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Chapter 0831: Spiritual Water Mirror Palace

One Coiling Dragon Pillar after another protruded from the ground before him. They were each wrapped in a layer of clouds and mist, and one could see exactly six of them at a glance. Additionally, their colors were not the same. The ones that were outermost were bronze, followed by two that were slightly inner, which were silver. The last pillar, in the deepest area, stood alone, shining with golden light.

Looking at the six Coiling Dragon Pillars, the group felt their gazes heat up in excitement.

Li Luo was similarly motivated. His gaze swept across the field, and he noticed that eight individuals had made it in.

Li Qingfeng, Li Hongli, Deng Fengxian, and Lu Qingmei were obviously in. Li Kun, who was the Glass Bone Banner's Banner Leader, and Li Senyan of Thunder Horn Banner had made it as well.

Additionally, there was also Qin Yi.

With himself included, that made eight.

However, the isolation area had yet to close off, and there was no guarantee that no one else would arrive.

There were at least eight individuals with six Coiling Dragon Pillars. Although it seemed as though the competition was not as intense, Li Luo understood that the other seven were the top Banner Leaders and he was the weakest amongst them all.

The good thing was that his aim was just a Bronze Dragon Pillar, whereas the strongest individuals such as Li Qingfeng and Qin Yi would contest for the Golden Dragon Pillar.

Just as Li Luo had these thoughts in mind, the rest could no longer hold themselves back, and they shot out directly towards the six Coiling Dragon Pillars.

Li Luo maintained his position at the back of the pack, uninterested in fighting for glory.

However, once the group entered the vicinity of the Coiling Dragon Pillars, some strange occurrences arose.

Firstly, a blue wave of water quickly spread from the front of the pillars, rippling outwards and forming a screen.

A frightening pressure emanated from the ripples.

After which, the next development caused Li Qingfeng and the rest of the front pack to immediately decrease their speed.

Li Qingfeng was the first to react. He waved his sleeves, causing majestic amounts of resonant power to surge out, forming a manifestation of a green dragon. This dragon manifestation gave a draconic roar, immediately swallowing up endless amounts of worldly natural energy before directly colliding with the ripples of water.

Boom!

Berserk energy blasted out in every direction, and everyone hurriedly circulated their own resonant power to form a barrier.

Even Li Luo's eyes shrank. Li Qingfeng's casual move was nothing out of the ordinary. The strength he had demonstrated could definitely be compared to that of an upper first-grade Duke.

Li Luo then observed the green dragon manifestation that was looming behind him.

Quasi ninth-grade Wind Dragon resonance. However, even though Li Qingfeng was the one who had acted, it was not enough to pierce through the layer of water. Instead, the curtain of water only oscillated violently. What surprised the rest was that a massive, blue hall as large as a mountain was reflected in the water curtain before them.

The hall was exceptionally wide, directly enveloping the six Coiling Dragon Pillars.

This development caused everyone to be slightly taken aback. Such a situation had never occurred within the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool in the past.

Li Luo's brows were furrowed. He could feel resonant power radiating from the massive, blue hall.

The hall was clearly not a test created by the dragonbreath pool, but by a person.

As he swept his gaze past the group, he noticed that Qin Yi had already vanished.

Li Qingfeng's expression changed. He seemed to have noticed something, so he lightly asked, "Lady Qin Yi, what are you trying to do?"

The rest, such as Li Hongli, were slightly shocked. This frightening water curtain was created by Qin Yi?

In their shocked stupor, several ripples condensed within the massive water hall, then Qin Yi's beautiful silhouette appeared.

She glanced at the group as she said in an apologetic tone, "I'm sorry, I'm here to ruin your party as an unwanted guest. This is the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace, a mystical formation created by my ninth-grade water resonance. If you wish to obtain any of the Coiling Dragon Pillars, you'll have to break through it. I, Qin Yi, boldly invite the talents from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li to come in and give it a try."

When her words rang out, the crowd's expressions changed. They had never expected that she would set down such a formation to disrupt them.

"Lady Qin Yi, are you planning to challenge all of us alone?" Li Qingfeng asked as he looked at her solemnly.

"I'm not challenging you. I merely want you to break through my formation." Qin Yi smiled wryly.

"Lady Qin Yi, you're being too arrogant, don't you think?" A low voice rang out. It was the Glass Bone Banner's Li Kun who was furiously glaring at Qin Yi.

Qin Yi seemed to be completely disregarding these Banner Leaders. Although she possessed a ninth-grade water resonance, Li Qingfeng still had a good chance of triumphing over her when it came to actual strength. Regardless, she was still a single individual and there were seven Banner Leaders present.

Additionally, she was not only utilizing the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace to obstruct them from obtaining the Coiling Dragon Pillars. Her actions would inevitably cause an uproar throughout the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent and result in this generation of geniuses to be mocked by the rest!

At the very least, this celebration would end with embarrassment of some sort.

Was this the reason why the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing had attended to begin with? Their motives were truly unfathomable.

The rest of the Banner Leaders were also deep in thought, and their expressions turned ugly, their gazes filled with fury.

Li Luo was similarly shocked by Qin Yi's wild and ambitious heart. He had never expected her to obstruct everyone, and his initial estimation was that she would merely exchange blows with Li Qingfeng over the Golden Dragon Pillar.

However, the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace was not as simple as it seemed. He could feel a distinct sense of danger emanating from it.

Could it be that this casual move would be able to prevent them from cooperating?

"Banner Leader Li Qingfeng, since her actions are so tyrannical, there is no need to give her any face. Let us join hands and destroy this pathetic formation," Li Senyan from the Thunder Horn Banner immediately suggested.

Li Qingfeng sighed deeply and then turned towards Qin Yi. "Lady Qin Yi, for the sake of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li's reputation, I will not hold back."

After which, he turned his gaze towards the other Banner Leaders. "Everyone, let us cooperate and see if this water curtain can truly hold us back."

He did not enter the water palace and destroy it from the inside as she had suggested. Who knew what secrets this formation possessed? And if they were to barge in casually, they might very well be falling for a trap.

He might have acted courteously towards her before this, but if he were to continue fawning over her in this situation, his reputation within the younger generation of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages might very well be trampled to pieces.

The rest of the Banner Leaders nodded. In an unknown situation, blindly entering the water palace was not a wise choice.

Thus, the group joined hands, and frightening undulations of energy surged out of them. The seven possessed first-grade Duke strength, so their cooperation could shake the heavens! The entire area trembled immensely, and even the white mist dissipated in the face of their sheer power.

Bang! Bang!

Several one-hundred-meter-tall torrents of energy pierced into the sky, emitting a terrifying sense of pressure.

A moment later, the energy torrents crashed into the water palace.

However, what caused everyone to be taken aback was that even in the face of everyone's combined efforts, the water palace merely rippled slightly before reverting to a state of calm.

"How...?" Everyone's gazes shrank and looks of astonishment appeared in their eyes. How could the water palace created by Qin Yi withstand the sheer might of so many Dukes without even so much as a sound?

Li Luo's expression also turned heavy. Since she had dared to obstruct all of the Banner Leaders of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages, she clearly had some skill.

The water palace was indeed as mystical as he had imagined.

Qin Yi's gentle voice was transmitted to them. "Everyone, as I previously said, if you wish to break this formation, you'll have to do it from the inside. If you wish to destroy it from the outside, although it's not impossible, it will require a significant amount of time. From what I understand, the amount of time the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool can remain open is limited. If you want to turn it into a battle of attrition and forcefully break through, your opportunities here may very well evaporate from your grasp."

This caused the group to fall into a deep silence.

In the end, Li Qingfeng sighed once again. "Since this is the case, I will have to do as Lady Qin Yi suggests."

Qin Yi smirked, and her figure within the water palace vanished. At the same time, the doors to the water palace rumbled and then gradually opened.

"Everyone, no matter how mysterious the water palace might seem, she is merely one individual. Once we enter, we should first cooperate and break the formation before we do anything else," Li Qingfeng said to the rest. At this point in time, even Li Luo nodded in agreement. No matter the final result of the Coiling Dragon Pillars, this was the most important situation at hand. It would be best to get rid of Qin Yi before anything else, or they would tarnish the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages' reputation.

Li Luo could imagine just how ugly the expressions on the elders' faces were at the moment.

Having come to a consensus, the group no longer hesitated. Figures flashed forward and streams of light pierced through the void, directly rushing into the humongous water palace.

Chapter 0832: Replica

After Li Qingfeng, Li Luo, and the other Banner Leaders entered the water palace, the atmosphere in the viewing platform outside the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool changed.

Although the faces of the guests remained largely unfazed, there were many gazes thrown towards Qin Zhiming and Qin Lian from time to time.

At times, they would also look towards the five Lineage Chiefs from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li. Nonetheless, the five chiefs were unfathomable. There was neither joy nor anger seen on their faces. On the other hand, the elders below the five chiefs were showing slight signs of frustration as they watched on.

No one had expected Qin Yi to act in such a domineering manner.

If she had gone straight for the Golden Dragon Pillar, they would have understood why. However, she had not. Instead, she had created this nonsensical water palace that enveloped all six Coiling Dragon Pillars. She was clearly not leaving any face for the younger generation of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages and challenging them to an outright showdown here. Furthermore, she was declaring such a fight with all the Banner Leaders with just her strength alone.

Qin Yi would not come out looking like a loser no matter how one looked at it. After all, no one would say that she was too proud even if she was defeated, as she was facing off against the best of the best in this generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li. Rather, they would praise her for her courageous attempt.

On the other hand, if Li Qingfeng and the other Banner Leaders were unable to conquer this Spiritual Water Mirror Palace of hers, that would spell great trouble for them.

Everyone in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent would laugh at this generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li once the news got out. How could they all be stopped by a single girl like Qin Yi in the dragonbreath pool to the extent that they did not even get to touch a Coiling Dragon Pillar?

Such a ridiculous result would surely nail all the youths involved onto the pillar of shame.

Despite her beautiful appearance, Qin Yi was truly ruthless when she struck. Of course, this could have been instructions from her mother.

After all, such an oppressive approach to things was totally Qin Lian's style.

As the guests watched on with strange looks on their faces, the Hall Master of the Dragon's Fang Lineage's Crimson Cloud Hall, Li Jinpan, laughed out coldly. "A good banquet ruined by a malicious guest."

