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Chapter 0841: Absolute Defense

When he saw Li Qingfeng arrive, Li Luo secretly let out a sigh to himself. What a pity. He just needed a little more time.

"Banner Leader Li Luo, the Golden Dragon Pillar is still masterless. I kindly invite you to step down and let us contest for it openly." Li Qingfeng's crisp voice resounded.

"Nope!" Li Luo replied annoyedly. Just as he was about to succeed, this darn Li Qingfeng guy had rushed over, coveting his good fortune.

"If that is the case, then I will make you leave, with force." Li Qingfeng gave a slight smile as resonant power surged throughout his entire body. A strong wave of energy radiated from him that caused the void to shake in his presence.

He had no intention to drag out the matter, so his five fingers clenched into a fist, punching outwards.

"Li Luo, why don't you give my Nine Revolutions Art a try?!"

That single punch caused an energy tempest to kick up, and a gigantic fist manifestation engraved with endless draconic runes took form, sending tyrannic pressure surging into the skies.

"Nine Revolutions Art, Heavenly Dragon's Fist of the Stars!"

Li Qingfeng's first strike was merciless. This single punch was even stronger than Qin Yi's Ten Thousand Water Streams Slaughter.

The fist manifestation seemed to possess the power of the stars, and its sheer power tore apart the void.

Boom!

Space trembled.

Behind them, whether it was the Banner Leaders who were standing idly or the ones fighting, everyone had serious looks on their faces. Li Qingfeng was determined to push Li Luo off the Golden Dragon Pillar with a single blow.

Even Lu Qingmei had to dodge when facing it, so could Li Luo actually handle it head-on?

Li Luo similarly raised his head to look at the crushing draconic fist manifestation that was flying towards him. His expression had also turned incomparably grim. He had already spent much of his energy in the fight against Qin Yi, and now he had to take Li Qingfeng on directly. This was truly troublesome.

However, it was clear that this was inevitable.

Li Luo waved his hand, and an ancient blade appeared in his grasp as he glanced at the gold light that was about to form a complete dome. He shook his head helplessly.

There was just a short amount of time left... but dragging it out didn't seem possible. Glorious amounts of energy exuded from Li Luo's body, but just as he was about to retaliate against Li Qingfeng's tyrannical fist, something happened.

In the void outside the gold light enclosure, an earthy, yellow energy surged forth like a tide. What followed closely behind were numerous massive, yellow dragon fangs that pierced forward. These fangs were a little interesting—when one looked upon them, they didn't seem to carry any semblance of sharpness or lethality. Instead, they seemed sturdy and a little clumsy, with a feeling of immense weight to them. The dragon fangs in question seemed to intertwine with each other, forming an earthy, yellow shield that was engraved with countless runes that shifted atop its surface.

When this dragon fang shield formed, the tyrannical Heavenly Dragon's Fist of the Stars screamed past the void and then slammed heavily upon its surface.

Bang!

An explosive boom echoed, and frightening amounts of berserk energy blasted in every direction. The mist was directly torn apart, clearing up the air within tens of thousands of meters. Even the Banner Leaders at the back could feel the aftershock, hurriedly circulating their resonant power to protect themselves.

Everyone's frightened gazes were directed towards the Golden Dragon Pillar.

When the aftermath of the energy collision subsided, everyone's gazes shrank. The yellow shield was still standing, and despite there being numerous cracks on the surface, it had not shattered.

On the other hand, Li Qingfeng's Heavenly Dragon's Fist of the Stars had been mitigated.

This was to say that his all-out strike had not managed to destroy this shield.

All of the Banner Leaders' hearts were in turmoil. There was someone capable of blocking Li Qingfeng's unreserved strike within the twenty Banner Leaders?

Who could it be?

Even Qin Yi was taken aback by this. This sort of unwavering defense was terrifying. Even she would need quite a bit of time to break through a bulwark like that.

Which of the twenty Banner Leaders possessed such an absolute defense?

She was not the only one surprised by this—the others, including Li Qingfeng, felt a little lost at this sudden development. His expression turned ugly at this point.

"This is a Duke Art called the Annihilation Fang Art, which belongs to the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Could it be Li Jingtao?" he said gloomily. All of the Banner Leaders who had heard this felt like a bombshell had detonated in their minds. Li Jingtao had actually taken action?

The Banner Leader of the Dragon's Fang Lineage's Violet Spirit Banner? Li Jingtao was a Banner Leader who held a low profile. The Violet Spirit Banner had always possessed middling results, and he was known to be a very friendly and genial individual in his interactions. They had always felt that he would not come into conflict with anyone.

Could it be that he had hidden his strength all this time?

Additionally, the Dragon's Fang Lineage's Annihilation Fang Art was something they had encountered before. It was a technique that was focused on slaughter. On the other hand, these rows of yellow dragon fangs had intertwined and formed an absolute shield completely lacking any sort of killing intent or ferocity.

When had the Annihilation Fang Art been turned into a defensive art? Wasn't defense something that the Dragon's Bone Lineage focused upon?

For a brief moment, the Banner Leaders' minds were in a state of confusion. The Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages' all had their own specialties. The Dragon's Fang Lineage in particular specialized in domineering, offensive attacks. The fangs of a dragon were its strongest weapons, and only by possessing an indomitable heart could one display the true power of the Dragon's Fang Lineage's resonance arts. It was similar to how someone with killing intent would be able to attack ferociously and mercilessly.

No one had ever heard of the Annihilation Fang Art being used as some sort of impenetrable bulwark without any hint of offense.

This was... mind-boggling.

And whilst the group remained shocked, a figure arose from behind the shield, slowly landing atop it.

He had a face full of smiles, benevolence radiating from his very being, the very model of a friendly individual. It was Li Jingtao.

He had such a forgettable presence that no one knew when he had even passed through the zone.

"Haha! My apologies. I had not wanted to take action, but my Third Brother has suffered so much to get here, even almost attaining the Golden Dragon Pillar. Banner Leader Li Qingfeng, must you take action and ruin his opportunity?" Li Qingfeng spoke apologetically and slowly.

Li Qingfeng glared daggers at Li Jingtao. "Li Jingtao, you've concealed yourself deeply."

It had to be said that this shocking defense erected by him would have allowed him to remain undefeatable when challenged by any other Banner Leader.

Li Jingtao shook his head. "No no, you're overestimating me. I only have this single defensive ability. I'm unable to do anything else."

The corner of Li Qingfeng's eye twitched. He could tell that Li Jingtao truly wasn't lying. He could not feel any sort of intent to battle nor offensive power being gathered for a follow-up strike. This also meant that this fellow had actually spent all his effort on just this lone defensive move. How could the Dragon's Fang Lineage, famed for their vicious attacks, have produced such a miraculous offspring that merely wanted to become the ultimate meat shield?

As the two spoke, Li Luo was similarly completely shocked at this scene.

He had never expected that the individual who often bickered with Li Fengyi, a perpetually amicable person, would have such an ace up his sleeve.

A defense of this level was a little frightening. Li Luo could feel that even he would be unable to break through such an art.

With the time bought by Li Jingtao's defense, the gold light finally enclosed the top of the pillar. Resplendent, gold light emitted from the peak of the Golden Dragon Pillar, spreading in all four directions. All of the Banner Leaders had complicated expressions upon seeing this.

It demonstrated that there was no point in struggling any further.

The Golden Dragon Pillar had fallen into Li Luo's grasp. This result was something that no one could ever have imagined half a day ago...

Chapter 0842: Masters of the Dragon Pillars

When the gold light completely enveloped the Golden Dragon Pillar, Li Qingfeng's handsome face became twisted. His resonant power raged wildly, and his eyes were full of fury.

He was angry.

Half a minute was the amount of time he had to work with. That was all the time necessary for his attack to strike and destroy the protection shield created by the gold light. With that, he would have ample time left to chase Li Luo off the Golden Dragon Pillar.

Nonetheless, who would have thought that Li Jingtao had such an ace up his sleeve?

Li Qingfeng had always thought lightly of Li Jingtao all this while even though the latter held a high status as a direct bloodline descendant within the Dragon's Fang Lineage. His performance in the past was considered acceptable but far from exceptional.

There was nothing really impressive among his achievements as a Banner Leader.

Otherwise, the Gold Light Banner led by Deng Fengxian would not have become the top banner of the Dragon's Fang Lineage.

However, all these impressions from the past were completely shattered when Li Jingtao made his move.

His absolute defense was shockingly strong. Li Qingfeng had given his all in his punch earlier, but it was ultimately insufficient to break through the defense created by him.

This was definitely not a coincidence.

Although he did not know how strong Li Jingtao's offensive power was, his absolute defense was enough to give him a headache.

"Why's the Dragon's Fang Lineage so strange? Apart from Li Luo, there is still an oddball like Li Jingtao."

Whilst Li Qingfeng's face was as gloomy as rain clouds, Li Jingtao simply showed a warm smile as he said, "Li Qingfeng, the Golden Dragon Pillar has its owner now. Why don't you go for the Silver Dragon Pillar instead?"

However, Li Qingfeng felt even more aggrieved when he saw the extremely sincere and friendly smile on Li Jingtao's face. He had never imagined that the Banner Leader of the Violet Spirit Banner, whom he had not cared much about before, would one day frustrate him so much.

"You have concealed yourself deeply, Li Jingtao. If there is a chance in the future, I would like to experience it for myself and see just how strong your defense really is!" Li Qingfeng said coldly after taking a deep breath.

"No, no, there's no need for that. There's no need to make a fuss—we can talk over it nicely instead of resolving our problems violently," Li Jingtao said with a bitter laugh.

Hearing this, Li Qingfeng's face turned even more dismal. He could not stomach the thought of looking at his smiling face anymore. Although Li Jingtao sounded sincere, he could still sense some kind of ridicule within his words.

