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Chapter 541 Critical Damage, a critical attack? Nine Winged Golden Cicada

The power of seven countries combined, the defense of ten countries, the speed that was equivalent to seven countries, and the absurd restorative ability that was greater than ten countries combined!

He could feel himself getting stronger, and he gained a sudden surge of self-confidence. The growth of his strength was able to bring forth a delicate change to his mind and body.

Confidence could be said to be one of the qualities of a successful man. It could also be described as a special and powerful aura!

Qing Shui caught a glimpse of his Golden-Ringed Battle Armor displayed at one corner. He felt that it was about time to change his armor, since that armor was a bit too heavy to wear, albeit convenient at times. He then looked at the garment he was wearing, which was given by the Old Ancestor during Qing Shui's ascension to the position of Patriarch of the Heavenly Palace.

The Lunar Silk was a legendary material that was as rare as the Martial Saint Beast Skin from Qing Shui's Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Because of its rarity, Qing Shui decided to continue to wear the garment for the time being. He also planned on using the Art of Forging to refine the garment to a quality of his standard.

He had already acquired previous experiences from forging a few pieces of garments before, so it was quick for Qing Shui to make refinements to his current garment. It was unusually successful during his first try on the current garment because the Art of Forging required skills and precision to be able to successfully forge a new garment or refine an existing garment. However, he was able to refine it smoothly and easily this time.

When the quad-colored lights gleamed from the garment made from Lunar Silk, Qing Shui grinned at his accomplishment. The lights indicated that he had succeeded in refining his garment!

The garment's defense had been increased by 40 percent, which could only be applied to the areas the garment could protect. The overall speed and overall attack had also increased by 10 percent. It was also tough, resistant to ordinary water and fire, and it also had an additional skill called 'Critical Damage'!

Critical Damage: The breaking of the opponent's defense would be increased by 20 percent! If the opponent has a higher rate of defense than the user's rate of damage, then the user's attack would ignore half of the opponent's defense while consuming twice the energy for activation.

A critical attack?

Qing Shui was stunned as he observed the additional ability of the Lunar Silk Garment. The garment that symbolized the 'status of the Heavenly Palace's Patriarch' had acquired a new ability that left Qing Shui's mouth agape for quite a while.

This skill has the ability to ignore 20 percent of the opponent's total defense, and it was able to ignore half of the opponent's defense if they had a higher defense than the damage from his attack.....

“What a perverted, crazy, and astounding skill!” Qing Shui said in a daze. Those fearless people with thick armors and extreme confidence in their defense better hoped that they would not bump into him, otherwise, they would need to turn their arrogance down a notch.

Qing Shui liked it the more he looked at the garment. Not only was the defense increased by 40 percent, the attack damage and speed were increased by 10 percent as well. However, the Frenzied Bull’s Strength ability was lost in the process.

Qing Shui hesitated for a while. The Golden-Ringed Battle Armor could increase 30 percent of his attack when equipped, while the Lunar Silk Garment could increase 40 percent of his defense and only has an increase of 10 percent to his attack. Moreover, if Qing Shui equipped the garment, he would gain a rare increase of 10 percent on his speed as well.

More importantly, Qing Shui was greatly impressed by the usefulness of the Critical Damage skill!

“This is only one piece of the garment. Hmm, there is still hope.....”

Qing Shui was getting excited and proceeded to refine the boots!

He had already selected all the necessary materials for the refinement of the boots. For the fur, Qing Shui decided to use the fur from the wind elemental tiger from back then. And for the framework of the boots, he had his eyes set on the metal obtained from the Treasure Map.

He had two metal piles - one blue and one black. Qing Shui felt that the blue metal was more suitable for the boots than the black metal!

It was the purest kind of blue, much like the color of the sky. Qing Shui could sense the dexterous Spiritual Qi around the metal, but he still couldn't figure out a way to grab a portion of the metal from the pile.

The metal was only one cubic meter in size!

Finally, Qing Shui figured out the most foolish but the simple method to grab the metal!

He used primordial flames and smelted the blue metal, which slowly turned the metal into a liquid form. Qing Shui stopped when he had collected enough for the refining!

The next step was to hammer the collected metal!

He waited until the metal had hardened before he started hammering it. Qing Shui used all his force and hammered onto the metal numerous times until he saw a light glowing from it.

He compared the small piece of metal he had hammered with the big pile of blue metal. Qing Shui was very satisfied because of the improved quality of the small piece of blue metal.

After he compared it, he smelted the blue metal again to reform its shape. Using the Thousand Hammer Technique, he started hammering the metal into place with full concentration, and then proceeded to cover it with the wind elemental tiger fur.

After another successful round of refining the boots, he felt extremely pleased with himself. He was indebted to his Quad-color Rainbow Art of Forging for the success he had with the refining of his garment and boots.

Feeling anxious yet excited, Qing Shui used his Heavenly Vision Technique and analyzed the boots!

The speed had been increased by 40 percent, the overall defense was increased by 10 percent, and the overall attack was increased by 10 percent. Additional Skill: Flickering Light Passing Shadow!

Flickering Light Passing Shadow: The original speed would be doubled instantaneously. This effect will last for the duration of fifteen minutes. The skill can be used once per day!

He couldn't contain his excitement because this would be the first time he had seen this battle skill since he forged a pair of boots for Qing Qing. Ever since then, this skill had not appeared whenever he tried to forge weapons and armors.

Qing Shui looked at the boots that could double the speed of the user in a flash for fifteen minutes. This dignified pair of boots would be perfect for kill-and-run and for escaping dire situations.

The boots had a great tenacity skill that was absent in this reformed state. However, Qing Shui didn't feel upset, but he was happy that the attack damage of his garment and boots had been increased by 20 percent. If he was able to gain an extra 10 percent for the attack damage, he would be able to compensate for the loss of the Frenzied Bull's Strength ability from the garment.

Although he knew about the Flickering Light Passing Shadow skill when he forged new garments for the ladies and his mother last time, he did not think that the skill would reappear in his boots. However, not only did he manage to get the skill again, it was also one of the greatly anticipated battle skills he had always wanted for himself.

Most importantly, the boots were reformed with the metal he had found from the Treasure Map which made him extremely satisfied.

Since he had refined his garment and boots, he figured he might as well refine other things while he still had time!

Helmet!

Qing Shui still wanted to use the blue metal for the helmet. Although the metal was only one cubic meter in size, it was extremely durable due to its high density. Moreover, he only used a small portion of the metal, which was about the size of a walnut.....

The materials and method used for the helmet were similar to the materials and method used for the boots. As expected, the forging of the helmet was also a success.

Qing Shui realized he had more successes than failures because of the circulation of his Ancient Strengthening Technique. Moreover, his alchemy skills had also improved, despite the difficulty in mastering it. He would almost always succeed in refining the medicinal pills no matter how low the success rate was.

After a brief flashing of the quad-colored lights, everything went back to normal. The internal skeleton of the helmet was also made with the blue metal, which was covered by a beast leather for protection.

Qing Shui decided to use the skin from the Golden Armored Violet Crystal Beast as the leather for the helmet. There was also a hint of blue light shining through the glistening yellow surface of the helmet.

Nonetheless, Qing Shui was calmly observing the stats of the helmet.

The defense of the helmet was increased by 40 percent, which could only be applied to the head area. Moreover, the overall attack and overall speed were also increased by 10 percent.

“I did it!”

Not only was he able to make up for the loss of the Frenzied Bull’s Strength, he was also able to increase some of the defense and speed of his skills as well, especially the Critical Damage and Flickering Light Passing Shadow skills.

The Critical Damage skill would require a high amount of Qi from the Ancient Strengthening Technique. The user was only required to imbue their weapons with twice the Qi of in order to activate Critical Damage. However, for this to work, the user was also required to wear the Lunar Silk Garment.

Qing Shui was in dazed. He quickly wore the Lunar Silk Garment, and in an instant, he could feel a ‘Sharp Qi’ overwhelming his body.

He clenched the Big Dipper Sword tightly in his hand!

Swish!

With one strike of his sword, Qing Shui could feel the ‘Sharp Qi’ circulating his meridians. However, there was no reaction whatsoever!

Swish!

Qing Shui struck again with his sword. This time he used twice the energy to strike with the sword. Strangely enough, the Sharp Qi inside his meridians flowed out with the Qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique.

A ray of light about a meter long seemingly sliced the air in half!

“I see!”

Qing Shui could feel that the Sharp Qi inside his meridians had dissipated completely. Despite that, the Sharp Qi converged once more in a slow pace and flowed back into his meridians.

“I see, the Critical Damage skill cannot be used consistently in one go. I need to wait for the Sharp Qi to reach a certain degree before I can use it again.” Qing Shui grinned as he put away his Big Dipper Sword.

He was also pleased that the seed that resembled a flame had sprouted in four and a half years time. The sprout was three inches in height, resembling a flock of flames atop the seed. It was beautiful but eerie.

The first three Flowers of Life had finally blossomed. These flowers had the ability to accelerate the growth of all the plant species in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal by 30 percent.

However, the fourth Flower of Life was only showing signs of imminent blossom. But for the flower to blossom completely, it would require a much longer time!

After that, Qing Shui went ahead and forged a belt! Unfortunately, the 'Surging Blood' ability was absent in this belt. He was happy nonetheless because he had gained something else instead.

The overall defense had increased by 10 percent.

It may not have been a great ability, but the increment could be considered a great advantage. A 10 percent increase of his defense was equivalent to the defense of one country.....

Qing Shui proceeded to harness his cultivation in a nonchalant manner, especially during his Heavenly Pellet cultivation. After half a year of cultivation, he had finally reached the fourth level of Heavenly Pellet.

