

## **Ancient ST 1001**

### **Chapter 1001 - The Almighty Hallow Pellet, The Surge In Power (2)**

Initially, Qing Shui wasn't sure if there would be any changes to the Five-Headed Demonic Spider at all. However, the Five Qi Origin of the spider had grown five times the amount of its overall power. With that thought in mind, he was able to confirm that there was indeed a change that occurred for the Five-Headed Demonic Spider.

The spider seemed to have shrunk down by a size, yet the structure of its body had become more substantial than its previous form. Qing Shui quickly used his Heavenly Vision Technique to confirm his suspicions.

There wasn't any reaction from the Spirited Snake Turtle yet, so he decided to check on the spider first before he would focus on the turtle to check on its situation.

Qing Shui sighed when he saw the power of the Five-Headed Demonic Spider but he wasn't exactly disappointed. The spider's power had reached to about 320 stars but nothing else had changed. Despite that, the spider's power was also increased to an amount between 1900 stars to 2000 stars from the Five Qi Origin and that was just the raw power of its physical attacks.

The power of both the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Fire Bird were slightly weaker than that of the Five-Headed Demonic Beast but with their battle skills that could increase their power by several times, they were more or less on par with the spider. Not only could the Fire Bird increase its attack power, it could decrease the damage received from the opponents as well.

When Qing Shui thought about the passive ability of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, which was the Dragon Elephant Force, he recalled the Dragon Elephant described in the world records was a legendary powerful demonic beast with an elephant's body and a dragon's head. He had a feeling that the Diamond Gigantic Elephant could evolve into a Dragon Elephant but not to the extent of a dragon that everyone was familiar with.

Dragons and Phoenix only existed within the legends. However, no one would know if that was the truth or simply a myth or that the Jiao was the only most powerful demonic beast in the world. If there was ever a demonic beast that could surpass the strength of Jiao, somewhat like the dragons in the legends, then their strength must be extremely horrifying.

Qing Shui stopped himself from going further. His Diamond Gigantic Elephant would definitely become stronger and that was enough for him to know. In any case, he was satisfied with the spider's change. However, he was still puzzled as to why the Spirited Snake Turtle wasn't showing any kind of reaction whatsoever.

He walked towards the turtle and took a quick glance at it. Then, he noticed that the turtle had already stopped changing but didn't have any indication that it had changed. Without wasting any more time, he analyzed the turtle's power immediately.

The Spirited Snake Turtle, a spirit beast of the Heaven and Earth with the ancient bloodline that dominated one side of an area. This ability would reduce the depletion rate of the owner's spiritual energy by 20%, as well as decreasing 20% of the damage targeting the owner's spiritual energy.

Initially, the turtle had the strength of 100 stars but now it has the strength of 200 stars. Moreover, the turtle had also gained a battle skill, which caused Qing Shui to laugh with joy.

Spirited Snake Movement: The ability to increase the overall power of the Spirited Snake Turtle by twofold.

Finally, it has appeared. Qing Shui looked at the turtle's unchanging body despite the changes that occurred to its power. This was a spirit beast of Heaven and Earth, so this was still considered the best time for the buffing skill to appear.

He took out another Hallow Pellet and fed the turtle. This was the second pellet, so he hoped that the Spirited Snake Turtle would become more powerful than it was previously, even if the turtle was still incapable of participating in battle.

This time, an ancient light enveloped the Spirited Snake Turtle's body, allowing it to grow ten meters larger, reaching to the size of 40 meters in total. After the turtle had calmed down, Qing Shui approached his demonic beast happily and started analyzing its skills.

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Spirited Snake Movement: The ability to increase the overall power of the Spirited Snake Turtle by three fold.

When he saw the change of this skill, he let out a satisfied smile. However, he quickly glanced down to the next section as there was still one more skill left.

Area Dominance: First level. Ability to ignore an established coercion of the Heaven and Earth, aura suppression, deterrent force, effects from seals and poison within the area of 100 meters. The effectiveness would depend on the power of the Spirited Snake Turtle's owner.

Qing Shui was palpitating with excitement. The power of the Spirited Turtle Snake was now the strength of 1200 stars. When it was still at the mark of 600 stars, there wasn't any sort of skill like this. After it had become a Grade Two Martial Emperor, the invincible skill had finally appeared.

The thoughts of the world's regulation of the five continents popped into his mind. The world's regulation was, in a way, a coercion of the Heaven and Earth. Unfortunately, the Nature Energy of the seventh grade could not break the effect of the world's regulation even by the slightest.

The Nature Energy was powerful but his current power was still too weak to break the effect of the world's regulation. He was wondering whether the Spirited Snake Turtle's Area Dominance would be able to break it, even though he had a feeling that its ability should work against the world's regulation. Qing Shui felt excited because the area within the 100 meter range would mostly likely imply that he would be the center of that range.

If that was the case, he would be more confident to face the Demon Gate and Lion King's Ridge in the future. The more he thought about it, the more his hand would shake from the sheer excitement of the possible outcome.

He still had a bit of time left, so he continued to refine the power the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had given to him. He sat on the ground cross-legged and began circulating his Ancient Strengthening Technique, which had improved quite a lot during his cultivation. That was to be expected. Even though the amount of power was little, that was the most organic type of power he could have ever acquired. After all, this was the true Qi of the that was super effective towards the treatment of his vital organs, bones and muscles.

After he had regained his composure, Qing Shui immediately blasted the impressive power mass, which subsequently broke down the boundless energy into sizable amount. If he didn't have a power impressive enough to withstand the energy, he wouldn't even dare to refine the power granted from his Diamond Gigantic Elephant. Even at this moment, he continued to focus on refining the external power into his own, which was quite strenuous to do.

Qing Shui prepared his Golden Needles beside him just in case something went awry. The raging energy within the meridians in the dantian were already going ballistic. His meridians were strong enough, however and the Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains were also able to perform its purpose and guide the energy smoothly around his body.

Qing Shui was also able to realize the decisive factor contributed by the Nature Energy of the seventh grade and the State of Immovable as Mountains, as well as the effect of the Area Dominance, which enhanced his refining capability so that he could continue refining the power smoothly like the unhindered flowing water.

Boom!

With two powers combined or to be precise, with his power assimilating the power granted from Diamond Gigantic Elephant, he had received a power that could be considered as his own.

45 stars or more!

Qing Shui could feel the raging power within his body - it was the power of 220 stars after all!

He began circulating his entire power, extending his violent aura instantaneously. That sort of feeling gave him a boost to his confidence. He could now unleash the power of 1160 stars just by circulating his powers with his bare hands. If he were to wield the Big Dipper Sword, his powers would exceed 5000 stars easily.

One the other hand, if he were to use the Violet Star Thunder God, he could unleash the power of 8000 stars under the effect of his Raging Blow. However, because of the world's regulation, he could only unleash the power of 5,000 stars instead.

But Qing Shui knew that the surge of power was everything, not to mention the amplification power he would receive once he was able to go to the other four continents. Even in these five continents, he was able to attain the power of 5000 stars, which was already considered a remarkable amount for most martial cultivators.

Time was almost up for him to leave the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, so he packed up his things quickly. As for the Hallow Pellets, Qing Shui decided to keep them for a while and consume them two

days later. One day in the realm was about the period of three months and he was afraid that problems would arise if his power was raised too quickly.

When he got out, the sky was already bright. The members of the Qing Clan were all doing their morning practices in the distance. He didn't see Qing Yu but she could be too young to be awake at this hour. His other two children were able to wake up on their own in the morning. If Qing Yan didn't want to wake up early, Qing Shui would not force her to. He would use another method to wake her up instead but she could be stubborn at times, just like her mother, Shi Qingzhuang.

After the morning practice ended, Qing Shui gave Luan Luan a bunch of Hallow Pellets he had saved. He allowed the others to leave first and then asked Luan Luan to feed her demonic beasts the pellets immediately.

The powers gained were quite considerable. Most of her demonic beasts were considered spirit beasts - although not the strongest ones, the power gained was still considerable. However, they may be strong physically but their origin power (passive ability) was far weaker. Essentially, their powers were all tripled after consuming the Hallow Pellets twice. Fortunately, their overall power was exceedingly strong, just like the Golden Jiao King and Mystic-Armored Ice Ox that had gained the strength of about a thousand stars. The passive abilities of these demonic beasts initially doubled their amount of power but was changed to tripled instead. This could be considered a huge improvement but he soon realized the importance of the passive abilities towards the power of a demonic beast.

Qing Shui had finally realized that the Five-Headed Demonic Spider was definitely a powerful demonic beast. The spider must have gone through a mutation process before too. Even so, Luan Luan's demonic beasts had grown even stronger. The Golden Jiao King had surged from the strength of 1,100 star to 1,300 stars, with the Golden Snake Dance (passive ability) changing from doubling its power to tripling its power, increasing the power of the Golden Jiao King to almost 4,000 stars.

Qing Shui knew powerful strength gained in the early stages was an advantage but it would have to depend on the prowess of its passive ability once the Golden Jiao King had reached adulthood. The great power must have been inherited from its bloodline. After all, the Golden Jiao was an evolution of the Golden Snake.....

Then it clicked for him - Diamond Gigantic Elephant has the Dragon Elephant Force, while Fire Bird has the Dark Phoenix of the Nine Heavens. Both of these skills were stronger than the Golden Jiao's skills at least. There were many snake-type beasts in the world that were more powerful, like the Scarlet Serpent from the Sacred Land of Panacea, Spirited Snake, Black Serpent and of course, the strongest one of all was the legendary Nine-Headed Snake. In other words, the Nine-Headed Scarlet Serpent could be considered a Nine-Headed Snake too.

Among Luan Luan's demonic beasts, the one Qing Shui was most optimistic about was unexpectedly the Spirit Deer. The others were considered strong too and their level of strength was enough to protect their owner for the rest of their lives.

When Luan Laun fed her demonic beasts the Hallow Pellets, she had also strengthened the level of intimacy between herself and her demonic beasts. The wild Golden Jiao King had become obedient as well. Demonic beasts and humans were vastly different, especially in terms of showing their gratitude. Demonic beasts would never betray their owner once they had established a bond but humans would

consider the idea of betrayal when their grudge has been accumulated sufficiently. Perhaps this was one of the reasons why humans would also be smarter than demonic beasts.....

“Daddy, this pellet is so powerful!”

Because of those were Luan Luan’s demonic beasts, she could sense their change of power very clearly. Besides, she could communicate with her demonic beasts telepathically. Even though she hadn’t reached the level of a Martial Emperor, she had enough knowledge about becoming one and the circumstances surrounding the role of a Martial Emperor.

“Haha, keep up your cultivation. As long as you break through to Martial Emperor, you will be able to consume the pellet and increase your power too.” said Qing Shui with a smile.

“Really?!” Luan Luan asked with a surprised tone as she looked at Qing Shui with unsatiated eagerness.

“Yeah. You’re exceptionally talented. Our Luan Luan might look down upon the World of the Nine Continents one day.” Qing Shui looked at his daughter with a smile, who was already hugging her father’s neck with boundless joy.

Some things just happened for a reason. But no matter what, Qing Shui would always treat her like his biological daughter with love and care.

When he was about to depart for his journey, it was already closing in on afternoon. Qing Shui didn’t test out the Area Dominance ability as he decided to save it for another time.

Many people from the Qing Clan envied Luan Luan but for the most part, they felt genuinely happy for her. Luan Luan was a member of Qing Clan, as well as a close family member. She had cultivated her powers discretely, not wanting to drag behind the members of the Qing Clan.

Yiye Jiange smiled as she stared at both Qing Shui and Luan Luan. The girl had grown up so fast. She felt happy for her, yet she couldn’t help but feel unpleasant about the girl’s situation. Even though Luan Luan didn’t mention anything to her, Yiye Jiange had a feeling that Luan Luan already knew about the incident of her parents. Perhaps she had most likely known about everything, she continued to strengthen herself by cultivating her skills diligently as a preparation for what she might have to face next.

No one really knew about Qing Qing’s Four-eared Macaque’s true ability but Qing Shui already knew how strong the demonic beast was. Not even Qing Qing herself was aware of its power. The moderately-sized macaque would never leave Qing Qing’s side besides playing with the children most days, so it never had any experience of battling another demonic beast before.

Only Qing Shui had the knowledge of the Four-eared Macaque’s formidable strength, which could easily best against the likes of his Five-Headed Demonic Spider. Ever since the day Qing Qing brought it home with her, he had fed the beast some medicinal pills and various kinds of food including Spirit Fruits, allowing the macaque to grow into a demonic beast of an early stage Martial Emperor of today. Despite the astounding level of strength, the macaque was still in its childhood stage, so it wasn’t a surprise that everyone had treated it like an adorable pet.

As long as Qing Qing was safe, the macaque would be docile. However, it would always get frightened and hid behind Qing Qing whenever Qing Shui looked at it in the eyes, causing Qing Qing to chide at Qing Shui so that he would stop intimidating her demonic beast into submission.

### **Chapter 1002 - Soaring Into the Sky, The Amazing Area Dominance, Power Determines Everything**

Qing Shui looked toward the Four-eared Macaque. Right now, this little macaque only has a physical strength of 30 stars.

Golden Spirit Body: passive battle technique, increases physical strength by three folds, zero depletion!

Back then, when Qing Shui first saw this Four-eared Macaque, he could only see its spiritual type and it was also extremely weak. However, one year later, it grew stronger very quickly and its innate battle techniques also started to appear.

Keen Intelligence: Unrivalled spiritual sense and senses. It was one of the most intelligent amongst all demonic beasts. Intelligence-type demonic beasts had an unrivalled advantage over other demonic beasts. They were able to fend off 20% of the impact from spirit energy attacks and physical attacks.

Weakness Attack: As an Intelligence typed demonic beast, its attack was twice as effective. It would be able to attack the opponent's weak points and increase the damaging impact by one fold.

This battle technique made Qing Shui feel that Qing Qing was very lucky. In the past, this kindhearted elder sister of his could be considered pitiful. However, she eventually was presented with such a great opportunity. Till date, Qing Qing didn't even know that this little monkey was a powerful demonic beast.

Luan Luan could tell something. After all, she had the Heart of Seven Orifices. However, she only knew that this Four-eared Macaque was unordinary but she wasn't sure what made it so.