Fortunately, he was rational enough not to strike at Li Jingtao any further. Even though he had always ignored Li Jingtao in the past, he now viewed him as a threat.

Li Jingtao would definitely be able to stop him in his tracks with this impeccable defensive art. If he got caught up in such a situation, he might even be restrained from obtaining a Silver Dragon Pillar.

Forget it. He will stay away from Li Jingtao for now. They would settle accounts in the future.

As he thought about this, Li Qingfeng took another look at Li Luo on the Golden Dragon Pillar. He forcibly suppressed the unwillingness in his eyes and then he turned around and left.

Watching Li Qingfeng leave the scene, Li Jingtao could finally heave a sigh of relief. If it weren't necessary, he would not have clashed with Li Qingfeng at all. He would not have revealed his defensive art if not for the risk of Li Luo falling short at such a critical juncture.

After all, he did not think it was worth showing off how he had transformed the Annihilation Fang Art into this.

At this juncture, he turned around and walked towards the outer region of the Golden Dragon Pillar. "Are you okay, Third Brother?" he asked with a smile as he looked at Li Luo within the golden barrier of protection

It was only at this moment that Li Luo recovered from this shocking development. As he stared at Li Jingtao with surprise, he commented, "Eldest Brother, you are the real hidden master in the Dragon's Fang Lineage's four banners."

Shaking his head, Li Jingtao replied, "Hidden master? I'm nothing like that, it's just that I can take a few punches. Moreover, there's not much use to this. I can't push forward in the Fiendish Devil Cave simply by taking more punches."

Li Luo was dumbfounded. There was a need to defeat the Fiendish Devil Leaders in the Fiendish Devil Cave, so there was really not much use in having amazing defensive arts. However... his defensive art would have endless uses outside of the Fiendish Devil Cave.

Perhaps Li Jingtao himself may not be very proficient in attacking. However, he would be able to hold his ground against any genius and remain undefeated with this defensive art of his.

At the very least, he could force a draw against Li Qingfeng.

"Nonetheless, it's really all thanks to you that I was able to obtain the Golden Dragon Pillar." Li Luo thanked him with a big smile.

"No worries, we're family," Li Jingtao replied with a silly smile.

"But, Third Brother, can you help me with something later?" he suddenly asked.

"Just name it, Eldest Brother." Li Luo agreed immediately.

With a bitter face, Li Jingtao continued, "Second Sister had no idea about this art before. However, she should have noticed by now. She will surely give me a good scolding after this battle is over, so you'll have to help me out then."

Li Luo laughed in response. Li Fengyi had always complained that Li Jingtao, as the eldest grandson of the Dragon's Fang Lineage, needed to step up his game. Why was he always making a girl like her compete against Deng Fengxian? However, now she would know that it was all an act. With her hot temper, she would surely explode at him later on.

At this moment, Li Luo pondered for a moment and asked, "Eldest Brother, aren't you going to fight for a Coiling Dragon Pillar?"

Li Jingtao shook his head and replied with a troubled look, "There's no need to fight with others, I prefer to live in harmony. I do not want to cause so much trouble."

Li Luo rubbed his chin for a while and said, "It would've been fine if you didn't fight for it before. However, if you still don't go for it after you have revealed your true strength, Second Sister will surely explode in anger when she learns about it. That fight will be even harder to mediate. I think you can expect her to give you an ugly face for the next few months."

Hearing this, Li Jingtao frowned and let out a sigh. That would indeed be troublesome.

"Eldest Brother, I know you do not want to fight with others. But since you can't avoid it now, let's put in a little more effort," Li Luo said in an attempt to encourage him.

Obtaining a Coiling Dragon Pillar was a really rare opportunity. It would surely be useful for Li Jingtao as well. As such, Li Luo felt that he needed to push him on a little more.

"Well... If you say so."

Li Jingtao hesitated for a while before he finally nodded. "I'll give it a try and see if I can get a Bronze Dragon Pillar," he continued.

Li Luo felt really helpless at his response. With the terrifying defense that he had displayed earlier, he was fully capable of securing a Silver Dragon Pillar for himself. Once he got on it and activated his defensive art, no would be able to drive him away from the pillar.

Clearly, Li Jingtao did not want to draw that much attention to himself, so he had chosen to go for a Bronze Dragon Pillar instead.

"Let's forget it. With Li Jingtao's temperament, it's not good to be too forceful with him."

On the other hand, Li Jingtao turned around after talking to Li Luo and headed over to a Bronze Dragon Pillar without much haste.

As soon as he started moving, the other Banner Leaders caught onto it immediately. Their gazes were fixed on Li Jingtao, and their eyes were full of fear.

After all, he was someone that had forced even Li Qingfeng to retreat. Li Jingtao would surely be the second dark horse in today's event.

This battle sure was full of surprises.

But to their astonishment, Li Jingtao had not gone towards a Silver Dragon Pillar. Instead, he headed straight towards the Bronze Dragon Pillar on the outside. It was only at this moment that they secretly heaved sighs of relief. The other Banner Leaders fought against each other in the remaining time. Shortly after, there was an owner to each of the Coiling Dragon Pillars.

Li Qingfeng had gotten a Silver Dragon Pillar easily. There was no one that could stand up to him.

As for the second Silver Dragon Pillar, Li Hongli and Lu Qingmei had a fierce fight over it. In the end, Lu Qingmei emerged victorious, as many would have expected.

As for the Bronze Dragon Pillars, Li Jingtao got one for himself easily as no one dared to compete with him after he had made his decision. Evidently, they had understood his immense strength after his clash with Li Qingfeng earlier.

There was no way they could break through that perverted and terrifying defense of his even if they exhausted all their energy.

None of them wanted to provoke such a rough and thick-skinned meat shield.

On the other hand, Li Hongli had gotten a Bronze Dragon Pillar for herself too. However, her face was gloomy without any hint of joy because she had wanted the Silver Dragon Pillar. What a pity. There was only one Silver Dragon Pillar up for grabs after Li Qingfeng's failure earlier, and she was ultimately not strong enough to win against Lu Qingmei.

Lastly, the last Bronze Dragon Pillar ended up with Deng Fengxian.

The six Coiling Dragon Pillars had each gotten their owners.

When one scanned the six owners, it was hard not to be shocked. Who would have thought that half of the six Coiling Dragon Pillars would end up with the Dragon's Fang Lineage? In the past, they were barely able to protect one pillar for themselves.

With that, the battle at the dragonbreath pool came to a conclusion. Without a doubt, the Dragon's Fang Lineage was the biggest winner this time.

Chapter 0843: The Biggest Winner

When the masters of the dragon pillars emerged from the depths of the dragonbreath pool, the results surprised many of the spectators outside.

It was clearly different from what they had initially anticipated.

They had expected the Golden Dragon Pillar to be taken by either Qin Yi or Li Qingfeng, as they were the only two with the power and talent to suppress everyone.

However... Li Luo had emerged as the dark horse. This was beyond everyone's expectations.

Moreover, Li Jingtao was one of the largest topics of discussion after everyone saw what he had done at the end. He had been an ordinary-looking guy with no spectacular achievements in his career. No one had really paid much attention to him even though he was a direct descendant of the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Who would have thought that he would have such an ace hidden up his sleeve?

Although it was truly odd for him to transform an offense-focused Duke Art into one that was defensive, it had also revealed his remarkable talents in another sense.

The Dragon's Fang Lineage obtaining three of the Coiling Dragon Pillars really shocked the other four lineages.

Such a conclusion was an astonishment not just for the external guests, but for the elders of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages as well.

After all, there had been no talented genius in the younger generation of the Dragon's Fang Lineage since Li Taixuan left decades ago. Their formance in the dragonbreath pool battle had gone downhill since then as well.

As a result of their lackluster performance, Li Jingzhe had been pushing back the opening of the dragonbreath pool at every possible opportunity. Clearly, he did not want to witness a disappointing conclusion.

Yet this was exactly why so many had been attracted to the event this time. Li Jingzhe had actually changed his stance to bring forward the opening of the dragonbreath pool for once.

Everyone knew very well that he had done it all for the sake of Li Luo.

He wanted Li Luo to take full advantage of such a rare and valuable opportunity.

Nonetheless, the battle in the dragonbreath pool all depended on the individual's strength. There was no one else to rely on, and if Li Luo himself was not powerful enough, there was no way he would have obtained a Coiling Dragon Pillar just because Li Jingzhe was his grandfather.

With their understanding of Li Luo's strength, no one thought that he would be able to get a Coiling Dragon Pillar, not even the lowest grade bronze one.

As such, they had thought it would be a joke. Li Jingzhe's change of stance was pointless.

However... the joke did not manifest as they all imagined. Instead, they were shown a spectacular performance.

The Dragon's Fang Lineage had taken home three of the Coiling Dragon Pillars. This was the best achievement from the Dragon's Fang Lineage in hundreds of years.

With such a result, many of the distinguished guests were naturally amazed and charmed by Li Jingzhe's foresight and judgment.

However, the elders of the Dragon's Blood Lineage looked extremely puzzled and stressed amidst everyone's shock. The dazzling achievement of the Dragon's Fang Lineage was built by stepping on their lineage.

The Golden Dragon Pillar was supposed to be Li Qingfeng's.

One of the Silver Dragon Pillars was supposed to be Li Hongli's.

The Dragon's Blood Lineage had expected to conclude the dragonbreath pool battle with one golden pillar and one silver pillar.

In the end, the result was vastly different from their expectations. Instead of one golden and one silver, it had become one silver and one bronze.

Although this was still a much better result compared to the other three lineages, it was considered their worst performance in the recent few dragonbreath pool battles.

Many of the elders were secretly blaming Qin Yi and her strange aqua palace that had restricted Li Qingfeng. If not for her, Li Luo would not have been able to get a headstart to secure the Golden Dragon Pillar. In that case, it would be hard to tell who would end up as the master of the Golden Dragon Pillar in the end.