The upgrade of each level of 'Heavenly Pellet' would only increase the energy by one million jin. Moreover, the cultivation of the pellet was quite difficult. Because of that, Qing Shui felt that the increment in strength was too little. However, the upgrade came without a price, so he decided he should take whatever he could from this cultivation technique.

Qing Shui felt a change inside his body as the 'Heavenly Pellet' had a breakthrough to the fourth level. He felt that the current 'Heavenly Pellet' was seemingly communicating with his Lower Dantian. Due to this, Qing Shui was full of anticipation as he cultivated to the next level of the 'Heavenly Pellet'.

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The next day, Qing Shui was cultivating his Taichi Fist as usual in the arena. The red sun was rising slowly, basking the surrounding with bursting vitality.

Qing Shui stopped his training and stood there for a while delving into his own thoughts. He was considering whether he should bring his family from the Qing Clan to the world outside their residence; allowing them to expand their social skills and meet new people!

However, he was distressed because he didn't know where he should bring them - the Heavenly Palace or the Greencloud Continent!

"I should go back and discuss with them about this!"

Qing Shui shook his head. He decided to go back home within the next two days. In any case, he was just a Patriarch in name, and he would not be involved in meager matters that regarded the Heavenly Palace.

It has been months since Qing Shui had officially become the Patriarch of Heavenly Palace. In a sense, he was the spiritual embodiment of the Heavenly Palace - he was a man who would be playing the lead role in guiding his people to glory.

The role of the Starmoon Hall had been changing constantly. Misty Hall also seemed to be appearing in public functions more often than usual.

He took a glance on the key that the Old Ancestor had given him. It had already been six months since he had last entered the Treasury Room to see what the Old Ancestor had left for him.

Qing Shui skipped his meal and slowly headed towards the direction of the Heavenly Palace Treasury. He was greeted courteously by a number of disciples from the Heavenly Palace along the way.

Qing Shui had gotten used to being addressed as 'Patriarch' by a lot of people. Since he could never get rid of this form of address, he figured he should accept the reality of being addressed with such an esteemed title.

"Patriarch!"

Two Supreme Elders assigned to guard the Treasury were in the midst of playing chess. When they saw Qing Shui approaching, they panicked and quickly stood up.

"Elders, there's no need to panic!"

Qing Shui grinned as he approached the elderly men. The elders had very little to do except guarding the entrance to the Treasury. After all, order was properly maintained in the internal sectors, and the surrounding areas were protected by the Heavenly Palace Guardians as well.

Qing Shui felt strange as he entered the Treasury once again. He felt that way because he was now the highest ranked individual in the Heavenly Palace.....

"Patriarch!"

Everyone who saw Qing Shui bowed as they greeted him!

Qing Shui smiled and nodded as he walked straight towards the Treasury!

These people were Supreme Elders and Elders from different halls, as well as those who had acquired the medallion to access the Treasury because of their special contributions towards their respective halls.

The Treasury consisted of multiple levels beneath the ground. The deeper he went, the less people there were. As he reached the second last floor, he saw two elderly men who seemed to have well passed their prime like the Old Ancestor.

"Patriarch!"

Qing Shui gave them a smile: "Good day, Elders!"

These two elderly men were the ones assigned to guard the Heavenly Palace Treasury!

All this time, Qing Shui had been sweeping a few of the valuables around the messy treasury room into his inventory. He didn't mind the mess because he could easily see pass the random piles of item to find what he needed.

He stood in front of the last black stone entrance and took out a key!

Qing Shui touched the heavy and abnormally large entrance door while observing his key. It wasn't as big as the key to Yan Clan's Treasury, and it seemed a bit smaller when he compared the grip of the two keys.

He inserted the key, and following the Old Ancestor's instruction, he turned the key clockwise five times!

Click clack.....

The heavy door opened!

Qing Shui realized that he wasn't as excited when he first came to the Treasury. Perhaps he had become stronger, which was why he wasn't particularly enthusiastic to find items that were not extremely valuable or rare.

This last room was considered small, and was about five meters long and three meters wide. The room was about two meters high from the ground to the ceiling!

In regards to the height of the room, it could be considered as a tiny room. If a tall burly man were to be stuffed inside the room, he would not be able to lift up his head.

As Qing Shui scanned the room, he couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed at the items stored in the tiny room. There were a lot of weapons and armors, but their quality was much poorer compared to the one Qing Shui was wearing.

Notably, the weapons were extremely weak and uninteresting. The thought of changing his Big Dipper Sword and the Violet Gold Divine Shield had never occurred in Qing Shui's mind. However, he was starting to consider changing his weapon to the Heaven Shaking Hammer after remembering the destructive force it had brought upon his opponents on the battlefield!

The five-meter long room contained items that were scattered all over the corners. About 80 percent of the room was filled with weapons and armors that Qing Shui would not use. However, he decided to add them to his collection because of the materials used in forging them. Qing Shui had planned to use them as practice materials for future reforming purposes.

An adorned box!

It was a huge adorned box!

Qing Shui opened the box, and the first thing he saw was a green colored core! It was at least 4000 years old!

"Not bad, I can use it to refine medicines!"

Qing Shui decided to take it with him!

And then there was about a dozen jewels inside the adorned box. Most of them seemed to be of the 4th Grade or the 5th Grade and consisted of Black Treasured Stones and Moonstones. The Moonstones were said to be a type of moonstone mineral as well.

He was able to see some precious items after searching for a while. Without any delay, he took all of the jewels and kept them inside the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

There were a few cores and furs in the room as well. Moreover, he found two alchemy recipes; one was a recipe for the Constitution Nurturing Pill, and the other one was a recipe for the Bone Strengthening

Pill. Qing Shui thought that it was a pity since these two recipes only required a few normal medicinal herbs, one type of 1000-year herb - the 'Snake Bone Herb', and one type of core from a Tiger demonic beast.

Qing Shui observed the effects and found that the Constitution Nurturing Pill was only able to give a weak consolidation to the body's constitution, whereas the Bone Strengthening Pill was able to slightly strengthen the foundation of human bones. However, these pills would have a greater effect on children and those who were below the level of Xiantian.

After all that, Qing Shui felt that the items stored in the room had little to no value. He knew he should be grateful for the free items, but the scenario wasn't as gratifying as he had expected.

Qing Shui remembered the things Old Ancestor had given to him - Flame Phoenix Pellet, the book of , Golden Carp Pellet..... All of the decent items had already been given to him prior his access to this room.

Qing Shui laughed for a bit and finally opened the last adorned box, which was a cubic meter in size. When he opened the box, he was shocked. After a while, his expression turned happy, and then overjoyed!

The box contained four golden bugs the size of a human head. They were laid flatly on the bottom.

Cicada?

A Golden Cicada!

Just then, he noticed the abnormal number of wings on the Golden Cicada's body. There was one, two, three...

Nine wings...

Nine-Winged Golden Cicada!

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Nine-Winged.....

Nine-Winged Golden Cicada!

Qing Shui was dumbfounded. He suddenly had the sudden impulse to laugh wildly towards the heavens!

Although he had obtained the Wind Water Primordial Pellet Alchemy Recipe a long time ago, he had never been able to concoct it because he lacked this Nine-Winged Golden Cicada. He was almost able to concoct the Everlasting Pellet now...

Qing Shui placed the comparatively precious Cicada that he found in this private room into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

He walked around the private room but none of the items that remained piqued his interest so he left. He saw the two old men from earlier as soon as he came out of the room.

They stood there, looking a little panic-stricken!

Qing Shui raised his eyebrows because he already heard the chaotic noises coming from above them. "What's going on outside?" he asked one of the old men.

"A Martial Saint has come, Patriarch....."

Qing Shui immediately bolted upstairs as soon as the old man finished his sentence. At the same time, he tried to guess who it could be. "The Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord?"

Four and half years had passed since the incident with the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. It had also been more than half a year since the Sword Tower and the Demonic Beast Sect were eliminated.

He had been worried that a Martial Saint would come for him, but he didn't expect it to really happen. Qing Shui couldn't help but be worried at the mere thought of the terrifying strength possessed by a Martial Saint.

Qing Shui couldn't think of any other Martial Saints who would look for trouble with him other than the one from the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord.

He raised his speed to its peak and expanded his spiritual sense. The moment he came out from the basement, he could feel a burning aura that scorched the heavens in the public square.

He was certain that this was the strength possessed by a Martial Saint!

Without thinking, Qing Shui bolted towards the hill at his top speed. That hill had become his own place, although he rarely stayed there.

He stopped thinking too much. He needed to hurry with his fastest speed and activate the Violet Divine Crystal.....

Qing Shui realized that he was worried yet excited at the same time. He barged into the familiar room and quickly grabbed the Violet Divine Crystal to channel the Qi of Ancient the Strengthening Technique into it.

In an instant, the entire Violet Divine Crystal emitted a dazzling violet light. At the same time, a boundless energy spread in every direction.

Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal to put on his latest armor. With the Violet Gold Divine Shield and the Big Dipper Sword in his hands, he marched towards the public square.

"Come out, Qing Shui!"

"AHHHHH!"

A heaven shaking voice rang out clearly, accompanied by a blood-curdling scream!

"If you don't come out, I will kill a person with my every yell!" The voice thundered, clearly audible to Qing Shui who was hurrying towards the public square.

"Tell me, who is the person that Qing Shui cared the most?"

"AHHHHHHH!"

Another blood-curdling scream was heard! It was obvious that the person was killed for not answering the question.

“You tell me!”

“There’s no need for them to tell. I am the one!”

A sudden wave of brute energy burst forth the moment from Qing Shui when he heard Canghai Mingyue’s voice. He let out an ear-splitting tiger roar towards the heavens.