Qing Shui smiled and handed Qing Qing two Hallow Pills, "Sister, find some time and give these to your little monkey. It'll make it more intelligent and healthy."

Now that they were going to be on their way, Qing Shui gave it some thought and handed Qing Qing two Hallow Pills and heavily emphasized that she should only feed it one at a time. He made it very clear. Qing Qing was very good to this pitiful little monkey. Since Qing Shui said that this medicinal pill was beneficial to the little monkey, Qing Qing would definitely follow his advice...

When Qing Shui called out the Fire Bird, everyone was surprised. It was because the Fire Bird had changed far too tremendously. Its color had turned completely black and although everyone recognized that this was the Fire Bird, they still found it unbelievable.

Luan Luan looked at the Fire Bird and smiled. She knew that Qing Shui's Fire Bird must also have eaten the medicinal pill and went through a mutation.

It was extremely rare for demonic beasts to go through mutation and it was a good thing. Most demonic beasts would have qualitative increases in their strength, talent, battle techniques and other aspects after they had gone through mutation.

The chances of going through mutation were very low and over several hundreds of thousands, there might be one or two demonic beasts which would undergo mutation. It was even rarer for high grade

demonic beasts to go through mutations. Qing Shui briefly explained what was going on. He was worried that Qing Yu might be afraid of the pitch black Fire Bird but he realized that she had shown no reaction.

Therefore, Qing Shui picked up Qing Yu and went up to the Fire Bird with the few ladies.

They didn't travel very fast but they would be able to arrive at the Qing Clan in a few days time. In the evening, they arrived at a city, 林海城!

After they found an inn, the group chartered the entire level but it was only for a night. They went out together with the kids to buy stuff and to look around.

Children are very active. Bringing them out, Qing Shui looked at their happy smiles, which made him feel very happy himself. Qing Yu was in Qing Shui's arms. At the start, Qing Yu only took his hand as she walked but she was still too small in size. With there being such a huge crowd, her view was easily blocked, so Qing Shui decided to carry her.

At night, Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal once again!

Qing Shui watched as Qing Qing fed the Hallow Pill to the Four-eared Macaque before he entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. After taking it, the Four-eared Macaque's body was also very calm but only Qing Shui could tell that it had gotten a lot stronger.

Elder sister would never have expected that this pitiful creature she had brought back was a heaven-defying battle beast. Qing Shui was happier than anyone else to see that his sister could have such a powerful demonic beast.

Qing Shui was now prepared to perform alchemy.

Violet Qi Pellet!

This time around, Qing Shui went ahead to use the Golden Snake Grass. At the start, he didn't feel like using it for fear that he might grow reliant to it. However, he eventually gave in. Although he was confident in his alchemy skills, there were too much Golden Snake Grass now. He would also not feel good if his alchemy were to fail and there were limited Purple Qi Star Grass.

With the Golden Snake Grass, the alchemy was naturally performed successfully. Three pills were created. It was a pity that each person could only take one. For cultivators who were Martial Emperor or higher, it could increase 20% of their physical strength, with a cap at 30 stars.

Qing Shui didn't feel very disappointed. This was a restriction and it wasn't the first one he had ever encountered. He originally wanted to wait to take the Hallow Pill before the Violet Qi Pellet since he could get a greater increase but it seemed that there wasn't a need for that.

Right now, his physical strength was at 220 stars, and 20% would be 44 stars. However, since the limit was at 30 stars, there wasn't a need for him to wait.

After he absorbed the Violet Qi Pellet, Qing Shui's physical strength reached 250 stars.

Qing Shui patted his head. This number made him speechless. However, he continued to cultivate in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, allowing himself to adapt to the explosive increment in strength. It

was like how, in order for buildings to be built to great heights rapidly, both the foundations and the structure must be firm. Right now, he was firming up his increased strength.

After spending two months in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui took a Hallow Pill.

At that moment, Qing Shui knew how it felt for his body to swell up as if he was going to explode. However, no matter how painful it was, it basically only seemed dangerous and was nothing much. As long as one was a Martial Emperor, it should be fine.

This was what Qing Shui felt after eating one. This Hallow Pill was really domineering, to think that it had increased his physical strength by 100 stars. What surprised Qing Shui was that this power he acquired was very pure, as if it was something that he had worked hard to cultivate.

Sacred fruits... This was the power of a sacred fruit.

Qing Shui was originally worried that if his strength were to increase too quickly, it might have negative impacts to his body. This was good, he would only need to familiarize himself with the newfound power. After having a break for a few days, Qing Shui took another pill.

His physical strength increased explosively to 450 stars and the golden pellet in his Dantian was now at the size of a fist and extremely bright. Its texture felt like that of the sturdiest metal.

Excellent!

Right now, this was the best word Qing Shui could think of to describe his feeling. It was as if he was looking down on the entire world. This was a huge increase in terms of his cultivation level, it gave him the same feeling as a person who would feel courageous because they had great skill.

With a physical strength of 450 stars, after adding the effects of the Diamond Qi, and Diamond Crossing Rivers, his strength had increased to 900 stars straight away. Then there was still Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains...

Under the impact of his techniques, he would be able to reach a strength of 2,200 stars. And if he were to hold the Big Dipper Sword and perform the Combination Sword Technique, he could reach a strength close to 12,000 stars.

Although Qing Shui could guess the rough estimate, he was still stunned in shock. If the 20% chances were to appear and his attacking prowess was increased by another fold...

If he were to use the Violet Star Thunder God, under normal conditions, he would also reach a strength of over 8,800 stars. If he were to perform the Raging Blow, each time, it would be over 17,000 stars. There was no need for any additional chances.

The world's regulation. Qing Shui felt helpless just thinking about it. In the past, he hadn't expected that he would become so much stronger within a short period of less than a year.

Back in the past, he felt that the regulations were good since he had the Emperor's Qi, thus he had great confidence to deal with his opponents. However, now that he was the one being restricted, he felt that he was the one on the losing end.



In the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui unleashed his powers. Each time he attacked, he would create a huge phantom image. For example, when he used the Big Dipper Sword, there would be an image of a huge sword; when he used a hammer, there would be a huge image of a hammer, enlarged many times over. They came along with an overwhelming pressure.

This was Form Transformation, just like when the Tiger Form Transformation. However, right now, it was a Form Transformation of weapons. Qing Shui swung out his Big Dipper Sword once again.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Six gigantic sword shadows shot out into the air like murderous drills, disappearing out of sight.

He came to a stop after very long time had passed, calming down. Even though there was the world's regulations, Qing Shui knew that he still had the Emperor's Qi and the Big Dipper Sword to rely on. The Big Dipper Sword would reduce 10% of the damage he received.

If this was the case, he had the confidence. Although his enhanced powers couldn't be unleashed, his endurance was very strong.

"Oh, right. That's the effect of Area Dominance." Thinking of this, Qing Shui couldn't hold it in anymore.

However, he still left the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal when it was about time.

The sky started to light up and Qing Shui left the inn, he performed the Nine Continents Steps toward the far distant.

Area Dominance!

"Mmm", Qing Shui said this out unconsciously. He had come here to try out its effect and the moment he said it, a faint aura came out from his forehead. In that instant, the surroundings seemed to be like the fading away of clouds. Qing Shui felt that the sensation was very amazing and he performed the Combination Sword Technique with his Big Dipper Sword.

Qing Shui was stunned.

6,700 stars!

Why was it so high?

Qing Shui felt that something was not right. He could still accept it if he were to hit out with a strength of 6,000 stars but he didn't expect that the effect of 'Area Dominance' would be so powerful. After all, the Spirited Snake Turtle only had a strength of 1,200 stars.

Qing Shui thought hard about it but still couldn't understand, thus he had stopped altogether. However, he was overjoyed. With a strength of 6,700 stars, there was nothing he should be afraid of now.

Nine Continents Steps!

When he returned to the inn, everyone had woken up. They had their breakfast and continued on their way.

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In the blink of an eye, another two months had passed!

Right now, Zhu Qing was already eight months into her pregnancy. Qing Qing was about the same as Zhu Qing. He went to the General Manor once during these two months and he finally knew why he could attack with a strength of 6,700 stars.

When Qing Shui asked Ji Yunlang, he went in a roundabout way and inquired if there was anyone who could attack with a strength of over 5,000 stars in the five continents. When Ji Yunlang heard this, he seemed to go deep into thought.

What Qing Shui learned was that only those who had a strength that surpassed 10,000 stars could unleash another 10% of the strength that exceeded the 5,000 stars mark. For example, if a person had a strength of 11,000 stars, he would have exceeded by 6,000 stars and 10% of it would be 600 stars. This would mean that a person with a strength of 11,000 stars would be able to unleash a power of 5,600 stars.

If one's strength was at 8,000 or 9,000 stars, then they would still only be able to unleash a strength of 5,000 stars!

Only those who had reached a strength of 10,000 stars could make a slight exception to the world's rules. Qing Shui's strength was about 12,000 stars, which meant that he could display a strength of 5,700 stars. That additional 1,000 stars he had gotten must be from the effect of Area Dominance

Although he knew that Area Dominance had a power of 1,000 stars, Qing Shui felt that it was very powerful and the Spirited Snake Turtle was very strong.

Qing Shui was assured after he understood this. Most people would leave the five continents when they exceeded 5,000 stars in strength. Of course, no one knew if there were anyone with a strength of 10,000 stars in hiding. Even if there were, Qing Shui wasn't worried. A person with a strength of 10,000 stars would only be able to unleash a power of 5,500 stars.

The world's regulations weren't absolute but it wouldn't be too far off. No one would be willing to be able to use only 10% of their actual prowess!

### **Chapter 1003 - Son: Qing Long, Decision**

The thing on Qing Shui's mind the most was Lion King's Ridge. He did not know what their strongest strength level was. Demon Gate was another thing but the thing that worried Qing Shui the most was the other four continents.

Qing Shui felt that strong sects like Lion King's Ridge and Demon Gate would definitely have people entering the other four continents. Further, there should be other families and sects in the other four continents as well.

Going to the other four continents could accelerate cultivation. They could also strengthen their abilities. Without thinking about going to the other four continents, he could not even be certain if he could handle someone that came over from the other four continents.

The strength of the other four continents was a mystery to Qing Shui. If a ten thousand stars strength martial artist came over, he would not be able to deal with it. To find someone on the five continents

with the strength of ten thousand stars was as rare as phoenix feathers and unicorn horns. But on the other four continents, everything was possible.

In the end, Qing Shui did not want to think about it anymore. Working hard to raise his own strength was the way to go. Someone from the five continents or the other four continents, if they come he will strike them.

The Spirit Gathering Lamp seems to be stuck at fifth stage. Qing Shui was not sure whether there was a sixth stage. Right now, only Fire Bird benefitted the most, since it could get to a destructive power of six thousand stars. However, bound by the rules of heaven and earth, one could only exert the strength of five thousand stars. However, if under the effects of Four Phases Formation, then Fire Bird's strength can rise a bit more but was still only a little bit higher than five thousand stars.

Unknowingly he had already returned to Qing Clan for almost a year. Zhu Qing was already eight months into her pregnancy.

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Two months went by in a flash.

Qing Shui was pacing outside the door. Zhu Qing was inside the room about to give birth. Qing Qing had already given birth ten days ago; it was a boy. All of Guo Clan had come to visit.

But right now, it was Zhu Qing. Qing Shui did not know the reason as to why he was so nervous but he was also happy. He felt a bit guilty about Zhu Qing, had he not made up his mind back then, Zhu Qing would still be alone in the Skysword Sect right now.

Right now, Qing Shui was happy, especially since she was pregnant. A woman without any blood-related family was lonely. Even if she married into Qing Clan and Qing Shui plus everyone treated her nicely, she would still feel lonely and insecure. That was because Qing Shui had more than one woman and could not always stay by her side.

A child could let her feel not as alone anymore. Now that she had someone related by blood, it also tied her deeply into Qing Shui's family. It was blood ties, the feeling you get from family ties that were closer than social relationships.

Even in his previous life, it was said that a marriage without children was not perfect. Children were the link between parents, family and racial prosperity. Husband and wife started out without being related. Feelings could fade, only by changing feelings into familial bonds would they become everlasting. Without children, feelings could also become family love but this bond was more brittle than those couples who had children.

In the past life, there were survey results that indicated couples with children divorced far less than those without. Children could link parents together, slowly evolving feelings into familial affection.

Waaaaaaa!

Just as Qing Shui lost focus for a bit, a high-pitched cry came from the room. Qing Shui immediately ran into the inner house.

After arriving in the room, Qing Yi and several of the women were here. At this moment, Qing Yi was embracing a child wrapped in an embroidered cloth. The crying was coming from there.

Qing Shui sat beside the bed and held onto Zhu Qing's hand. Seeing his woman with a smile of happiness, he felt satisfied. Qing Yi passed the baby to Qing Shui while smiling.

"It's a boy, quick think of a name!" Qing Yi smiled while looking at her son.

Qing Shui looked at the baby that was as bright as jade. In his previous life, he had seen a newborn looking ugly and dull. Most of them would only become beautiful after some time but there were always exceptions.

However, when Qing Shui watched Qing Zun's and Qing Yi's birth, both were like carved out of jade. This little guy was the same, he also had big eyes. Qing Shui embraced the little guy and shown him to Zhu Qing.

"Hope my son becomes as successful as a dragon. Let's call him Qing Long!" Qing Shui said and paused.

Combining his last name with dragon sounded awesome. Everyone agreed with a bit of laughter. Qing Shui's children could be called anything and it would still sound good.

Zhu Qing happily called her and Qing Shui's child by name. The little guy had already fallen asleep. Others also took their leave after seeing that everything went by alright. The only people left were Qing Shui and Zhu Qing who were watching their baby sleep.

He gave a Constitution Nurturing Pill to Zhu Qing and gave her some All Aspect Nourishment Soup to eat.

Zhu Qing looked at Qing Shui, though most of her attention was placed on the little guy. Her face was filled with a blessed expression. Seeing his own woman in happiness, Qing Shui's heart was surprisingly peaceful.

"Qing Shui, I have never been happier in these past few years." Zhu Qing reached out to touch her baby's face. He was a part of her that tightly linked her to Qing Shui.

"Hereafter, everyday will be filled with happiness. I will let you be the happiest girl in the world. As long as you are happy, I will be happy," Qing Shui said while holding onto Zhu Qing.