With such thoughts in mind, they stared at Qin Lian with some resentment.

In response to their gazes, Qin Lian's livid face turned even uglier. She nearly wanted to scream out and ask if these idiots really thought she had come to help the Dragon's Fang Lineage. How could you blame her for this?

Nonetheless, these were words that could not come from her mouth. She could only keep a cold face and ignore those gazes.

In contrast to the complex feelings of the other lineages, the crowd over at the Dragon's Fang Lineage was full of joy.

"Big brother, Jingtao is pretty good. In the past, he said he was unable to master any of the Duke Arts from the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Now look at his extraordinary efforts! Modifying the Annihilation Fang Art to such a degree is simply amazing." Li Jinpan laughed heartily as he spoke to Li Qingpeng.

Li Qingpeng did not know whether to laugh or cry. He sighed and said, "That little brat has been afraid of pain ever since he was young... and he has never liked to compete with others. That aspect of his personality is even more exaggerated than mine."

He was already considered nonchalant to the happenings around him. However, Li Jingtao was even better than him in this regard.

Li Jinpan laughed and replied, "So he modified the Annihilation Fang Art into a defensive art just because he's afraid of pain? The kid is a real genius!" Hearing this, the other elders from the Dragon's Fang Lineage could not help but laugh out loud too.

Smiling happily, Li Qingpeng continued, "That brat is too lazy. If he didn't need to help Li Luo, I am afraid he would have continued hiding his talent. Just wait and see how I deal with him later."

"But he made a great contribution today. If not for him, Li Luo's standing would have changed," Li Jinpan responded.

At this moment, he also frowned a little at Li Qingpeng and said, "Besides, the Respected Elder looks really satisfied."

Hearing this, Li Qingpeng secretly took a look over in Li Jingzhe's direction and saw a faint sign of a smile appearing on his usually serious and stern face.

Evidently, he was really pleased with what the Dragon's Fang Lineage had achieved today.

Li Qingpeng heaved a sigh of relief and said to Li Jinpan with a smile, "Li Luo has really contributed a lot here. That kid is far more talented than Jingtao—even Qin Yi couldn't stop him. Looking at his achievements and demeanor, it really reminds me of how our Third Brother swept through the crowd back in the day."

Then he raised his voice and shouted, "From now on, no one will dare to say that the younger generation of the Dragon's Fang Lineage is weak!" Although the Dragon's Fang Lineage was not the last in the previous dragonbreath pool battles, their performance had been lackluster when taking their background into context. As such, significant amounts of gossip had fermented behind their backs, which was really annoying. As the people were discussing the overall results, the five Lineage Chiefs seated above the crowd stared into the depths of the dragonbreath pool.

Li Qingying, the Lineage Chief of Dragon's Scale Lineage, said with a smile, "No wonder Lineage Chief Jingzhe was willing to change his stance on the opening of the dragonbreath pool. The Dragon's Fang Lineage truly came fully prepared."

Li Jingzhe smiled a little as he replied, "This result has caught me by surprise too. I merely wanted to use this chance to have my grandson make up for lost time after languishing in the outer divine continent for so long. It was hard for me to tell whether he would actually get a dragon pillar or not."

"Li Luo has the same style as his father. Given more time, perhaps the Dragon's Fang Lineage will have another talent that will shock the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent again," Li Qingying said.

"I am full of gratitude towards your auspicious wishes, Lineage Chief Li Qingying," Li Jingzhe replied politely.

"Lineage Chief Jingzhe, that Li Jingtao kid is interesting. It seems like he is more compatible with the Dragon's Bone Lineage than the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Why don't you let him come to my lineage to learn instead?" It was Li Xuanwu, the Lineage Chief of Dragon's Bone Lineage, that had spoken at this moment. He had a burly body with flesh and blood that exuded a terrifying force of vitality.

Among the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages, the Dragon's Bone Lineage was the most well known for defense.

Hearing this, Li Jingzhe simply smiled and replied, "That little brat is really lazy. I am afraid he wouldn't be able to withstand the tough training at the Dragon's Bone Lineage."

Li Jingtao's performance had really surprised Li Jingzhe, as his oldest grandson had always been average and ordinary. Who would have expected that his specialty was not in offense, but in defense?

The Annihilation Fang Art was a very common Communion-grade offensive Duke Art in the Dragon's Fang Lineage. In fact, many of the Duke users within the lineage had cultivated it. As a direct bloodline descendant, Li Jingtao had naturally gotten the chance to cultivate it in the past. However, his progress was extremely slow, and Li Jingzhe stopped paying attention to his progress after some time. Who would've guessed that he would transform the Annihilation Fang Art into such a wondrous new form after all this time?

If it wasn't for the same fundamentals shown in the shield, even Li Jingzhe would have wondered if it was another Duke Art altogether.

Without a doubt, Li Jingtao had modified the Annihilation Fang Art.

Transforming an offensive art into a defensive art... In a certain sense, that oddball was really talented too.

Moreover, Li Jingzhe could tell that the modified Annihilation Fang Art had a stronger defensive power than the original Annihilation Fang Art's grade. In fact, it could even be said to have approached the Soul Ascension grade in terms of sheer power.

That brat was really quite capable. At this moment, Li Jingzhe smiled and relaxed his eyebrows a little. There was plenty of good news today. On top of the spectacular performance from Li Luo, Li Jingtao had really awed everyone too.

The Dragon's Fang Lineage had truly gained a lot today.

After these tough fights, it was finally time for them to reap the rewards.

Just who knew how many strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Li Luo would obtain?

Chapter 0844: Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath

Li Luo was still sitting cross-legged on the Golden Dragon Pillar, stretching his muscles to relieve the fatigue in his body. It had not been an easy journey to reach this point, but his efforts had paid off at last.

The Golden Dragon Pillar below him was the best reward.

"I heard that getting the golden pillar in the dragonbreath pool will most likely give me the opportunity to obtain at least two strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath," Li Luo mumbled to himself. He could condense them into ten thousand strands of abstruse fiend lights.

This was an amazing result, yet Li Luo was still slightly dissatisfied with it.

The three resonant palaces within him required a total of thirty-five strands of abstruse fiend lights to fill completely. After discounting the eleven thousand abstruse fiend lights that he had already cultivated, he still needed twenty-four thousand more to achieve his goal. It would take him close to a year's time to cultivate them in a normal fashion, which was much too long for Li Luo. Hence, he could only hope for a rare opportunity like the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

It was no wonder Li Luo wanted to take hold of as many strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath as he could with this precious opportunity.

"It would be best if I could get three strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath," Li Luo stated in his heart.

Just as he was pondering, his expression suddenly changed and he looked into the depths of the dragonbreath pool. There was a huge energy wave pulsing outwards from that area.

In the background, there was a faint whistle that sounded like the roar of a dragon.

Li Luo immediately snapped to attention. This was the sign that the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath was about to appear.

Li Qingfeng and the owners of the other five Coiling Dragon Pillars looked towards the deepest part of the dragonbreath pool at the same moment. As the strong energy pulses radiated towards their surroundings, everyone was fully prepared to strike.

It was not a long wait for them. The clouds and mist in the depths of the dragonbreath pool split apart completely, and a dark-yellow gust of wind swept upwards.

The wind seemed like a natural disaster. Everywhere it passed, the void was torn apart with countless spatial tears left in its trail.

Li Luo looked at it in amazement. The yellow gust was extremely devastating. Even though they currently wielded the power of Dukes, they would be torn into pieces instantly if they charged in recklessly.

Luckily, the Coiling Dragon Pillars under their feet had protective barriers that shielded them from harm.

Ripples rapidly burst out into the air when the dark-yellow gust collided with the barriers.

It was only then that Li Luo finally understood why acquiring the Coiling Dragon Pillars was the prerequisite to gaining Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths. Without the protection from the pillars, they would not even dare to stand here, let alone collect Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths...

At this moment, Li Luo stared intently at the whistling, dark-yellow gust. It was said that these wild winds would bring out the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths from the deepest parts of the dragonbreath pool. However, they would only last in the air for a very short time before disintegrating completely. As such, they had to keep focused at all times if they did not want to miss the chance to obtain one.

In particular, the position of the Golden Dragon Pillar gave its owner a higher chance to obtain Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths.

"Phew."

Li Luo's chest rose and fell slightly as he glanced at the massive stream of energy flowing around outside his body. This was the power granted to him by the Green Nether Banner's Harmony. However, its energy had weakened a lot after his fierce fight with Qin Yi earlier. Would the remaining amount be sufficient for him to obtain enough Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths?

Li Luo's mood was mixed, but he remained rapt at attention. He stared intently at the dark-yellow gust around his Golden Dragon Pillar.

At this moment, he completely shut off the noise from the surrounding wind.

Only his own heartbeat echoed in his mind, and it sounded like a slow drum.

A moment passed by just like this. In the next instant, Li Luo's pupils froze and energy flowed out from his body without any reservation. The energy morphed into a giant hand that was hundreds of feet wide.

Pushing out from the inside of the protective barrier, the giant hand reached into the dark-yellow gust of wind.

The wind was as sharp as blades, slashing against the energy hand rapidly. Cuts appeared on it instantly, and its energy was diminished at a very fast rate.

However, Li Luo was not bothered by it. His eyes were fixed on something that was approaching his barrier. In the midst of the terrifying wind, there was a strand of dark-golden energy that was dozens of feet away from him.

Upon closer look, the dark-golden energy looked lively, like the horns and claws of a dragon. As it flew through the air, it appeared to be covered in dragon scales.

This was a Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, what Li Luo had long been wishing for!

Li Luo controlled the giant energy hand and reached out to grab one strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

However, this was not an easy feat. The Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath seemed to be slightly intelligent, and it swam away desperately when the giant energy hand closed in on it. It was as if the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath was trying to escape.