“Hahaha. Brat, even if you come out, I will still kill her and let you have a taste of a heartache before you die!”

A hint of indescribable derangement could be heard in that sharp and clear voice!

“You should check if your current strength is still at the Martial Saint level. Don’t die without even knowing how you died!” Qing Shui quickly spilled out the effects of the ‘Violet Divine Crystal’ in order to attract his opponent’s attention and stall for time.

The public square was already crowded!

He wasn’t certain if this ‘Violet Divine Crystal’ could really indeed weaken a Martial Saint to a peak Martial King. If it could, then Qing Shui didn’t have to worry much as opponents below the Martial Saint level posed no threat to him.

“Hahaha, who are you trying to kid? The wave of energy from earlier only lowered my strength by 20 %. Do you think that is enough for you to fight me evenly?” The clear voice was filled with disdain.

His Cloudmist Steps was no longer the same as it was in the past. Qing Shui was able to make it there in time and saw the Martial Saint!

It was an old person!

Not that old either, but he gave off the feeling that he had lived for a long time. His silver hair danced in the wind, his figure slender and well-proportioned. His eyes were cold like steel and his snow-white eyebrows reached his shoulders.

He stood amongst the bodies of a few ordinary disciples who had fallen. Fresh blood stained the ground beneath his feet crimson.

“Patriarch!”

“Patriarch!”

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“Qing Shui!”

Qing Shui smiled towards Canghai Mingyue who had a worried expression on her face. His smile instantly made her feel relieved!

He was thinking at the same time. Why had the ‘Violet Divine Crystal’ only weakened the strength of his opponent by 20 %? This was not a funny joke.

“Who are you? Why are you making a ruckus in my Heavenly Palace?” Qing Shui was pissed! This Martial Saint had not only used unscrupulous methods to make him show himself, he had even resorted to massacring the weak.

“Hahahaha, who am I? You killed my younger brother. Tell me, is it wrong of me to kill you today?” The old man turned his electrifying gaze towards Qing Shui.

“I killed your younger brother?”

“That’s right. Not only that, you have also eradicated his sect. Young man, do you know that you shouldn’t be so ruthless in doing some things?” The old man looked at Qing Shui, not even bothering to conceal the hatred in his eyes.

“Oh, that’s right. I hail from the White Cloud Pavilion of the Central Continent. The Demonic Beast Sect was my younger brother’s sect. You need to bear the consequences of your actions,” the old man slowly took a step forward while glaring at Qing Shui.

This single step carried a suppressive aura of a lofty mountain that could hide the heavens and cover the earth. The feeling of a heavy gigantic stone that crushed down on one’s chest was enough to make a person breathless.

Nature Energy!

Even though the Violet Divine Crystal could only suppress about 20 % of the old man’s deep and immeasurable strength, Qing Shui still had to fight on. This was for the sake of himself, the ladies, and also the Heavenly Palace.

The Nature Energy was able to dissolve the pressuring aura that came from the Martial Saint!

Frenzied Bull’s Strength!

Heavenly Thunder Slash!

Diamond Qi!

Along with the Divine Shield Talisman and the Godly Force Talisman, he was also under the effects of the Big Dipper Sword and the Violet Gold Divine Shield!

Qing Shui’s strength had reached a total of thirty two countries while his defense had reached more than twenty countries!

Seven Star Armored Vest!

Blue Lotus Art!

Three lotus flowers immediately surrounded him as protection!

With this, Qing Shui’s defense had reached a terrifying level of approximately forty five countries!

Just when an unfathomable expression appeared on the Martial Saint’s face, Qing Shui summoned his Diamond Gigantic Elephant. At the same time, he locked on to the Martial Saint with his Emperor’s Qi!

On top of the reduction of 20 % by the Violet Divine Crystal, his strength was reduced by a further 20 %!

On the other hand, Qing Shui's strength was once again raised immensely under the State of One with Elephant!

Although his offensive power was slightly lacking, he was still able to achieve the strength of forty countries under the State of One with Elephant.

His defense, however, had achieved an absurd amount of more than fifty countries.....!

Godly Armor Shield!

The Violet Gold Divine Shield in Qing Shui's hands glowed with a faint violet!

Shield Attack!

An all-out shield attack under the state of One with Elephant struck towards the old man!

Thump!

It was one heavy strike. The qi force that radiated from the attack smashed the hard rocks on the ground to pieces. The ground within the radius of 100 meters was also in a disastrous state, and tremors could be felt.

Qing Shui retreated three steps and jumped off the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. The old man on the other hand, only swayed slightly!

Although he didn't take any steps back, Qing Shui saw a glimmer of hope the moment he swayed!

The person standing against him was a Martial Saint cultivator. For him to be able to fight a Martial Saint cultivator, that single attack that forced him to sway was enough for him to live proudly on the Greencloud Continent for the remaining half of his lifetime.

The old man's electrifying gaze locked onto Qing Shui, his eyes were filled with disbelief. With the longsword in his hand, he performed a straight thrust. His silhouette flashed by.

The longsword pierced towards Qing Shui like a dragon.

Qing Shui could feel that the power in this sword attack seemed to have once again increased a little!

Shield Attack!

He clenched his teeth to endure the force of the attack!

The man repelled Qing Shui with a single sword attack. Sidestepping once, he performed another jumping pierce towards him!

Piercing Sword!

Art of Pursuing!

Qing Shui exerted his strength cleverly, but he was once again sent flying from another sword attack. He threw out a Binding Talisman in midair!

The old man however, continued to relentlessly pursue Qing Shui!

Qing Shui secretly lamented. This Martial Saint was indeed powerful. His strength had been reduced by 40 % while his speed had been reduced by 20 % and another further 30 % by the Binding Talisman.

Yet, even with half of his speed reduced the old man still appeared to be slightly faster than Qing Shui, despite Qing Shui's current speed being decent. With his boots and a few pieces of armor, he had an additional 70% to his speed

He also had another 50% additional speed from the Grade Five Dark Jewel Necklace.

Bam bam boom.....

Relying on his powerful body, Qing Shui clashed against the old man relentlessly. He continuously dished out the Art of Pursuing, Binding Talismans and Armor Break Talismans at the old man.

Most of the people within a radius of 100 meters had already evacuated a long time ago. The rocky surface beneath their feet was already heavily damaged and there were many deep ditches.....

Blood leaked out of the corner of Qing Shui's mouth. He had been waiting for his chance to use the Flickering Light Passing Shadow and Critical Damage. If he couldn't succeed even once with those, then it would basically be impossible for him to win this.

As long as his opponent couldn't cripple him with a single technique, he had the confidence to defeat him. Even if they had a big gap between them, Qing Shui still had the Great Revitalizing Pellet, although he tried not to rely on it if possible. One of the reasons was that the Great Revitalizing Pellet was too precious, secondly, Qing Shui wanted to improve himself through actual battles.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion!

Ferocious Diamond Attack!

Even under its full power of thirty two countries, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, when faced with a Martial Saint, was still unable to break the opponent's defense.

It stopped fighting back!

Qing Shui appeared increasingly pathetic while the old man's attack grew increasingly aggressive!

This chain of attacks allowed him to sense the old man's attack and defense. At the same time, his heart burned with a fighting spirit!

The old man's speed suddenly increased as he bolted towards him in a half zig-zag pattern. He swept the longsword in his hand horizontally, leaving a trail of black shadows!

It was almost as if a faint thunder rumbled in the air. The stifling atmosphere made him feel nauseous!

Qing Shui was panic-stricken!

At that very moment, the longsword made contact with the Violet Gold Divine Shield...

Flickering Light Passing Shadow!

When Qing Shui saw a moment of relaxation appear on the old man's fierce-looking face, he moved. His speed was raised by onefold by Flickering Light Passing Shadow.

With his crafty footwork, he slid behind the old man. The Big Dipper Sword quickly slashed down on the old man's back, so fast that it left a trail of afterimages.

Critical Damage!

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As luck would have it, Qing Shui discovered that the old man's defense, after his strength had been reduced, was only slightly higher than Qing Shui's attack power.

This sword attack completely neglected half of his defense!

It was also very fortunate for Qing Shui that this sword attack was enough to claim the life of this unlucky Martial Saint!

A mouthful of blood coughed out of the old man looked at Qing Shui in disbelief. His eyes were filled with so much disbelief that they didn't shut even after his final breath.....

The crowd immediately went still!

"The Patriarch won!"

"The Patriarch defeated the Martial Saint!"

"The Patriarch is so formidable!"

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Like that, every disciple of the Heavenly Palace in the public square became hot-blooded. They worshiped martial arts. Watching this kind of rare battle scene made them feel hot-blooded and amazed!

Chapter 543 Elder Ge of the Heavenly Palace, The Powerful Effects of the Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellet

Although Qing Shui had managed to kill a Martial Saint today, it was still too early to be relaxed. If a Martial Saint came today, more might come tomorrow or in the future.....

"Qing Shui, are you alright?" The two ladies walked over to Qing Shui and looked at him, deep concern etched on their faces.

Qing Shui shook his head, and signalled for everyone to disperse. At this very moment, he felt the burden on his shoulders become heavier again. After all, his current strength was barely enough to handle a low level or Grade One Martial Saint.

"Don't worry so much, Qing Shui. First, let's go to the of the back mountain and ask the Lunatic Elder. Perhaps he can tell you what you wish to know," Cang Wuya advised Qing Shui with a frown.

Cang Wuya felt equally helpless in the current situation. Getting mixed up with a Martial Saint was not something they could handle. No sect on the Greencloud Continents could endure the wrath of a Martial Saint, no matter how well-regarded they were.

"The Lunatic Elder?"