The five Lineage Chiefs naturally did not comment, as they were of a special status. However, the elders below them, especially those who were already dissatisfied with Qin Lian, could not help but reveal their frustrations on their faces.

In response, Qin Lian merely cast a glance at Li Jinpan as she replied indifferently, "It's just an exchange between the juniors, so there is no need to be so uptight, right? What's more, my girl is just a mere lady facing off against all these Banner Leaders from your respectable bloodline. Surely you aren't worried that all these people can't clear the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace from my daughter, right? If that is really the case, I think you should thank me instead. I have revealed the flawed foundations of these little guys, and you can train them better in the future."

When the elders of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages heard this, they were infuriated. Their faces were bursting with rage, but they had to keep it contained in respect for the special occasion.

Meanwhile, Qin Zhiming's eyes drooped slightly as if he was falling asleep.

However, everyone knew this was just an act by him. How would Qin Lian dare to rebut in this manner without his permission?

Moreover, the five Lineage Chiefs of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li had not mentioned anything. They simply looked into the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool with gazes that pierced the thick mist.

Since things had already developed to such an extent, it was useless to criticize Qin Lian any further. She was clearly out to get revenge for the matter that happened years ago. However, she was smart enough to keep it within the younger generation and not escalate things any further.

As such, not even the five Lineage Chiefs would forcefully stop the battle in the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool now. After all, they had so many people from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li against one Qin Yi. If news got out that they did not dare to accept the challenge despite their perceived advantage, it would be even more damaging to their reputation.

Therefore, they could only let the younger generation sort this out now.

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When Li Qingfeng stepped into the water palace, he immediately noticed his surroundings change. He seemed to have appeared in a wide, spacious, and crystal-clear square that was dazzling, with light reflecting everywhere.

He frowned a little when he noticed that Lu Qingmei and the others were no longer around even though they had entered. Without a doubt, the palace was intentionally splitting them up.

"Want to take us down one by one?" Li Qingfeng said to himself. The water palace was special, because it created a world space that separated the people that had entered.

However, was Qin Yi thinking of trapping them here with just this?

At this moment, Li Qingfeng stretched out both of his hands, and resonant power gathered in his palms. Two swords appeared in his hands and a majestic and tyrannical force surged in his body. All of a sudden, the crystal-clear square started to tremble slightly.

When Li Qingfeng waved his blades, two blade lights that seemed to resemble a dragon flew towards some crystal pillars in the clear square.

Boom!

The void twisted and trembled under the immense force of the slashes. However, the crystal pillars were not shattered by the domineering attacks. Rather, countless rays of lights shot out from the pillars.

There was a slow, howling roar across the sky, and the rays of light converged in front of Li Qingfeng.

After a few moments, the lights condensed and a figure emerged in front of him.

Li Qingfeng squinted when he saw the figure that had emerged. This figure looked exactly like him! It was another Li Qingfeng!

Li Qingfeng was taken aback and frowned at this sight. "Is this the Duke Art Replicating Water Mirror Art?" he muttered to himself.

He had heard that this water type Duke Art was able to mimic one's appearance and attacks. Furthermore, the copied product contained a portion of the real one's strength.

Nonetheless, did Qin Yi think that such a pathetic copy was sufficient to hold them down?

A blue light flashed across Li Qingfeng's eyes. He stepped forward, accompanied by the whizzing whistle of the wind. In the next moment, he appeared in front of his clone like a teleporting ghost. He then slashed apart the void with a single strike with the wildly raging wind blades on his arm, intending to separate the clone's head from its body.

Just as Li Qingfeng's blades were about to strike the clone, similar blade lights from the clone came forth to intercept, and they clashed directly.

Clang!

The crisp sound of gold and iron sounded in the air. Sparks flew, the void vibrated, and the sound of a sonic boom rolled.

Li Qingfeng could not help but squint again at this moment.

He now realized that the clone in front of him was no weaker than himself.

He had not gained any advantage at all in the previous exchange.

"How could this be..."

Li Qingfeng's heart trembled while his pupils reflected the extremely familiar face in front of him. How could this clone from Qin Yi have the same power as the real him?!

At the same moment, the other Banner Leaders that had stepped into the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace had come to face the same problem as Li Qingfeng.

They were all matched up against a clone of themselves that had similar strength as them.

All of a sudden, the Banner Leaders were thrown into an intense fight with themselves.

All except Li Luo.

In the same crystal-clear square, Li Luo was strolling around, studying the crystal pillars in the surrounding area. He pondered over the many light rays that were reflected in the square, but he had not launched an attack immediately like the other Banner Leaders.

After all, he was familiar with such a method.

"What a delicate display of water resonant power."

After observing for a while, Li Luo couldn't help but sigh. Among the six primary and secondary resonances in him, if there was one he had a particularly deep familiarity of, it would surely be the water resonance.

After all, that was his first acquired resonance. He had conquered all the challenges and entered the Astral Sage College all thanks to his waterlight resonance.

"Miss Qin Yi, your Spiritual Water Mirror Palace must have been constructed with water resonant power and a special formation, right? If I am not wrong, this must possess reflection and copying abilities. If anyone tries to break through it forcefully with resonant power, it will copy that person's resonant power. If you possessed such confidence in holding down all the Banner Leaders with this, I believe this ability must have been enhanced to a very high level with the assistance of the special formation, right?"

Li Luo's low voice echoed in the vast, empty square.

He continued as a smile surfaced on his face, "Mimicry created through water resonant power is strong if the opponent is strong. Weak if the opponent is weak. Non-existent if the opponent does not move. Therefore..."

Without summoning any resonant power within him, Li Luo sat down cross-legged in his original spot as he watched a crystal pillar in front of him with a bright smile.

"How are you planning to deal with me?"

Silence followed in the crystal-clear square as there was no movement for a while.

At the same time, there was no sign of any clone of Li Luo either.

Seeing this, Li Luo smiled even wider.

"Sigh."

At this moment, a soft sigh echoed in the square. Following this, Li Luo noticed a charming figure appear in the crystal pillar in front of him, and she slowly walked out.

After a few breaths, she materialized in the flesh as if fiction had turned into reality.

The brilliance in Qin Yi's charming eyes glowed and her beautiful, jade face was even prettier under the dazzling reflection of the crystal. She lightly pursed her petal-like, red lips and said with a voice as clear as a stream, "How insightful, Banner Leader Li Luo. You really don't look like someone who has spent a lot of time in an outer divine continent. However, since it is impossible to create a copy using you as a template, then..." She smiled sweetly with a still indifference in her clear eyes.

"Let me send you out personally."

Chapter 0833: Battle against Qin Yi

As soon as Qin Yi finished her sentence, a huge amount of resonant power surged within her and then an azure wave of power appeared behind her like a gigantic tsunami. As the wave raged, the void around her trembled and a low roar could be heard. The dominant presence from the energy waves dispersed in all directions like tidal waves.

When Li Luo sensed her energy waves, his face turned serious. He had managed to reach the power of a lower first-grade Duke thanks to using Harmony with the Green Nether Banner. Qin Yi, however, was as strong as an upper first-grade Duke.

Moreover, she was a truly top-tier expert amongst upper first-grades. After all, she was the kind of talent who could defeat opponents at higher stages than her thanks to her exceptional talent. Li Luo had a feeling that she would not lose out even if she were to encounter a real upper first-grade Duke when she had the assistance of the Fire Lotus Camp.

Furthermore, he could faintly sense that this was not her limit.

She was about as strong as Li Qingfeng based on the energy waves being sent out. However, Li Luo could clearly sense that Qin Yi was a level above him.

"Did she separate her powers in order to maintain this water palace and trap the other Banner Leaders?" Li Luo pondered for a moment and finally understood. Ultimately, this was no ordinary water palace. In order to keep all the highly talented Banner Leaders like Li Qingfeng here, Qin Yi must have spent a great deal of energy to keep this art up.

Nonetheless, the fact that she could remain so powerful even while she was maintaining the palace meant that Qin Yi was undoubtedly the strongest opponent that Li Luo had come to face in his generation to date.

Li Luo stretched out his hands at this moment and grabbed his Golden-Jade Onyx-Elephant Blade.

Divine Elephant Power Level Three!

The mottled and simple blade vibrated, and enormous force flowed into his arm like ancient elephants rampaging. The flesh and blood of Li Luo's arm expanded violently and his skin began to tear.

Thunderpeal Avatar, Two Sonic Pulses!

A thunderclap could be heard from the lightning forge near his heart. It echoed throughout his body, then his flesh started to vibrate. At this moment, his flesh and blood seemed to ignite and his physical body was rapidly strengthened.

Li Luo would not let his guard down against a strong opponent like Qin Yi. He had utilized his entire arsenal right from the start.

Nine Revolutions Art, Heavenly Dragon Lightning Breath!

He launched his attack without any hesitation, utilizing a Nine Revolutions Art right from the start.

Roar!

A dragon roar echoed in the square, and a huge dragon manifestation emerged behind Li Luo. It opened its maw, and the roaring thunder and lightning within it shot straight towards Qin Yi in a destructive blast.

"This must be a Nine Revolutions Art of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages. Pretty impressive, especially with the combined power of Harmony from your banner," Qin Yi said as she watched on with

eyes clear and calm like a serene lake. She had shown no signs of shock or fear amidst the devastating attack launched by Li Luo. Instead, she watched the lightning dragonbreath charge towards her with great interest.

She extended her jade-like hands, and enormous amounts of energy gathered in front of her, condensing rapidly into an oddly shaped flower.

"Let me show you a secret art from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing too, Banner Leader Li Luo."

With a flick of her slender fingers, the gorgeous flower of energy flew out. In the air, it rapidly expanded into hundreds of meters in width with petals that were both delicate and graceful.

Secret art: Spirit Devouring Flower.

Bang!

The lightning dragonbreath aggressively clashed with the graceful flower condensed from energy, creating deafening lightning booms that resounded throughout the crystal-clear square.

Li Luo watched the collision in surprise. Despite its delicate appearance, the flower of energy did not disintegrate under the brutal assault of the lightning dragonbreath. Rather, it was rapidly losing its power as it was grinded away by the dancing petals.