This caused quite a bit of trouble for Li Luo. The dark-yellow gust was continuously tearing apart and breaking down the hand. Li Luo would not be able to maintain it for very long.

If he could not catch this one strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath before his giant energy hand fully disintegrated, he would lose his chance. Not only that, he would have exhausted a huge amount of energy for nothing.

As time continued to tick by, the giant energy hand shrank repeatedly. In the end, it was only around a hundred feet wide. At this moment, a thought flashed in Li Luo's mind, and his giant energy hand dashed into the gust of wind aggressively. Finally, he caught up with one strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath and grabbed it tightly.

Without any further hesitation, the giant energy hand retreated swiftly.

At long last, the hand came back into the golden protective shield. Li Luo focused his attention, and the giant energy hand disappeared. All that remained was a cloud of energy that was wrapped around the strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath that landed in front of him.

Li Luo stared at it with fiery and passionate eyes. This was what he had been longing for all day and night. At this moment, he could feel the resonant power within his body vibrating, which was a sign of extreme desire.

This was worth five thousand abstruse fiend lights. Under normal cultivation, Li Luo would need two to three months in order to cultivate this amount.

However, it was not the time to absorb them yet. He took out a jade bottle and gently placed this strand of dragonbreath into it.

After putting the jade bottle away carefully, Li Luo heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. With one strand of dragonbreath in his hands, the battle at the dragonbreath pool had finally resulted in a tangible reward.

However, this was not enough.

Li Luo sensed the energy flowing around him another time and frowned slightly. It seemed like his energy consumption was faster than expected in the dark yellow gust.

With just that one attempt earlier, one-third of his energy had already been depleted.

If he gave it another two attempts, his energy would be completely depleted. At that time, he could only look on and sigh if any more Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths appeared.

Using this opportunity, Li Luo turned around to take a look at the other Coiling Dragon Pillars too. The other five people were still staring intently at the raging storm with no gains yet. Clearly, the advantageous position of the Golden Dragon Pillar really helped. It was no wonder everyone fought so hard over it.

At this moment, Li Luo quickly retracted his gaze. Every second counted now, and he did not have the luxury to pay attention to others.

He hoped that the other two attempts would be successful too. In that case, he would be able to obtain a total of three strands.

Holding onto such hopes, Li Luo waited quietly for dozens of minutes.

Finally, he spotted a trace of the second strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

He reached out decisively with yet another energy hand.

In the next moment, however, he failed to obtain it.

Chapter 0845: Li Luo's Bait

Li Luo looked at the recently-condensed energy hand with a hint of embarrassment. It was more or less buffeted by the energy storm and most of it disintegrated. Because of that, the second strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath escaped.

Clearly, grabbing hold of a dragonbreath did guarantee that one would successfully bring it back in the wake of the disastrous energy storm.

However, Li Luo did not feel disappointed over this. The others might be restricted by the amount of energy they possessed through Harmony, but he still held an ace up his sleeve. The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf still had energy he could borrow to capture more dragonbreaths.

Additionally... Li Luo realized something very strange.

When he had failed to pull in the second strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, the dragonbreath should normally have taken the opportunity to hide within the storm before disappearing completely. But Li Luo actually noticed that it hovered at the spot where his energy hand was before disappearing instead of running away.

This caused him to feel a little confused, as Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths possessed a trace of spirituality. The moment it was surprised, it should have run away to hide itself. The dragonbreath, however, had actually hesitated for a moment instead. It seemed as though it was looking for him.

Li Luo fell into deep thought. Was there something that he possessed that attracted the interest of that Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath?

He inspected his body and pondered just what it could possibly be.

It didn't take a genius to figure out that it likely had to do with the ancient tablet, the Heavenly Emperor's Writ.

This was the only object that could possibly influence these entities of spiritual energy.

The Heavenly Emperor's Writ contained a trace of blood essence belonging to a Heavenly Dragon, and the dragonbreaths should have a connection with the Heavenly Dragon.

Thus, it was likely that the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath had reacted to the Heavenly Emperor's Writ, leading to this situation.

In order to test his hypothesis, Li Luo then took out the bottle containing the first strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath that he had captured prior.

The bottle was engraved with spiritual runes. When Li Luo moved the Heavenly Emperor's Writ towards it, the captured strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath seemed to come to life and started to move around vigorously within its cage.

"So this is the case..." Li Luo grinned. The Heavenly Emperor's Writ attracted Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths. When the second strand of dragonbreath failed to be captured, it must have felt the undulations coming from the writ and thus hesitated for a moment, seemingly searching for it.

However, the intensity of the attraction was minor. At the very least, it had not reacted as dramatically as the first strand.

"Could it be due to the golden light isolating its effects?" Li Luo raised his head and studied the gold light covering the Golden Dragon Pillar. That had to be the case. As a result, the attraction of the Heavenly Emperor's Writ had decreased significantly.

Li Luo rubbed his chin and sighed. If he truly wanted to use the Heavenly Emperor's Writ as bait, he would have to send it out of the protective barrier, and if the results were good, it might attract a dragonbreath without further effort. In that case, he would not have to rely on his luck to obtain more strands.

However, using the writ as bait would require a long period of exposure, meaning he would have to use a lot of energy to resist the corrosive effect of the energy storm.

Li Luo focused upon the amount of energy remaining as a result of Harmony and knew that he didn't have much insurance left for such a move.

If his energy was exhausted before the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath was attracted, it would be a waste of all his effort.

It seemed as though he had to utilize his trump card at this point.

Li Luo stretched out a finger and lightly swept it across the bracelet on his hand, then his mind submerged into it.

The scene before his eyes changed and his vision dimmed. The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf then appeared before him, its crimson eyes trained on him. Its ferociousness was significantly subdued after the last time they had spoken.

As Li Luo participated in the celebration, the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf had sneakily observed the outside world and was completely taken aback by the sheer number of Dukes that surrounded him.

The Dukes all gave it an immense sense of pressure, and it could also feel the presence of even more terrifying existences.

Each and every one of them was no weaker than Pang Qianyuan.

They were all King Stage experts.

It was terrifying beyond explanation.

The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf then understood that Li Luo had arrived at an extraordinary place, and he even seemed to possess a high status here.

Nothing he had said was a lie.

Thus, the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf had to tuck its tail beneath its legs and reduce its arrogance and savagery before him.

It even had a feeling that its future would be reliant upon Li Luo.

Li Luo could sense the change in the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf's gaze, and he felt a hint of delight. The previously impudent and brazen creature had finally felt fear.

"Little Three, I'll need your help in a moment." Li Luo was not polite, directly stating his demands.

"I gave you the Draconic Breath Fiend Art. Were you able to cultivate it?"

After the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf had awoken, Li Luo had handed him the Draconic Breath Fiend Art to learn. He had gotten the inspiration from attaining Harmony with the banner. The previous method of borrowing its strength was simply too crude and would negatively affect his own mind if he used it too much. Thus, he had to find an alternate solution.

It was to get the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf to become a part of the Green Nether Banner.

From then on, he could use Harmony to tap into its strength, and he would similarly be less affected by its fiendish influence.

The best part would be that others would not be able to discover the existence of the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf.

Of course, there was a requirement to it: the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf had to be able to cultivate the Draconic Breath Fiend Art. Only then could Li Luo utilize Harmony to tap upon its strength.

Normally speaking, getting a spirit beast to learn a Fiend Art was a little whimsical, and the Draconic Breath Fiend Art required one to possess dragon essence.

However, the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf had managed to cultivate it.

This was likely because it had absorbed a good amount of Li Luo's blood essence, which contained a trace of the Heavenly Dragon's blood essence as well.

As a result, it had succeeded, but the results were not great, considering it was not human.

Still, Li Luo had achieved his objective.

This would enable him to access the wolf's strength with the aid of Harmony.

In the future, the results would become more promising and covert.

The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf let out a low roar that seemed to contain a request.

"Hmm? You want a strand of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath?" Li Luo arched his eyebrow. This fellow had dared to raise a condition. Could it be that the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath was of use to it?

Li Luo sighed momentarily before smiling. "I need four strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. If I exceed that, I'll give you one."

The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf was ultimately one of his trump cards, and if it got stronger, it would also be a good thing for him. An emperor did not lack hungry soldiers, and giving it some benefits would motivate it to strive even harder.

The Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf nodded in agreement.

"Get ready," Li Luo replied before his body vanished from the inner space.

Atop the Golden Dragon Pillar, Li Luo's eyes opened, and he tested out the strength within him.

As he sucked in a deep breath, he roused all of the energy inside his body, forming another gigantic energy hand. He then placed the Heavenly Emperor's Writ within it.

The plaque slowly sank into the almost physical energy body, eventually settling in its core.

With his preparations complete, Li Luo no longer hesitated. The giant energy hand shot outwards with a thought from him, exiting the protective shield of gold light and stretching into the dark-yellow wind.

The wind was like a roaring tornado, gradually stripping away the layers of energy that made up the hand.

At this point in time, the crimson bracelet glowed and a strand of berserk energy surged out, sinking into the energy hand and maintaining it.

Li Luo heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that the giant energy hand was now unfazed by the vicious winds.

Now he had to see if a Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath would bite.

Li Luo could feel that if this experiment was successful, his results would be greater than he could ever imagine.

Chapter 0846: Different Methods

Tempestuous gusts swept across the pool. It was ferocious and violent, constantly rending the void. Black traces were left in the wake of these winds that were like scythes swiping across space. However the ruptured space gradually repaired itself over time.

Outside the gold light was a gigantic energy hand that was tens of meters wide. Energy pulsed from it, defending against the erosion caused by the wind.

Within the gold light sat Li Luo, staring at his surroundings with rapt attention, awaiting the "fish" he had baited.