Qing Shui vaguely recalled someone like that. He was a senile old man who lived at the back of the mountain. No one mentioned him much before and that old man pretty much never left the back mountain. Qing Shui had only seen him once or twice from time to time, but he never paid much attention to him nor had he interacted with him before.

Qing Shui was astonished, confused and curious to hear Cang Wuya mention that Lunatic Elder.

“The Lunatic Elder and the Old Ancestor are martial brothers, and he was also a prodigy in cultivation. Most importantly, he was also a Martial Saint Cultivator, albeit for just a day before his meridians and dantian were critically damaged. His five organs and brain sustained the heaviest damage and he has been crazy since then. But there are also times when he is sober,” Cang Wuya explained with a sigh.

Qing Shui’s interest was piqued as he continued to listen intently to Cang Wuya!

“He was at the Central Continent for as long as a hundred year when he was young and a peak Martial King. He should know the Central Continent very well. You can ask him about the White Cloud Pavilion.”

“Then I shall go visit him now Old Man!”

After excusing himself from everyone, Qing Shui traveled towards the back of the mountain. He knew that the Lunatic Elder lived in a mountain cave at the back of the mountain. His food and clothes were delivered by the disciples of the Heavenly Palace.

With a heavy heart, he wandered into the back of the mountain, traveling along some slightly familiar areas. He didn’t expect to hear that Elder Ge had reached the Martial Saint Realm, albeit only for a day.

At the deepest section at the back of the mountain, he suddenly sensed an unbearably terrifying aura. However, he knew that this wasn’t from a human but a demonic beast.

“Oh, the Guardian Beast of the Heavenly Palace!”

Qing Shui smiled when he saw a gigantic Silver Jade Python about 150 meters long, in the distance!

This was the Guardian Beast of the Heavenly Palace which had the strength of fifteen countries. Its entire body was snowy white like jade; extremely beautiful and visually attractive. It was a demonic beast that had survived for 4,000 years.

It hissed softly after it noticed Qing Shui. Perhaps it was because of the aura emitted by the Heavenly Palace’s Token or for some other reason, the Silver Jade Python was quite friendly to him.

Qing Shui pondered for awhile before taking out a Beast Pill and shot it out towards the Silver Jade Python’s lips!

Perhaps it was the fragrance of the medicine pill or the demonic beast’s sharp sense of smell, it only hesitated briefly before swallowing it!

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Qing Shui fed it five pills and it gained an additional 50 percent increase in strength. Its total amount of strength had become terrifying with this increase. The strength of fifteen countries was instantly increased to about twenty three countries.

Even Qing Shui was a little envious. As expected of a Guardian Beast of a great sect like the Heavenly Palace. Even the current Diamond Gigantic Elephant couldn't really match up to it.

Too bad its strength was still a little pathetic compared to a Martial Saint. Furthermore, its endurance was way lower than the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant was not only powerful in terms of its physical body, but also had formidable battle skills. Most importantly, it had a terrifying capability in growth. Qing Shui had a feeling that its next breakthrough would lead to a terrifying transformation.

Seeing how this Silver Jade Python appeared to be highly intelligent, Qing Shui tossed the bottle which had some medicine pills left in it to the python before he left and walked in the direction of the cliff and mountain cave at the back.

It was already spring by now, although the weather was still a little cold. An old man dressed in shabby clothes sat on top of an enormous rock in the distance. His head was lowered as if in a deep thought or in a deep slumber.

Although he was shabbily dressed, he exuded the aura of a scholar but he also seemed extremely dejected. He was mediumly built and his back was a little hunched.

This was Qing Shui's first time saw the Lunatic Elder from up close. His weathered face was already covered by wrinkles. He slowly opened his eyes perhaps because he sensed someone nearby.

"Elder Ge!"

Qing Shui greeted him with a smile!

Qing Shui was startled when the old man opened his eyes. Because the expression revealed from his eyes was definitely not something a lunatic person could have.

So Qing Shui believed that there must be some other reasons behind that look on his face. He was like a walking corpse, dispirited and was unable to move on from the disappointments and frustrations of the past.

Maybe Qing Shui was only able to see the desolation of the old man from his eyes now because he knew that this dejected old man had been a Martial Saint for a day in the past.

The old man shut his eyes once again, as if he was not interested in anything!

Qing Shui was now certain that this old man was not crazy. He was just unable to accept the shock he had received and had lost all hope.

"What if I can let you recover the strength of a Martial Saint that you once had?" Qing Shui knew that this was maybe the only thing that could pique his interest because he hardly seemed to be interested in anything else.

The phrases 'standing up again after falling' and 'making a comeback' were easy to say, but not many could truly do it. It required a huge amount of willpower and perseverance that was even more difficult to muster up than for someone who had never succeeded.

All of a sudden, the old man unexpectedly snapped open those eyes and glanced at Qing Shui for awhile before shutting them again!

Qing Shui smiled. He knew that the old man wouldn't believe him. He had only opened his eyes in surprise when he found out that Qing Shui knew of his past breakthrough to the Martial Saint Realm, albeit for a day only.

"You don't believe me?" Qing Shui questioned with a smile.

"Ruptured meridians, blockages, distorted dantian, dislocation of the five viscera and six organs, critical injuries..... Although these are incurable injuries in the World of the Nine Continents, I can still restore you."

Qing Shui's words had already made the old man open his eyes. He stared at him for awhile before speaking. "Young man, what do you wish to know?"

Qing Shui's smile broadened!

"What I'm saying is that I really can restore you!" He said sincerely.

It was only then that the old man looked a little surprised but mostly skeptically at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui retrieved the Great Revitalizing Pellet. Although it couldn't heal the ruptured meridians, it could heal the other five viscera and the six organs. Fortunately, the old man's heart wasn't as serious as the state he was in before.

As long as he could circulate the Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique, he would be able to perform acupuncture and the Saintly Hands technique to heal the ruptured meridians and the distorted dantian.

"Try swallowing this pellet first!"

The old man shook his head. "It's futile!"

"Elder Ge, are you afraid that I'd harm you?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

"Hahaha....." Elder Ge laughed, his voice filled with sadness and self-pity.

"You are a genius from the heavens and the Patriarch of the Heavenly Palace. Why would you harm me?" Elder Ge swallowed the Great Revitalizing Pellet as soon as he finished this sentence.

After a moment!

Elder Ge was surrounded by a white halo. His weathered face contorted in pain, but he was also greatly surprised. He bit his lips until they bled.

Qing Shui stood there silently as he expanded his spiritual sense. He could feel the five viscera and six organs in the old man's body undergoing a great transformation. His meridians were actually not torn into pieces but were instead tangled and deformed. Quite a number of them were ruptured but they were not major issues in Qing Shui's capable hands.

He could definitely heal the old man as long as he had the Qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique, the Saintly Hands, and some time.

One hour passed!

Elder Ge's body was weak at the moment since an hour had passed and his body had entered into the weak state. But the five viscera and the six organs within his body were fully healed.

"Elder Ge, you need not worry. This state of weakness is caused by the pellet. You will not only be fully healed after a month, and your strength will also be increased. As for the meridians and dantian in your body, I will still need to use another method to heal them," Qing Shui explained after he saw the doubtful look on Elder Ge's face.

"Alright..." Although Elder Ge was still not fully convinced, but he saw a glimmer of hope in this Great Revitalizing Pellet from Qing Shui. He had experienced the cramping pain of his five viscera, the swollen pain of his six bowels and the painful spasms of his meridians and dantian once every half a year. But now, the pain of his five viscera and six organs had totally vanished.

"Elder Ge, there's a hot spring up ahead. Why don't you go soak there for an hour before I perform acupuncture on you? It will yield better results that way!" Qing Shui knew there was a hot spring behind the mountain because he had soaked there once before.

With his strength forging ahead vigorously, Qing Shui felt that his Primal Chaotic Divine Needle technique and the Saintly Hands technique were unparalleled. Even so, he thought that this time it would require multiple treatments. To let him recover from his current state, he'd need three years. Qing Shui must be diligent in performing the acupuncture for him in the first year, but the subsequent two years would require less work.

If only Qing Shui had the strength of a Martial Saint, he would be able to fully heal him within half a year!

By now Elder Ge completely believed that Qing Shui would be able to restore him. He was so surprised that he didn't seem to know what to do. Although it would take three years for him to recover, he'd still be extremely delighted even if it would take thirty years.

"I can really recover back to the Martial Saint Realm?" Although he believed that he could recover, he wasn't certain if that would mean getting his Martial Saint strength back.

"If your strength had reached the Martial Saint Realm before, you should be able to recover it back." Qing Shui knew that he had only become a Martial Saint for one day back then, so his Martial Saint Realm was still unstable. Even so, he was still quite confident that it would be possible.

Breaking through to the Martial Saint Realm didn't only require luck, but also strength. It was a process of refining the physical body in all aspects. Even if it was only for a day, his body had reached the quality of a Martial Saint.

"Speak. You must have something you wanted to ask me," Elder Ge looked at Qing Shui and felt very peculiar. He had been living his life in despair here for years, but someone suddenly bestowed him with hope. This made him feel like he had to return the favor with the gratitude of a fountain of water, or treat him like a special being, like a family member or even someone closer than family.

"Do you know anything about the White Cloud Pavilion?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

“Hoho, so the one who had come today was a Martial Saint from the White Cloud Pavilion?” Elder Ge spoke after thinking for a moment.

“Yes!”

“And you are worried that there will be more Martial Saints from the White Cloud Pavilion coming after you?” Elder Ge continued with a smile.

Qing Shui sighed inwardly in amazement. Humans indeed grew wiser with age!

“Yes!”