Gradually, lightning energy started to surface on the front of the energy flower.

It was as if the lightning dragonbreath had been absorbed by it.

After a few breaths, the lightning dragonbreath was completely gone. All that was left was the flower with lightning energy crackling atop its surface.

Qin Yi smiled slightly at this, and the flower expanded. In the next moment, it exploded with a deafening, thunderous boom.

The fallen petals that were filled with wild lightning energy flew directly towards Li Luo.

Li Luo frowned upon this sight, and lightning flashes appeared beneath his feet.

Thunderbolt Art!

In a flash, Li Luo disappeared from his original spot and appeared behind Qin Yi. With a tight grip on the Onyx-Elephant Blade, his dual resonance power surged within his weapon as he slashed down.

Like a spiritual being, there were Vestiges of Spirituality imbued within the huge power of his dual resonances.

Dual resonances third realm: Sentience. Vestiges of Spirituality!

The slash was filled with not just the Vestiges of Spirituality from his dual resonances, but also the power of his Thunderpeal Avatar and Divine Elephant Power. It was a terrifying force to be reckoned with.

When the blade light flashed toward its target, the void was torn apart with a piercingly sharp ringing sound.

The blade light slashed across Qin Yi's slender waist, showing that Li Luo had no intention to hold back for this beauty.

Clearly, Qin Yi did not need any such mercy.

In response to the sudden attack, a mysterious shadow that looked just like her emerged behind her back.

This was a spirit avatar, something that was only available to those with ninth-grade resonances! The emergence of a spirit avatar would greatly enhance one's sensitivity and affinity with worldly natural energy. At the same time, it would greatly boost the effect of any skills casted.

Li Luo had seen Jiang Qing'e use it in the past.

The only difference was that Jiang Qing'e's was a light spirit avatar, while Qin Yi's was a water spirit avatar.

With the appearance of the water spirit avatar, water-attribute worldly natural energy gathered behind her at a crazy speed and quickly condensed into a water veil.

The water veil appeared paper thin, but it was immensely dense and heavy, meaning it had extremely strong defensive power.

When the light of the blade swept down, it clashed directly with the water veil.

Nearly half of the water veil was instantly torn apart by the slash.

There was a hint of surprise within Qin Yi's calm eyes. It seemed like Li Luo's attack contained much more power than she had originally imagined.

Her heavy water veil was created with her ninth-grade water resonance. Under normal circumstances, one would need to expend a great amount of energy in order to break it apart.

However, it seemed like Li Luo had totally negated her ninth-grade resonant power.

"Dual resonant power with the Vestiges of Spirituality?"

Qin Yi immediately sensed the difference coming from Li Luo's slash. Her experiences and knowledge were extraordinary, so she instantly understood the strange strength Li Luo had just displayed. There was a kind of magical power in it that eroded the ninth-grade resonant power in her water veil.

However, she was not unfamiliar with it, as she had seen her senior, Chu Qing, use it too.

The third realm of dual resonances.

"So Li Luo managed to cultivate his dual resonances to such a high level? He is truly gifted."

As these thoughts flashed across her mind, her beautiful, charming face remained unfazed and composed. Although it was surprising that Li Luo had managed to attain the third realm in the power of dual resonances, she currently possessed the power of an upper first-grade Duke, so she had no need to worry about someone weaker than herself like Li Luo.

Under the guidance of Qin Yi's jade-like fingers, the heavy water veil folded into a thin, dark-blue mantle with mysterious, glowing light patterns.

Although thin, the mantle wrapped around the blade light like soft, caressing fingers and rapidly eroded the attack.

The flexibility and ever-changing characteristics of the water resonance were simply superb in Qin Yi's delicate hands.

Li Luo's attack could no longer cut through her defense. However, his expression did not change. After all, it was unrealistic to expect to defeat someone like Qin Yi so easily.

There was a huge gap between the their strength ultimately.

It seemed like there was no way he could hold anything back in this battle.

With a glint in his eyes, Li Luo lightened his grip on the Golden-Jade Onyx-Elephant Blade and started forming hand seals with one hand. Then his resonant power surged towards him in an immense torrent.

The purpose of his surprise attack was just to test her strength.

Nine Revolutions secret art: Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment!

His gaze turned abstruse at this moment. All of a sudden, there was an ancient and wild dragon chant resounding from his body.

At the same time, a mysterious aura rose from behind Li Luo. Gradually, a huge silhouette materialized.

The silhouette entangled windingly and exuded an extremely ancient and terrifying dragonfear.

This dragonfear would pierce all defenses and go straight to the deepest part of anyone's heart.

As such, even Qin Yi's water mantle was ineffective at this moment. The might of the Heavenly Dragon struck straight at her soul, and her usually composed heart experienced a shock momentarily.

Finally, Li Luo decided that it was time to show off his second Nine Revolutions Art.

After using Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment, he could feel his mental state strengthening. This did not increase his resonant power directly, but it gave him greater confidence and allowed him to control himself better.

Moreover, Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment could enhance his other resonance arts that possessed a dragon attribute.

With his confidence at an all time high, he completed his hand seal with one hand, and more resonant power surged within him.

His fingertips directly slid across the void in front of him. Immediately after, a crack tore apart the void, and the sound of flowing water could be heard.

In the next moment, dark and cold water gushed out of it. At the same instant, a huge, black dragon pierced through the void and came out of the black river water roaring. Without any hesitation, it flew directly towards Qin Yi and attacked.

The black dragon's furious proclamation demonstrated its overwhelming presence that was more ferocious and aggressive than ever before.

Evidently, the boost from Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment could not be underestimated.

When the black dragon charged out from the black river for the kill, even the usually calm Qin Yi felt a sense of danger deep within her this time.

For the first time, she finally felt threatened by Li Luo's attack.

Chapter 0834: Invincible Water Jade Armor

Roar!

Engulfed in ice-cold torrents of black water, the black dragon roared with a domineering, sharp cry that shattered even the surrounding void.

For a moment, the whole crystal square was shaking violently.

This was considered the highest level attack that Li Luo could manage with his current power. Not only had he summoned Divine Elephant Power and the Thunderpeal Avatar, he had also utilized the third realm of his dual resonance power together with Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment, a Nine Revolutions Art.

With the boost from Heavenly Dragon Resonance Enlightenment, this Underworld River's Black Dragon Banner was much stronger than any of his previous ones.

Even though he was still only as strong as a lower first-grade Duke, he was confident that all these boosts would allow him to seriously wound even an upper first-grade Duke opponent!

The black dragon howled, and its enormous shadow overwhelmed Qin Yi's slender figure. At such a short distance, her resonant power defenses were shattered instantly.

Her gaze trembled, and she raised her jade-like hands. Multiple rays of light flickered and condensed into light patterns that formed a layer of protection around her.

However, such a hasty defense was of little help in the face of an all-out attack from Li Luo.

The light patterns were shattered into pieces in mere seconds.

The black dragon roared and the cold black water swept forth. Aggressive torrents of energy tore the ground apart while Qin Yi was slashed fiercely by the black dragon's claws.

Bang!

The void shattered and a piercing sound erupted throughout the square.

Ripples were suddenly visible to the naked eye and could be seen from the torn space.

Qin Yi fell as if she had been severely wounded. Along the way, dozens of huge, crystal pillars broke in the middle and a deep claw mark that spanned thousands of feet tore apart the ground.

It was like the square had been split into two.

The fallen crystal pillars crashed down, the resulting noise resounding throughout the square.

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The image of the battle had been projected into the sky above the dragonbreath pool. This scene had been imprinted onto the minds of many of the guests present.

Their eyes twitched a little. Li Luo was so ruthless, going all-out even against a petite lady like Qin Yi.

At the same time, they were pretty shocked by Li Luo's attack.

Even though he only had the strength of a lower first-grade Duke, that attack was strong enough to injure even an upper first-grade Duke.

It looked like even Qin Yi would have suffered if she had been caught off guard by that strike.

In the same moment, some cheers erupted within the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages. The counterattack by Li Luo had clearly exceeded their expectations. They had thought that he would be at a disadvantage with such a huge and obvious gap in strength.

Nonetheless, Qin Lian's expression did not change at all amidst the loud cheers. She merely watched Li Luo on the screen, though the air around her turned a little colder. Similarly, there was not much change in the expressions of the five Lineage Chiefs. They continued watching the screen with eyes as calm as deep pools.

Their gazes were naturally further and clearer. Li Luo's attack had indeed exceeded expectations, and an ordinary upper first-grade Duke would have been gravely injured by it. However... Qin Yi was extraordinary.

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Back at the crystal-clear square.

Li Luo locked his gaze on the area with the fallen crystal pillars, as Qin Yi was hidden underneath the debris.

He did not get carried away after the success of the previous attack. His eyes flashed, and the Lambent Hawkeye materialized in his grip. Without any further hesitation, he pulled the string of the bow and resonant power flowed out from his body.

Bang! Bang!

In the next instant, dozens of Flowing Thunder Dragon Fangs flew through the air, aimed directly towards the debris of the collapsed crystal pillar.

However, just as the fangs were about to hit, a light-blue water veil appeared out of thin air. The lightning arrows bombarded the water veil, producing ripples on its surface.

Gradually, the attacks were dissipated.

Li Luo heaved a sigh. Qin Yi was truly remarkable—not even such a ferocious attack was enough to gravely injure her.

A light-blue ball of resonant power glowed and floated into the air. In the same moment, the buried crystal debris rapidly dissolved.

After a few moments, Qin Yi was back in Li Luo's vision.

She appeared slightly disoriented at this point. Her long skirt was a little torn, revealing her snow-white, jade-like skin. At the same time, her lower abdomen had been torn open by several gaping claw marks, leaving deep scars in the area.

Clearly, even Qin Yi had paid a heavy price to receive that huge, shocking blow from Li Luo.

However, it was not as severe as Li Luo had hoped for.

He stared at the exposed skin under Qin Yi's dress. The looming, snow-white skin would make anyone daydream. However, he was not looking with a sense of indecency. Instead, he stared at it tightly without blinking.

He had noticed that a string of mysterious words had appeared on Qin Yi's delicate skin. Like runes that were engraved in her flesh and blood, the mysterious light glowed and flowed. Gradually, the hideous wound on Qin Yi's abdomen started to heal up at an amazing pace. After a dozen breaths, it was completely gone. Her delicate skin was back to being flawlessly smooth like jade.