The first time she met him, she had only considered Qing Shui to be a delicate boy but right now she felt like she was younger than him. This was a type of change. The reason for this change was that he had become stronger inside and out.

Qing Shui left after Zhu Qing fell asleep. He went to visit Qing Qing. Guo Polu's mother was still here. Guo Yanglong had stayed here for several days, unwilling to leave. However, Guo Clan had many things to take care of and Guo Clan only had Guo Polu as their only son. Guo Polu and Qing Qing's child would be regarded as the treasure of the family.

New years had just passed, this time Qing Clan did not return to Hundred Miles City.

Now, Qing Shui's strongest beast was the Fire Bird since Spirit Gathering Lamp had additional effects to the lethality of Five Elements Magic. For other beasts like the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, it did not help its attacks.

Thunderous Beast could but in its current strength it did not meet the requirement to consume the Hallow Pellet. Thus, he had been providing it with Ice Snow Sacred Fruit. Perhaps he could somehow find a way to craft some Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearls for it. However, coming across these things was not easy.

Luan Luan would breakthrough Martial Emperor soon. It would take at most one month but could take as little as three to five days.

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"Jiange!"

At the hill behind Heavenly Palace, Qing Shui found Yiye Jiange lost in thought.

"Why are you alone being melancholy and moody without calling me?" Qing Shui said with a smile while walking towards Yiye Jiange.

"It's alright, you don't have to try to cheer me up. I only came here to check things out," Yiye Jiange laughed.

Qing Shui grabbed her hand without any signs of embarrassment. It was as soft and tender as jade, what a wonderful feeling. He dared not look at that otherworldly face, "Let's go, your husband will accompany you."

Yiye Jiange grudgingly glared at Qing Shui but Qing Shui did not turn his head back.

Not far from where they were, there was an area covered in pear trees. Now that it was spring, a field of snow white pear blossoms as far as the eye could see bloomed beautifully.

"As soon as I can, I will bring you and Luan Luan to Lion King's Ridge with me." Since his advancement in strength, Qing Shui was certain he would be able to bring Huo-yun Liu-Li to Demon Gate. The only thing he would need to do was to give Huoyun Liu-Li some notice.

He was not certain whether Huoyun Liu-Li knew about her past but her foster parents had hoped Qing Shui would take her to Demon Gate at least once if he was capable.

Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui seriously, "Are you certain?"

"Possibly ... .."

"Qing Shui, I don't want you to risk yourself," Yiye Jiange said while sighing.

"Elder Lin is from Northern Sacred Lu Continent's Lin Clan," Qing Shui said softly.

"The Talisman and Seals Ancient Houses' Lin Clan?" Yiye Jiange asked looking at Qing Shui.

"Should be. My Heavenly Talismans were taught by elder Lin. Central Continent has several families that know about Talisman and Seals."

"I was in the area, however Northern Sacred Lu Continent's Lin Clan was stronger in Talisman and Seals. Or to say it in a different way, their Talismans were especially strong. Just like grades in martial arts, Lin Clan's Talisman and Seals were at least a grade higher than the rest."

"Lin Clan was also targeted by Lion King's Ridge. Destitute and homeless. I am not certain how many people are left," Qing Shui said helplessly while shaking his head.

Yiye Jiange was silent, she did not know what to say.

"Jiange, do you know Lion King's Ridge well?" Qing Shui asked after a bit of thought. Given that Yiye Jiange was not young. At the very least, she had already had her coming of age ceremony.

"Not much but I know Lion King's Ridge was the strongest sect within the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. Their sect has many Aristocrat Clans and superior martial artists. Rumor has it that many of those families had people become Immortals of the Land and then leave," Yiye Jiange said while looking at Qing Shui.

"Immortals of the Land?"

"We should travel to the other four continents!" Yiye Jiange explained.

Qing Shui thought of the answer but it was shocking. Lion King's Ridge had many ancestors in the other four continents. It was unsure how well they were doing over there or whether they still had contact with people on the five continents. It was also uncertain if any of them would return to the five continents if their members were injured.

Regardless, these one or two years would require more hardships in cultivation. Even if people from that side were to come, Qing Shui would still want to beat them to a pulp. He hoped that Area Dominance could rise another grade. Through formations, it could rise a bit in strength, after all strength of over ten thousand stars could exert another one tenth power.

This moment, Qing Shui's confidence grew.

"Next year, we will go visit Northern Sacred Lu Continent!" Qing Shui said with certainty.

Yiye Jiange laughed and stopped asking whether he was certain. She could not see through this man anymore, nor could she stop him. The most important thing was, she had complete trust in Qing Shui.

Yiye Jiange was a Peak Martial Saint but there was still some time before her breakthrough to Marital Emperor. This visit to Sacred Land of Panacea had been beneficial in many ways, her abilities had risen. Given her efforts in cultivation, pellets and weapons, her strength had gotten to a level equivalent to what Mu Qing had originally been.

"Jiange, let me give you Gold Needle Acupuncture once, it will raise your strength."

Except, he was a bit hesitant at the end of the sentence.

Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui's expression and could tell he had his reasons. She continued to gaze at Qing Shui as if to let him continue speaking.

“Although I have not mentioned this before, since you were my master but Gold Needle Acupuncture is best done naked. I’ll keep my eyes close when I do it,” Qing Shui said with a bit of embarrassment and unease.

#### **Chapter 1004 - Performing The Soft-Tendon Hand Technique Again, Gold Needle Acupuncture**

Qing Shui felt extremely anxious after he finished his sentence. He didn’t have the intention to defile this woman that he highly respected from the bottom of his heart. He was thinking of raising Yiye Jiange’s strength to Martial Emperor as quickly as possible. Only then would she be able to use the Hallow Pill.

Qing Shui was nervous when he was talking just now. He didn’t dare to make eye contact with her. However, he still gave her an earnest look after he finished speaking so that she could feel his sincerity.

He wouldn’t have dared to say such things in the past. But he said it now because he had no intention of letting this woman go. So this was his first time taking the initiative, although it was a little impetuous.

Yiye Jiange looked into Qing Shui’s clear eyes. She glared at him and slightly lowered her head. She had the medicinal pill that Qing Shui had given to her in her hands. She could feel the wave of powerful energy on it when she took a look at it earlier.

“How much can it raise my strength?” Yiye Jiange’s voice was very soft.

Qing Shui was startled. He knew that Yiye Jiange was not talking about the medicinal pill but rather the Gold Needle Acupuncture. “This depends on individual aptitudes. It may double your strength or even multiply it several times but it may also only raise it slightly.”

“Did you perform this on Luan Luan when she was little?” Yiye Jiange raised her head and smiled at Qing Shui.

“Yes. I have done this on our daughter when she was little. I had already helped to acupuncture her when we were at the Skysword Sect,” Qing Shui replied with a smile.

“Just take it as you’ll become my woman in the future and you’ll feel less awkward about it.....” Qing Shui advised Yiye Jiange, who had grown quiet once again. He had an indescribable feeling while he was saying all that to this extraordinary woman who had always been someone that mustn’t be defiled in his heart.

“You have become more and more capable now. Do you enjoy speaking to me this way?” Yiye Jiange’s face was tinted red. There was a hint of strangeness in the tone of her voice. Qing Shui immediately grasped her hand and squeezed it.

“I do!” Qing Shui laughed while he rubbed his nose with his other hand. For the first time ever, his face also reddened as it was the effect of blood rushing to his head in his excitement.

“Qing Shui, even if you performed the acupuncture on me once, it seems like my strength wouldn’t be raised by too much.” Yiye Jiange shook her head lightly and sighed.

“Woman, you are extraordinary in my heart. I adore you and want to love you dearly. It is very hard for me to bring myself to do this and you have never given me a chance. I have only found some courage after so many years. However, it is never my intention to force you. I have a medicine pill with me here

that can allow your strength to increase by quite a lot. But this can only be consumed by Martial Emperor level cultivators,” Qing Shui spoke his mind while he looked at Yiye Jiange.

Yiye Jiange was startled. “Are you confident that I’ll reach the Martial Emperor after the acupuncture?”

“More or less. I will think about some other way. Normally it should take about half a year,” Qing Shui said after thinking. Actually he didn’t really dare to say that he would be able to greatly improve his strength within a month through Duo Cultivation.

“You really won’t be able to see anything if you covered your eyes?” Yiye Jiange asked Qing Shui while she looked at him with her graceful and gorgeous eyes.

“I can see!” Qing Shui had no choice but to tell the truth when those indescribably beautiful eyes were just inches away from him.

“How honest of you. Come to my room tonight……” Yiye Jiange left after she finished speaking.

Qing Shui rubbed his nose and smiled wryly. His women and slightly older children had all been acupunctured before. Although strength wouldn’t exponentially increase when this type of acupuncture was received at a young age, the speed of cultivation would be increased. So it was fair to say that the resulting effect of acupuncture was best when received at a young age. Although there was no issue in receiving the acupuncture at Yiye Jiange’s age, it was a little awkward because Qing Shui was a man.

When Yiye Jiange agreed with Qing Shui, he knew that she wouldn’t marry another man in her life. Qing Shui smiled. He didn’t want to let a woman like her go, no matter how outstanding the other man was.

This was a change in his mentality. If his woman didn’t love him but instead loved someone else in the past, he would really choose to let her go. But now, he realized that he had changed.

During the daytime, Qing Shui guided the others from the Qing Clan on their cultivation. But Yiye Jiange’s elegant eyes and that intoxicatingly shy face of hers kept emerging in his mind.

Qing Shui had his own room. His women and even the entire Qing Clan knew that he cultivated at night. So basically none of them would bother him at night without a good reason.

It was still early. Qing Shui normally entered the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal as soon as the next day came and stayed there until the sky was slightly bright, spending a total of six hours.

After having their dinner, some went to the backyard to cultivate while some returned to their own private rooms to cultivate. Qing Shui was instead making his way towards Yiye Jiange’s room nervously.

The distance between their rooms wasn’t far. In fact, the distance between Qing Shui’s room and the few women’s rooms wasn’t that far either. They were basically near to each other, with one room in between at most. But the rooms here were vast as they all contained one small living room and bedroom.

Qing Shui gently pushed Yiye Jiange’s door and it opened. He immediately locked it after entering.

He was in the small living room. He saw Yiye Jiange somewhere nearby when he turned his head around. The two of them remained silent. Qing Shui still felt a little awkward so he could only smile and approach her. Even if a man wasn’t shameless, he’d have to be brazen at times like this.



He took her hand as they made their way towards the bedroom.

At this moment, Qing Shui discovered that Yiye Jiange's hand was slightly cold and would tremble from time to time. He sighed ruefully too at the fact that a woman that was as divine as her had always been single.

Qing Shui had always felt that Yiye Jiange paid very little attention to things like emotions and affection between a man and woman. She wasn't being cold about it but was rather indifferent about it. However, Qing Shui couldn't really ask anything about it right now.

"You're very nervous?" Qing Shui teased Yiye Jiange while holding her hand.

"You're merely a naughty child in my eyes. I'm not nervous at all," Yiye Jiange retorted when she saw the teasing look on Qing Shui's face.

"Good to hear that. There's actually nothing to be nervous about. As long as you're not fully prepared, I'm not going to do anything. Just let me know when you are ready," Qing Shui said ambiguously.

Although Yiye Jiange was pretty much inexperienced, she figured out what Qing Shui was trying to say after connecting the dots and seeing that strange look on his face. "You should remember what you have said," she said weakly after rolling her eyes at Qing Shui.

"Of course. By then, I must make Jiange fall in love with me. I want Jiange to take off my clothes of her own will on our wedding night," Qing Shui said heroically.....

"Go to hell!" Yiye Jiange knocked on Qing Shui's head.

Their banter had eased the tension. The two of them arrived at Yiye Jiange's bedroom. Her bedroom was untainted by even a speck of dust. That snowy white fluffy bed and the bolster on it made him feel great...

Qing Shui wasn't hurried about performing the acupuncture. He was instead feeling her pulse from time to time or pressing on the acupoints on her body, arms and shoulders with his hands.

The ecstatic Soft-Tendon Hand Technique!

By now Qing Shui's skill had become even better. Without realizing it, Yiye Jiange was already leaning in his arms weakly. Both of her hands were placed on Qing Shui's shoulders while Qing Shui was massaging and pounding softly against her back with both of his hands.

"Sweetheart\*, you better remember you own words. Otherwise I will ignore you for the rest of my life." Yiye Jiange was giving him a slightly coquettish look with her charming eyes.

[Note: In the raws, Yiye Jiange addressed Qing Shui in an endearing way as how one would address someone who brings you a lot of troubles yet you are unwilling to part with them or when you are in a love-hate relationship with someone.]

When Qing Shui saw the current condition of Yiye Jiange, he wouldn't doubt her words either. He was really regretting what he had said just now, something about the wedding night.

Even so, his blood was still racing from the way she addressed him. He fell backwards, causing Yiye Jiange to end up on top of his body. Her perky and bouncy breasts were pressed flush against Qing Shui's chest. The pressure and bounciness were shocking.

Since Qing Shui remembered his words, he wasn't going to devour her. Instead, he could send her to heaven in another way. He placed both of his hands on her perfectly round and divinely gorgeous perky rear. Even with clothes in between them, he could feel its smoothness and softness. That wonderful sensation was indescribable.

"Qing Shui, where are your hands going..." Yiye Jiange asked. Her entire body had gone limp and her eyes were already glazed over in pleasure.

"I won't devour you. I'm helping you to improve your blood circulation before the acupuncture. Does it feel good?" Qing Shui laughed shamelessly. The speed of his hands that were fondling her body increased even more.

Qing Shui suddenly felt Yiye Jiange's body tremble. Her limp body suddenly went stiff for a moment. Then it went limp even more than before. It was as if she was really boneless.

"Do not move!"

Yiye Jiange's cheeks were burning right at this moment. Her eyes were shut. Even her eyelashes quivered. She didn't dare to look at Qing Shui.

Qing didn't expect a refined woman like her would be in such state. Given a long enough time, his ecstatic Soft-Tendon Hand Technique could satisfy a woman in another way when used on their sensitive spots.

Qing Shui remained unmoving as he tightly held her and chuckled, "How's my skill?"

"I'm going to take a bath!"

Yiye Jiange got up and left hurriedly.