It was just that the initial wait was a little long, and a few minutes passed by quickly without any trace of a Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, the catch Li Luo was yearning for. This caused him to feel a little perturbed. He could sense that exposing the giant energy hand manifestation to the winds was a large drain on his energy reserves. Although the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf was supporting the energy consumption, even it would feel burdened by this if things were to drag on. As he waited for his little "fish" to take up the bait, Li Luo was also closely observing Li Qingfeng and the rest.

The three on the Bronze Dragon Pillars, Li Hongli, Li Jingtao, and Deng Fengxian, were all staring at the space before them until their eyes were sore. Unfortunately, they had yet to even catch a glimpse of a Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath in their vicinity.

This was normal. There were few strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath to begin with, and the Bronze Dragon Pillars were furthest away from the source. The opportunities to obtain even one were few and far between, and it was not uncommon to find individuals to leave this place empty-handed.

Ahead of them were the two Silver Dragon Pillars. Lu Qingmei's luck was not bad, and a strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath had approached her area.

At the same time, Li Qingfeng similarly noticed the same strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

He watched it slowly swim towards Lu Qingmei and frowned slightly before turning towards the Golden Dragon Pillar with a cold glint in his eye.

Losing the Golden Dragon Pillar was a source of frustration for him. It was supposed to be his.

Its position was exceptional, and it would be difficult for him to obtain excellent results with a Silver Dragon Pillar.

As a result, he felt disgruntled.

However, he sighed deeply before swiping his finger across a pocket sphere on his wrist. A dark-green stick of incense appeared. It was engraved with countless runes that resembled a dragon when seen as a whole.

This was known as Dragon Saliva Incense.

It was refined from the blood essence of dragons, and when ignited, it released a fragrance that was fatally attractive to the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

This was originally something he had prepared to use on the Golden Dragon Pillar.

He had planned to utilize its alluring scent after obtaining the Golden Dragon Pillar and possibly even obtaining four strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

It was a pity his entire plan was now in ruins.

With his Silver Dragon Pillar, even with the aid of this Dragon Saliva Incense, the best he could do was probably two or three strands. However, Li Qingfeng still decided to use it despite not being able to fully take advantage of its unique properties.

Although its effects would be lessened in his current location, burning the Dragon Saliva Incense would still allow him to attract some of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath from Li Luo's location. Essentially, he would be able to steal the dragonbreath that was meant for Li Luo.

This would allow him to vent a little.

After Li Luo stole his Golden Dragon Pillar, he had to use other methods to seize the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths that should have belonged to him.

With this in mind, he snapped his finger, and the Dragon Saliva Incense in his hand ignited. Wafting smoke drifted upwards, penetrating through the protective light barrier and entering the depths of the windy tempest.

The smoke dissipated immediately upon encountering the gusts of wind, but not completely. Instead, its unique fragrance quickly spread throughout the area with the aid of the wind.

The Dragon Saliva Incense then affected the strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath that was approaching Lu Qingmei, as it was the closest one.

Originally, the strand was closely approaching Lu Qingmei's position. However, with the spreading of the Dragon Saliva Incense fragrance, the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath suddenly jolted and, right before Lu Qingmei's surprised expression, immediately turned tail and bolted in Li Qingfeng's direction.

Lu Qingmei was taken aback by the sudden change. She then shot a glance towards Li Qingfeng and saw the burning stick of incense in his hand.

Although she did not know what that object was, she could guess that it was the reason why the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath had turned away.

This caused her to become completely infuriated, and her gaze turned chilly.

This bastard was actually luring away the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath that was meant for her!

Despite being faced with Lu Qingmei's fiendish and deathly glare, Li Qingfeng merely returned a slight smile and was unfazed. It wasn't as though his methods were a violation of the rules, and he had not done anything to Lu Qingmei either. The competition for the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths was ultimately dependent on their own capabilities.

As the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath gradually approached, Li Qingfeng suddenly took action, and majestic amounts of energy arose from him, forming a giant energy hand. It captured the dragonbreath with a clean, precise motion before retreating back into the barrier.

After which, he took out a jade bottle and stored the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath within. A smile formed in the corner of his lips.

This first strand was just the appetizer. Stealing a Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath from Li Luo's location would be the true feast, and he was looking forward to a great show.

When he looked in Li Luo's direction, a frown formed on his face.

He realized that the energy hand condensed by Li Luo was still exposed to the destructive effects of the wind even though quite some time had passed.

"What in the world is that guy doing, exposing his energy hand to the wind? Can he even bear the sheer consumption of energy?" Li Qingfeng asked with a bewildered expression. Li Luo's actions seemed stupid to him.

However, his surprise did not last long. He noticed movement near the Golden Dragon Pillar.

As the Dragon Saliva Incense continued to spread, Li Qingfeng saw that a strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath had surfaced near the Golden Dragon Pillar.

No... it wasn't just one.

When the first strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath appeared, two more crept up not too far behind it.

Three strands!

His gaze ignited with excitement. The Dragon Saliva Incense was more effective than he had ever imagined. Just the scent of the incense smoke had actually attracted three strands of dragonbreath?

His smile widened. "Perhaps Li Luo thinks that these three strands are attracted to the power of the Golden Dragon Pillar."

He looked forward to seeing Li Luo's despondent face when the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths ignored the Golden Dragon Pillar and swam towards him. Just how amazing would that expression be?

How unfortunate. He might have obtained the Golden Dragon Pillar, but the biggest winner would be him, Li Qingfeng!

Just as he was relishing in his own imagination, Li Luo was similarly excited by the appearance of the three strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

"It looks like holding the Heavenly Emperor's Writ inside the energy hand was a good idea." Li Luo heaved a sigh of relief. After what seemed like half a day of "fishing," he had managed to reap some decent returns.

Just as Li Luo planned to take action and swiftly capture the three strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, he suddenly caught a whiff of incense. The smell was discrete, but it gave one a mysterious sort of feeling.

"Hmm?" Just as the scent appeared, Li Luo let out a surprised cry. He saw that not too far away from him were two more streaks of gold light.

Two more strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath!

Li Luo's eyes popped open. Adding those three, didn't that mean that five strands had appeared already?

What sort of bountiful harvest was this?

When faced with the five strands, Li Luo's heart started pounding. He resolutely stretched out his energy hand, planning to capture all five in one fell swoop.

However, just as he was about to act, the incoming strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath seemed to come to life and moved in another direction. They were no longer going towards him, but to a location behind him.

He thought that he was mistaken when he saw this. However, he swept his gaze in the direction of their path, and he saw a slightly smiling Li Qingfeng with a stick of green incense in his hands.

Li Luo then came to a realization. The five strands had appeared because of Li Qingfeng's strange method!

The stick of incense in his hand probably had an effect similar to that of the Heavenly Emperor's Writ, able to lure Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths.

This was to say that the five strands had been attracted by the combined influence of both the Heavenly Emperor's Writ and the incense!

"So it looks as though I was not the only one who was prepared." Li Luo squinted. He did not panic, letting out a laugh instead.

Although Li Qingfeng's incense was a little out of his expectations, this was actually a good thing. Someone else was assisting him in obtaining more Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths, and that person deserved an award for being so generous!

Of course, Li Luo knew that Li Qingfeng's intention was to lure the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath towards himself and leave none for him. However, he did not feel that the Heavenly Emperor's Writ was any worse than that incense.

Thus, Li Luo gave Li Qingfeng a thankful look. With a thought, part of the giant energy hand began to dissipate. A moment later, the black plaque surfaced in the middle of it.

He had exposed the Heavenly Emperor's Writ directly.

As soon as he did so, the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths that were originally headed towards Li Qingfeng suddenly froze, and the golden light that made up their bodies seemed to become even more resplendent.

A moment later, the five strands explosively shot towards Li Luo's giant energy hand.

In a blink, Li Qingfeng's smile completely disappeared.

Chapter 0847: Rich Harvest

When Li Qingfeng saw the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath veer away from him and head over to Li Luo, his face froze.

He was dumbfounded for a moment. Following this, he could not help but lose his composure, and he stood up on top of the Silver Dragon Pillar. For a moment, he nearly wanted to dash out of the protective barrier.

In the end, he managed to keep his impulses in check.

The energy storm outside was insanely devastating. If he were to run out like that, he would not last long and would end up gravely injured.

As such, he could only watch helplessly with open eyes as the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath flew away towards Li Luo's energy hand like a flock of birds returning to their nest.

Li Qingfeng's handsome face became a little twisted immediately.

"It can't be!" He was really furious. How did things turn out this way? He had lit the Dragon Saliva Incense on his pillar. Under normal circumstances, all the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths should have been attracted towards him. Why were they flying towards Li Luo's side instead?!

He was enraged, feeling like someone had just stolen his winning hand right in front of him.

From his perspective, the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath had appeared because of his Dragon Saliva Incense. As such, those strands should have been his!

"Is it because of that thing?"

Li Qingfeng glared at the black plaque that had appeared in Li Luo's giant energy hand. Finally, he noticed the character "Li" written on it and froze in his tracks.

"Is that... a Heavenly Emperor's Writ?!" There were mixed and complex feelings in his heart. As a direct descendant of the Dragon's Blood Lineage, he certainly knew about the Heavenly Emperor's Writ. This was something that was passed down only by the Ancestor.

In fact, it was something only the most amazing and favored talent in the lineage would possess.

Looking at the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li since its establishment, only a handful of people could have been bestowed a Heavenly Emperor's Writ by the Ancestor.

Clearly, this Heavenly Emperor's Writ did not belong to Li Luo. It was from his father, Li Taixuan.

After all, it was no secret among the five lineages that Li Taixuan had obtained the Heavenly Emperor's Writ back in the day.

Li Luo had evidently used this item to attract the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths over to his side.