Li Luo was dumbfounded at this sight. All of the injuries from his attack had been cured so easily.

This was going against all ordinary logic. His attack earlier had merged the power of both the third realm of dual resonances as well as the erosion ability of the dark nether water. Such a hit should not have been healed up so easily.

However, Qin Yi had managed to do it.

Looking at her flawless and exquisite jade body, Li Luo batted his eyelids as he asked helplessly, "Is that... a body-tempering Duke Art?"

As the waterlight continued to flow around Qin Yi's delicate body, even her torn dress started to repair itself gradually. She looked back at him with an icy gaze as she calmly replied, "This is a Soul Ascension-grade Duke Art from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing. Indeed, the Invincible Water Jade Armor is a kind of body-tempering Duke Art."

Li Luo smiled wryly and shook his head. This was not only a body tempering Duke Art, but a Soul Ascension-grade one too!

Qin Yi was truly the number one talent in the current generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing. Obviously, no one would have expected someone as soft and delicate as her to have already mastered a body-tempering Duke Art.

It seemed like her physical body was her true edge here.

Judging from the speed of her recovery from the earlier injuries, the Invincible Water Jade Armor had a frighteningly fast healing capability. This was something that Li Luo, who had a water resonance, knew very clearly. He had always disgusted his opponents with the fearsome recovery ability of his water

resonant power. Who would have expected him to be similarly dismayed by the very same capability one day?

At this moment, Li Luo's eyes flickered. Unless he could totally overwhelm Qin Yi with his thunderous strength and injure her significantly, she would heal back up with this amazing art and tire him out eventually.

Unfortunately, he was the one with a weaker foundation out of the two of them.

Ultimately, Qin Yi had the strength of an upper first-grade Duke. She was better than him in all aspects.

"What an eye-opener from you, Banner Leader Li Luo. If not for the Invincible Water Jade Armor, I am afraid I would have been gravely injured from the previous strike," Qin Yi calmly said, her words resounding in the crystal square. Unlike her usual, calm voice, Li Luo could sense a cold breath within her words.

Evidently, he had infuriated her with his previous attack.

"It's only basic courtesy for me to return the favor. Please accept the present I have prepared for you, Banner Leader Li Luo," Qin Yi said before she placed her jade-like hands in front of her and started forming hand seals.

As soon as Li Luo heard this, he retreated immediately and his resonant power surged within his body.

However, numerous blue lights started to appear on his body just as he retreated. These lights were shining with a mysterious glow.

These runic patterns were clearly drawn by Qin Yi, but even Li Luo had no idea when she had managed to pull this off.

"When you attacked earlier, it was not that I could not defend in time. I was merely preparing a return gift for you," Qin Yi calmly explained.

In the next moment, waterlight shot out from the mysterious runes on Li Luo's body. All of a sudden, he felt a deadly pressure crash down on him, making him feel like he had been submerged into the deepest depths of the ocean.

When he raised his head, all he could see was a giant, blurry silhouette that had formed when the light rays from the mysterious runes condensed together. The enormous silhouette had completely overwhelmed him.

It was the blurry shape of a lady. Trapped in it, Li Luo was stuck in the silhouette's abdomen like he was a fetus in the womb. It was a truly bizarre sight.

"This is my present for you, Banner Leader Li Luo..."

"Secret art: Fetal Reversion."

Following Qin Yi's words, Li Luo felt a sudden shock in his body, then his resonant power started to flow out at a swift pace.

It was all getting drained by the gigantic, blurry silhouette in front of him. Qin Yi was planning to suck out every last ounce of resonant power within him first!

After he was out of resonant power, he would be like a fish on the chopping board, waiting for her to slaughter him!

Chapter 0835: The 12 Resonant Bubbles

The huge, blurry silhouette continued to suppress Li Luo and drain away his resonant power.

At this moment, his face was unusually serious. Qin Yi was truly troublesome, and her counterattack was really a pain in the ass.

He could sense that the resonant power leaving his body was gradually being transferred over to her through this giant silhouette.

Furthermore, there was a gap between their resonant power to begin with. If such a transfer continued unabated, the difference in strength would widen and it would surely end in a total defeat for him then.

"Ninth-grade resonance wielders are truly tricky opponents."

This was especially true when such a genius was in a position of high stature coupled with top-notch cultivation resources. The methods they possessed were truly mind-numbing to him.

Moreover, there was the Soul Ascension-grade body-tempering Duke Art and the secret arts comparable to the Nine Revolutions Arts.

Coupled with attaining Harmony with the Fire Lotus Camp, Qin Yi was as strong as a true top-tier first-grade Duke now.

At this moment, Li Luo focused and merged the resonant powers within him into dual resonance power. A high-grade power like this one would help slow down the absorption process. Nonetheless, this was only a method to delay for time, and he ultimately could not escape by simply doing this.

Clearly, Qin Yi had been planning this counterattack for quite a while. She might have started preparing this secret art as soon as Li Luo launched his shocking offensive earlier.

Since Li Luo's explosive attack had been halted by her Invincible Water Jade Armor, it was now his turn to be bitten and endure her counterattack.

Qin Yi parted her red lips slightly, and her crisp, clear voice flowed out like a stream of spring water. "Banner Leader Li Luo, the third realm of dual resonances is indeed extraordinary. However, it will only buy a bit of time. Your loss is inevitable, so why do you still bother with all this useless struggling? It may be more presentable for you to surrender now."

Hearing this, Li Luo laughed and replied jokingly, "I can admit defeat to anyone but you. If I do, my mother will give me a good beating when she returns one day."

"In that case, don't blame me for not holding back," Qin Yi replied calmly.

She formed more hand seals with her jade-like, slender hands. Countless runes glowed on the female silhouette for a moment, and the rate at which resonant power was sucked out of Li Luo rose rapidly.

Feeling the loss of strength, Li Luo displayed signs of panic on his face. However, there was a faint smile in the depths of his eyes.

"So you enjoy sucking people's resonant power that much, huh..."

Li Luo muttered to himself as a thought flashed through his mind. Twelve resonant bubbles slowly surfaced within his body. This was the Resonant Bubble Art, something he had cultivated a while ago to store up his resonant power. However, as his power had risen substantially recently, he was no longer interested in the storage effect.

It was simply too lackluster for him.

As such, Li Luo no longer used the resonant bubbles to store his resonant power. Instead, he had used it to store other things...

For example, the dual poison that was once left in his body.

This poison had been left behind by the surprise attack from Pei Hao. It was detrimental even against someone at the Heavenly Dipper General Stage. Although it would have been easy for Li Jingzhe to remove it from his body completely, Li Luo had left it alone.

And the reason was precisely for a time like this...

He smiled lightly as he focused his attention on the twelve pitch-black resonant bubbles within him.

It's time for Qin Yi to try out the trap that he had created on a whim.

With a thought, the twelve resonant bubbles burst open, and the thick poison spread out pervasively. Following this, he masked their presence with his dual resonance power and hid all traces. Although this was detrimental to his own resonant power as well, it was well worth a shot now, considering his limited options.

Soon enough, he watched the dual resonance power filled with this poison leave his body and flow along the runic conduits before entering the giant silhouette. After a short moment, the resonant power made its way into Qin Yi's body. Li Luo continued watching curiously. He had no idea if the dual poison would be effective on her or not.

At this moment, Qin Yi started to feel uneasy because of this new gaze from Li Luo. She immediately put up her guard. Who knew what else this sly, cunning brat had up his sleeve?

Just as she was pondering over what trick he had pulled now, her expression started to change. Clearly, she had sensed an unusual development within her own body.

It was an odd and special force that started spreading within her body, eroding wherever it went.

"Poison?!" Qin Yi was shocked. She focused her attention on herself and sensed the pitch-black, poison gas spreading within.

"You dare to use poison?!" she hissed as she bared her silver teeth at Li Luo.

"Miss Qin Yi, you're truly a kind soul. How did you know that I was poisoned? How kind of you to cleanse it for me. Feel free to suck it all out, no need to be shy! I will not resist!" Li Luo replied as he opened his arms with a face full of anticipation.

At this moment, a strand of black air arose from her beautiful face. This poison was really aggressive. Both shocked and furious, she had to immediately channel her own resonant power and mitigate the effects of the poison before taking any further action.

As for the Fetal Reversion Art, she terminated it after pondering for a short while.

She was unsure just how much poison was in Li Luo's body. If she continued absorbing his resonant power along with the poison, it would be really troublesome even for her.

Without the art, the silhouette gradually faded away. Li Luo had finally regained his freedom.

He grinned as he said "You're too cautious, Miss Qin Yi. There is actually just a small amount of poison within me. Nothing more. If you had persisted, I would have had to admit defeat."

As he had already used up all twelve of his resonant bubbles, there was indeed nothing else that he could come up with to retaliate against her. However, he had taken this opportunity to skillfully infuriate Qin Yi.

At this moment, Qin Yi's face was pale and cold. Although she was usually calm and composed, she felt oddly furious when faced against Li Luo.

She took a deep breath, her chest heaving. She needed to calm down and cleanse the poison in her body with her ninth-grade water resonance.

This was a truly domineering poison. Even with the natural cleansing ability of her water resonance, she would need to expend a great amount of resonant power in order to get rid of it.

It seemed like the Fetal Reversion Art had caused her more pain than gain in the end!

It was really... frustrating!

"Banner Leader Li Luo, why do you bother with this worthless struggle? Your all-out attack was unable to break my Invincible Water Jade Armor. Even though you escaped from Fetal Reversion, the ending will still be the same," Qin Yi said calmly as she regained her composure.

Li Luo simply laughed in response. Indeed, her Invincible Water Jade Armor was truly formidable. He had never seen such a Duke Art before, and it was leagues above the Thunderpeal Avatar.

"Truly a top talent from a Heavenly Emperor power. She was able to master a Duke Art of such a high level..." Li Luo muttered to himself. He had seen such body-tempering Duke Arts in Dragon's Fang Cave. However, he had not picked them because his Thunderpeal Avatar was still sufficient for now.

Moreover, cultivating a body-tempering Duke Art was very challenging. He would need a huge amount of cultivation resources, which he could not afford currently.