“Hoho, the White Cloud Pavilion is only a lower-class entity in the Central Continent. I only learned about their existence by chance. I basically have some idea on every clan and sect with the existence of Martial Saints in the Central Continent. You don’t have to worry because the White Cloud Pavilion only had one Martial Saint. If it wasn’t for this Martial Saint, they wouldn’t even be considered as a third-rate sect.”

Elder Ge’s information greatly assured him. Qing Shui believed that he would definitely reach the Martial Saint Realm himself given a few years of time.

He had another idea. He’d restore Elder Ge to a Martial Saint as soon as possible and place the Heavenly Palace under his protection. Then he’d move the whole Qing Clan into the Heavenly Palace so he could travel to the Central Continents or some other places without any worries.

Qing Shui suddenly realized that the Constitution Nurturing Pill was very useful to Elder Ge. He happened to concoct a few Constitution Nurturing Pills and Bone Strengthening Pills in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal last night.

He had conveniently concocted them because the medicinal herbs required by these two medicine pills could easily be gathered within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He was also in a hurry to concoct them so that he’d be able to make sufficient preparation for the Qing Clan when he returned. He didn’t expect them to prove themselves useful already.

“I need to return home for a period of time. During this period of time, you may do an appropriate amount of cultivation and then consume one Constitution Nurturing Pill and one Bone Strengthening Pill every seven days.”

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After bidding him farewell, Qing Shui hurried towards the Qing Residence by himself. He had chosen to return alone this time because he didn’t plan to stay there for long.

The two ladies were left in the Heavenly Palace but he had nothing to worry about because Cang Wuya, Di Chen and Di Qing were still around. On top of that, the Silver Jade Python’s strength had also been improved tremendously so he didn’t have to worry too much.

He rode on the Fire Bird at full speed in the morning. At night, he’d cultivate within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. While the Fire Bird rested within the Realm from time to time, he’d ride on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

After its breakthrough, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's speed had been raised by a few folds. It was now more than ten meters long and four meters tall. Qing Shui felt special sitting on it.

Within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

After he had once again concocted a furnace full of Constitution Nurturing Pills and Bone Strengthening Pills, he shifted to his next target, the medicine pellet he had always wanted to concoct.

The Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellet!

He was only able to completely gather the medicinal ingredients of the Tri-Acupoints Clearing Pellet after paying a visit to the Heavenly Palace Treasury. He was delighted to find quite a decent number of 1,000-Year Clinopodium Herbs in the Heavenly Palace Treasure so he immediately took quite a few of them.

This was also his first time concocting the Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellet!

Effects: Clearing the Zhiying, Kunlun and Shenmai acupoints!

These three acupoints were considerably important acupoints in the human body!

Only two pellets were made in this batch. He had used so many precious ingredients and he only got two pellets out of them!

He stored one in a porcelain bottle and instantly ingested the other one!

A wave of gaseous substance like the sharp aura from Critical Damage spread out within his body. It was penetrative and powerful. Almost instantly, three pupupu noises rang out softly.

They were cleared!

A wave of familiarly powerful energy poured forth within his body, shocking Qing Shui. It had not only cleared three acupoints, but every function in his body had also been raised by 10 percent.

This kind of increase was even stronger than a 10 percent raise in strength, because these three acupoints were special. They would allow Qing Shui's to reach another level.

Qing Shui's strength instantly approached eight countries, while his defense reached eleven countries. This made Qing Shui pleasantly surprised and made him yearned for the Wind Water Primordial Pellet even more.

Chapter 544 - Taking The Wind Water Primordial Pellet, Looking For The Turning Point?

Now that all the ingredients were gathered, he could now work on refining the Wind Water Primordial Pellet. Qing Shui could not help but fall into a daze. He realized that he was getting closer and closer to the Martial Saint level.

Medicinal pill!

This was why alchemists were highly respected, especially powerful alchemists. They could refine those heavenly and earthly treasures for their own use!

There was still plenty of time and Qing Shui felt extremely energized. This could be because of the Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellet. Qing Shui had not expected that the effect of this pellet was so strong, otherwise, he would have refined it long ago.

He stored the last remaining one away safely and casually walked around the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The realm did not go through an upgrade after he had done the deed with Canghai Mingyue previously, but what that had astonished Qing Shui was that a Yin-Yang fish the size of a golden colored walnut had appeared on the image of Yin-Yang in his consciousness.

When Qing Shui saw that, he was very shocked and even felt a bit unease. However, when he noticed that the golden colored light exuded had increased by a little, he knew that it was not anything bad and thus did not put too much thought into it. He just did not know why it had suddenly appeared after he had sex with Canghai Mingyue.

That seed grew into a seedling like a fire at a very slow pace. It was very hard to see its growth at all. Qing Shui did not feel that it was strange. Since it took so long to germinate, it was normal for it to take a long time to grow as well.

Cultivating, continuing his journey, then cultivating, then continuing on his journey.

The Fire Bird's speed was very fast and after one month of traveling, he would be able to reach the Hundred Miles City in just another two days. During this period of time, Qing Shui only refined some Constitution Nurturing Pill, Bone Strengthening Pill, and Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellets. Out of all three, the Tri-Acupoint Clearing Pellets were the least in quantity with only over 30 of them. Thank goodness that each person could only take one of this.

There were more Constitution Nurturing Pill and Bone Strengthening Pill!

He did not refine the Wind Water Primordial Pellet during this time. Qing Shui felt that his mind was not calm and thus delayed it for over a month. Only when he was about to reach the Hundred Miles City did he manage to settle down his emotions.

Wind Water Primordial Pellet: Agility-Enhancing Fruit (Clear Wind Fruit), Beast Pill, Nine Fragrance Worm, Peach of Immortality, White Frost Nectar, Canfeng Dewdrops, Nine-Winged Golden Cicada, Inner Core of a 1000-year demonic beast, 1000-year Fluoritum, 2000-year Lingzhi, 2000-year Earth Essence, Golden Horn Firetail Fish, Small Revitalizing Pellet!

Qing Shui first tempered the Nine-Winged Golden Cicada. This Nine-Winged Golden Cicada which was only the size of a human head had an age of 3500 to 4000 years old. Although it was small in size, it was perfectly formed, with the Core and everything else.

But now that it was to be used for alchemy, he needed to temper the whole thing until it was melted. He would then start to add in the Nine Fragrance Worm!

Next, he added the Clear Wind Fruit and Beauty Fruit, roasting over the Primordial Flames for an hour before he added in a piece of demonic beast's Core. He used the Core of that big tiger with the wind attribute.

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In the blink of an eye, three days passed. Just a moment ago, Qing Shui had added in the last Small Revitalizing Pellet, only then had he calmed down a little. The earlier phases had a high tendency to fail easily since he was required to add in some materials after a short interval each time. With more ingredients added in, if it was unstable, the chances of the cauldron exploding was very high.

Time passed by very quickly, and six days vanished in the blink of an eye!

Qing Shui's current primordial flames were kept very small, gently heating up the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron. However, the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron let out an agitated "whistling" sound.

Ding!

When the sharp sound rang out, Qing Shui opened his eyes. However, he did not stop the primordial flames. He only increased the heat till the flames were about three inches tall.

About an hour later, the flames were once again lowered to just half an inch tall. It was maintained in this state for a whole six hours and the flames could not be seen at all.

Qing Shui then fell asleep on the floor just like that. Although it had only been nine days, it was the most energy consuming period.

Qing Shui felt as if he had slept for a whole twenty hours. After about one day and one night, the first thing Qing Shui did when he woke up was to open the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron.

Two, two...

It was the first time Qing Shui prayed for the number of medicinal pills to appear. However, when he opened it, he saw one medicinal pill which had a white like the color of the moon. It gleamed with a pure crystal light.

One!

"Be satisfied!" Qing Shui smiled and consoled himself!

Effect: Increase overall abilities by 30%; gain 10% chance to increase the experience gained for all the martial arts by 1%; clears the Yong Quan acupoint!

This was the effect of the Wind Water Primordial Pellet. Qing Shui was truly agitated. The effects which would increase one's abilities by 30% was tremendous. Qing Shui did not know if he could enter the door leading to the Martial Saint level in just one go.

Moreover, it also had an effect which made Qing Shui very excited, which was to clear the Yong Quan Acupoint. The Yong Quan Acupoint was a very important acupoint and even Di Chen who had been cultivating the [Acupuncture Clearing of Four Limbs] for so long, and was showing high chances of clearing the acupoint, had not succeeded even after over 4 years. It seemed like it was really not easy to clear this acupoint.

But the benefits which came with the clearing of this acupoint was also tremendous, which was increasing one's speed in leaps and bounds. The exhaustion of the Qi of Xiantian would also be reduced. This was the benefits which accompanied the clearing of a major acupoint in the human body.

It would improve a specific ability in leaps and bounds, and the improvement would also reduce the exhaustion!

In the World of the Nine Continents, the trend was that, no matter what martial technique it was, the greater the prowess, the greater the exhaustion. There were many martial arts which most people would stay away from since they would not be able to even unleash an attack even if they were to exhaust all of their strength. Moreover, the cultivation was also extremely difficult.

Qing Shui, a little agitated, took the Wind Water Primordial Pellet. A few breaths later, an immense strength he had never felt before surged in from the Baihui Acupoint on the top of his head, flowing into his Dantian through the meridian channels. If Qing Shui's meridian channels and Dantian were not strong enough, he suspected that he would explode and die.

Qing Shui was now fully focused only on the Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique. Also, the Diamond Qi, Frenzied Bull's Strength, Emperor's Qi, Heavenly Thunder Slash and Diamond Qi... were all frantically circulated!

Qing Shui could feel the discomfort from the bloating of his Dantian and thus thought of exhausting a tremendous amount of his energy to maintain a balance.