At this moment, Li Qingfeng's face turned really ugly. He did not expect Li Luo to have such an ace hidden up his sleeve. If he had known about it earlier, there was no way he would have taken out his Dragon Saliva Incense. Now he was not only unable to grab any of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths that he had attracted, he was handing them over to Li Luo for free.

His heart was full of regrets. The Dragon Saliva Incense was extremely rare and expensive. It was painstakingly prepared by his father so he could obtain more Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths after he had gotten the Golden Dragon Pillar.

But Li Luo was the one enjoying the benefits instead!

That was a total of five!

If Li Luo took them, he would have a total of six Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths, counting the one strand that he had obtained earlier.

This would definitely be a top three record in rewards reaped in the dragonbreath pool since its creation.

The Heavenly Emperor's Writ was not the only reason Li Luo would achieve this. The Dragon Saliva Incense from Li Qingfeng had contributed greatly as well.

In other words, all of the small calculations and plans made by Li Qingfeng had actually benefited Li Luo instead.

This was truly like going for wool and coming back shorn.

Just as Li Qingfeng's heart was bleeding over this, Li Luo managed to grab hold of all five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. Suppressing his rapidly beating heart, he quickly pulled them back into the protective barrier.

Following this, he carefully stashed them into his jade bottle. Li Luo was finally relieved. He could no longer contain himself—a bright smile bloomed on his face like a flower.

Five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath!

It was as if he had achieved his goal instantly.

With six strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath in his possession now, he would have five left for himself after giving one strand to the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf. This would definitely be enough to fill up the huge gap in his three resonant palaces.

At that time, his long-awaited dream of using thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light to break into the Fiend Body Tier would finally come true.

With a big smile on his face, Li Luo turned his head to look at Li Qingfeng, who was some distance behind him. Li Qingfeng was glaring at him at this point, and his usual composure was no longer there.

Li Luo knew that the incense had played a huge role in luring in the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

He was thankful that there were kind souls in the Dragon's Blood Lineage.

Li Luo sighed with emotion and then clasped his hands together and expressed his gratitude to Li Qingfeng.

Seeing this, the veins on Li Qingfeng's forehead nearly burst open with anger. He took a deep breath to calm himself down and then decided to ignore Li Luo.

Li Luo was not bothered by it at all—he merely looked away casually. Now that he had achieved his objective, there was no more pressure on him. He just needed to wait for the end of the dragonbreath pool event.

He had truly obtained an excellent harvest today.

He did not utilize his Heavenly Emperor's Writ any further in the remaining time, as the effect would be limited. After all, there was a limited number of dragonbreaths. After taking so many, it would take a number of years before they would replenish.

What happened afterwards was lackluster, but the others managed to reap some rewards too.

Lu Qingmei was the first to get a strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath on her Silver Dragon Pillar.

Over at the bronze dragon pillars, Li Hongli and Deng Fengxian were the most proactive, with each of them grabbing onto one strand. As for Li Jingtao, he was not interested in fighting over them and had not gotten any strands yet. However, he was looking far more relaxed than the spectators on the outside.

Just like this, another hour passed by.

Although Li Luo was not aiming for any more strands, he had unexpectedly gotten another strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. As a result, he had a total of seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. A truly amazing feat.

Right before time was up, Li Jingtao leisurely caught onto a strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath and put it away with a face of satisfaction.

Lu Qingmei and Li Qingfeng each managed to get another strand thanks to the advantageous positions of the Silver Dragon Pillars.

Dong!

The melodious sound of bells rang from the outside of the dragonbreath pool.

The event was officially over.

Out of the six people present, Li Luo had obtained seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath, while Li Qingfeng and Lu Qingmei obtained two strands each. Li Hongli, Deng Fengxian, and Li Jingtao each ended with one strand of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

In other words, Li Luo had gotten as many as the five others combined.

His great harvest attracted much envy from the rest.

At this moment, six pillars of light descended from the sky onto the Coiling Dragon Pillars. Under the protection of these pillars of light, Li Luo and the other five rose into the air slowly, passed through the raging storm, and landed back on the stone platform at the edge of the dragonbreath pool.

As soon as Li Luo landed, thunderous cheers erupted from the Green Nether Banner. All of the banner members were really excited because the Green Nether Banner had displayed the most spectacular performance today.

With such an amazing achievement, the Green Nether Banner would surely rise up amongst the Twenty Banners. Their decline was a thing of the past.

Many of the Green Nether Banner members looked at Li Luo in admiration. At this moment, he had gotten an unprecedented level of respect within the banner.

At the same time, the other banners had mixed feelings. The dark horse, Li Luo, had truly shown an astonishing act in today's contest.

Not only had he broken free from Qin Yi's restriction the quickest, he had managed to secure the Golden Dragon Pillar and ultimately obtained a shocking seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. This was a remarkable feat that even Li Taixuan couldn't pull off in his prime. After all, he did not have the Heavenly Emperor's Writ...

Everyone was very well aware of this. After this battle, the quiet and silent Green Nether Banner's ascension was set in stone. There would likely be a huge change in the rankings among the Twenty Banners.

The members of the various other banners looked at the grayish-white-haired figure standing under the sunlight. Just a few months ago, the Third Young Master of the Dragon's Fang Lineage had returned from the outer divine continent and was faced with many doubts and questions about his capabilities. However, this would not be the case anymore. He had proven his mettle.

In fact, the banner members weren't the only ones thinking this. When the elders of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages looked at Li Luo, they vaguely caught a glimpse... of Li Taixuan from back in the day.

Chapter 0848: The Undefeated Venerable

The guests were very pleased with the spectacle they had just witnessed. Although this was just a battle between their juniors, they had utilized the power of Dukes thanks to the effects of Harmony.

At the same time, they were secretly shocked by the results. These were indeed the young talents from a Heavenly Emperor Bloodline—their potential was endless.

Originally, they had thought that the battle between Qin Yi and Li Qingfeng would be the highlight of the event. After all, those two were the cream of the crop amongst the younger generation of two Heavenly Emperor forces.

None of them had expected Li Luo to emerge victorious.

In addition, Li Jingtao from the Dragon's Fang Lineage had also gotten much attention. After all, his strength was indisputable if he could stop an all-out attack from Li Qingfeng.

Even though the gap between their strength had narrowed due to the effects of Harmony, a win was still considered a win.

On the other side, Qin Yi landed in front of the Fire Lotus Camp amidst the hustle and bustle. She tilted her head slightly, and her hair fell onto her beautiful, jade-white cheeks. Her crystal-like nose was as high as a mountain, making her facial features more distinct and delicate.

She bit her red lips lightly. There was some disappointment in her expression due to the loss she had just experienced. Many of the men present felt heartache for her when they saw her touching countenance. Some of the Fire Lotus Camp squad leaders who had a better relationship with her even came forward to comfort her.

In response, Qin Yi simply smiled and calmed herself down. She then glanced towards Li Luo, who was not far away. Surrounded by the cheers of the Green Nether Banner, he was even more dazzling than ever. She blinked a little, but no one really knew what was on her mind.

Following this, she walked past the crowd and headed towards Qin Lian.

She bowed and greeted Qin Zhiming first. "Respected Elder, I have failed. I am sorry for the disappointment."

Qin Zhiming merely laughed in response and waved his hands in the air. He was not really bothered by it. "Your performance was pretty good. There's no need to brood over such a small loss. There will be other chances in the future."

His eyes clearly expressed his love for Qin Yi.

Qin Yi nodded in acknowledgement. After saying a few more words to Qin Zhiming, she walked towards the back, where Qin Lian was seated, without much of an expression.

Qin Lian looked at Qin Yi and coughed with a little dissatisfaction before she angrily said, "It's okay to lose, but why did you have to lose to that little brat?"

Helpless, Qin Yi replied, "I did not hold back against him. However, Li Luo is really quite capable."

"How capable can he possibly be? After all's been said and done, he's just using the power of Harmony to bridge the gap in actual strength," Qin Lian said coldly. She was clearly not open to any complimentary phrases or words about Li Luo.

"You should have been more decisive. Even if you had to give up trapping everyone in the water palace, you should have given it your all to finish him off."

Qin Yi was completely helpless before her mother's reprimanding words. After all, the instruction to showcase the power of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing and entrap the entirety of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages' representatives using the water palace had come from Qin Lian. She had actually

pulled it off successfully. Who would have expected Li Luo's final move to have been aggressive beyond her imagination? Even her Invincible Water Jade Armor could not withstand his attack.

Although Qin Yi was quite confident in her own strength, they were really underestimating the talents of the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages if they thought she could keep them down with just her power alone.

"Qin Lian, don't be so harsh on Little Yi. She has displayed her prowess by keeping Li Qingfeng and the rest trapped in the water palace for a very long time. All the guests present saw this for themselves. If she fought with all her strength in a one-on-one, not even Li Luo would be able to rival her. Actually, you were a little too greedy today. Initially, I just wanted Little Yi to get the Golden Dragon Pillar. Instead, you wanted her to reveal her true strength and go up against all the other talents of her age. Did you think Li Qingfeng and the rest would be completely useless?" Qin Zhiming's voice came out slowly at this point.

Hearing his words, Qin Lian's expression changed instantly. Despite her strong and fiery personality, she did not dare to raise any objections against Qin Zhiming, the Respected Elder from her direct bloodline. She simply kept quiet sullenly.

Chu Qing, who hadn't said a word this whole time, smiled lightly and said, "Teacher, Junior Sister actually did a really good job today. Li Luo only managed to get a lucky victory thanks to the assistance from Harmony. If he had to rely on his own strength, we don't even need to talk about him beating Junior Sister. I am afraid he wouldn't even win against half of the people in the Twenty Banners."

Qin Lian let out a gloomy sigh after hearing this. "Do you think I don't know about all these things? I just can't stand watching that little brat win. Looking at his face reminds me of that irritating woman, Tan Tailan!"