He could tell from his previous strike that the Invincible Water Jade Armor had a really formidable recovery ability. Unless he was able to deliver a blow that could annihilate Qin Yi in an instant, she would surely recover from it speedily as seen previously.

Unfortunately, his resonant power was limited and he could not keep up with such attacks long enough to deal enough damage.

"Instant annihilation..."

A light flashed across Li Luo's eyes at this moment. He looked at the crimson bracelet on his arm. With the power of the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf and Harmony, it would not be difficult to inflict such a blow on Qin Yi. However, with so many eyes watching, including ones belonging to King Stage experts, he did not know if this would be against the rules or not. Apart from the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf, there was still one thing that he could try.

As he pondered over it, the sword intent within his body started acting up. This was the galaxy of sword intent that he had cultivated for the Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation.

It was an indomitable and unrivaled art. Even though it was not complete, it was still a Destiny-grade Duke Art. Could he break through the Invincible Water Jade Armor with it?

Chapter 0836: Lightning Twister Plantain Fan

As Li Luo was pondering over how to continue fighting against Qin Yi, she had taken the initiative to strike back against him. Clearly, she did not want to drag this fight any longer.

A tremendous amount of light-blue resonant power surged in her body, and waves of it rose high into the air.

With a simple gesture from her jade-like fingers, the resonant power transformed into countless fish that were as piercingly sharp as blades. No, perhaps rather than calling them fish, they were more like countless swords ready to engage the enemy.

The fish pierced through the air and went directly over to Li Luo. As they made their way forward, faint traces of cuts were left trailing in the air.

At this moment, Li Luo summoned up the lightning flashes under his feet and retreated thousands of feet in the blink of an eye. Nonetheless, the countless fish followed closely behind.

Without a change in his expression, he waved the Onyx-Elephant Blade and slashed down. A bright knife wheel materialized in front of him and started rotating at high speed, threatening to cut anything in its wake.

In fact, the void was starting to warp in the presence of the knife wheel. At that point, it whizzed out, and all of the fish that passed by were utterly crushed.

However, the fish continued to spawn as if there was no end to them. Eventually, the knife wheel dimmed out when it was engulfed by a school of them.

After which, the school of fish continued on towards Li Luo.

Li Luo continued to retreat. Indeed, there was a noticeable difference between the strength of an upper first-grade Duke like Qin Yi and a lower first-grade Duke like him. If not for the third realm of his dual resonances power, he would have been eliminated immediately when their attacks clashed. The mysterious effect of the dual resonance's third realm power had mitigated the devastating effects of his opponent's ninth-grade resonant power earlier.

However, Li Luo was still on the losing edge here.

In the past, he was able to overcome his opponents in a battle of attrition thanks to his water resonance, but this particular foe possessed a ninth-grade water resonance. It would be crazy to attempt such a tactic against her.

With this thought in mind, he retreated repeatedly and prepared for his ultimate move next.

This would be the decisive move in this battle. If even this failed, the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf would be his final option. Meanwhile, Qin Yi launched a series of domineering strikes whilst she stood upon the crystal square. The sound of rumbling water echoed throughout the palace when countless pillars of water filled full of penetrating power shot towards Li Luo. Facing such dense attacks, Li Luo was forced close to death as he continued to escape frantically.

Signs of wounds were starting to show on his body.

Luckily, he possessed the water, light, and wood resonances, which provided him with a considerable amount of healing when used jointly. They helped reduce the injuries dealt by the raging offensive thrown out by Qin Yi.

Nonetheless, anyone watching could tell that she had the upper hand here.

Li Luo would be exhausted in a few moments, and an easy victory would be in sight for Qin Yi.

As the time continued to tick by, Qin Yi started to feel like something was not quite right. Although Li Luo had been dodging her attacks in such a pathetic manner, the energy around him had started to gather up wildly instead of diminishing.

"You still haven't given up yet?"

Qin Yi immediately grasped Li Luo's plan as she watched him dash about. He had sustained multiple wounds so far. Although he had been recovering, his blood continued to seep out and wet his clothes, making it a truly miserable sight to behold.

His perseverance had truly exceeded her expectations.

However, there was no way she was going to give him any chance in today's battle.

With that, she did not hesitate any further, and her slender, jade fingers started to form hand seals rapidly, making it look like mirages of butterflies were left dancing in her palms. At the same time, torrents of resonant power started wildly churning into countless energy vortexes behind her.

Within each vortex, a line of water shot out into the air and left a faint trace piercing across the void. These lines of water possessed unparalleled penetrating and slicing power. It was the most common offensive method for a water resonant user.

However, things were naturally different with Qin Yi.

With the hand seals from her jade hands, the countless lines of water condensed together into a dark-blue water stream that was about the width of a hand.

Although the condensed stream of water appeared seemingly calm like an idyllic stream on a mountain, Li Luo could sense danger coming from it.

He swept his gaze past the dark-blue stream of water. If this thing shot past him, his body would surely be pierced instantly.

Clearly, Qin Yi did not want to drag the battle on any longer.

Looking at her charming face, her eyes sparkled radiantly. Her cold intent was hidden within her light-blue pupils.

"Duke Art: Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter!" she calmly said, her voice echoing in the air.

Rumble!

As soon as she finished calling out the name of the art, a stream of dark-blue water suddenly burst out and stabbed through the void, creating an ear-piercing sonic boom with its extreme speed.

However, she was not done yet. Qin Yi raised her jade finger into the air, and water mirrors started to materialize in midair. When the dark-blue water stream passed through a water mirror, light was refracted. In the blink of an eye, there was suddenly an extra illusory stream of dark-blue water. This repeated on and on.

Just like this, the water threads were refracted dozens of times, and the whole crystal square was filled with endless dark-blue water streams that were pierced through the void, charging towards Li Luo.

Faced with such an attack, Li Luo's eyes shrank a little. He knew that there was only one real water stream among the hundreds present. The others were all illusions conjured up to confuse him.

However, it was very effective.

This was something that Li Luo loved to do with his water resonant power when he was fighting against others too.

He raised his head and stared at the incoming water streams that had filled the sky, each of them filled with deadly murderous intent.

"Phew."

He took a deep breath and formed the final hand seal with his hands. It was finally time for this ultimate move that he had been preparing for.

Boom! Rumble!

Wild energy roared around him and worldly natural energy gathered in his vicinity.

With the accumulation of more and more energy, a shadow about a hundred feet tall gradually appeared in front of Li Luo. Upon closer look, it was like a plantain fan.

However, this plantain fan was filled with the light of wind and thunder.

At this moment, a strong killing intent soared into the sky.

Li Luo stretched out his arm and grabbed the plantain fan. This was the third Nine Revolutions Art that he had obtained from the Dragon Stele.

The Lightning Twister Plantain Fan.

This was a purely offensive resonance art.

Li Luo focused his eyes and tightly clutched the fan. He could feel the wild and raging energy surging inside it. However, he knew that the Lightning Twister Plantain Fan alone might not be enough to seriously injure Qin Yi.

When he thought about it, the sword intent that had been stored in one of his resonant palaces was activated.

It was not very strong on its own. However, when the sword intent was activated, the abstruse fiend lights around the resonant palace started to move away as if they were afraid to come into contact with it.

When the sword intent flowed out, Li Luo channeled it into the Lightning Twister Plantain Fan in his hand.

At this moment, the rain of dark-blue water streams had come forth for the kill too.

Using all the strength he could possibly muster, Li Luo grabbed the handle of the plantain fan tightly and swept it horizontally, aimed at Qin Yi.

Chapter 0837: Close Victory

Boom!

When Li Luo swept down the plantain fan, lightning flashed and a tempest raged. All of a sudden, a ferocious, azure wind swept up the crystal square, leaving endless traces of deep, torn scars on the field.

Amidst the azure wind, there were also balls of lightning that contained extremely violent lightning energy that could easily annihilate even someone in the Greater Heavenly Resonance Tier.

The azure wind and balls of lightning flew past the void and clashed directly with the incoming rain of dark-blue streams.

The formidable, piercing strength of the dark-blue streams was displayed as soon as they made contact. They penetrated the azure wind and shattered the balls of lightning instantly.

However, this also slowed down the speed of the streams considerably, though they continued to charge through the passage of wind towards Li Luo.

"Banner Leader Li Luo, this is the third Nine Revolutions Art you have used. What a surprise! From what I gathered, even Banner Leader Li Qingfeng only possesses two Nine Revolutions Arts. Achieving such amazing feats just a few months after your return is truly impressive," Qin Yi commented as she

observed the raging winds and flashing lightning. She could clearly tell how devastating this attack was. Even though Li Luo was merely at the level of a lower first-grade Duke, he could still bog down her Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter by so much. Moreover, she had always been one who defeated opponents above her own level. Being hindered by Li Luo left her with mixed feelings as he was clearly weaker than her.

Nonetheless, she was no ordinary opponent. The difference in strength was still very much a factor here. One Nine Revolutions Art alone would not be sufficient to bring her down.

Under her watch, the dark-blue water streams rapidly sliced through the azure winds and lightning balls, closing in on Li Luo.

Right at this moment, an unusual lightning ball appeared in front of the water streams. This lightning ball was not only filled with flashing lightning, it was also surrounded by the wildly ravaging winds. Without a doubt, it had combined both powers together.

This was stronger than his previous attacks.

It collided with the dark-blue water streams.

In that instant, Qin Yi's calm face changed drastically.

A look of shock and surprise surfaced on her usually unfazed, beautiful face.

She witnessed the terrifying destructive power of this attack immediately. When they collided, her dark-blue water streams were shattered in the air.

Each of the high-speed water streams were grinded down and then blown apart by the ravaging wind that followed.

Her fatal attack was totally wrecked in the short span of a few breaths, and the special lightning ball went directly towards Qin Yi like an arrow shooting out of a bow.

She quickly regained her senses. Despite her cool personality, she was taken aback this time. She did not understand how Li Luo could have broken through her attack.

In fact, she did not even manage to see why her Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter would disintegrate by itself so suddenly. It was as if she had encountered a truly fearsome foe all of a sudden.

However, she knew that it was pointless to ponder over all this now. She hurriedly raised her jade hands, and her resonant power surged. Soon, a mysterious, black turtle materialized in front of her.