However, he discovered that it was useless. Not only did the bloating from his Dantian feel uncomfortable, it was the same for his meridian channels as well. Qing Shui felt that his whole body was swelled up and uncomfortable. The feeling was comparable to experiencing pain.

It was slightly stuffy and his consciousness also felt a little blurry!

Pfft!

Just as Qing Shui was feeling at a loss, a crisp sound rang out. It was as if the forces in his body had found an exit, dashing out and soon formed a cycle around his two legs.

His feet felt very strong as if there was an endless supply of energy. A new force cycle was formed and the "mouth of the spring" was the Yong Quan Acupoint.

This was an independent cycle, increasing the strength and speed of his legs by at least two times. His overall abilities were increased by 30% and Qing Shui's strength had increased by two and a half countries!

Qing Shui's strength now reached ten countries, his defenses at fourteen-plus countries, his speed had also increased to two times his original. Now, even if his speed could not match one who's cultivation level was at ten countries, it would be very close.

This time around, the ability that came with the clearing of the Yong Quan Acupoint was about the same as the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's 金刚渡水!

His body's recovery exceeded ten countries, his internal organs' toughness should also have exceeded ten countries. His spirit energy should also have reached the targets. But why had he still not broke through to Martial Saint level...

Qing Shui thought very hard. Could it be that he really needed a turning point? Needed that Five Phases Heavenly Fruit?

Could it be that he had repeatedly taken medicinal pills and thus resulted in his cultivation being unstable?

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The Fire Bird gradually landed in Hundred Miles City. Qing Shui decided not to think about this troublesome question and decided to turn to think about how to enter the 6th Heavenly Layer rather than thinking about how to attain Martial Saint level.

The increase brought by the medicinal pill came very quickly, but the foundations would tend to be unstable. Therefore, Qing Shui planned to continue tempering his body, especially through practicing Taichi in the morning.

Qing Shui's return to Qing Clan gave everyone a great surprise. No one had expected him to come back since the Heavenly Palace was too far from Hundred Miles City.

"Daddy!"

"Daddy!"

"Brother Shui!"

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Yuchang and Luan Luan ran over!

Qing Shui carried the two of them, one in each hand. From a distance away, Qing Bei pouted as she looked at Qing Shui. But when she saw the two pretty lasses in Qing Shui's arms, she could only sigh speechlessly.

When Qing Shui saw Luan Luan, his eyes lit up!

"Xiantian?" Qing Shui looked toward Yiye Jiange in surprise.

Yiye Jiange smiled and nodded.

"A ten-year-old Xiantian cultivator!" Qing Shui chuckled and then looked toward Qing Bei who was a short distance away. He then realized that Qing Bei had also attained Xiantian.

"Little Bei has also broken through to the Xiantian level now!" Qing Shui was truly very happy. It was Qing Clan's first Xiantian across three generations. For his case, since he had some lucky encounters, it should not be factored into consideration.

"I was slower than Luan Luan by two months. She broke through at the start of the year, while for me, it was at the later part of the year." When Qing Bei was sharing about her breakthrough to the Xiantian level, she was extremely excited.

Qing Shui was very surprised that Yiye Jiange was still at Qing Clan. He had thought that after he'd left, she would bring Luan Luan back to Skysword Sect. However, when Qing Shui looked at this intelligent lass in his arms, he felt that the problem could possibly lie with her.

"Mother!"

Qing Shui carried the two lasses and smiled as he walked up to Qing Yi.

"Come, let's go home first. Then we can talk." Qing Yi took Yuchang from him.

The family headed toward the living room. After hearing that Qing Shui was back, everyone in Qing Clan came back too. Of course, Qing Luo and Lin Zhanhan did not appear.

"Brother Qing Shui, I've been at the pinnacle of Houtian for such a long period of time but have not been able to achieve a breakthrough. You must help me. Even Qing Bei has attained a breakthrough two months ago." Qing You looked at Qing Shui bitterly, his aggrieved expression caused Qing Shui to have goosebumps.

"You're just lacking the turning point. Take this. Take one of it every half a month and then don't do anything except practice the Back Connecting Fist to temper the body." Qing Shui took out two small bottles of Constitution Nurturing Pills and Bone Strengthening Pills and tossed it to him.

Qing Shui had tried them. The Bone Strengthening Pill could increase the strength and density of the bones, thus increasing one's ability to stand up against impact. The Constitution Nurturing Pill, on the other hand, nurtures the constitution and the benefits were more internal. It would not show any benefits on the surface, or rather, one would not be able to sense the tremendous benefits it would bring right from the start.

It will allow the person who took it to strengthen his foundations, tempering the body and increasing the Qi of Xiantian's level of purity and density of a person. However, it had no effect for people like Qing Shui. It might be because the quality was bad, but to a Xiantian, or especially for Houtian cultivators, the effects were extremely good.

"Daddy, I want too!"

"I want too!"

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Qing Shui took out the stock he had kept aside to them. After all, he had planned to give it to them to begin with!

Chapter 545 - Hundred Miles City For A Day, Planning And Preparations, Hair Flying Around

Everyone in the Qing Clan was gathered in the living room of the Qing Clan's Medicinal Store. Of course, Qing Luo and Lin Zhanhan stayed behind at Qing Village, but Qing Shui had planned to visit the Qing Village tomorrow.

"Qing Shui, the matters there have already been settled!" Qing He smiled at Qing Shui, there were a few geniuses that arose from the Qing Clan, benefiting the whole Qing Clan.

Maybe this was the so-called riding on someone else's success!

"That's good, I came back this time to discuss something with everyone." Qing Shui decided to reveal things, since Qing He was about to ask.

"Oh! I also want to congratulate the extraordinary genius that came from the third generation of our Qing Clan. Xiao Bei, Qing You, you guys need to work harder." Qing Shui smiled at the third generation of the Qing Clan.

"Daddy, what about me? Do I count?" Luan Luan blinked her large eyes, there was a look of expectation in them.

"Luan Luan is the genius of the fourth generation!" Qing Shui said quietly. Children have to be encouraged, even a talented child was still a child

Everyone looked happily at Qing Shui patiently praising the two girls, Qing Shui gave each of the two girls a bowknot hair fastener.

Soon, fifteen minutes went by!

"Brother Shui, what is the matter, everyone is waiting for you to tell us!" Qing Bei was an impetuous person, she could not help but urge Qing Shui to quickly reveal the matter.

"I just wanted to see if you are interested in going to larger places to expand, like maybe the Greencloud Continent City." Qing Shui smiled as he rubbed Qing Bei's head.

"Brother, You are rubbing my head again, I already said that I am a big girl, I am not longer a kid..." Qing Bei smiled as she mumbled.

"To the Continent City? What can we do there?" Qing Yi looked at Qing Shui. She felt, as well as knew, that it was already not easy for Qing Shui to be out there alone. If the Qing Clan followed him, then Qing Shui's burden will only grow bigger.

Qing Shui was Qing Yi's son, with one look, he could tell what she was thinking. "Mother, you don't have to worry about these matters, your son now is the person in charge of Heavenly Palace, as long as you are in the Greencloud Continent, everyone will give you face."

"The person in charge of the Heavenly Palace?"

"Brother, I want to join the Heavenly Palace!"

"Brother Qing Shui, bring me into the Heavenly Palace too!"

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"Qing Shui, since they wish to go, if you have the capabilities to take care of them, then take them. Me, your grandfather, third uncle, fourth uncle, and other uncles and aunts are already satisfied with the strength we have attained. We are also no longer able to break through to further realms, thus we will not be going," Qing Yi said after she thought for a little.

"Mother is worried that I cannot manage?" Qing Shui looked at Qing Yi. A mother and child would understand what each other was thinking.

“Qing Shui, it is actually good to stay in Hundred Miles City. Although we only have the strength of Xiantian realms, we are considered experts in the Hundred Miles City. Furthermore, this is home, we have been living here for many years, I can’t bear to leave this place.” Yuan Ying said as he smiled at Qing Shui.

Maybe it was because it was Qing Yi and Yuan Ying’s words, but their words obviously revealed that it was not because they did not want to go, but because they were worried that Qing Shui cannot manage. It was already not easy for Qing Shui to manage alone, now with so many people, he needed to make arrangements for everyone.

Even those that originally wanted to go, like Qing Bei, Qing You and the others kept quiet and stopped asking to go!

“Now, I have the ability to bring you all to go around the Greencloud Continent. The purpose of bringing you all was so you can raise your strength faster, unless you intend to stay here forever, to limit the growth of the Qing Clan? When the descendants of the Qing Clan go out, would anyone respect them?” Qing Shui said patiently.

Which youth does not want to be excellent? Which warrior does not want to stand at the peak of the World of the Nine Continents? Given the hot-bloodedness of young men, it did not matter even if they were ordinary people.

“If Mother and Uncles feel that they do not have much of a future in cultivation, you can choose not to pursue cultivation, instead, if you are interested in doing business, I have helped the business grow big, If Mother wants to just have a break, I can accompany Mother to tour the Greencloud Continent. If I have the chance to in future, I will bring you to see the World of the Nine Continents.”

Qing Shui hesitated for a little before saying.

“Qing Shui, How about this, let’s wait till we meet your grandfather and Grandpa Lin first and seek their opinion. If they support you, we will all go, what do you say?” Qing Yi thought for a little and smiled.

Qing Shui happily nodded his head!

Following that, Qing Shui mostly talked about the important matters in the Greencloud Continent. He then suddenly remembered the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear in the Interspatial Beast King Medallion.

“Luan Luan, I have this bear, can you communicate with it?” Qing Shui asked the young girl in his embrace.

“I can!” Luan Luan confidently replied, then looking at Qing Shui in joy.

“Father, where is the bear? Where is it?” Luan Luan happily asked.

“Come, Let’s go outside!”