Qin Yi shook her head, lost for words. She had heard so much criticism regarding Tan Tailan from Qin Lian over the years that she had grown numb to it.

"Mother, Li Luo will be in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent for the foreseeable future. There is still a lot of time. There will be many opportunities to face him in the future. We don't need to brood over this small loss. Besides, today is the birthday celebration of the Lineage Chief of the Dragon's Blood Lineage. If we act too out of line, there will be some dissatisfaction towards us," Qin Yi stated softly.

Qin Lian only nodded after hearing this. In a low and cold voice, she told her daughter, "Remember what you said today. When the chance arises in the future, I don't want to hear any excuses. There must be no more accidents. I want you to completely annihilate Li Luo and crush his fighting spirit. I want everyone in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent to know that Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan's offspring is no match for the daughter of Qin Lian. You all know about the past enmity between Li Taixuan, Tan Tailan, and I. Li Taixuan broke off our engagement and caused me to lose face. Tan Tailan killed my brother. This blood debt must be paid. As my daughter, there are some things that you cannot avoid.

"We do not know if Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan are dead or alive now. Since Li Jingzhe spoke in his favor, I will naturally not step out personally against a junior. However, if those two return in the future, I will definitely settle this debt with them."

Hearing her mother's words, Qin Yi lowered her eyes a little and nodded silently.

In contrast to the scolding over at Qin Yi's side, Li Luo's side was bustling with celebration. With all these gazes of admiration from the Green Nether Banner members, he was feeling a little smug.

Of course, his greatest joy was the rich harvest from the dragonbreath pool.

Seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath would be more than enough to fill up the huge gap in his triple resonances even after giving one strand to the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf. With this, he would finally be able to accomplish his goal of using 35,000 strands of abstruse fiend light to break into the Fiend Body Tier.

Once he stepped into the Fiend Body Tier, the gap between his individual strength and that of the top talents such as Li Qingfeng and Lu Qingmei would narrow considerably.

A peal of laughter came from behind Li Luo at this point. When he turned around, he saw Li Jingtao coming over. "Haha! Third Brother, you've really stunned everyone today. Seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath—this is exceptional even when you consider the entire history of the dragonbreath pool battles."

Li Luo smiled and replied, "Eldest Brother, you did well for yourself too. You shocked everyone with your skill today."

Li Jingtao responded with a bitter face, "I would rather that not be the case. Actually, I'm really not that good. I just have a rough and thick skin, so I can take a bit of a beating. Compared to the other Banner Leaders, I'm still lagging far behind."

Hearing this, the corner of Li Luo's mouth twitched a little. "Eldest Brother, your defensive art was really impressive. If you really put your mind into resisting, even Li Qingfeng would be held down by you.

"You're unable to defeat your opponent... but your opponent can't knock you out either."

"Eldest Brother, don't belittle yourself. Your defensive art will give many of the top talents in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent a headache in the future. Perhaps you will be the last person they will want to fight against."

Rubbing his chin, Li Luo smiled and continued, "Eldest Brother, I have a feeling that you will get a nickname in the future."

"What nickname?" Li Jingtao asked curiously.

The Undefeated Venerable, Li Jingtao!" Li Luo said seriously.

Li Jingtao blinked, and a harmless smile appeared on his slightly chubby face.

"It sounds nice, but let's not fight if possible. I like to treat people kindly," he responded.

A cold voice came from behind Li Jingtao at this moment. "Oh? The Undefeated Venerable? Sounds pretty good."

Hearing this familiar voice, the smile on Li Jingtao's face froze a little.

Chapter 0849: The Unhappy Li Fengyi

When the familiar, cold voice came from his back, Li Jingtao turned his head with a little difficulty and saw Li Fengyi standing behind him. He smiled awkwardly and said, "Hehe, Second Sister, hi."

Li Fengyi stared coldly at Li Jingtao and sneered back. "You're good. You've hidden it really well. You never even told me about it. Did you have fun hiding behind me every time you saw me standing up for you?"

Hearing this, cold sweat dripped down from Li Jingtao's forehead, and he hurriedly shook his head. Attempting to get back on her good side, he replied, "Second Sister, what are you talking about? The main reason I hid it is that I really don't think it's worth mentioning. Besides, I dare not talk about it. The Annihilation Fang Art is a well-known attacking technique from the Dragon's Fang Lineage. I am afraid others will laugh at me if I use it for defense!"

With tears in his eyes, Li Jingtao continued, "I was also afraid of being scolded by Father and the Respected Elder if I had revealed it. I definitely didn't hide it because I wanted you to help me out!"

Hearing this, Li Fengyi let out a cold snort and crossed her arms.

At this moment, Li Jingtao gave a dry laugh and took out a jade bottle. It contained the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath that he had just gotten. "Second Sister, this is for you. Don't be mad anymore!" he said.

"Who cares about that?!" Li Fengyi rejected his offer.

Li Jingtao was helpless in this situation, so he looked towards Li Luo in a plea for help. He knew that Li Fengyi would give him a dressing down after he had revealed his skill, so he had already sought help from Li Luo beforehand.

Looking at the situation on hand, Li Luo chipped in a few good words. "Second Sister, don't be mad. You should understand Eldest Brother's personality. His situation is indeed special. He did not hide it deliberately, but probably felt like he couldn't use it all this while."

In response, Li Fengyi retorted, "Defensive arts are also good to have in your arsenal. Why couldn't he use it? The Dragon's Bone Lineage focuses primarily on defense, yet I don't see them being embarrassed about it." Despite her sharp words, her expression had started to warm up a little. It seemed like she was generally still in a good mood, considering the spectacular achievements from Li Luo and Li Jingtao. The Dragon's Fang Lineage had finally shown the outsiders their capabilities.

It was just that Li Jingtao's skill had truly and utterly caught everyone by surprise. This was even more shock-inducing than the fact that Li Luo had managed to escape from Qin Yi's trap earlier. She was just feeling bad considering all the times in the past where she had to stand up for Li Jingtao when faced with provocations from the other banners.

This guy clearly had a special talent. Why did he always hide behind her whilst acting mediocre?

If not for him helping Li Luo today, who knew how much longer Li Jingtao would have kept his real strength hidden?

At this point, Li Jingtao kept nodding to show that he understood his mistake and would not make it again.

Li Luo also took out his jade bottle with Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths. He then said with a smile, "Speaking of which, I have to thank you for helping me to deal with Li Lu back in the isolation area, Second Sister. If not for your assistance, I wouldn't even have made it in. Here's a small token of appreciation. Please don't turn it down, Second Sister."

Li Fengyi took a look at it and shook her head. "It's okay. No reason is needed to help family members. Besides, your actual strength is still lacking compared to the rest of us, so you need the boost from the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath the most."

Nonetheless, Li Luo insisted on his offer and pressed the jade bottle into her hands. He continued with a smile, "Don't worry, Second Sister. As you've seen, I got a total of seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. That's more than enough."

Seeing his persistence, Li Fengyi finally gave in and nodded. She took the jade bottle with her hand and replied with a bright smile, "Alright. In that case, I will accept it."

At the same time, she gave Li Jingtao a fierce glare and warned him, "I will spare you this time for Little Brother's sake."

Li Jingtao was relieved when he heard this, and he nodded with a flattering smile. He also gave Li Luo a grateful look for his help. As expected, Li Fengyi would not blow up at him as long as their Third Brother was around.

At this moment, Li Fengyi directed a satisfied smile toward Li Luo as she continued, "Little Brother, you have done a really great job today. You didn't get to see the faces of those guys from the Dragon's Blood Lineage earlier—it was almost like they had fallen into a vat in a dyehouse."

Li Luo smiled and responded, "Actually, I just got lucky. Qin Yi needed to divert her power away in order to keep the palace up. As a result, she could not use her full power in the fight. Otherwise, I would probably have lost."

This comment was indeed true. Qin Yi was extremely terrifying. With just her own power, she had managed to hold down all the other Banner Leaders for a long time. If it were an individual battle, Li Luo would not have stood a chance even with the power of Harmony.

Furthermore, her Invincible Water Jade Armor was a Soul Ascension-grade body tempering Duke Art that strengthened her body tremendously. Coupled with the insane recovery from her ninth-grade water resonance, he would definitely not have been able to break through her physical defense if not for the strand of Cosmic Sword Intent. It was really fortunate that he had the sword intent from cultivating the Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation and had it secretly hidden within the balls of lightning from his Lightning Twister Plantain Fan.

"There is no need to belittle yourself. After all, Qin Yi possesses a ninth-grade water resonance and has lived in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent since she was a child. The cultivation resources she has consumed are far beyond what you have gotten until now. As such, it is only natural that she is ahead of you for now."

"However, your cultivation progress is really fast now. When you eventually catch up with her, you will not need to be afraid of Qin Yi anymore," Li Fengyi said to comfort him.

Li Luo nodded cheerfully.

He had obtained seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath today. Even after giving one to the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf and another to Li Fengyi, he still had five strands for himself. This was akin to twenty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light, which was sufficient to fill up his three resonant palaces.

He could leverage them to break into the Fiend Body Tier. Most likely, he would be able to skip the Silver Fiend Tier and enter the Gold Fiend Tier straight away.

When that time arrived, the gap between his strength and that of the top talents like Li Qingfeng and Qin Yi should narrow considerably. While the three of them chatted with each other, Lu Qingmei also dropped by to congratulate him. Li Luo was truly grateful to her. After all, she had helped him out when he was trying to secure the Golden Dragon Pillar earlier.

"You managed to injure Qin Yi and break out of the palace first. This saved some face for us, the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages. As such, you deserve the Golden Dragon Pillar," Lu Qingmei replied to his gratitude.

At the same time, she expressed some curiosity and interest in Li Luo as she said, "You've gotten seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. Looks like you will enter the Fiend Body Tier really soon. When that time comes, let's have a serious fight between the two of us. Let me see your power with the third realm of dual resonances."

