's alluring features. This Duke Art had yet to reach this realm when she fought against Li Luo in the Dragonbreath Pool—it seemed Li Luo had made frightening progress in the past few months. It was no wonder he had emerged victorious against Li Qingfeng for the Dragon's Head title. However, Li Luo was not the only one who had improved in this span of time.

As the most outstanding sapling of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing, Qin Yi's talent was not inferior to anyone.

She tapped her foot lightly and vanished backwards, creating distance between them. At the same time, her jade-like hands formed seals, and endless strands of light-blue threads made of water shot out of her fingertips. These streams of water had each been personally refined by her with ninth-grade water resonant power.

"Duke Art: Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter."

Qin Yi lightly dotted the air with her finger, and all of the streams immediately converged. Then they immediately began to spin until they took the shape of a dark-blue awn.[1]

Although it seemed gentle and harmless, it possessed terrifying penetrative capabilities that could drill through a mountain.

As it streaked across the ground, a seemingly bottomless trail was sliced open in its wake with an unusually smooth surface.

This was the Duke Art Qin Yi was most adept at. At this point, she had similarly cultivated it to the realm of Greater Completion.

When Qin Yi used her Duke Art, a faint illusion manifested behind her. It was her ninth-grade resonance's unique ability, a water spirit avatar.

A spirit avatar could bolster the strength of one's resonance arts and allow one's body to attune itself more closely with worldly natural energy.

The water spirit avatar's appearance caused the dark-blue water awn to become more responsive and agile. Worldly natural energy with water affinity continuously surged forth and bolstered the art even further.

With a simple motion, the awn shot forward explosively, viciously colliding with the black dragon's massive claws.

Weng!

Unexpectedly, the collision of the two arts didn't result in an earth-shaking boom. Instead, all of the terrifying energy that made up each attack was used to cancel out the other's might with frenetic frenzy.

Waves of energy continuously buffeted the surroundings, and even the stone lions and pavilions that dotted the area around them began to disintegrate.

As the two Duke Arts faced off, Qin Yi retracted her gaze. At this point, she could sense a swift and ferocious aura locking onto her.

She lifted her gaze and noticed that Li Luo was currently floating in the air with the aid of his energy wings. In his hand was a dragon-shaped bow that emanated a sense of ancientness.

The surrounding worldly natural energy was roused as he drew it, and it endlessly converged onto the bowstring.

An immense sense of danger arose in her heart.

"A triple violet-eye treasured artifact?!" Qin Yi could make out the three violet-eye marks on the body of the bow, and she felt her scalp turn numb. Not only was it a triple violet-eye treasured artifact, it was a weapon meant for slaughter! Li Luo was truly taking out all of his killing moves this time.

Before she could recover from her shock, the Dragon Sigil on his forehead shone with scintillating light. All nine dragon scales lit up as he shouted, "Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body, Nine Dragons' Might!"

Li Luo's body trembled, the blood within his body seemed to be boiling over as it took on a life of its own and roared! All of his inner meridians seemed to have transformed into rampaging dragons that exploded with terrifying strength.

Because the increase in strength was too much for his body to handle, his hands started to bleed from every pore.

Crunch!

The Heavenly Dragon's Sunchaser Bow was finally drawn with Li Luo's bolstered strength, and a storm of worldly natural energy started to congregate into the shape of a single arrow made of light.

Its brightness was overwhelming, and a majestic amount of energy circulated just above the tip. It looked as though a dragon made of light was hovering right above the arrow.

The skin of the fingers holding on the bowstring suddenly began to split open, causing blood to drip onto the ground below. Monstrous strength was required to use the bow, and his body was barely able to hold on.

Li Luo also understood now why Li Jingzhe had specifically mentioned he had to obtain the Nine Scales Sanctified Dragon's Body before he could give the bow to him. Without the Nine Dragons' Might, he would be completely incapable of drawing the bow.

The searing pain lancing through his fingers was ignored as he emotionlessly glanced at Qin Yi's enchanting body. Her country-toppling beauty would deter any tender-hearted male from trying to hurt her. It was a pity that Li Luo wasn't in that bucket.

Thus, when the light dragon arrow had fully formed, Li Luo released it from the bow without any hesitation.

At that very moment, a piercing sonic boom rumbled through the skies as a stream of light that seemed to be ignited with glorious flames shot outwards.

A dragon manifestation circled the arrow as it roared.

The projectile was dazzling beyond description, and it seemed to have the power to chase the very sun. It seemed to have sucked in the world around it, including the very air.