Everyone went to the courtyard of the Qing Clan’s Medicinal Store. Qing Shui took out the Interspatial Beast Medallion and released the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear. It looked the same as before, despite the fact it looked downcast, it still looked healthy.

The Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear looked at its surroundings. It was not panic or take interest in anything, instead, it wanted to close its eyes!

“Roar roar!” a soft and immature roar came from the mouth of Luan Luan!

The Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear suddenly opened both its eyes and look at Luan Luan interestedly, but Luan Luan just continues to make that soft and immature roar, one after another.

Under Qing Shui’s astonished gaze, the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear stood up and walked over and crawl to the front of Luan Luan petite figure, as she continued to roar.

In that moment, Qing Shui felt that Luan Luan was especially large, even larger than adults, even the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear seemed small and meek!

The was the strength of the Heart of Seven Orifices...

Qing Shui seemed to be able to see that after tens of years after Luan Luan grew up, she would control thousands of strong demonic beasts, nothing would be able to stop her...

But now, she was still young, Qing Shui shook his head. When he saw Luan Luan happy rubbing the head of the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear, Qing Shui quickly took out some barbecued meat from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

“Luan Luan, feed this to it!” Qing Shui remembered that it rejected it the last time, most importantly, was that it must be famished.

Luan Luan happily received it, then she went to feed the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear. Qing Shui watched blankly as the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear ate ravenously.

It only took a moment for the meat to be eaten finished. Qing Shui took out another big piece and waved it at the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear. Qing Shui was depressed when it ignored it again.

Luan Luan joyfully took it, then threw it to the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear. Once again, it ate it ravenously, causing Qing Shui to feel like a failure.

Originally, Qing Shui had the Emperor's Qi, although it was not as good as the Heart of Seven Orifices, but it was sufficient for him to become a beast tamer...

“Luan Luan, feed this to it, it can become stronger. When you want to fight someone, it will fight for you.” Qing Shui gave ten plus Beast Pills to Luan Luan.

“Good! Good!” Luan Luan happily took the Beast Pills.

After it had eaten one Beast Pill, when Luan Luan was about to feed it a second one, it let out a loud roar towards the sky. Its whole body was releasing smoke like a blazing flame.

It’s figure increased tremendously, it’s height was now three meters. It looked majestic, radiating a tyrannical strength, its fire armor looked even more bright.

Qing Shui was stunned, the first Beast Pill could cause it to evolve, its luck was shockingly high.

Luan Luan happily took the rest of them and fed them to the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear, at this moment, it seemed the abilities of the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear had an explosive increase.

It was a pity that the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear was similar to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, their defense was strong but their attack was lacking. Even so, the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear still had the strength of around two countries.

But it had the defense of more than twenty countries!

Qing Shui gave the Interspatial Beast Medallion to Luan Luan, that way she could store the demonic beasts up when it was not convenient for them to be out.

Qing Shui taught her the method to use it, causing Luan Luan to jump around happily!

The third generation of the Qing Clan looked at Luan Luan enviously. After such a long period of time, they knew she was a genius beast tamer. At a very young age, she already had three Xiantian level demonic beasts and now with this Martial King Level beast, it could even fight with some low-level Peak Martial king cultivators.

It was normal to envy, even Qing Shui was a little envious. The status of a beast tamer in the World of the Nine Continents was pretty high.

This required talent, effort played no part!

They knew that it was not because Qing Shui did not give it to them, but because they did not have the talent. Fortunately, this heaven-defying young girl was Qing Shui's daughter...

Although she was a little old...

Qing Shui could guess what they were thinking, Qing Shui could even guess that his mother thought that Luan Luan was Qing Shui's flesh and blood. Luan Luan's attachment to Qing Shui, in addition to her resemblance to Yiye Jiange, it was normal to think that she was born of Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange, in fact, it was natural. Thinking back to when Yiye Jiange first came to Hundred Miles City to rescue Qing Shui and looking at Luan Luan, the timing seemed to match.

Even Luan Luan addressed Qing Shui as Father, and called that refined extraordinary girl mother...

The sky turned dark!

"Daddy, let's go out and play!"

"Sure!"

"Mother, come along as well!" Luan Luan pulled at both Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange!

At first, the others wanted to come, especially Mingyue Gelou and Yuchang, but when they saw that family of three, they just waved their hands at Qing Shui and smiled.

At that moment, Qing Shui had a sour feeling in his heart, he felt that he was not good enough to his women...

Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange brought Luan Luan for a walk under the Light Stones, on the west side hung a bright moon. Yiye Jiange, who was beside him, looked beautiful beyond compare.

Luan Luan was now already ten years old, looking at the two people who were the closest to her and treated her the best. Within the time in Hundred Miles City, she felt that her parents were different from others, she just could not put her finger on what it was.

Luan Luan skipped along the side, this gave Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange some space, after all, there were some things that they could not let the girl know about.

“Are you going to continue to keep it from her?” Yiye Jiange asked as she looked at Luan Luan.

“I’d rather help trample on Lion King’s Ridge, than to let her know any of this. Because that way, her life would fall apart. Isn’t it better for her to spend her rest of her life happily?” Qing Shui asked quietly.

Yiye Jiange’s delicate body could not help but tremble. She looked at the man beside her, he seemed to be changing more and more. He was no longer that young man, in the past when he’d called her master, she felt nothing, now she found it hard to accept.

The thing that led Yiye Jiange to be grateful about was Qing Shui’s attitude to Luan Luan. Luan Luan was her brother’s daughter, she was her only blood relative left in this world. However, Qing Shui treated her really well. To the point where it was better than a real father would.

There was a saying where if you love someone, you love everything connected to that person. Perhaps because of Luan Luan, Yiye Jiange had some kind of feelings for Qing Shui.

There was also the fact that he remembered about her matters, and even worked toward solving her problems. Because the matter with the Qing Clan was solved, he had no more need to grow stronger.

“Could it be that he is working so hard so that he can work his way to Lion King’s Ridge?” Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui.

“Although this can allow Luan Luan to be happier, it caused you to be wronged. This problem is a headache,” Qing Shui said after thinking for awhile.

“Me? Wronged? How?” Yiye Jiange could not understand then and suspiciously looked at Qing Shui.

“That would be, if Master were to marry, Luan Luan would be upset, because since she was young she thought we were...” Qing Shui rubbed his nose and laughed in awkwardness.

“Who said I’m getting married, I won’t marry!” Yiye Jiange said in a seemingly angry tone.

“Alright, alright, you are not getting married!” Qing Shui face was a little warm.

Yiye Jiange: “...”

“Master!”

“Can you not call me Master...” Yiye Jiange felt the word ‘Master’ to be particularly awkward. In the eyes of the Qing Clan, they appeared to be like husband and wife, but the way they addressed each other, it seemed that...

“Father, Mother, you are walking so slowly!” at this moment, Luan Luan ran back and squeeze herself between Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange, holding their hands.

The most lively place at night were the snack stalls at the roadside, there were all kinds of things, they had everything, those that could fly, those that ran on the ground, those that swam, alive, dead...

Qing Shui was confident that he could make better ones than them, but snacks were about the mood and atmosphere. In addition, Luan Luan was excited. She was, after all, a child.

In the end, they got a few sticks of fried crab meat!

It tasted fresh, just like a young and inexperienced girl. The first time may not be pleasant, but that frame of mind was definitely beautiful.

In the distances, there were many couples holding their children’s hands forming a circle, spinning around the square, it seemed to be a type of game.

Hand in hand, in a circle, looking at the moon. This can cause a family to feel fortunate and blissful together!

“Father, Mother, let’s play like them, shall we!” Luan Luan looked surrounding few hundred people playing like that nearby when they made a wish, the children’s clear laughter could be heard from afar.

The nearest couple from them was only about five to six steps away.

After Luan Luan said that, she looked at Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange!

“Sure!”

Qing Shui knew that he should take the lead, he rubbed Luan Luan’s head and then naturally grabbed Yiye Jiange’s hands. Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange could not help but tremble.

The three of them turned around, Luan Luan’s laughter were loud and clear, but Qing Shui’s hair ended up flying around because of Yiye Jiange, she looked elegant and stunningly beautiful.

Chapter 546 - Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint, Heavenly Talisman’s Body Securing Talisman

This was his second time holding Yiye Jiange’s hands. He did not know how to feel about it, but he did not brood on it too much.

Qing Shui would not allow himself to blaspheme the goddess in his heart.....

Although it was not late when they got back, Yiye Jiange and Luan Luan went back to their room to rest. When Qing Shui went past Mingyue Gelou’s room, he remembered what had happened earlier in the day; he pushed the door and realized that it was not locked.

Qing Shui entered and heard some voices coming from the inner room. He knew that Mingyue Gelou and Yuchang had not slept yet, thus he slowly made his way in.

Qing Shui intentionally did not soften his footsteps!

“Yuchang, guess who is here.” Mingyue Gelou’s pleasing voice came from the room.

“Daddy’s here!” Yuchang cried out happily, and then there was the sound of running. Yuchang ran out barefooted.

“Daddy!”

Qing Shui smiled as he replied. He picked up the young lass and headed towards the room. Tan Yang was dead, and everyone of the Tan Clan was dead as well. He was now their only pillar of support. Yuchang was his daughter, closer than even blood relatives. With regards to her and Luan Luan, Qing Shui wanted to love them even more.....

Mingyue Gelou was sitting at the side of the bed, dressed in a nightgown. She looked at Qing Shui, smiled, and said: “Coming!”

Qing Shui found her statement quite bizarre, but he realized after careful thought that he hadn’t stepped into a woman’s room for quite a while now.