Qing Shui had only done all this to loosen up Yiye Jiange. In no less than half an hour, Yiye Jiange emerged again wrapped in a snowy white towel. Her silky hair was draped over her shoulders, causing her to appear alluring. Qing Shui was dazzled by her exposed skin that was fair like the snow.

"You don't have to cover your eyes anymore. Just don't stare..." Yiye Jiange said softly while she took a seat beside Qing Shui.

"I can only look at your back since you are sitting in front of me. I'm not gonna look at whatever that's on the front side. Don't be alarmed if I touched what I shouldn't touch. Just take it as you will also be mine in the future anyways....."

"Brat, stop saying nonsense. I know you want me to relax. If I am willing to do this, do you still need further explanation?" Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui laughed. He slowly reached out to take off her bath towel, her jade-like body that was like the work of heaven revealed before his eyes. Her fair and silky skin was lustrous like jade.

Her delicate neck was long and the mounds in front of her chest seemed like they would be able to fit just right into his hands. They weren't huge but round and perky. On top of that, they had the most perfect shape.

Qing Shui took out his Gold Needles and started to perform the acupuncture without misbehaving. He didn't really avoid anything. Yiye Jiange closed both of her eyes instead. Her beautiful face was red. She stopped caring if Qing Shui was looking or not.

A lot of acupoints on her body were half-cleared and she only had one at most that was about to be cleared. Seeing up to this point, Qing Shui was extremely happy. Clearing these acupoints would be a great enhancement. Her strength in battle would also be raised tremendously.

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Nurturing constitution, arousing potential, clearing acupoints, strengthening meridians and dantian.

Three hours passed in just a flash.

There were at most 108 needles on Yiye Jiange's body at one time. They covered almost her entire body. Of course this also allowed Qing Shui to take a good look at every part of her. There were even three Gold Needles at the edge of her most private place. Even the indifferent Yiye Jiange was so embarrassed that she was almost defeated.

After Qing Shui was done taking them off one by one, she immediately went off to take a bath, not daring to even spare another glance at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui rubbed his nose as he put away all the Gold Needles.

### **Chapter 1005 - Jiange and Luan Luan's Breakthrough, Advancing Qing Shui and Qing Clan by 50 Years.**

This time, Yiye Jiange came out very fast. On top of that, she came out dressed neatly. But her complexion was glowing and translucent like jade. She was slightly averting her gaze from Qing Shui.

"How do you feel? What's your strength now?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

Actually Qing Shui more or less knew that too, he was just striking up a conversation. Her full strength could reach up to 120 stars with the Violet Jade Sword in her hands. Her physical strength was about 20 stars, her cultivation techniques and weapons provided a twofold increase respectively.

This acupuncture had pretty much allowed Yiye Jiange to take a big leap. Yiye Jiange happily told Qing Shui about her strength. Qing Shui didn't ask her to consume the Violet Qi Pellet though.

It was a little wasteful for her to consume it right now. Qing Shui wanted to raise her physical strength to the maximum first so he found a type of medicinal pill that could increase strength by five stars. She had never consumed this medicinal pill before.

With this, her physical strength had reached 25 stars. Only then he let her consume the Hallow Pill and Violet Qi Pellet.

The Martial Emperor's barrier didn't appear. This most likely had some connection to her divine body. With this, Qing Shui knew now that the people who could ignore the barrier that hindered one from breaking through were not limited to only the women in the Portraits of Beauty.

In just a flash, Yiye Jiange's physical strength reached 255 stars. Each Hallow Pill could raise physical strength by 100 stars while the Violet Qi Pellet could raise by 30 stars.

Under the effects of cultivation techniques, Yiye Jiange's strength reached to 750 stars. The Violet Jade Sword that could increase strength twofold immediately allowed her strength to reach more than 2,200 stars.

Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui with a strange look on her face. There was a look of bewilderment in her eyes as she sat by Qing Shui's side. In just four hours, he had turned her strength upside down, even though this meanie had also taken some advantage of her in the process.

Qing Shui himself was aware that all this was mainly due to the Hallow Pill. It increased physical strength by 100 stars, which was simply too powerful. As long as one's cultivation technique was great enough, then strength would very rapidly increase by leaps and bounds.

The higher the cultivation technique's level and a higher realm would allow physical strength to become even more powerful. But zero consumption passive cultivation techniques were the most powerful, just like Qing Shui's Diamond Qi, Diamond Protection, Diamond Crossing Rivers, Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains.

For ordinary cultivators, even active cultivation techniques that could increase physical strength were already considered to be very powerful. Those that were passive and had zero consumption could almost be considered paragon.

For average low level cultivators, their strength would be whatever physical strength they possessed. There weren't any amplification through cultivation techniques and weapons. A beginner weapon was only sharp and could break through defenses. But it wouldn't increase attack, so all those didn't count.

The surprises that Qing Shui had given to her over these few years were already too much. But this was simply inconceivable.

"You don't have to look at me like that. That's due to the medicinal pills. I snatched the ingredients from the Sacred Land of Panacea and concocted them into medicinal pills. It's a pity that each person can only consume up to two pills. It would've been better if they could be consumed without any limit." Qing Shui smiled at the woman who seemed to be a little stunned.

"Two pills are already very heaven-defying. If this kind of medicinal pills can be consumed by humans without limits, that would destroy the rules of Heaven and Earth. Besides, better medicinal pills have stronger drug resistance." Yiye Jiange laughed softly.

"You should rest early. I will send some better weapons to you later. This is no longer suitable for you to use." Qing Shui got up. He still had to enter the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal.

Yiye Jiange nodded and saw Qing Shui off at the door with a smile. Qing Shui pulled her into a gentle embrace and then left. When he returned to his own room, he immediately went inside the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal.

A gentle and blissful smile appeared on Yiye Jiange's face as she watched Qing Shui's retreating figure.

After entering the Martial Emperor realm, she could use weapons that could increase strength threefold. Qing Shui was also able to forge those that could increase strength by threefold too. The Big Dipper Sword could increase fourfold due to the Wolf Fang. Besides, the Big Dipper Sword itself was also tempered from the very precious Seven Stars Silver Sand.

The Violet Jade Sword was forged in no time. This time, he had added a little bit of Wolf Fang and some pure gold. It was still mostly Violet Jade and the end product still looked like a Violet Jade Sword.

The attributes of the Violet Jade Sword had changed to being able to increase strength by threefold and had 10% chance of doubling damage. Other detoxifying effects had also been increased. Overall, he was quite satisfied with it. There weren't many weapons like this in the five continents either. Qing Shui discovered that the chance of doubling damage was a very powerful ability to have. Not only that, the rate was also very high.

Yiye Jiange's breakthrough was a beginning. The Qing Clan still had Canghai Mingyue, Mingyue Gelou, Luan Luan now and Di Qing was also almost there but they still needed some more time. In half year, all of them would be able to attain the Martial Emperor realm.

So this time in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui immediately forged a few weapons with almost the same abilities for Martial Emperor cultivators to use.

Roc Form's cultivation was very slow. It was also progressing increasingly slowly. So Qing Shui had turned back to cultivating the six forms from before.

Tiger Form!

Qing Shui unleashed a Critical Tiger Attack in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal's skies. An enormous shadow image of a gigantic tiger leaping out to kill was seen.

Bang!

It then immediately shattered into pieces. But the killing intent, speed, power and pressure that it exuded at that one moment were extremely terrifying. The tiger form had already completely manifested. Although the power it unleashed couldn't match up to holding the Big Dipper Sword and Violet Star Thunder God, it could still be considered quite decent.

Qing Shui continued unleashing a few techniques of the Tiger Form. His movement was as natural as the moving clouds and flowing water. His mental state was also rising. His heart grew brighter as time ticked away slowly.

Among the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique, the first six forms out of the nine forms could be cultivated without any order and could be perfected. Just like Mingyue Gelou who primarily cultivated the Tiger form, she also cultivated the Deer Canter technique and the Soaring Crane Steps. With her Tiger form's attack and its speed, she had already cultivated Tiger Form to the Divine Connection Realm and had also reached the Manifestation Realm. But due to her lack in strength, she wasn't able to completely manifest it. When Qing Shui's strength was increased, he was able to suddenly learn some cultivation techniques by himself without any guidance. Even so, he reckoned that his current Tiger Form's realm was about the same as Mingyue Gelou's or maybe even inferior to hers.

If Mingyue Gelou broke through to Martial Emperor, she should be able to immediately fully manifest it.

Qing Shui's realm had only risen tremendously through his Tiger Form cultivation this time. He had a hunch that the last three forms of the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique required the first six forms as a foundation.

This Tiger Form cultivation lasted about the duration of time where he could spend in the immortal realm. The remaining time was spent on cultivating something else. He still had to refine magic treasures in between.

When he exited, it was already bright outside. He quickly went to the backyard. This was the best time to practise his Taichi Fists.

"Daddy, you're late. The sun is almost up," Qing Yin called out with a smile when she saw Qing Shui. She was practising her Tachi Fist technique.

Qing Shui smiled and rubbed her little head before he found an empty spot and started cultivating. There was nothing to complain about the little lass's posture now. She mainly had to familiarize herself in it and to do that, she would have to practise it a thousand, ten thousand or even a million times. Practice makes perfect. This was the most stupid yet most effective method.

During breakfast, he carried the meal to Zhu Qing's place. Other than eating, the little fellow would be sleeping. Little children were growing their bodies so they spent most of their time sleeping. To be able to stay awake for two hours a day was very good already.

"Qing Shui, you better not come here and eat. It smell nasty here," Zhu Qing said with a smile.

With a child in this room, of course it wouldn't really smell great in here. But still, he didn't smell anything yet. The child hasn't consume any solid food and it had only been a short while so there wasn't really any odor in the room.

"Is there any odor here?" Qing Shui looked at Zhu Qing doubtfully.

"No!" Zhu Qing laughed.

Before Qing Shui went out, he kissed Zhu Qing and the little fellow.

Ten days later, Luan Luan broke through to Martial Emperor. Her physical strength was 20 stars. With the Heart of Seven Orifices that increased it by 20% and also in addition to other cultivation techniques and weapons, her strength had reached to 120 stars now.

The energy gained by the Hallow Pill was very pure. There was no need to worry about strength increasing too fast, causing instability in the realm. That was the difference between sacred fruits and average medicinal pills. Strength that was gained by normal medicinal pills still required some time to absorb, making that additional amount of strength truly become yours.

The beauty of sacred fruits was that the energy belonged to you. The energy that was in your possession could be fully controlled skillfully, as if it was gained along with the rise in realm. For example, if a person gained a tremendous amount of strength and he shattered a teacup now even when he had no problem in holding one usually. This was the outcome of a tremendous increase in strength without the

realm catching up. If the realm had caught up, one should be able to completely control the energy in his body as his heart wished.

After consuming the Hallow Pill, Violet Qi Pellet and another type of medicinal pill, Luan Luan's physical strength reached 260 stars. Under the effect of her Heart of Seven Orifices, it immediately became 780 stars. With a Threefold Weapon in her hands, her strength became slightly more than 3,000 stars.....

The Hallow Pill was powerful but Qing Shui's 'wonder' of forging played a big role too. In addition to their powerful cultivation techniques, Yiye Jiange and Luan Luan strengths were almost exactly 3,000 stars, at peak Grade Three Martial Emperor.

Luan Luan's breakthrough had caused the strength of Qing Clan to soar all of a sudden. Canghai Mingyue and Di Qing were also about to breakthrough. Qing Shui was very happy in his heart. He didn't really have to be worried about his clan in the future.

Aristocrat Clans and Sects were powerful because they possessed many powerful cultivators. Qing Shui had raised Qing Clan's strength by relying on medicinal pills and forging. However, they were mostly relying on weapons. Without them, the Qing Clan's strength would be as different as Heaven and Earth. But then again, all powerful cultivators relied on weapons. Without their weapons, many cultivators were trash too. Just like a saying in his previous world, no matter how glorious you are, you are nothing when you run out of money. This was nonsense but it had pointed out one thing; regardless of the method, it would be fine as long as one could survive and defeat his opponents. Winning was everything and no one would listen to the loser's reasons. Sometimes, the losers didn't even get a chance to tell their reasons.

Although Qing Clan's strength had overall been increased by a lot, most of the people were still unable to be improved. Perhaps he had to wait until he could concoct powerful medicinal pills that could be consumed without any limit to improve them. Just like this Hallow Pill, it would have been better if it wasn't limited to only Martial Emperor's consumption. Otherwise, many people from the Qing Clan would have been able to become a Martial Emperor.....

They could only grow slowly. Qing Shui was already very content now. He had already earned more than enough during his visit to the Sacred Land of Panacea this time. It had let him and the Qing Clan advance by at least 50 years.

Qing Shui had only thought of making everyone in the clan into a Xiantian cultivator back then, so he thought of all kind of methods to concoct the Xiantian Golden Pellet only for the sake of those additional 500 years of lifespan.

It was a different goal. Back then, even making everyone in the Qing Clan into a Xiantian cultivator was too high of a goal itself. Now that he was in a higher position, his expectations were different. A man who is never content is like a snake trying to swallow an elephant. In this situation, Qing Shui wasn't even sure if one should know contentment or not.

#### **Chapter 1006 - Grade Three Shield Attack, Breakthrough, Liu-Li's Decision**

Knowing contentment should be an attitude. It was necessary to be content but one should also continue striving to be better. These two things shouldn't contradict each other.

Qing Shui was having a random thought and began to worry again. Maybe he should talk to Liu-Li about her problem.

Huoyun Liu-Li knew she wasn't her parents' biological daughter. Qing Shui had first found out about it from her. However, he was told by Huoyun Liu-Li's own foster father at the Firecloud Blacksmith Store about her relation with the Demon Gate. He had also told him that if he was capable in the future, he should bring Huoyun Liu-Li to visit the Demon Gate.

Qing Shui knew that if there was even the slightest possibility, no one would abandon their own flesh and blood. Just like his mother and Qing Qing back then. If there was even the slightest possibility, she wouldn't have allowed Qing Qing to be taken away.

Qing Shui carried Qing Yu to look for Huoyun Liu-Li after lunch. In the room, he saw Liu-Li standing by the window as she stared blankly outside. It seemed that she didn't even realize that Qing Shui had entered the room.

"Mother!"

Qing Yu called out cheerfully. Huoyun Liu-Li turned around and looked at the fair skinned little lass. Feeling loved and content, she held up her daughter who came running towards her. Her mind was much clearer within a split second.