This was why it was known as the Sunchasing Arrow.

The single arrow's might far surpassed Li Luo's Greater Completion Underworld River's Black Dragon Banner in terms of tyranny and incisive penetrative ability.

The dragon-shaped arrow rapidly magnified in Qin Yi's eyes. Its sheer speed prevented any movement technique from evading it.

Qin Yi's absolutely alluring features turned solemn. At the same time, a subtle look of admiration appeared in her eyes. Li Luo was able to produce an arrow of such might despite being at the Fiend Finisher Tier. In a way, it demonstrated how amazingly talented he was.

Even a three-pearl rogue cultivator would likely be unable to block such an attack.

However, she was not a rogue cultivator.

She was the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing's most outstanding genius of the younger generation. Her cherry-red lips parted slightly and she lightly spat out a blue pearl made of light. It looked as though an entire ocean full of raging waves was contained within it.

The appearance of the pearl immediately caused changes in the environment. All the worldly natural energy with water affinities in the surroundings was aroused and surged towards the pearl.

This was the Boundless Heavy Ocean Pearl, a twin violet-eye treasured artifact.

The artifact itself was an entire boundless ocean full of heavy water refined into the pearl. It seemed harmless at first glance, but it possessed the sheer weight to crush even mountains!

Qin Yi flicked her finger, and the Boundless Heavy Ocean Pearl shot forward in a beam of blue light. As it flew, the space around it seemed to be unable to resist the sheer force of its acceleration, causing it to warp.

The pearl flew forward and instantly collided with the void-tearing arrow of light.

Bang!

Terrifying energy waves cascaded over the area like crashing tsunamis, and the void was torn apart whenever the waves of energy swept past.

Li Luo and Qin Yi were the first to physically experience the aftershocks. Even though they had already braced themselves, they were still shaken by the sheer force.

Their blood and energy roiled within their bodies.

The cataclysmic explosion and aftershocks lasted for several breaths. In the end, the blue light on the Boundless Heavy Ocean Pearl began to gradually fade.

The arrow of light had pierced through it, and a resonating ding was heard when it struck the pearl's body.

At the same time, the ocean contained within the pearl began to crash violently, partially destroying the dragon manifestation with the sheer impact.

The Boundless Heavy Ocean Pearl was sent flying backwards and was eventually caught by a slender hand. Qin Yi saw that there was a thin crack on the surface of the pearl now, and a look of distress could be seen in her alluring eyes.

Afterwards, she glanced at the arrow, which was still flying at her without any lessened momentum. However, the flames of light that wreathed it had diminished in intensity. She stretched out her hand as green light flowed across it, seemingly turning it into a piece of jade.

"Duke Art: Starplucking Green Jade Hand." She flicked her slender fingers, blocking the arrow directly, and the void instantly detonated due to the collision of the two forces. Qin Yi's delicate body trembled and fresh blood oozed from her fingers, combining with the green light and turning her hand jasper in color.

However, the Sunchasing Arrow was finally at the end of its flight, its energy completely consumed. It then exploded into a spectacle of light motes that gradually dissipated into the air.

Still, the energy fluctuations continued to spread throughout the hall.

The ground they stood on was completely ruined.

Li Luo and Qin Yi then quietly confronted each other.

The previous exchange demonstrated that both parties were merciless. Only by doing this could they better understand the opponent's tricks.

Qin Yi was the first to break the silence. "Dragon's Head Li Luo, you are truly an exceptional individual. You're able to push me to such an extent with Fiend Finisher strength."

"You are extraordinary too. Even my bow was unable to faze you." Li Luo smiled slightly.

Qin Yi then calmly replied, "However, you're ultimately at the Fiend Finisher Tier. Even though you have triple resonances and significant reserves of resonant power, comparable to an average Heavenly Pearl Tier cultivator, it might be difficult for you to keep up in a battle of attrition."

Li Luo's expression was unchanged. Qin Yi's words weren't totally wrong, but she had misunderstood something. His triple resonances weren't that simple either. When it came to resonant power, he far surpassed what one would expect a triple resonance user to have.

"However... what is known about your triple resonances might just be scratching the tip of the iceberg." Qin Yi suddenly said whilst Li Luo was lost in his own thoughts.

She shot him an incomparably sharp look, a trace of amazement clearly visible in her eyes.

"Your resonant power doesn't just have three affinities. Perhaps all of them are split into a primary and secondary resonance?"