The black turtle stood guard before her like a huge, firm, black mountain.

"Mystical Turtle Mountain Shield!"

This was Qin Yi's defensive art with extremely strong protective capabilities. After the previous clash with the Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter, the lightning ball with ravaging winds was already buffeted with scars. This shield should be enough to fend it off.

Just as she thought about it, the lightning ball collided with the turtle's back.

Following the impact, the lightning ball shattered into countless little sparks as expected.

However, this was not enough for Qin Yi to heave a sigh of relief. She noticed that countless cracks had appeared on her turtle's shell, and they were rapidly spreading out.

At this point, she could not help but squint at this sight.

This time, she finally felt a strange force.

When the lightning ball shattered earlier, a hardly noticeable strand of energy had slipped into the black turtle. This was the force that had so easily broken through the defensive art.

Although the undulations emanating from this force appeared weak, it seemed unstoppable.

"What the hell is this?!" Qin Yi was completely confused. In the next instant, a tingling sensation of pain surfaced on her skin. It was a signal from her Invincible Water Jade Armor that something immensely dangerous was approaching!

However, it was too late for her to do anything at this point.

She could only watch helplessly as the strange strand of energy penetrated the turtle and came into contact with the skin of her palm.

"Ugh!"

A soft voice rang in the air. Her Invincible Water Jade Armor was broken apart. The strange strand of energy continued onward and pierced her body directly.

At this point, she could feel the terrifying and sharp sword intent slicing and ravaging through her innards.

Faced against this annihilative force, her Invincible Water Jade Armor was unable to save her, and she instantly sustained grave wounds. Even with the immense recovery ability of her ninth-grade water resonance, Qin Yi would have to go through hell this time around.

The energy around her became disoriented. Her delicate face turned pale, and she could not help but spit out a mouthful of fresh blood.

When the fresh blood landed on the ground, it cut through the floor, leaving behind countless minute and tightly-packed holes.

At the same time, tiny cracks repeatedly appeared on her snow white jade skin as it continued to repair itself.

It was at this time that Qin Yi knew very well that she had been completely defeated.

Although the aggressive sword intent in her body was not particularly strong, it was extremely stubborn. Even with her ninth-grade water resonance, it was still extremely challenging to completely erase and cleanse the body of its presence completely.

As Li Luo watched Qin Yi stand there with her disoriented resonant power, he finally heaved a sigh of relief. It looked like the power of the Cosmic Sword Intent was much stronger than he had expected.

Now that Qin Yi had been caught off guard and allowed the sword intent to enter her body, she would no longer have an easy time.

It seemed like he was the one better off after this clash.

However, he did not turn complacent. Instead, there was more pressure on him now than ever before. After this confrontation with Qin Yi, he had clearly seen how challenging it was to go up against the top talents of the Heavenly Emperor powers. Li Luo would stand no chance against Qin Yi at all if they had fought with their own individual strength without the assistance of Harmony.

Minimally, he would need to enter the Fiend Body Tier before he could even put up any sort of resistance.

Furthermore, Qin Yi was not even giving it her all in this fight. She had exhausted a huge amount of energy to keep up the water palace in order to trap Li Qingfeng and the rest.

As such, Li Luo dared not underestimate the talents in the inner divine continent just because of a close win over Qin Yi.

As Li Luo recomposed himself, he looked towards his opponent. She was definitely not doing well. Nonetheless, he was very careful not to get too close to her. There was still the possibility that Qin Yi would become enraged and summon up all of her last remaining strength to bring him down with her.

That would not be ideal, as he still wanted to collect the dragonbreath!

Li Luo laughed a little, but he did not waste any more time talking to Qin Yi. He made his way straight towards the door at the back of the crystal square. At this moment, there was waterlight dazzling at the doorway with rays of light passing through it.

This was the exit of the water palace.

Without Qin Yi's obstruction, Li Luo could finally leave.

With a swing of his blade, the gate of the water palace was sliced apart and rays of light fell upon his figure.

As he stood there, he turned back and watched Qin Yi. She was standing at her original spot, unable to move even a tiny bit. Meanwhile, Li Luo smiled brightly at her.

"Lady Qin Yi, will your mother punish you when you return?"

Qin Yi clenched her fist, and green veins showed up on her arms. She stared at Li Luo with eyes full of fury.

Meanwhile, Li Luo merely laughed out loud. He did not taunt her any further. Turning around, he stepped out of the gate. His eyes were filled with anticipation at this point.

With Li Qingfeng and the rest still trapped in the water palace, wouldn't all six Coiling Dragon Pillars be up for his choosing?!

Chapter 0838: The Best, The Golden Dragon Pillar

When Li Luo exited the water palace, the crowds and guests outside the dragonbreath pool turned silent for a moment.

This was a truly unexpected conclusion.

Li Luo had come out ahead after a close fight with Qin Yi, making him the first to exit the water palace!

"Li Luo is pretty exceptional. He actually defeated someone at a higher cultivation level, and that opponent was even a top talent who often defeats opponents who are at higher stages. It could not have been an easy feat."

"There is no way Li Luo could have won. No matter how you look at it, Qin Yi is superior to him in every aspect. Although the last Nine Revolutions Art Li Luo used was pretty intimidating, it should not have had sufficient strength left to defeat Qin Yi and her Invincible Water Jade Armor after clashing with the Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter."

"Logically speaking, a draw was the best result Li Luo should have achieved."

"That makes sense. Li Luo's victory is indeed odd."

"You guys are still looking at it superficially. None of you have grasped the key to this battle. The Lightning Twister Plantain Fan used by Li Luo was just a front. The key thing that allowed Li Luo to break through Qin Yi and her Invincible Water Jade Armor lies in a special energy hidden within the Lightning Twister Plantain Fan that was exceptionally sharp and unblockable. I am guessing it's some form of a really high level art."

"Oh? In that case, Li Luo really does have a lot of tricks up his sleeves. He really is Li Taixuan's son—it's just like how his father used to fight."

The guests whispered among each other. Although they were all strong practitioners at the Duke Stage, the conclusion of the battle still came as a surprise to them. After all, Li Luo and Qin Yi were similarly at the level of Dukes after utilizing Harmony.

It was a truly earth-shaking and eye-opening battle today.

As they whispered among themselves, some eyes shifted toward Qin Lian's direction.

To no one's surprise, Qin Lian's face was heavy and cold as she stared at the battle's conclusion on the screen. Eerily strong energy waves pulsated from her body, and the void around her twisted and cracked. Clearly, even she had not expected Qin Yi to fail.

With an ugly face, Qin Lian coldly commented, "Impossible. There was something wrong with Li Luo's attack earlier. He couldn't have broken through Qin Yi and her Invincible Water Jade Armor. Such a domineering sword intent couldn't have been under his control at all."

She looked towards Li Jingzhe and asked, "It couldn't be because Lineage Chief Li Jingzhe feels sorry for his grandchild and is secretly lending a helping hand, right?"

In response, Li Jingzhe merely cast a glance at her but did not reply to her inquiry.

Instead, Li Jinpan from the Dragon's Fang Lineage was infuriated at her accusation at his father. He coldly laughed and replied, "Others have always said that Qin Lian from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing is arrogant and unreasonable. With your words today, we have truly seen it for ourselves. Luckily, my Third Brother was smart. If the marriage had proceeded, there would have been no peace to be found in the Dragon's Fang Lineage."

These were truly vicious words, and Qin Lian's eyes were brewing with rage instantly. She glared at Li Jinpan with murderous intent and asked coldly, "What did you say?!"

"I said that this is not the Fire Lotus Hall. If you want to make a ruckus, please take a closer look at where you are right now!" Li Jinpan shouted back angrily without any mercy. Hearing this, Qin Lian shook in anger and her resonant power burst forth like a volcanic eruption. In the blink of an eye, the sky completely turned crimson red.

Fortunately, Qin Zhiming waved the sleeves of his robe at this moment. An immense, oppressive force without any shape pressed down from the sky and forced Qin Lian's exploding resonant power back into her body.

Still showing a friendly face, Qin Zhiming smiled at the five Lineage Chiefs and said, "I'm sorry Qin Lian is making a fool of herself in front of everyone. She has always been so irritable."

Li Tianji, the Lineage Chief of the Dragon's Blood Lineage, calmly smiled and said, "Don't worry, we all know that Hall Master Qin Lian has a passionate and fiery personality. This is only a normal reaction after seeing her beloved daughter's setback here."

Qin Zhiming continued smiling as he nodded in agreement. His voice suddenly changed as he asked further, "However, the skill used by Li Luo indeed hid an extraordinary force. This does not seem like something one at his stage would possess."

Hearing this, Li Jingzhe raised his eyebrows a little as he responded, "Qin Zhiming, don't push it too far. The water palace set up by Qin Yi doesn't seem like something one at her stage would be able to pull off either. It is safe to assume that you have helped her out quite a bit here, eh?"

Qin Zhiming replied with a warm tone, "That is a misunderstanding, Lineage Chief Li Jingzhe. Although I created the water palace for my Qin Yi, it's all thanks to her own capability that she can execute it at such a high level."

In response, Li Jingzhe sneered. "Those Nine Marks Mirror Stones on her earrings are really valuable. Everytime the water palace is utilized, it must surely cost quite a lot of skygold, right?"

It was only at this point that Qin Zhiming's smile faltered a little. He had not expected Li Jingzhe's eyesight to be so sharp even at such an old age. He could even tell that Qin Yi had borrowed the assistance of the Nine Marks Mirror Stone hidden in her earrings in order to pull off the Spiritual Water Mirror Palace with such dominance.

"Lineage Chief Li Jingzhe, your eyesight is truly remarkable." Qin Zhiming let out a muffled laugh.

Following this, he did not ask about that extraordinary power from Li Luo anymore.

Li Jingzhe could not be bothered to continue this useless conversation either. He turned back to watch the screen and focused on the figure of the youth that had emerged from the water palace. At this moment, his usually cold and serious face showed a hint of a satisfied smile.

Li Luo's performance today was simply amazing.

No one had expected him to be able to break through Qin Yi's setup, let alone be the first one to walk out of the water palace.

Everyone had anticipated that the final battle of today's event would be between Li Qingfeng and Qin Yi... In the end, it turned out to be Li Luo.