Even though she was an abandoned child by her parents, her foster parents had treated her as their own. She was as precious as the pearl in their palm to them. But ever since she discovered her identity, there was always this little bit of distance between them.

She knew that even if her birth parents had shown up, she would still be her foster parents' daughter. This would never change. However, she would also constantly thought of her own birth parents. It wasn't because she was missing them but she merely wanted to know why they given birth to her only to abandon her later.

Her foster parents had told her before and she had guessed it before too. They must had abandoned her because they had no alternatives. Hence, she only wanted to know the reason. Furthermore, her foster parents had also told her that her parents had probably done this out of helplessness.

Over so many years, she didn't know what to feel either. She wished to see them. Yet at the same time, she hated them a little. Perhaps she also kind of wanted to meet them.

But she didn't have the slightest clue except for the Jade Pendant that was hanging around her neck. Her name, Huoyun Liu-Li, was carved on it. Apart from that, there was no other clue. She could only sigh.

She was thinking about all this earlier until Qing Shui and her daughter interrupted her deep thoughts. Her heart calmed down after she saw her daughter. At the same time, she had also understood many things after she had become a mother herself.

Especially the joy in her daughter's eyes and her clinginess when she entered the room and saw her. It made her unconsciously think of her birth parents. Could it be that they were really left with no choices? Were they still alive? Were they doing well?



All these thoughts flashed across Huoyun Liu-Li's mind very quickly while she was playing with her daughter. Qing Shui sat next to them, smiling while watching them.

Women with daughters would become stronger. The power of motherhood was enormous, especially on their hearts. So, Qing Shui felt that it was the right time to talk to her.

"Liu-Li! There's actually something that you should know. So, I want to know your thoughts on this." Qing Shui smiled as he tried his best to say it in a light tone.

"What is it? There is nothing that we can't say to each other." Huoyun Liu-Li smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"Do you wish to know your parents' whereabouts or their information?" Qing Shui said while he picked up the little lass who was crawling over into his arms.

Huoyun Liu-Li couldn't help but tremble but she didn't speak. Only after a long pause, she sighed and said, "Since they have abandoned me, I have nothing to do with them anymore. I don't want to break my current parents' hearts anymore. In my heart, they are my only real parents."

Qing Shui looked at Houyun Liu-Li. He approved of her way of thinking. Bearing a child wasn't easy. Raising a child for so many years wasn't any easier either. But sometimes things could be very frustrating, just like Qing Qing and his mother. If Qing Qing could never bring herself to forgive his mother, his mother would be devastated. His mother was also helpless. For the sake of Qing Clan and herself, she had to do what she had done back then. Even if she hadn't done that, the outcome wouldn't be any different, it could even be worse.

Therefore, Qing Shui had been working hard since he was young. He was determined to bring Qing Qing back and compensate her. He would do anything for her as long as she liked it.

"Did you know how I have found out all this?" Qing Shui smiled at her.

"Foster father told you!" Huoyun Liu-Li exclaimed in shock.

"He is a respectable man. Since he had told you all this, he has no intention of hiding anything from you. He didn't tell you all this while because there is no point in telling you. It will only add on to your worries. He has a coarse appearance but a gentle heart. Liu-Li, you are very lucky to have met him."

"Father treated me very well. He may be an ordinary blacksmith but he is the greatest father," Huoyun Liu-Li said happily while thinking about it.

"That's right. The first time I went there, he told me to bring you to look for your parents if I am capable in the future." Qing Shui looked at Huoyun Liu-Li. He really wanted to know her opinion.

"I have no intention of acknowledging them." Huoyun Liu-Li thought for a while before she spoke.

"What if they had no choice but to abandon you back then and are actually suffering right now?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

Huoyun Liu-Li was taken aback as she looked at Qing Shui expressionlessly.

She had thought of many things. She had experienced a lot from some of Qing Clan's affairs. She realized that she couldn't calm down now after hearing Qing Shui's words. No matter what, they were still her parents. Furthermore, this was her foster parents' intention. They had never hidden anything from her since the beginning. It had been their wish to reunite her with them.

Besides, it wouldn't make a difference whether they were reunited or not. She would still forever be their daughter. Just like their own flesh and blood.

"Liu-Li! I am now capable. So, think about it. Your foster father wishes for you to reunite with them. If you have made up your mind, I'll bring you to investigate it." Qing Shui smiled. Since it had been so many years, nobody was clear of the exact situation.

Qing Shui carried Qing Yu and walked out of the room. He wanted to give Huoyun Liu-Li some time to think. If she gave it thorough consideration, he would be supportive of her decision. If she had decided to leave things as they were and didn't wish to know anything, then Qing Shui wouldn't go. Either way, it would be fine as long as she was happy. However, Qing Shui had a hunch that she would go.

Besides, it wasn't like they would be going now. It would have to wait for at least half a year later. He had come up with many possibilities. For instance, Liu-Li's parents were members of the Demon Gate. Or perhaps the enemies of the Demon Gate.....

Since Liu-Li's foster father had asked him to pay a visit to the Demon Gate, then there must be clues at the Demon Gate. The keepsake ought to be the jade pendant around Huoyun Liu-Li's neck.

But going to either Demon Gate or Lion King's Ridge would require strength as a support. Qing Shui hoped that the Spirited Snake Turtle's strength would raise a little over this period of time. In addition, his strength, formation, talisman drawing as well as his techniques had to be upgraded as well.

For strength that exceeded 10,000 stars, 10% of that strength after deducting 5,000 stars was the strength that could break the rules of Heaven and Earth. Hence, Qing Shui only had to increase his strength slightly more and he would have sufficient strength to exhibit a little more. If he increased his strength by ten stars, he would be able to exhibit an additional strength of one star.

Qing Shui's idea was to be able to exhibit the strength of 7,000 stars, the Nine Palace Steps formation and so on, as soon as possible. He wasn't sure if he could defeat anyone with a strength of 10,000 stars. In order for the people in the five continents to exhibit strength of 10,000 stars, they would need to have a strength of nearly 60,000 stars.

Qing Shui grew confident when he thought up to this point. He had a feeling that there shouldn't be many people with a strength of 60,000 stars running around in the four other continents. He wouldn't be too afraid if he came face to face with a strong opponent. He felt that the Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm in the Central Palace Blood Essence Pool was still his biggest trump card.

Ever since his strength had improved tremendously and especially after he had ingested the Violet Qi Pellet and Hallow Fruit, the strength of Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm had also developed rapidly. It had upgraded by directly swallowing Qing Shui's blood essence. The speed had naturally become indescribably fast. The stronger Qing Shui was, the stronger his blood essence would be.

About half a year's time would be sufficient!

Qing Shui had taught his family the Four Phases Formation and Ten Paramitas Formation. They would spare some time to practice them daily. When Qing Shui was in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he would also cultivate intensively.

The Bear Form, the Crane Form.....

The Back Connecting Fist! Qing Shui was once again cultivating intensively in Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He wasn't sure what realm it had attained by now. Just like the Tiger Form which had long exceeded the Grand Perfection Stage.

The Back Connecting Fist was already at the Grand Perfection Stage since long ago. He had basically cleared up all the acupoints from his back to his arms. The image of the Ape King and his punching moves in the middle of Sky Penetrating Mountains kept appearing in his mind.

Qing Shui had been imitating it lately. The acupoints that he had cleared had increased his strength by quite a bit. Most importantly, those major acupoints that had been cleared had brought him benefits. The strength that had been increased would be too little if he was just relying on the clearing of the acupoints.

Pu!

It was cleared!

Weiyang acupoint!

Before Qing Shui even had the time to feel happy, his Shield Attack technique had automatically activated itself. It went along the course and directly cleared up a few branches of meridians along the way.

So this worked too!

Grade Three Shield Attack!

All this while, Qing Shui had always thought that the Shield Attack technique only had two levels because it hadn't levelled up for a very long time. Little did he expect it to be upgraded to Grade Three now. This was in fact great news.

The Shield Attack had a powerful knockback effect. There was a definite chance of knocking back an opponent. The Shield Attack symbolized justice as well. Hence, it could be used together with the Nature Energy and also the State of Immovable as Mountains. It was also immensely helpful on techniques' breakthrough, poison immunity and so on.

Grade Three Shield Attack! Compared to Grade Two, it seemed to have raised physical strength by another 10%. That would be more than 40 stars, which was enough. Qing Shi knew that its potential effect was immense.

This could be considered a pleasant surprise. Qing Shui was very fond of the feeling when using Shield Attack. Being knocked back during a battle was also a type of sudden outburst situation. That was a time when he could seize the opportunity to kill.

The chances of knockback during grade two was very slim, so Qing Shui didn't even take the Shield Attack seriously since it seldom occurred. Hopefully it would appear more frequently in grade three.

In the period of one month, Canghai Mingyue and Di Qing had broken through within three days of each other. Their strengths were about the same as Yiye Jiange. Qing Shui gave them the weapons he had forged.

Furthermore, Qing Shui had also forged battle armor and battle skirts during this period of time. They were made out of Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor's skin on its back and he was quite satisfied with the abilities of his forging.

Physical and magical defense increased overall defense by 50 percent. The defense could only be increased by 2,500 stars at maximum!

Battle boots, increases speed by 50 percent!

There was a restriction now!

This immediately increased the women's initial basic defense by half, reaching to approximately 4,500 stars. The Pentacolor Rainbow Art of Forging's most important factor was the strong materials. It should be known that only a small piece of the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor's skin had fallen off under Qing Shui's all out attack. This shown how strong its defense was.

Huoyun Liu-Li's affair had also been decided. She had decided to go to the Demon Gate. The time had been set as well. They had to be prepared to go four months later. This time, it was necessary for Qing Shui to be well prepared.

In the next two years, not only did they need to go to the Demon Gate but also Lion King's Ridge and the Ancient Ruins. Then, he had to go to the other four continents to look for Di Chen.....

### **Chapter 1007 - Huoyun Liu-Li's Background, No Room for Conciliation?**

Time passed by very slowly. Huoyun Liu-Li was already decided and Qing Shui was thinking about how he should be heading for Demon Gate. Should he be heading there alone with Huoyun Liu-Li or should he be bringing along Qing Yu and the others?

Qing Shui found it hard to come to a decision but eventually, he decided to discuss it with Huoyun Liu-Li. This was primarily because Qing Yu was still too young but Huoyun Liu-Li wouldn't be able to part with her for an extended period of time and would also be afraid that the lass would cry badly when she was left behind.

Although Qing Shui had headed to Huoyun Liu-Li's place to look for her, he knew what her decision will be. If there was any danger, she would definitely not let the lass follow them. However, she'd definitely not be assured to leave her here.

After giving it some thought, Qing Shui still felt that it was better to bring one more person along. At least at the crucial moment, the person would be able to help him.

Luan Luan!

Luan Luan was quite strong now. And most importantly, she had many powerful demonic beasts, she had made great progress during this time and there was also the Four Phases Formation.

Qing Shui thought of her ten Earth Devouring Mice. Although they were also considered spiritual beasts, they were considered low grade ones. However, Qing Shui planned to bring the strongest one of them all into Martial Emperor. It should be manageable if there weren't any accidents.

He couldn't do anything about the rest since the gap was still far too big.

As long as the Earth Devouring Mouse could become a Martial Emperor, with the Hallow Pill, it would become a terrifying existence and would also be able to bring about a great impact, even if there was only just one.

"Qing Shui, if anything were to really happen, are you confident in handling it? I can't bear to leave our daughter behind but yet don't wish to get her involved in danger," Huoyun Liu-Li frowned and said.

Qing Shui knew that this would be the case and thus could only smile and say, "Let's bring the lass along, it'll be fine. We'll get Luan Luan to go with us and on that day, we'll leave the lass with Luan Luan."

"Alright!" Huoyun Liu-Li hesitated a little before agreeing.

Right now, Qing Clan's cultivation was getting on track. Two months later, Mingyue Gelou attained a breakthrough. The ladies' cultivations were originally about the same level and even if there weren't any Hallow Pills, Qing Shui would also think of ways to bring them up to early Martial Emperor. By rights, from early Martial Emperor onward, the rate of improvement to one's cultivation would become slower but the rate of power gained would be much faster.

Qing Shui did some more work on Mingyue Gelou's Skywolf Claw, reforging it with more materials. It was now about the same level as the others' weapons and she also took two Hallow Pills and Violet Qi Pellets

Qing Shui also took the time to refine two rounds of the Violet Qi Pellets. He still had a few Purple Qi Star Grass and they were growing in the realm's pond which was now much bigger than before.

During alchemy, Qing Shui would add in quite a number of other valuable ingredients, including Crystal Physique Cards. Even so, the Violet Qi Pellets would only increase one's strength by 30 stars at most and then the Hallow Pills would further increase one's physical strength by 100 stars each. If he hadn't added those additional ingredients, he didn't know what the effects would be like.

He couldn't help but think of Di Chen. She had the ability to head for the other four continents, which meant that her abilities should be very powerful. Qing Shui felt that she hadn't merely exceeded a strength of 5,000 stars but had probably reached a terrifying stage. He thought of the Heartmatched Fruit which he had gotten his hands on. Was this thing really useful?

There was also Wenren Wu-shuang. Qing Shui hadn't been able to put her out of his mind but yet he wasn't able to find time to go and look for her. Qing Shui felt that she should have gone to see her elder sister to take her mind off things. He hoped that she would be able to come back soon.

This was just Qing Shui's guess. He was going to wait for a little while more. If it didn't work out, he would head to Hundred Miles City to take a look. It was hard to find a person in this world, even for an influential faction. No one had that wide a reach.

There was still some time and Qing Clan let the members of Qing Clan stay at home to cultivate. There would be no changes to the plan and Qing Shui would head out with Luan Luan toward Hundred Miles City. Firstly, it was to see if Wenren Wu-shuang was there and secondly, it was to prepare to enter the Giant Beasts Mountains.

Luan Luan had attained a breakthrough to Martial Emperor and could now tame powerful Demonic Beasts. Qing Shui was also preparing to refine demons and increase the abilities of his demonic beasts. He also wanted to become stronger in preparation for the trip to Demonic Beast Mountains.

Luan Luan was Qing Shui's daughter and thus the two of them could also use the Nine Continents Steps. This increased their travel speed by a lot. Moreover, the Fire Bird had become much stronger and faster than before.