Li Luo looked at her helplessly. She was indeed a martial arts fanatic, setting up their next battle right away. It seemed like his escape from Qin Yi had made Lu Qingmei even more interested in him.

Shortly later, they sent Lu Qingmei off. Li Luo and the rest returned to the Dragon's Fang Lineage side, where they received lots of praise from the elders.

With that, the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool battle, one of the highlights of the birthday celebration, had come to an end. Nonetheless, the birthday celebration continued on for the next few days.

Li Luo and the juniors were no longer involved in the following celebrations, but there were still many matters to be discussed with the different powers gathered in Dragon Blood Mountain.

As such, Li Jinpan brought the juniors from the Dragon's Fang Lineage back shortly after the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool battle.

Naturally, Li Luo was really pleased with this. With the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths already in his hands, it was pointless to hang around in the Dragon's Blood Lineage any longer. The most important thing now was to hurry back and prepare for his breakthrough into the Fiend Body Tier.

Chapter 0850: Tri-Radiance Glass

The birthday celebration of the Lineage Chief of the Dragon's Blood Lineage went on for a few more days before it finally concluded.

During this time, the results of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool battle had spread throughout Dragon's Fang Mountain after the return of Li Luo and his trio. This caused a huge commotion. After all,

it was the best achievement that the Dragon's Fang Lineage had gotten in the dragonbreath pool battle in decades.

Most surprising of all, the one who had stolen the limelight of the event and secured the Golden Dragon Pillar was Li Luo. It was the guy who had returned from the outer divine continent just a few months ago...

Without a doubt, Li Luo's reputation soared. In the past, many had thought that he had wasted too much time in the outer divine continent. Even though he had the blood of Li Taixuan and possessed extraordinary talent, his foundation was far too weak compared to Li Qingfeng, Lu Qingmei, and his peers, the top talents who had grown up in the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages.

Yet things had changed completely with Li Luo's most recent victory. All the negative gossip had died down considerably.

Although there were some who still talked about how his actual strength was inferior to that of Li Qingfeng and the rest, his rise within the Dragon's Fang Lineage was already unstoppable.

Once he caught up with the others, he would become a potential candidate for the Dragon's Head in this generation.

Gossip and chatter continued amongst the outside world. Meanwhile, Li Luo had secluded himself for a few days, barely even showing himself in the Green Nether drill grounds.

His top priority now was to prepare himself perfectly in order to cultivate the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath and break into the Fiend Body Tier.

Unfortunately, his preparation was disrupted following Li Jingzhe's return to the back mountain.

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In Dragon's Fang Mountain, deep within the bamboo forest.

Li Jingzhe had cooked up a table of bamboo shoot dishes personally. Apart from Li Luo, Li Jingtao and Li Fengyi were also seated around the table.

Out of everyone in the Dragon's Fang Lineage, these three juniors were probably the only ones who could get to eat a meal prepared by Li Jingzhe himself. Not even his sons, Li Qingpeng and Li Jinpan, would get to enjoy such a privilege.

At this point, Li Luo had already gotten used to it. He was enjoying his meal leisurely, while Li Jingtao and Li Fengyi appeared slightly tense. After all, Li Jingzhe had always treated them very seriously and authoritatively in their daily lives. This was an impression formed in their hearts since young.

Fortunately, Li Luo was present with them, so the atmosphere was better. Slowly, the two of them started to enjoy the meal too.

Li Jingzhe did not eat anything himself. He simply drank the bamboo wine he had personally brewed. After a short moment, he slowly commented, "You guys did a really good job."

"It's all thanks to Third Brother," Li Jingtao said with a silly smile.

Li Jingzhe took a look at him. His old and stern face turned gentler as he continued, "You were really amazing as well. Although you have modified the Annihilation Fang Art into a different form, that does not mean you have turned it into an evil art. It just shows that that particular art really suits your character. Even I neglected this fact in the past. The fangs of the dragon are not just its sharpest body part, but also its hardest. It's just that many people totally forget about this because they are too caught up in its offensive points. Modifying it into a defensive technique suitable for yourself is something that even some powerful Dukes are unable to do."

Hearing his words, Li Jingtao was slightly taken aback for a moment. Then he nodded quickly in agreement and his eyes turned a little red.

This was the first time he had heard the serious and stern Li Jingzhe speak to him in such a gentle tone. Furthermore, these words meant that Li Jingzhe had recognized his capabilities.

This made him feel both excited and moved.

At this moment, Li Jingzhe looked towards Li Luo and said, "You've gotten seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. You must be preparing to break into the Fiend Body Tier, right?"

Li Luo nodded in confirmation.

"Hehe. I assume you are able to store around thirty thousand or so strands of abstruse fiend light within your three resonant palaces," Li Jingzhe said with a smile.

Hearing this, Li Jingtao and Li Fengyi secretly took a look at each other and clicked their tongues. When they were breaking into the Fiend Body tier, they only needed ten thousand or so abstruse fiend lights. Meanwhile, Li Luo required three times their amounts. That was a truly shocking figure.

However, they understood that this was the benefit of having multiple resonances. Ordinary people only had one resonant palace, while Li Luo had three resonant palaces, so his storage capability was naturally far higher than that of others.

"It's around thirty-five thousand or so strands," Li Luo said with a shy smile.

Li Jingzhe coughed a little after hearing this. Even with his vast knowledge and experience, this was the first time he had heard of someone in the Greater Fiend Palace Tier requiring such a high amount of abstruse fiend lights for cultivation.

"Looks like you're planning to skip stages in this breakthrough." He saw right through Li Luo's ambitions immediately. This was to be expected. After all, there was no need for Li Luo to progress one step at a time with the strong foundation that he had cultivated.

"I plan to break into the Gold Fiend Tier directly," Li Luo explained.

"Gold Fiend Tier..."

Li Jingzhe nodded and continued, "With your foundation, that's indeed not hard to achieve. However, I feel like you can aim a little higher."

Li Luo was taken aback for a moment. "Should I go for the Glass Fiend Tier directly?" he asked with a little worry. "Won't such a wild goal lead to an unstable foundation? Furthermore, it is said that some

body-tempering spirit materials are needed to reach the Glass Fiend Tier." He continued his questions. In fact, Li Luo had thought of this earlier too. However, he was concerned that skipping so many tiers would affect his foundation. This would adversely affect his attempt to break into the higher stages in the future and was ultimately not worth the risk.

At this moment, Li Jingzhe paused for two seconds before he said with a strange expression, "My dear child, you are too conservative... If the foundation cultivated with thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light is not stable enough, then no foundation can be considered stable."

In response, Li Luo smiled with embarrassment. Was it bad to play it safer?

After thinking for a moment, Li Luo replied, "Since that is your opinion, Grandfather, I think it's worth a try. But... I have not prepared the body-tempering spirit materials."

When he finished speaking, he displayed a simple and honest smile to Li Jingzhe.

Body-tempering spirit materials were not cheap. If he had to purchase them from the marketplace, they would likely cost millions of skygold each. In fact, it could even go into the tens of millions for the premium ones.

Of course, there was naturally no need to worry about this expenditure if he did not have the ambition to aim for the Glass Fiend Tier.

Seeing his smile, Li Jingzhe knew what Li Luo was thinking about instantly. He could not hold back his laughter as he replied, "You sure are shameless, kid."

Afterwards, he flicked his fingers, and the pocket sphere on his wrist started glowing. In the next moment, a purple jade box materialized in front of Li Luo.

The jade box opened automatically, and Li Luo saw a golden meteorite about the size of one's palm inside. Mysterious lights flowed around the meteorite, and there were nine holes on it. They emitted a strange sound, as if worldly natural energy was flooding into the holes.

"Is this the... Nine Aperture Rock of Gold?!" Li Jingtao and Li Fengyi exclaimed with eyes wide open as soon as they saw it. In the next moment, Li Fengyi turned towards the confused Li Luo and explained with envy, "This is a top-grade spirit material for cultivating to the Glass Fiend Tier. If it were placed in the Golden Dragon Bank for auction, it would easily reach fifteen million skygold at least."

Although both Li Jingtao and her had long reached the Glass Fiend Tier, the premium spirit materials that they had used were one whole class below this. This was not because their parents were unable to fork out the skygold. Rather, such spirit materials were simply too rare.

Li Jingzhe smiled and said, "You can have it. Treat it as the prize for your spectacular performance."

Still full of curiosity, Li Luo accepted the purple jade box as he replied to Li Jingzhe with a smile, "Thank you, then, Grandfather."

Li Jingzhe nodded slightly and continued, "By giving this to you, I have another request for you."

"What is it?" Li Luo asked in surprise.

Li Jingzhe lightly tapped his fingers on the table, and a faint smile appeared on his face.

"With your foundation, there should be no problem breaking into the Glass Fiend Tier. However, you should have heard about the different grades within the Glass Fiend Tier itself, right?"

Li Luo froze for a moment before he nodded.

The so-called Glass Fiend Tier was a general term. Within it, there were finer classifications in grades which people termed as the Tri-Radiance Glass.

Simply put, one's body would be protected by a mysterious light after they had reached the Glass Fiend Tier successfully. This mysterious protection light was usually a single color. However, those with the very best foundation could evolve it further.

This was the so-called Tri-Radiance Glass.

Such Glass Fiend Tier cultivators were shrouded in a mysterious protective light that had two or even three colors. As such, they were named the Tri-Radiance Glass.

Li Jingzhe pointed at the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold in his purple jade box and slowly said, "My request for you is to cultivate the Tri-Radiance Glass."

Hearing this, Li Luo was not completely surprised. Instead, he just showed a bitter smile helplessly.

He knew it...

But wasn't the Respected Elder expecting too much from him this time?

This would be a real challenge.