No one would dare to question his capability anymore. Although Qin Yi was not at her best due to having to use her power concurrently to maintain the water palace and restrict the others, Li Luo was still at the lower first-grade Duke Stage in the fight.

Such a conclusion was beautiful.

After today's battle, his name would surely be widely known throughout the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages.

At this moment, the various elders from the various lineages were also mixed with feelings as they watched on. There was a handsome young man with gray-white hair taking up the whole screen. For some reason, it reminded them of a specific individual that once shook the whole Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages many years back—Li Taixuan.

The battles and achievements Li Taixuan had racked up back then were simply amazing too. He was the most dazzling talent in the younger generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li in the past century. Back then, he was shining so brightly not just amongst the same generation in the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages, he was the star of his generation in the whole Heavenly Origin Divine Continent.

Now, it seemed like his son was just as spectacular as his dad...

Li Luo was not bothered by the commotion outside. After walking out of the water palace, his eyes were fixated on the six Coiling Dragon Pillars that were appearing and disappearing amidst the thick mist.

Just as he expected, there was no one else out of the water palace yet.

Although Li Qingfeng was really strong, the water palace became stronger when met with a mightier foe. It was his natural bane in a sense. He would have to spend quite a bit of time fighting against his clone. Of course, he could be thinking of conserving his strength while fighting as well. After all, the battle for the Coiling Dragon Pillars awaited him after he made it out of the water palace.

It seemed like Li Luo had truly managed to eke out an advantage.

Li Luo swept his gaze across the six Coiling Dragon Pillars at this point.

Originally, he had planned to secure a bronze pillar and fight for a silver one. Although the golden pillar was tempting, he did not dare to aim for it as he would become a common enemy of the public in that case. He knew that Li Fengyi and Li Jingtao would surely help him in the Dragon's Fang Lineage.

However, Deng Fengxian might not. As such, there was no need for him to go after the hotly contested Golden Dragon Pillar.

Yet... looking at the situation now, things had changed.

All the other Banner Leaders were still trapped in the water palace by Qin Yi. He was the only one that had made it out so far.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him.

It was said that as long as one occupied the Golden Dragon Pillar for a period of time, the dragon imprint would be activated and the pillar would be his. It would be impossible for anyone else to snatch it from him then. In other words, as long as he grabbed onto this window of time now to occupy the Golden Dragon Pillar, he would be able to secure it.

Nonetheless, there were still some risks to it. If Li Qingfeng and the rest broke out of the water palace before he could activate the dragon imprint completely, he would surely attract a lot of hostility towards him.

In that scenario, he might not even be able to retreat and seek out the other pillars. How should he choose?

Li Luo's eyes flickered a little before they were finally filled with determination.

Only the Golden Dragon Pillar would give him more Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, a resource he desperately needed. Dragonbreath was something he had to get at all costs, it would be a great boost to close up the gap between him and the other Banner Leaders.

As such, it would appear too weak of him if he did not even have the courage to go for it when the opportunity presented itself.

With this thought in his mind, Li Luo did not hesitate any further. His figure pierced through the void.

Since there was a chance to go for the Golden Dragon Pillar, the Bronze Dragon Pillar... was no longer attractive.

Chapter 0839: Occupying the Golden Dragon Pillar

Li Luo flickered past the thick mist, past the Bronze and Silver Dragon Pillars, and the Golden Dragon Pillar stood in his sight after a few minutes.

The Golden Dragon Pillar was hundreds of feet tall with immeasurable depth. Shrouded in thick mist, its bottom was hidden in the deepest part of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool. There was an extremely ferocious energy surging from it that would have kept anyone far away from it.

Lifelike dragon imprints decorated the surface of the pillar, engraved on every side and angle. The imprints surrounded the pillar's body with a strange light glowing from each dragon scale. It was as if the dragon imprints were slowly swimming about and not inanimate. For a moment, Li Luo almost regarded it as a living thing.

His heart surged with anticipation as he stood in front of the Golden Dragon Pillar. Without any further hesitation, he jumped towards it.

As soon as he landed on the top part of it he could sense the sleeping Golden Dragon Pillar awakening, and its body started to vibrate. In the same moment, the golden dragon imprints around the pillar opened their eyes.

Roar!

A deep and low dragon howl exuding terrifying pressure resounded all around him.

In the next moment, Li Luo noticed that the dragon imprints started opening their maws. With the top part of the dragon pillar as the nexus, rays of gold light poured out at a speed that was neither too fast nor too slow.

Li Luo would be sheltered from external attacks once this gold light completely enveloped the entirety of the top of the pillar. This would mean that he had completely secured the Golden Dragon Pillar for himself.

However, it did not offer any protection before it completely enveloped the area. Without the gold light's protection, Li Luo would be vulnerable if anyone came for him now. The Golden Dragon Pillar would then deem that the competition for it was not over and it might even halt the process completely.

This was one of the reasons why it was so challenging to compete for the Golden Dragon Pillar.

Unless one could completely dominate the other Banner Leaders and force them to give up fighting for the Golden Dragon Pillar, it would be extremely difficult to secure it with others' interference.

Li Luo watched the gold light envelope the area with a calm and composed face. However, he was feeling pretty anxious deep in his heart.

He hoped that the gold light could completely envelope the area before Li Qingfeng and the rest broke free from the water palace. In that case, the Golden Dragon Pillar would be in his pocket.

If they came out before then, there would be many more factors at play. His own resonant power and the power provided by Harmony had already been exhausted during his fight against Qin Yi earlier. If he still needed to compete with Li Qingfeng and the rest, he would have to rely on the strength of the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf.

As Li Luo was lost in his thoughts, his gaze was fixed on the gold light that was slowly enveloping the pillar from bottom to top as time ticked by.

Unfortunately, good things did not last.

Just when the gold light had enveloped three quarters of the pillar, Li Luo felt a strong energy undulation coming from his back. He immediately turned around to take a look. In the distance, he could see ripples emerging from the huge water palace.

The water palace was beginning to become illusory.

This was a sign that it was about to disappear.

At the same time, wave after wave of strong energy pulses continued coming from the inner parts of the water palace.

It seemed like the Banner Leaders trapped inside it had defeated their clones one after another. After a prolonged period of struggling, the water palace was beginning to collapse.

Moreover, Qin Yi had a fierce battle with Li Luo earlier and did not have the strength to keep the water palace up for much longer. In fact, she might not even want to continue keeping it up. Now that Li Luo had gotten out of the palace, it had become pointless and might even help Li Luo obtain the Golden Dragon Pillar.

"What a narrow-minded lady. Wasn't she convinced by my almost perfect performance earlier?" Li Luo sighed helplessly.

At the same moment, the water palace started vibrating more violently. After a few breaths, it completely exploded with a thunderous boom and filled the air with glowing, blue sparkles.

Several figures started appearing one after another.

Firstly came Li Qingfeng.

Then the other Banner Leaders started appearing as well. They were all fuming with anger on their faces as they stared at Qin Yi with eyes of hostility. It was like they were about to surround her and attack without mercy.

"Lady Qin Yi, we treated you respectfully as our guest. Isn't it too rude of you to lay down a trap for us?" Lu Qingmei coldly said as she grabbed onto her glazed rod.

Originally, they had allowed Qin Yi to participate in the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool battle as well to compete for a Coiling Dragon Pillar. However, she had trapped all of them in the water palace instead. She was obviously not going after the Coiling Dragon Pillars, but trying to embarrass the younger generation of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages in front of all the distinguished guests.

The other Banner Leaders were all similarly incensed as they glared angrily at Qin Yi.

Hearing this, Qin Yi's charming face showed some signs of apology. However, she did not explain herself any further, as her actions were indeed nasty no matter how one spun it.

Ultimately, this was Qin Lian's order. She had to obey it no matter what.

Nonetheless, the hint of apology on that beautiful and charming face of hers was enough to wipe out half the anger many of the male Banner Leaders felt.

Seeing this, Lu Qingmei could only shake her head secretly. "These guys are really unreliable."

"Banner Leader Lu, don't worry. I will not interfere anymore in the coming battle for the Coiling Dragon Pillar," Qin Yi explained at this juncture.

Hearing this, Lu Qingmei raised her brows a little. There was no doubt about Qin Yi's strength. If she was willing to give up competing for the Coiling Dragon Pillars, this was truly great news for the rest of them.

However, why would she give up so suddenly?

Just as Lu Qingmei was pondering over it, someone in the distance shouted in surprise, "Hey! Why is there gold light enveloping the Golden Dragon Pillar? Is there someone up there?!"

As soon as the words came out, everyone was shocked. Even Lu Qingmei, who was usually calm, was unable to contain herself. Everyone looked over into the deepest part of the dragonbreath pool. Gazes piercing the thick mist, they all saw that the gold light was indeed enveloping the top of the golden pillar.

And there was a figure standing amidst the enveloping gold light.

Li Qingfeng's face changed immediately. He scrutinized the shadow in the enveloping, gold light and shouted in disbelief, "Is that Li Luo?"

"How is that possible?!"

"When did he get to the Golden Dragon Pillar?!" Deng Fengxian was also dumbfounded by this discovery. Weren't they all trapped in the water palace? How had Li Luo reached the Golden Dragon Pillar before everyone else?

Li Hongli's pretty face was also pretty gloomy as she looked over at Qin Yi and said coldly, "Lady Qin Yi, don't you have a deep grudge against Li Luo? Why did you let him out of the water palace first? Could it be that even Fairy Qin's heart has been moved by his handsome face?"

Her words were filled with bitter resentment. She was clearly very angry. After all, the clones in the water palace had given her a lot of trouble. Since Qin Yi was so powerful, how could Li Luo, who was weaker than them, break out of the water palace first?

Surely Qin Yi had let him off easy, right?

At this point, the other Banner Leaders started looking over oddly too. Was Li Luo really so charming? Enough for Qin Yi to act with mercy?

Li Qingfeng also frowned. At this juncture, all his composure and calm was largely wiped out. There was an inexplicable feeling surging in his heart.

Under all their puzzling gazes, Qin Yi could not help but clench her silver teeth tightly. She had let Li Luo off easy? No! She wished that she could string that guy up and shower him over and over again with her Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter! Taking a deep breath, Qin Yi's chest raised and fell as she calmly replied, "Banner Leader Li Hongli, you have misunderstood. I did not let Li Luo off easy. It was because he was very cautious and did not give me the chance to create a clone of himself. In the end, I could only appear with my true self and fight him. Unfortunately, I was narrowly defeated by him, so he broke free from the water palace first."