Luan Luan had a strong reliance on this father of hers. Even after she knew of her own background and felt a little distant from him, she still treated him as her father, the person closest to her. This was something that would never change. Moreover, it seemed certain that her aunt would get together with her father. It was just a matter of time.

Hundred Miles City!

Qing Clan felt very emotional to be coming here again. He went straight to Wenren Wugou's tomb to take a look but didn't see the familiar figure. He went to Shi Clan and Yu Clan to take a look before heading to Firecloud Blacksmith Store.

After the couple from Firecloud Blacksmith Store took the Xiantian Golden Pellets Qing Shui gave them, they were now both Xiantian cultivators. With Shi Clan, Yu Clan and Xiang Clan around, as well as the fact that Xiantian cultivators were considered a powerful existence in Hundred Miles City, the blacksmith store didn't have many enemies.

Qing Shui and Luan Luan finally entered the Firecloud Blacksmith Store. This time, they just wanted to learn more information about Liu-Li's parents.

Upon entering, they saw Liu-Li's foster father. The burly built and straightforward man was explaining weapons to someone.

"Qing Shui, you've come. This is?" The burly man happily apologized to the other guy and walked over.

"Uncle, this is my daughter Luan Luan."

The man warmly brought Qing Shui and Luan Luan to the backyard, leaving the blacksmith store to his disciple. The man smiled and asked, "Is Liu-Li still well?"

"She's well. Uncle, Liu-Li and I now have a daughter. We'll bring her to see you next time," Qing Shui smiled and said as they walked.

"Alright, alright. As long as Liu-Li is happy, we're happy."

They arrived at the backyard and saw that amiable looking lady standing not far away. She had heard their conversation earlier and walked over happily when she saw Qing Shui.

“You have a child with the lass!” There was an indescribable surprise in her eyes.

“Aunty, we now have a daughter who is about two years old. She’s very playful and intelligent.” Qing Shui was also very happy at the mention of Qing Yu.

After a short chat, Liu-Li’s foster mother went to cook. Qing Shui hesitated for a moment before asking the straightforward looking man, smiling, “Uncle, soon I’ll be bringing Liu-Li to Demon Gate. The reason I’m here today is because I hope to get some news about Liu-Li’s parents.”

When the guy heard Qing Shui’s words, he was first surprised. After looking at Qing Shui for very long, she spoke, “You have the confidence now?”

“I have!” Qing Shui replied firmly.

“If you really have the confidence, then I’ll tell you!” the man paused for a long time, as if he had made a huge resolution.

Qing Shui didn’t say a word but quietly listened.

“Liu-Li’s father is Buddha Sect’s Huoyun Peng. He is the important fifth son of the Buddha Sect’s sovereign while Liu-Li’s mother, Mo Hongluo, was the daughter to Demon Gate’s sovereign. Buddha Sect and Demon Gate are archrivals but the two of them developed feelings for each other and even had Liu-Li. Their relationship was known by Buddha Sect and Demon Gate and thus they had no choice but to hand their child to me, an ordinary man. They were only thinking of looking for an ordinary family but for some reason, decided on me even though this place is extremely far from the Central Continent. This might be an affinity between me and Liu-Li.”

When Qing Shui heard the man’s words, he was surprised. To think that something like this had happened. He didn’t say a word since he knew that the man was going to continue.

“Buddha Sect and Demon Gate are on bad terms with each other and neither party can do anything to each other. They won’t forcibly go to war either, since other people could easily take advantage of the situation if that were to happen. However, there was no way that they would let Liu-Li’s parents be together since the two clans were enemies. Huoyun Peng and Mo Hongluo knew that this daughter of theirs must not be known by Buddha Sect or Demon Gate since neither party would allow her to continue to live.”

It was only now that Qing Shui realized that this man, who wasn’t very strong, was actually very intelligent.

“Huoyun Peng and Mo Hongluo each returned to their sects and it was said that they were grounded. However, the two of them made several attempts to meet and were eventually imprisoned. Therefore, Qing Shui, you can’t be rash. Right now, you and Liu-Li have a daughter. I know that the lass must be very happy now, so you can’t be rash. Buddha Sect and Demon Gate will definitely not give in on this matter. The problem here is that Buddha Sect and Demon Gate are enemies and there’s no way that they would be able to come to a conciliation. It’s extremely difficult to let Liu-Li’s parents be together.” The man couldn’t help but let out a sigh.

Qing Shui fell silent too. Earlier, he thought this matter only concerned Demon Gate but hadn't expected that it also involved a sect which was the one with the deepest roots in Central Continent.

Since he was going to face them, he would have to get stronger first. When one was strong enough, there was nothing that couldn't be resolved. At most, he could just take the two of them away and beat up whoever was in their way. As he thought of this, Qing Shui felt that it was actually no big deal.

Things were easier said than done. He didn't really know how strong Demon Gate and Buddha Sect actually were. There was still some time and Qing Shui planned to make good use of the time he had.

Qing Shui and Luan Luan didn't stop in Firecloud Blacksmith Store for long. They then flew toward the Giant Beasts Mountains.

Hundred Miles City was very close to Qing Village and Giant Beasts Mountains was slightly to the southwest of Qing Village. It was neither near nor was it far. It took only two hours when the Fire Bird flew at rapid speed.

It was a pity that he had used up his Nine Continents Steps for the day. Otherwise, they could just use it!

Qing Shui felt that the Giant Beasts Mountains seemed to be even more dangerous than the Sky Penetrating Mountains. It was on the west of the Greencloud Continent. The Spiritual Qi in Greencloud Continent was the weakest amongst all continents and many people believed that Giant Beasts Mountains was very dangerous. However, there probably weren't as many treasures as the Sky Penetrating Mountains. Therefore, no one was willing to enter the area since they couldn't get much good out of it.

No matter how great the danger, the borders were relatively safe in comparison. The villages in the area would hunt for a living and although there might be accidents at times, the mountains were still a source of income for these people.

At the start, Qing Shui and Luan Luan travelled very quickly. When they exceeded the 1,000 li mark, demonic beasts with the strength of about 2,000 stars started to appear. Qing Shui now felt that this world was very strange. The demonic beasts in these dangerous areas would tend not to leave their own territories. However, he thought of how there were also some people who weren't willing to live in the city or country they had been living in and from there, he seemed to have understood some things.

The reason Qing Shui had brought Luan Luan here was not only for her to tame demonic beasts but also for her to get some training and battle experience.

Luan Luan had great talent and could now, albeit barely, reach the level of the Four Phases Steps. However, her progress had slowed down, Qing Shui taught her the Four Phases Formation, Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation and other things. She was now considered to be quite familiar with them.

Formations were also segregated into many tiers and it wasn't hard to learn them at the lower tiers. However, each time the formation leveled up, it would be as if tremendous changes had been introduced. With regard to formations, the hardest thing to improve was the application and flexibility, which was the increase in mastery.

**Chapter 1008 - Giant Beasts Mountains, Refining Demons, Cultivating, Horrifying Berserk Dragon**



Qing Shui and Luan Luan were wandering around the Giant Beasts Mountains randomly, their goal was to find a suitable beast to battle. The battle could be for Luan Luan or Qing Shui depending on the suitability and strength of the beast. If it was not fitting for either of them, they would leave or run away. Since it was the Giant Beasts Mountains, anything could appear.

After killing the beast, Qing Shui would cast Refining Demons immediately. Refining Demons was best when the body temperature of the demon was still warm since it created a higher probability of gaining the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

Setting a formation was for the safety of the two of them and battling was for gaining real combat experience. Combat was the best way to raise one's strength, thus Qing Shui and Luan Luan passed each day in battles.

Refining Demons after the battle is over produced mostly Crystal Cards and other items. These items could increase attack by 20% or speed and whatnot. The effects were decent since these Crystal Cards were produced from beasts at strength of two thousand stars. Up until this point, no Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl had been produced.

This was also normal. Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl was a very rare item that was a condensed form of Essence gathered within the beast's body. It could only be used by beasts; thus, it was a favourite item amongst Beast Tamers and those who own beasts.

In one day's time, Luan Luan had become excited. She could clearly feel the growth in herself. It was not a change in strength but rather in her lethality. It was like a person who had been cutting with the back of the knife but suddenly allowing them slice with the blade. Using the same strength but the feeling would be very different.

Luan Luan was feeling this right now. It was a realm that could allow one to use their strength like a blade, she seemed to have touched the threshold. Every day she was developing and Qing Shui was a witness to her growth. If it was not a matter of life and death, he would not aid her, even if she was injured.

He did not want Luan Luan to develop a habit where she would never experience death and expect that each time there was danger, Qing Shui would immediately appear in front of her. The result of this habit would be fatal for her in the future.

The days went by.

It could be said that Luan Luan had gotten injured every day but Qing Shui would only heal her injuries after her battles were done. Luan Luan was excited, the fire in her eyes was like the flames of war.

Qing Shui would also battle but the times he battled were far fewer than Luan Luan. Most of his time was spent on Refining Beasts. From the second day onwards, Qing Shui had almost gotten one Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl every two days. If he had better luck, he would get one a day. One of those days, he had gotten three, which made him overcome with joy.

All the beasts they were fighting had strength between 2000 to 6000 stars. Anything above four thousand stars would be handled by Qing Shui, the others were dealt with by Luan Luan and her beasts.

Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl from beasts that were 2000 stars in strength had a chance to raise a beast's strength by 20 stars. Crystal cards could buff the original strength by 20%. It can only be used with one attribute, like power, speed, penetration or poison... .. 3000 stars would receive a buff of about 30 stars and so on... Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl was also restricted in the amount that could be consumed. Consumption of Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl was restricted to two per stage.

At the same time, Qing Shui released his own beasts to form the Four Symbols Formation for battle. To train his own strength while battling was not only effective for

Massacre!

Qing Shui and Luan Luan brought the beasts to Giant Beasts Mountains to begin a difficult slaughter. At the same time, they also gathered materials and rare objects from the beasts. In addition, Qing Shui had the ridiculous Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. Compared to the Interspatial Silk Sachet, the difference was like heaven and earth.

Qing Shui used up beast material at a terrifying speed. Using them for Drawing, Talisman Drawing, Refining Beasts, Formation Flags for setting formations, etc... .. Even for making bone soup he would use the best Beast Bones.

Demonic beast's cores were Fire Bird and Demonic Spider's favourite food...

As everyone concentrated on certain things, time went by quickly. Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl produced from Refining Demons was fed to suitable beasts immediately. In the subsequent battle, it would be digested quickly, which would better allow them to absorb the benefits.

Berserk Dragon!

After forty days, Qing Shui could see a beast in the distance, a giant, Berserk Dragon!

Berserk Dragon was not a dragon, it was closer to a Jiao or Earth Dragon Beast. The Blood of Dragons ran through its veins.

But the Berserk Dragon in front of them was clearly stronger than any Earth Dragon Beast or Golden Jiao King. Even the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor could not compare.

Berserk Dragon had the head of a Jiao, body of a lion, tail of a snake and a giant body that had a length of two hundred meters when measured with its tail. When it came to its giant tail, it looked like a giant python. Its body was tall and sturdy like a small mountain. Its Jiao head puffed out a breath that was three meters long. Its two eyes were the size of two giant water jars, it was as bright as two giant fireballs.

Its entire body let off a violent energy, its giant tail continuously twisted and turned. Its movement had a rhythm that could not be described with words. The scales on its body let off a light violet aura, like battle armor similar to that of the giant metal beast.

Qing Shui and Luan Luan were both wearing Battle Armor and Battle Dress made from the hide on the back of the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor. Qing Shui did not dare be careless now. Qing Shui felt that this beast could release a power that was not less than ten thousand stars in strength.

Formidable. Qing Shui let Luan Luan watch from the distance, then set the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation. If the situation changed, he would make Luan Luan go inside the formation. He slowly allowed the Berserk Dragon to approach.

At this time, Qing Shui had only used Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl to raise the strength of Thunderous Beast and Diamond Gigantic Elephant. Since Thunderous Beast had only been at ten stars, he spent the extra effort to finally get it to 25 stars. Its strength was too weak, Qing Shui did not dare feed it the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearls that were too powerful.

Upon reaching 20 stars, Violet Thunder Protection leveled up. It increased from the original doubling in strength to tripling. Until it reached 25 stars, Qing Shui finally let out a breath of relief. He directly fed the Thunderous Beast two Hallow Pills. Violet Thunder Protection immediately powered up to now having quintuple effect on strength. Each Hallow Pill had powered up Violet Thunder Protection once.

Thunderous Beast could become so formidable, Qing Shui was not overly surprised. Even if Thunderous Beast was not a mythical existence, it was still a scary existence because of its ability to crowd control.

Thunderous Beast's strength was already 225 stars!

Violet Thunder Protection: The Thunderous Beast's unique ability that activates automatically to quintuple its strength with zero energy consumption. When the Thunderous Beast is under physical attack, it has a chance to paralyze the enemy. At the same time, it can reduce the enemy's attack by 20%.

"Not bad, to reduce an enemy's attack power by 20%. It was still a reactive technique but with zero energy consumption, the stronger it gets the more powerful it becomes."

Thunderbolt: A thunder attack emitted from the beast's core, with an 800 meter attack range. The attack causes a slight Paralysis effect as well as Deceleration and Reaction Delay debuffs. These effects are stackable.

The range increased by 300 meters from the last power up, this was also normal. Formidable beasts were all like small mountains that could be seen clearly from several thousand meters out.

Violet Lightning Strike: Harnesses the core's power and releases a powerful lightning strike to disable the opponent. It has a one hundred percent chance to paralyze the enemy, with the length of the paralysis depending on the opponent's abilities. This skill can only be used every twenty four hours.

Lightning Recovery: The Thunderous Beast grew up in the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, harnessing an extremely powerful self-recovery ability. Using Lightning Recovery, the Thunderous Beast can immediately heal 70% of the injuries on its body. Its natural restoration speed will also increase by tenfold for an hour. After two uses, the cool down time will be two hours.

Thunderous Beast was a control type, its attack power was not comparable to those of the same level. However, it could restrict the movement of an opponent. If it was paired with another beast or a martial artist, it would lead to better results which could even overturn a dire situation.

This time the haul was decent but was barely enough. A beating that had to be endured. However, Diamond Gigantic Elephant had raised its original strength of 230 stars to 300 stars.

Risen by 70 stars already. Qing Shui had the Origin Essence Soul Pearl that could raise its strength by another 60 stars but using it on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was too dangerous. Thus, it should only be used on beasts with at least 2000 stars' strength. He would have to save the higher-level ones for later use.

Diamond Gigantic Elephant's increase in strength could benefit Qing Shui in many ways. Unfortunately, Diamond Gigantic Elephant's buff increased from 10% to 20% and would not increase by much anymore.

Qing Shui had always wanted the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's strength to increase, since it provided him with many benefits. The other one he wanted to rise in strength was the Spirited Snake Turtle.

In between, he had allowed the Spirited Snake Turtle to increase in strength by 40 stars. Rising in strength required time. Beasts eating pills or other items required a bit of transition time.

Right now, the Spirited Snake Turtle's strength had already reached 340 stars. After a while, the Spirited Snake Turtle had only reached 1360 stars of strength, Qing Shui still wanted to raise its strength. He wished that Area Dominance could power up once more. This would provide additional assurance to Qing Shui.

To raise his strength to its peak, seeing the Berserk Dragon in the distance, Qing Shui thought about battling the Berserk Dragon as a challenge to himself. The beasts here were not as strong as the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent from the Sacred Land of Panacea. That area was not limited by any restrictions but this area was restricted.

Area Dominance!

Qing Shui used the skill that came from the Spirited Snake Turtle at the peak of his strength, at the same time, he cast the Descending Heavens Talisman towards the Berserk Dragon.

Five hundred fifty!

Descending Heavens Talisman had directly debuffed its strength by 550 stars.

Eleven thousand stars in strength!

If the Berserk Dragon's strength was not bound by the laws of heaven and earth, had it been in the other four continents or Sacred Land of Panacea, its strength would have been 65000 stars.

Roar!

A huge roar that shook the core of people's souls. Two huge eyes locked onto Qing Shui. With a body like that of a small hill, its movement was strangely coordinated. Once it began to move, it became as vigorous as a soaring dragon and as active as a leaping tiger. Its huge tail swept over.

Emperor's Qi!

Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui did not dare be careless, he immediately used his trump card.

Directly resulting in a debuff of two thousand two hundred stars.

Berserk Dragon Beast still had the strength of 8200 stars remaining!

His heart felt a bit more at ease, at least right now there was a chance to fight back. Although Qing Shui's strength was just under 7000 stars, he still had Nine Palace Steps. More importantly, his Big Dipper Sword had a 20% chance to do bonus damage.

Qing Shui was already aware that even if he struck with double damage, it would still only be 7900 stars in power. It was not even 8000 stars in strength. The debuffed Berserk Dragon Beast still had 8200 stars left.

"Mn, Crystal Card, how could I forget about this!"

### **Chapter 1009 - Battle, Joint Battle With Thunderous Beast, Grinding Cultivation**

"Hmm, Crystal Cards, how did I forget about these?"

Qing Shui quickly took out several Crystal Cards that could increase his poison ability, power, speed and defense and subsequently slapped those cards onto his body. These cards were able to increase 60% of his abilities, allowing him to gain some power no more than the strength of 30 stars, which was about 10% of his overall power.

He didn't know whether he should hate the world's regulation or love it!

The world has a regulation that could limit his potential power tremendously but with the Area Dominance and Emperor's Qi, as well as the Heaven Descending Talisman, he could take on beings far more powerful than himself in an alarming manner. Moreover, these debuffing skills had become more powerful, which could still decrease the combat statistic of his opponents in an instant, albeit in their usual manner. Qing Shui was satisfied nonetheless. Perhaps the world's regulation wasn't so bad after all.

There was no time to lose right now. The effects of his battle armor could only increase by 10% but it was better than nothing. Qing Shui evaded the dragon's colossal attack and tapped his Big Dipper Sword on the Berserk Dragon's tail.

Art of Pursuing.

With the ability to ignore the disparity between their power, the Art of Pursuing could not be evaded but could be warded off with some sort of unique item or skill. However, Qing Shui decided to try his luck. It would be ideal if the dragon could not ward off the effect whatsoever.

Bang!

Qing Shui's arm shivered a little as he deviated the terrifying force from himself. The Art of Pursuing was able to increase his opponent's weight and decrease its speed in the process.

Qing Shui consumed both the Gale Pellet and Agility-Enhancing Fruit, allowing him to move a bit faster than the Berserk Dragon. The strike from his sword wasn't able to inflict a heavy wound on the dragon but he was able to sway its tail away from him, which inadvertently caused the dragon to let out a furious roar.

Combination Sword Technique!

Bang!

Qing Shui was able to knock back the gigantic beast this time, which led him to think that this was the effect of the Shield Attack. If he were to face an opponent of weaker power, it wouldn't be surprising if he could hit a successful knock-back because of his greater power.

But now, it was different. First of all, his opponent was a Berserk Dragon with a humongous head and secondly, the gigantic beast was far more powerful than himself. In addition to that, the Shield Attack ability had recently upgraded to the third level, increasing the chances of a successful strike by a lot.

Qing Shui felt a rush in his veins when he was able to disrupt the senses of this gigantic and domineering dragon. The dragon has four legs resembling the pillars of a building, with the height about dozens meter tall. The scales of the dragon were violet in color but metallic in texture. It was enormous in size, especially the head - which was ferocious and massive. This was the first demonic beast that Qing Shui thought had the fiercest and most compelling appearance. The Berserk Dragon was as sinister as the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent he had fought before.

Qing Shui depended on his speed and the Nine Palace Steps to avoid clashing against the Berserk Dragon. However, the dragon had a mighty defense, which he found impossible to break at the moment.

Bang!

This time, he was able to knock back the dragon some distance. The 20% chance of doubling his attack and activation of the Shield Attack ability had appeared. He continued to swirl around the dragon, finding a possible weakness he could exploit.

The two large eyeballs could be a weakness but he knew it would be inconvenient to land an attack on the area around the eyes. Qing Shui continued to look around the other parts of its body but all of them were covered in armor of scales. Worst of all, he couldn't even break the dragon's armor even under his peak condition.

Roar!

The Berserk Dragon roared furiously, perhaps due to Qing Shui's constant evasion from his assaults. In the midst of fury, the dragon flailed its gigantic tail aimlessly at Qing Shui like a tornado, covering the surroundings with dust and wind. Qing Shui took an abrupt step forward and swung his sword with a distinct strength.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Bang.....

Qing Shui quickly retreated but his expression had eased up a little. The Shield Attack didn't activate and the damage unleashed did not multiply, yet the Berserk Dragon was knocked back by his attack. As long as he could resist against the dragon's attack, he was confident that he could destroy it after a while.

In essence, humans were smarter creatures than demonic beasts. Qing Shui still had many tricks up his sleeves, so he took this battle as a way to grind his cultivation. His power had surged too fast these past few days anyway.

Buddha's True Eyes!

Roar!

Qing Shui unconsciously unleashed the Buddha's True Eyes, which unexpectedly shocked the Berserk Dragon for a moment. However, the dragon quickly regained its composure and became more violent, opening its jaws and spouted a burning mass of air.

Toxic miasma!

Qing Shui didn't think that the Berserk Dragon actually had the ability to spout toxic miasma with a terrifying high temperature. Even though he wasn't completely immune to poison and fire, the dragon's attack could not cause any damage to him even the slightest.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Roc's Might!

Binding Talisman!

As time passed, Qing Shui felt increasingly adept in his attacks, including the Nine Palace Steps, which was increasing in strength as well. Basically, he was able to confront the tough Berserk Dragon with equal toughness.

Combination Sword Technique!

The next moment was followed by a series of clashing sounds that echoed throughout the air. The Four Moves Combination Sword Technique was the fastest way to increase in strength due to Qing Shui being extreme proficient in this technique. While using this technique through an actual combat with a dragon, he was able to stabilize the state of his technique, becoming more dextrous as he unleashed his attack against the Berserk Dragon.

The flow of his attack felt nice - it felt like he had finally completed the mastery of this technique. As soon as the Four Moves Combination Sword Technique was unleashed, the explosive force at the moment of attack was subsequently increased as well.

Once again, Qing Shui was able to sense the potent strength of the Nine Palace Steps. However, the Berserk Dragon had a terrifying level of defense, which would prove to be difficult if Qing Shui wanted to kill the towering beast with ease. If it hadn't been for its defense, Qing Shui would have killed it within a few seconds.

The eyes!

Qing Shui had a sudden epiphany that the eyes of the dragon must be the key to his victory. Unfortunately, the dragon has horns on its head and the eyelids were covered in scales. The eye movements of the dragon were unbelievably fast, so it would still be difficult if he tried to assault the dragon through its eyes.

Roar!

Another metallic roar rang out in the air!

After that, a ray of brilliant violet light gleamed on the Berserk Dragon's body, causing Qing Shui to retreat abruptly. With the exception of the Emperor's Qi, the other debuffing skills had no effect on the dragon, including the Heaven Descending Talisman and Art of Pursuing.....

A demonic beast of such formidable strength has the ability to cleanse its body from negative effects but it could only be used once in a specific amount of time. However, after the cleanse had been performed, the beast would be immune from the same negative effect inflicted previously for a short period of time.

Qing Shui struck another Heaven Descending Talisman on the Berserk Dragon but it was no more effective than the previous one.

In the midst of striking the talisman, he was nearly scratched by the dragon's giant claws. Fortunately, he was able to escape from the near-fatal strike with the Nine Palace Steps and immediately after that, he called out four of his demonic beasts - Diamond Gigantic Elephant, Fire Bird, Thunderous Beast and Five-Headed Demonic Spider.

Four Symbols Formation!

Qing Shui allowed his demonic beasts to stand further away from each other to set the formation while he continued to do his best to hold off the Berserk Dragon. He wasn't worried about himself but more concerned that the Berserk Dragon could inflict heavy damage to his demonic beasts whilst they were attempting to prepare for the formation. Additionally, if they weren't careful enough, they could be killed in an instant - a split-second kill.

Four Symbols Formation!

Through Qing Shui's telepathic communication with his demonic beasts, he commanded Thunderous Beast to replace Fire Bird's position, which would increase the effectiveness of the five elemental magical damage, like Fire Bird's fire element attacks and Thunderous Beast's lightning element attacks.

And with the Spirit Gathering Lamp, Thunderous Beast's attack was instantly boosted. At that moment, Qing Shui kept watch of his demonic beasts' movements as they arranged themselves in a position according to the plan he had communicated.

Ever since he had reached the breakthrough to Martial Emperor, his telepathic communication had become easier and smoother.

The Berserk Dragon wasn't cautious of Qing Shui's demonic beasts, perhaps due to the insufficient power against itself. The dragon took a quick glance at his demonic beasts but ultimately turned its focus on the human in front of its presence with fiery glare, intending to unleash its wrath on Qing Shui.

Qing Shui retreated slowly to lure the Berserk Dragon closer to his demonic beasts' attack range. The dragon was now about 1000 meters apart and the Thunderous Beast required 800 meters of distance from its opponent before it could unleash an attack.

Qing Shui wanted to test the Thunderous Beast's power now - as a training to gauge how strong the damage would be.

Demon Binding Ropes!



At the same time, Qing Shui commanded the Thunderous Beast to strike an attack.

The Demon Binding Ropes that resembled a large yellow dragon of the thickness of an adult's leg flung towards the Berserk Dragon. The moment he struck the ropes was the moment a ray of violet light flashed radiantly from the Thunderous Beast's body.

Thunderbolt!

The attack that would hit hard on an opponent landed straight on the Berserk Dragon's body.

Despite the formidable strength of the Berserk Dragon, the Thunderbolt attack was able to send the dragon into a shiver, albeit only slightly, much like a human being bitten by an ant. The dragon could ignore it completely but even a slight sting on the body could be felt clearly though its senses.

Thunderbolt!

The Thunderbolt from the Thunderous Beast was fast enough but not that slow. After two strikes of the Thunderbolt, the Demon Binding Ropes were able to entangle the Berserk Dragon successfully.

The moment has come yet again, the Thunderous Beast was able to unleash another Thunderbolt attack on the dragon.

However, the same violet light radiated from the Berserk Dragon once again, seemingly trying to untangle itself from the Demon Binding Ropes.

Crack!

The Demon Binding Ropes returned to its owner's hand after being loosened by the Berserk Dragon. At the same time, the mountain-like stature of the Berserk Dragon rose up abruptly like a nimble ape, instilling Qing Shui with a sense of shock and strengthened caution.

With no time to waste, Qing Shui took out the Soulshake Bell immediately.

With the instantaneous use of the Nine Palace Steps, he appeared in front of the Berserk Dragon and dived his Big Dipper Sword with all his might!

Sixth Wave!

Swoosh swoosh.....

The Soulshake Bell began to jiggle abruptly when the Berserk Dragon was at the distance less than ten meters away.

Roar roar.....

Qing Shui was caught by surprise when the Soulshake Bell was able to inflict fear into the Berserk Dragon. Even though the dragon was stricken with fear, it didn't reach to the point where it would flee or die from fright. The 'morale' of the dragon was decreased, however, much like destroying the spirits of defeated soldiers in a war. In a battlefield, a general would not be able to kill a lot of opponents but if that general could manage to kill the commanding general of the opposite force, then the morale of his troops would be boosted, stimulating his troops to defeat the opposite force with one vigorous effort.

Right now, the Berserk Dragon looked like a soldier whose morale had been lowered near to the minimum point.

Thunderbolt!

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Each time the Thunderbolt was struck, the effect would accumulate. The Berserk Dragon had no idea how terrifying the accumulated energy from the Thunderbolt was. The dragon couldn't care less right now, because it was more cautious about the Soulshake Bell being held in Qing Shui's hand.

The beast had an expression akin to a human who feared watching the grotesque scenes in a horror movie. Even though the horrible monsters in the horror movie were fictional, humans would still be terrified nonetheless.

The Berserk Dragon wasn't aware that Qing Shui had been shaking the Soulshake Bell more than he needed to. He was afraid that the bell would be ineffective against a large dragon, so he shook the bell until the energy stored inside it had been used up completely. Qing Shui only held it in his hand as an intimidating method against his opponent.

It was time to make a move!

Heaven Descending Talisman!

Qing Shui took out the Heaven Descending Talisman again and struck it towards the Berserk Dragon!