As soon as she finished her sentence, everyone was in disbelief.

Qin Yi was unable to stop Li Luo?!

Li Hongli's eyes were filled with suspicion.

On the other hand, Qin Yi sighed again as she explained, "Guys, you all may have underestimated Li Luo. Indeed, he may just be at the Greater Fiend Palace Tier, and you all can win easily in an individual battle. However, with the assistance of Harmony, the gap is considerably small. Moreover, Li Luo knows three kinds of Nine Revolutions Arts. Just on this point alone, I am afraid even Banner Leader Li Qingfeng wouldn't be his match."

"Three Nine Revolutions Arts?!" The pupils of the Banner Leaders shrank a little.

Even the faces of Li Qingfeng, Li Hongli, and Lu Qingmei changed after hearing this. The three of them knew very well how challenging it was to acquire a Nine Revolutions Art. Among them, only Li Qingfeng had gotten two, so how could Li Luo have obtained three?

Had he really kept his strength hidden that well?

"However, I had to expend quite a bit of energy in order to keep the water palace up too. This meant that I wasn't at my full strength when I fought against Li Luo. In that state, I wouldn't even be able to hold up against Banner Leader Li Qingfeng. That is why Li Luo managed to break through the water palace first. It really wasn't that surprising," Qin Yi continued. Li Qingfeng's expression softened a little after hearing these words.

At this juncture, Qin Yi's eyes lit up as she told them, "I won't be participating in the battle for the Coiling Dragon Pillars anymore. Please go ahead, guys. Speaking of which... the gold light around Banner Leader Li Luo has nearly enveloped the whole pillar."

When she finished her words, Li Qingfeng's face changed immediately. He blasted off in an instant and flew directly towards the Golden Dragon Pillar at his maximum speed. Although he did not know how Li Luo had gotten out of the water palace and defeated Qin Yi, this was the Golden Dragon Pillar that he was determined to get. He was not going to give it up to Li Luo now.

Chapter 0840: A Different Choice

When Li Qingfeng rushed over to the Coiling Dragon Pillars, the surrounding atmosphere suddenly grew tense.

All of the Banner Leaders' expressions changed. They did not bother with Qin Yi anymore. Surging with resonant power, their feet stepped lightly onto the air and they too blasted off into the distance.

Qin Yi took no further action. She simply looked into the deepest part of the dragonbreath pool and the upcoming battle. Her beautiful gaze landed on the silhouette of Li Luo on top of the Golden Dragon Pillar.

"Li Luo, you have beaten me once, and I will not hinder you anymore. However, there are still many challenges to overcome if you want to obtain the Golden Dragon Pillar. Let's see if you have the capability to wrest it from the rest of them," Qin Yi muttered to herself.

Taking a look at the situation at hand, it was evident that Li Qingfeng would not hand over the Golden Dragon Pillar to Li Luo. Furthermore, he had already gotten the admiration of the other Banner Leaders and was seen as the head of the younger generation of the Dragon's Blood Lineage. Therefore, they would surely help him to fight for the Golden Dragon Pillar. As such, it would be a real challenge to defend that pillar even with Li Luo's power.

Whether Li Luo could continue holding onto it was undecided as of yet.

As a result, Qin Yi did not leave the venue immediately. She continued watching the depths of the dragonbreath pool with great interest, awaiting a nice show to play out.

Under her gaze, the Banner Leaders had charged straight towards the Golden Dragon Pillar at maximum speed. An ear-piercing sound rang in the air as they dashed ahead.

At this moment, Li Qingfeng's eyes were a little gloomy as he observed the gold light gradually enveloping the top of the pillar. This event was full of surprises.

Firstly, there was the outsider, Qin Yi, who had brought about unexpected changes to the battle. Her water palace had really caused them quite a bit of trouble.

Most importantly, Li Qingfeng had not expected Li Luo to escape from the water palace first and snatch the Golden Dragon Pillar.

Li Luo had really stolen the limelight.

Although he did not really know how Li Luo had managed to get out of Qin Yi's grasp, it was clear that Li Luo had performed spectacularly this time. If he still managed to obtain the Golden Dragon Pillar after all this, he would surely become the most dazzling main character of the banquet.

All the guests would remember the son of Li Taixuan.

In that case, Li Qingfeng's reputation as the most likely candidate to become the Dragon's Head in this generation of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages would be challenged.

Thus, he had to get the Golden Dragon Pillar back at all costs.

As he pondered over all this, Li Qingfeng raised his finger, and a drop of fresh blood seeped out from his fingertip. The blood squirmed and turned into a needle that was roughly an inch long. A faint, golden light started flowing into the blood needle, then it seemed to take the form of a dragon..

"Golden Blood Dragon Shadow Needle!"

With a flick of his finger, Li Qingfeng sent the blood needle cutting through the air at an unbelievably fast speed. It flew forward with so much velocity that there even seemed to be a trail of explosions trailing behind it due to its penetrating power.

Faint bloodlight seemed to trail in the void. However, a strong blast of resonant power struck just a moment later and shattered it.

Li Qingfeng was stunned at this development. With eyes full of fury, he turned over to see where the resonant power had come from. Just a short distance behind him, he saw Lu Qingmei.

She must have been the one that had interfered.

"What's the meaning of this, Banner Leader Lu?" Li Qingfeng asked in a deep voice. He could not understand why Lu Qingmei had stopped his attack.

While she was moving at high speed with her glazed rod in hand, the strong wind blew against her body. Her perfect and exquisite curves were revealed in her tight-fitting dress.

In response to Li Qingfeng's question, she calmly replied, "Li Luo was able to escape from Qin Yi's water palace first because he is capable. In a sense, he has regained some pride for us. As such, he deserves to have a head start to obtain the golden pillar.

"Banner Leader Li Qingfeng, if you are unwilling to accept this, you can try and reach the golden pillar before the gold light fully envelopes it. However, there is no need for such methods."

At this point, Li Qingfeng was fuming with anger. He had not expected Lu Qingmei to be so willing to hand over the golden pillar to Li Luo. Perhaps she knew that she had very little chance of obtaining it even without Li Luo.

"Hongli, stop her!" Li Qingfeng shouted sternly. He could not afford to waste any more time arguing here with Lu Qingmei.

Sure enough, a ray of rainbow light came from the back. It was none other than Li Hongli.

When she heard Li Qingfeng's shout, she immediately nodded. Her resonant power erupted and a halo of resonant power flew straight towards Lu Qingmei's location.

Nonetheless, Lu Qingmei kept her composure. Her speed dropped slightly, and she waved the glazed rod. The clouds in the sky were torn apart instantly, and a domineering silhouette of a rod fell down and shattered Li Hongli's attack.

However, this short delay was enough for Li Qingfeng to disappear far into the distance.

"Guys, I am determined to get the Golden Dragon Pillar. I hope that you can give me some support and stay away from it for now!" Li Qingfeng's cold voice sounded off and reached the ears of the other Banner Leaders at this moment. The rest of them paused for a while, hesitation showing on their faces.

Based on Li Qingfeng's wording, anyone who dared to approach the pillar would seem like they were out to help Li Luo.

Li Qingfeng was their most powerful peer. On the other hand, Li Luo was just a Banner Leader that had returned from an outer divine continent. Although his father was truly spectacular back then, it was all a matter of the past.

As such, it was not hard to see who they would side with between the two. Deng Fengxian also heard Li Qingfeng's voice at this moment, and he frowned slightly. His eyes flickered as he looked at the figure standing on top of the Golden Dragon Pillar ahead.

Initially, he was really surprised that Li Luo could reach the Golden Dragon Pillar first.

He, too, had underestimated the Third Young Master.

However, Qin Yi's own strength should not be belittled. Even though she needed to split up her power to maintain the water palace, not even Deng Fengxian himself was confident that he would break free from her in such a scenario.

Yet Li Luo had managed to pull it off.

Clearly, he had been hiding his true strength all this time.

Li Luo and the Green Nether Banner would definitely be a sensation in the Dragon's Fang Lineage after today's battle. In fact, the Gold Light Banner would be under immense pressure from this.

Deng Fengxian kept silent for a while before he finally let out a sigh.

Regardless of the competition and threat from Li Luo, they were still members of the same lineage. Although it would affect the Gold Light Banner's reputation if Li Luo could get the Golden Dragon Pillar, it would still be a good thing for the Dragon's Fang Lineage as a whole. Moreover, Deng Fengxian knew that he was in no position to contest for it against Li Qingfeng. In that case...

Deng Fengxian did not hesitate any further. He suddenly accelerated with all his might, his weird movements catching the attention of all the other Banner Leaders. They all understood that he was ignoring Li Qingfeng's warning.

Was it to help the Dragon's Fang Lineage secure the Golden Dragon Pillar?

Was Deng Fengxian not afraid of offending Li Qingfeng?

However, a silhouette closed in rapidly from the back as soon as Deng Fengxian moved. At the same time, a huge resonant power surged and locked onto him.

Deng Fengxian paused for a moment and turned around. "Li Senyan, are you going to stop me?" he said with a dark face.

The one that had closed in was Li Senyan, the Banner Leader of the Thunder Horn Banner.

This was not surprising at all. After all, the Dragon's Horn Lineage had always followed the lead of the Dragon's Blood Lineage. They were the closest to the Dragon's Blood Lineage out of the four banners. Li Qingfeng had given an order, and it was only expected that Li Senyan would follow.

With a slight smile, Li Senyan said, "Brother Deng, Li Luo will not be able to guard the Golden Dragon Pillar. Why must you offend Banner Leader Li Qingfeng?"

In response, Deng Fengxian simply shook his head. He did not talk any further, and his resonant power surged wildly. A tyrannical and ferocious force swept up and flew towards Li Senyan directly. All of a sudden, the situation in the depths of the dragonbreath pool had turned chaotic.

Li Qingfeng was not affected by what was going on behind him at all, so he moved forward without slowing down. Under the many gazes from the spectators outside, he finally reached the Golden Dragon Pillar just before the gold light fully enveloped it.