Clack!

Success!

Roar!

The Berserk Dragon swung its tail towards Qing Shui in retaliation but quickly found its body a bit stiff as it turned to swing its humongous tail. The stiffness was felt clearly and Qing Shui noticed its swing 30% slower than before, seemingly incoherent with the dragon's overall movements.

Violet Lightning Strike!

Qing Shui threw two 10,000-Year Coldsteel Beads he had prepared earlier towards the Berserk Dragon.

These weapons had been refined thoroughly with poison.

He was aiming for the moment when his opponent opened its eyes and used the Violet Lightning Strike to force it open for a short while. The Thunderbolt from the Thunderous Beast was struck earlier in order for the Violet Lightning Strike to accumulate to the stun effect.

Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb!

All of Qing Shui's attacks were unleashed in a flash!

Pu pu!

Undeniably, the Berserk Dragon was quite powerful but it had one weakness - the eyeballs. The eyelids were made of scales, so striking the eyes openly or through sneak attacks when the eyes were closed would be useless. The Berserk Dragon could not be staggered no matter what attack he had unleashed against the towering beast.

If the Violet Lightning Strike didn't possess the ability that could ignore the status of other demonic beasts of the same level, the Berserk Dragon wouldn't be stunned for a moment and create an opportunity for Qing Shui to go in for a strike. Even though the Violet Lightning Strike could ignore the disparity of strength between its opponent and itself, it would only take a moment equivalent to the blink of an eye to stun a Berserk Dragon of such power.

Roar roar.....

The dragon didn't die, however. Qing Shui looked at the Berserk Dragon thrashing about in the middle of the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb and was instantly reminded of the web's toxic element. He knew the dragon would die eventually but it would take an amount of time before the poison could diminish the life out of it.

The Coldsteel Bead wasn't as large as the dragon's eyeball but it could still sting the eyeball like a stab from a needle. No matter how powerful the Berserk Dragon was, the poison from the Coldsteel Beads would eventually enter its system and destroy its mind.

The Thunderous Beast was a control type demonic beast, so from the beginning of the battle, Qing Shui had been planning on using its abilities to match with his Hidden Weapons against the Berserk Dragon. The Thunderbolt could leave the formidable beast numb, while the Violet Lightning Strike could reverse the course of events in an instant when Qing Shui was found stuck in an undesirable situation.

### **Chapter 1010 - Demon Refining, The Diamond Gigantic Elephant That Consumed The Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl**

Qing Shui had already taken away the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb because the poison infused in the web was ineffective against the Berserk Dragon in front of him. Fortunately, the Berserk Dragon was already dying as it continued to struggle desperately from the grasp of death. However, Qing Shui was quite distressed. He was in dismay whether he should use this Berserk Dragon for demon refining or as materials for forging weapons and armors.

The Berserk Dragon was huge and every part of its body was essentially a treasure to him. This was especially tempting to Qing Shui, particularly the skin of the beast. The skin was considered the best material to be used for forging battle armors, battle skirts, or any sort of plated armors.

Speaking of the skin, he was reminded instantly of the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor's skin. The crocodile's skin had been used to forge his battle armor, which would allow him to gain some great defense once equipped but because of the world's regulation, the effect produced was lessened to a diminutive amount. Even though others would benefit more if they wore it, it would be because they hadn't reached the point where their powers would be limited by the world's regulation. After he pondered for awhile, he decided to abandon the idea of turning it into materials altogether.

Primordial Demon Refining Furnace!

“Luan Luan, try laying out a formation around the area.” Qing Shui went to stand beside Luan Luan and said with a smile.

In the past few days, Luan Luan’s knowledge on formations had increased dramatically under the guidance of Qing Shui. Her memory and comprehension of the Heart of Seven Orifices were exceptional as well. Even so, she was still a bit inexperienced, so she must continue to grind her skills with constant diligence.

Qing Shui allowed the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace to grow larger while he continuously infused his Qi into the furnace. In the previous battle, he had gained a bit of proficiency in using the Primordial Flame Whip and Primordial Flame Drill that he had invented recently.

In the case when he had used the Primordial Flame Whip against the Berserk Dragon, he could only force a series of furious cries from the dragon without inflicting any sort of heavy damage on its body. The Primordial Flame Drill was more effective, which had successfully caused the dragon to roar in a more intense and furious cry.

Despite the slight effectiveness, the Primordial Flame Drill could not even break the defense of the Berserk Dragon. However, the Yin Flame within the Primordial Flames was able to burn the soul of the dragon but only for a while as the Berserk Dragon became more enraged and violent.

From that, Qing Shui learnt that he still need to strengthen the powers of his Primordial Flames. He could sense that the flames were at the level where its potential power was starting to be restrained by the regulations of the world.

The Heart of Roc had reached the large success stage, which was still a long way before it could reach the great perfection stage. Qing Shui was confident nevertheless, his spiritual energy was still extremely powerful compared to the other powerful beast tamers or alchemists.

The cultivation of one’s spiritual energy was always considered as the most difficult aspect of a cultivation path. He had a feeling that his current spiritual energy was at the same level as the woman in the crystal coffin when he first met her, or even perhaps a bit higher than his. Of course, he also knew that her spiritual energy had been limited by the regulations of the world, just as his.

What kind of power did she possessed? However, Qing Shui became shocked all of the sudden. His thoughts were interrupted when he saw what had happened to the furnace in front of him.

The Primordial Demon Refining Furnace had already grown so big that it was able to cover the Berserk Dragon completely. The giant furnace subsequently emitted an ancient halo, which prompted Qing Shui to focus his mind on the furnace completely.

High-level Focused Concentration!

Roar!

The Berserk Dragon had struggled for a while before it became completely motionless. The giant furnace then slowly shrunk down as it subsequently exposed the barren ground, making the whole area seemed bigger.

The Primordial Demon Refining Furnace became distinct but progressively smaller. Qing Shui's Primordial Flames burned with the highest intensity, shrinking the furnace by half of its size slowly, each process took about 15 minutes before it shrank to another half of its size. However, after four hours, the furnace was finally shrunk to the size of about two meters.

The whole shrinking process became slower but Qing Shui felt that the pressure became more intense. He used his spiritual sense to envelop the whole furnace as this was the first time he tried to refine a powerful demonic beast like this one.

The range of the Primordial Flames was inconsistent as Qing Shui continuously heated the one-meter wide furnace from a different position with fluctuating vigor. This process consisted of refining the corpse of the demonic beast completely before coagulating the essence of the demonic beast into a pearl, which was also known as the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

It was easier said than done. Refining the corpse was already a strenuous feat, not to mention the coagulation of the essence into pearls. Moreover, the coagulation of pearls or crystal cards would have to depend on a certain amount of chance. In most cases, if the essence wasn't enough to form a pearl, it would be turned into a crystal card immediately.

Qing Shui was looking forward to producing an Origin Essence Soul Pearl as the crystal cards could only be used once. Even though the crystal cards were useful, he currently needed the Origin Essence Soul Pearl more, especially the Origin Essence Soul Pearl acquired from such a level of demonic beast.

Time passed by slowly and there was already an abundance of sweat that rolled down from his forehead. He took a time to consume a Vital Essence Pill quickly and continued to refine the demon beast in the furnace.

Dong!

A dull sound rang out, almost similar to the sound of a bell. The sound was dull yet muffled, seemingly coming from a distant area. It felt great to hear a sound like that because Qing Shui knew that the demon refining process was completed and successful. He stopped happily, despite not knowing what he would get from refining the Berserk Dragon.

He was filled with anticipation!

After when the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace had cooled down a little, he opened the lid without another ounce of patience and looked into the bottom of the furnace. When he saw the contents inside the furnace, he let out a chuckle.

Inside the furnace were two Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearls, which made Qing Shui overwhelmed with excitement. He then analyzed the amount of energy inside the pearls and proceeded to see how they should be consumed.

If the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl was deemed to be too powerful and the power of the demonic beast could not catch up to the energy within the pearl, it would be extremely dangerous. These pearls were the origin essence of the refined demon, they could essentially kill the demonic beast that consumed them via implosion if they were too powerful. However, if the demonic beast was able to

absorb the essence of the pearl, that would be ideal. Not only would their powers surge, they could even inherit some of the powers of the demonic beast used for the refining of these pearls.

He then analyzed the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

The pearl was formed with the essence of the Berserk Dragon that contained an enormous amount of energy, allowing the demonic beasts that consumed the pearl to gain power. The effectiveness of this pearl would be boosted if the demonic beast that consumed the pearl had a similar bloodline to the Berserk Dragon, otherwise only demonic beasts that were more powerful than the Berserk Dragon would be able to consume the pearl.

Qing Shui realized that his demonic beasts would not have the chance of consuming it after he read the description. If he wanted to use it for his demonic beasts, he would need to think of another way. The Essence Soul Pearl could be refined again, otherwise known as decomposition. However, that would only decrease the energy within the pearl by half.

Losing half of the energy within the pearl wasn't ideal for Qing Shui. He would need his demonic beasts to become stronger than the Berserk Dragon to be able to use the pearl. However, was it possible?

At least not for the time being.

Suddenly, Qing Shui glanced back at the part where it stated about 'similar bloodline with the Berserk Dragon'. He went blank for a moment before he revealed a happy smile. In his mind, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had always been regarded as an elephant but he had almost forgotten that it was also in possession of the Dragon Elephant Force ability.

He picked up the Essence Soul Pearls and kept them aside. After that, he turned his attention towards the violet crystal card inside the furnace.

**Berserk Dragon Crystal Card:** The force of the Berserk Dragon that could break the world's regulation limitation of 500 stars. Alternatively, this card could grant the user 1000 stars of power, which would last for an hour. After the crystal card has been used, it would vanish.

Qing Shui was shocked by the card but quickly let out a praise and said: "Good stuff!"

Indeed, this was a great stuff for Qing Shui's current situation. Breaking the limitation of the world's regulation of 500 stars would require him to possess the power much greater than that. For example, if Qing Shui already had the power exceeding 10,000 stars, he could break the 500 stars regulation. If he had the power somewhere in between 5,000 stars to 10,000 stars, then it would be useless. Moreover, if he had gone to the other four continents, he would be able to unleash all of his powers with an extra strength of 1,000 stars.

Qing Shui still felt that the card would be more effective if he were to use it in the five continents.

He kept the card safely and looked at the sky. Half a day had passed by, so he decided to look for medicinal herbs around the surrounding area with Luan Luan before he would continue fighting with the demonic beasts.

At night, he set up a tent somewhere in a wide field surrounded with the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation. He allowed his demonic beasts to keep guard at night but he still needed to go into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal as well.

Within the past few days, there were more or less improvements for both the demonic beasts and the humans. However, today was the biggest reward he had ever reaped within this 40 days. A demonic beast corpse of the strength of 10,000 stars was already valuable, not to mention the Essence Soul Pearls he acquired from the demon refining.

After Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he went to take out one Demonic Beast Essence Soul Pearl from the bottle immediately. He wanted to see what kind of reaction the Diamond Gigantic Elephant would give. Demonic beasts had a talent and that was having strong reaction towards danger, which was why the world was filled with vast treasures hidden within the nature. That was why it was also rare to hear a demonic beast killed from self-implosion.

When the Diamond Gigantic Elephant saw Qing Shui took out the Essence Soul Pearl, a strong aura was instantly released from its body. Qing Shui could clearly feel the thirst of his demonic beast as it gazed on the pearl in his hand.

“Can you take it?”

Qing Shui communicated with the elephant telepathically while he was still thinking about the Dragon Elephant Force. The elephant really seemed to have the dragon bloodline. It was also said that the Dragon Elephant would match greatly with a dragon but that was just a rumor from the legends.

Qing Shui received a reply from the elephant that it would give it a try and that it had a feeling that everything would be fine. He hesitated for a moment but ultimately allowed the elephant to consume the pearl. Most importantly, he had a feeling that the Diamond Gigantic Elephant would be able to endure the power of the pearl due to the might of the Dragon Elephant Force.

Qing Shui had backup plans too, so it shouldn't be a problem to allow the elephant to consume the pearl. As he fed the Essence Soul Pearl to his elephant, his heart beat increasingly fast, overcoming his emotions with nervousness and anxiety.

A few breaths of time after it had eaten the pearl, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant immediately soared through the air, stunning Qing Shui for a while. He gave chase quickly, as he felt extremely nervous to what would happen to his demonic beast.

Prrttt.....

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant would let out a loud cry from time to time. The body of the elephant was glowing in golden light as an abrupt raging energy burst within its body that continued to increase even now.

Prrrt.....

A series of blood veins akin to that of a spider web appeared on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's body. Qing Shui clasped his hands together and tried to communicate with his elephant telepathically and he was given the answer that it would be able to endure the ordeal by itself.

Qing Shui stood at the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus just in case when the situation had gone awry. It shouldn't be a problem to use it on his elephant, so he quickly locked his spiritual sense on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to watch over its condition. Once he noticed anything wrong, he would stop the elephant immediately.

Eventually, the elephant was wrapped in a subtle layer of blood mist. Blood drops drizzled from the sky as the elephant was completely covered in blood. Qing Shui was bewildered and anxious when he saw the bloody Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

Prrttt.....

Roar!

Qing Shui shifted his body when the elephant roared. Even though the surrounding was covered in bloody mist, what he saw had shocked him completely. The elephant's enormous head had changed yet again. This time, its head completely become a head of a Jiao.

He had long before imagined this appearance he was looking at. But to see it with his eyes still made him unbelievably shocked. He couldn't even describe the amazement he felt when he saw the transformed head.

The powerful energy of the origin essence had allowed the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to transform its head. But this was just the beginning. The cries of the elephant had completely changed to a distinct and loud roar.

It was unknown when the elephant had an extra 20 meter long tail that was as thick as two adult's arms. The tails kept smacking around, as they subsequently released a subtle bloody aura to the surrounding...

Roar roar.....

Qing Shui could see it this time. The giant body that was covered in blood miraculously changed, as if something was growing out from its body. However, he didn't have any idea what could grow on its body at that moment.

Scaled armor!

Qing Shui saw the silhouette of a scaled armor on the elephant's body. The scaled armor formed slowly and it was amazing to be able to witness the change in front of his eyes. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant was fine now but he didn't expect that the Essence Soul Pearl could bring forth such an enormous change to his demonic beast.

Roar!