Qing Shui removed his shoes and carried Yuchang to bed. Little Yuchang was in the middle, while Qing Shui and Mingyue Gelou each took a side of the bed.

“Daddy, I want a bear like sister Luan Luan’s, too.” Little Yuchang was now about six or seven years old. Maybe she understood some things - a child had the most energy of all, after all

“Wait till you grow as big as sister Luan Luan. Daddy will catch one for you then, alright?” Qing Shui rubbed his nose, feeling guilty for lying to a child.

Following that, Qing Shui quickly took out some fun trinkets and tasty food before the young lass could get serious about it, lest he end up in an awkward position as a result.

There was no way to reason things with her!

“Has it been tough?” Qing Shui embraced Little Yuchang, who had fallen asleep, his other hand tightly holding Mingyue Gelou’s soft and supple hands.

“It is not tough, not tough at all. I feel very fortunate!” Mingyue Gelou said seriously with a dignified expression; the fiery red cinnabar between her brows was very enchanting.

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Within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

Qing Shui finished up circulating the Ancient Strengthening Technique, injuring his body following that to practice the Taichi Fist and Back Connecting Fist. In these three years, Qing Shui had injured his body to its utmost limits, which made for a training that yielded twice the results for half the effort.

Now Qing Shui could clearly feel the benefits of injuring his body, such as the Qi Force in his body feeling more solidified.

This way it would increase the lethality, destructiveness, and explosiveness of his attacks greatly.

The bottleneck of the Fifth Wave caused Qing Shui to not know what to do. Injuring his body and practising his past techniques was his way at grasping at straws.

Cloudmist Steps!

Having cleared the acupoints, Qing Shui's speed improved significantly, which was something eligible to be called a large breakthrough in speed.

When Qing Shui was in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he would typically brew a large amount of Plum Blossom Wine and Vermillion Fruit Wine. He also would use a period of time every day to meditate. This way, when his body was relaxed, he might have some unexpected gains.

Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint!

This was a technique that Qing Shui had been recently training. Qing Shui had a hunch that the Buddha image that appeared was not simple, but he did not know if it was a result of the Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint or the Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm

After carefully thinking he understood it. The and were related. The training of the Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint was the crux of the Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm.

Many complicated palm imprints struck out one after another. Their patterns looked messy and disorderly, but each had an indescribable harmony.

Qing Shui could now practice to the 399th palm in one breath. But in this period, regardless of what he tried, he could not breakthrough to the 400th palm.

Bottleneck!

Qing Shui knew that this was a bottleneck. Furthermore, his Fifth Wave had already reached the peak. In this period, even though he did not breakthrough to the 400th palm or the 6th Wave, Qing Shui was still very happy, because his skill and strength had risen by a significant amount.

As for the Blue Lotus Art, Qing Shui was still only proficient at controlling three Golden Lotus Flowers. The Basic Sword Techniques, Cloudmist Steps, and Thousand Hammer Technique had achieved an acceptable standard.

Only the Heavenly Thunder Slash was lingering at the Truth Realm, exhibiting virtually no progress. Qing Shui really wanted to breakthrough to the Obscure Realm, so that there would be a chance to paralyze the target for a split second.

After resting for a little, Qing Shui took out that thin Heavenly Talisman book, spurred on by an urgent need to learn the Body Securing Talisman.

The effects of the Body Securing Talisman could cause the target to be stuck at the original spot and not be able to move for 1 to 3 breaths of time; albeit the target would be able to move his hands to attack or defend.

If the talisman did not meet the requirements, then it would be ineffective!

Such as the Grade 1 Body Securing Talisman, Grade 2 Body Securing Talisman, Grade 3 Body Securing Talisman..... Within them exists a kind of talismanic power. This was the soul of the Heavenly Talisman and also the source by which to determine its success and might.

Aside from proficiency and talent, talisman drawing was related to personal strength. For example, even if a Xiantian cultivator was able to reach a legendary realm, he would not be able to make the talisman go beyond the 3rd grade. This was the limitation of personal strength, especially the control type of talisman.

Although the drawing of talismans was limited by his strength, there were some items that could assist, such as the Golden Calligraphy Brush and the Moonstone Ink Slab that Qing Shui used.

There were also some precious and valuable beast blood and beast skins that could raise the strength of the Heavenly Talisman's effects.

Qing Shui was already very familiar with the usage of the Body Securing Talisman; not only could it cause the target to be stuck for 1 to 3 breaths of time, it could lower the target's defense.

Qing Shui realized the perverse usefulness of the Body Securing Talisman after he saw the Diamond Gigantic Elephant exhibit the terrifying Mighty Elephant Stomp. He thought of that 30 meters long Diamond Gigantic Elephant in his sea of consciousness; one stomp from it would tear the heavens and earth apart, and many large legendary demonic beasts would be torn apart.

Qing Shui found it hard to imagine such a Mighty Elephant Stomp. If the Mighty Elephant Stomp of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant reached the Grand Perfection Stage, one stomp would be a frightening strength of 80 countries.....

If he used the Body Securing Talisman to bind the opponent first and then let the Diamond Gigantic Elephant rush up and use the Mighty Elephant Stomp, with the addition effect of ignoring defense, it would prove to be the most ideal situation possible.

The Body Securing Talisman's ignore armor effect applied to everything, not just equipment or the body but even the organs and bones.

A Grade 1 talisman would ignore 10 percent, and the duration was 1 to 3 breath of time! A Grade 2 talisman would ignore 20 percent, but there so no change in time, save for a higher probability of it lasting for 3 breaths of time. Meanwhile, the higher grade ones would pretty much be 3 breaths of time almost every time.

No wonder the Heavenly Talisman was an expensive trinket - a single breath's of time was a steep price to pay, easily becoming the death certificates of experts the higher up in grade the talismans are!

Practice!

Qing Shui only drew the first stroke because he realized that this Body Securing Talisman was different from the previous talismans. Just like the first time, it was difficult to draw.

He immersed himself in drawing till he had counted the hundred, only to continue arduously shortly after. The more he drew, the smoother it got. However, what caused Qing Shui to feel disheartened was that he could only draw a fifth of it.

If Lin Zhanhan knew that Qing Shui only took so long to draw the Body Securing Talisman to this extent, he would not know how to describe Qing Shui's abilities.

Among the Heavenly Talismans, the Godly Force Talisman, Divine Shield Talisman, Binding Talisman and Armor Break Talisman that Qing Shui drew previously were direct type talismans. They were the most basics of the entry-level talismans. They were easy to learn but had a steep learning curve, becoming unimaginably difficult towards the 3rd grade.

However, the Body Securing Talisman was the second type of talisman. Its biggest effect was in controlling the target, such as preventing him from moving for 1 to 3 breaths of time, in which they are rendered inert for the duration it lasts.

There was also the 3rd type, known as Five Elements Talismans, which used the energy from heaven and earth to make direct attacks. It was the talisman type with the most might as well as the hardest difficulty in drawing.

Descending Thunder Talisman was a Five Elements Talismans of the lightning and fire attribute!

Up until he exited the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui realized that the Body Securing Talisman's progress was only 50%. Using this to calculate when he would complete the Body Securing Talisman, he deduced would be half a month later!

In the morning, he practised the Taichi Fist as usual and gave pointers to the three generations of the Qing Clan; he was overall satisfied with the progress of the three generations of the Qing Clan at this point.

The last time he left, he knew that Luan Luan and Qing Bei would break through to Xiantian, especially Luan Luan. Qing Shui knew she would break through to Xiantian before 10 years old.

After breakfast, Qing Shui would ride on the Fire Bird alone and go to the Qing Village. With the Fire Bird's quick flying speed, he would arrive in Qing Village within an hour.

He descended on a hill not far away from the Qing Clan doors!

Once he entered, Qing Shui saw two old men fishing by the Qing Clan pond. Maybe because they broke through to Xiantian, Qing Shui felt that grandpa Qing Luo's complexion looked better than before.

"Grandpa, grandpa Lin!"

When Qing Shui saw these two old men, he happily cried out!

"Qing Shui, when did you come back?" Qing Luo happily stood up.

Lin Zhanhan also stood up happily; he looked extremely happy to see Qing Shui.

"I arrived at the Hundred Miles City yesterday."

The three of them chatted as they walked into a room. Since their last encounter, Qing Shui had left in a hurry, being briefly gone for half a year as opposed to his previous track record of disappearing for years at a time.

Qing Shui took out the wine from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. This kind of pure fermented wine would not harm the body and was in fact good for it.

"Grandpa, grandpa Lin!"

“Qing Shui, is there any issue? Spit it out! Why are you still being so courteous to us.” Lin Zhanhan smiled as he said.

Chapter 547 - Their son has grown up, Yu He, Shi Clan

“Grandpa Qing, Grandpa Lin, I want to bring you two over to Green Cloud Continent!” Qing Shui smiled as he told the two old men.

Both Qing Luo and Lin Zhanhan didn't reject him straight away. They also make any promises. Instead, they looked at Qing Shui with a serious expression as if they were thinking of a way to respond to him.

“Qing Shui, it might be okay if you were the only one outside. The Qing Clan may not be a big clan, but it is still a clan that has more than a hundred members. Furthermore, the outside world isn't as good compared to the Hundred Miles City. Other than Grandpa Lin and I, there really isn't anyone else in the Qing Clan who is capable of supporting the clan.” Qing Luo said gently after hesitating for a while.

“Grandpa, you don't have to feel worried about this. Didn't you always want the new generation of Qing Clan to be successful? I can just let them all join Heavenly Palace.” Qing Shui chuckled. At present, he was already the Patriarch of Heavenly Palace, it would only be natural for him to let his clan members join Heavenly Palace. In fact, it's something that the Qing Clan members would really look forward to. This way, it would make them feel more secure.

“Yes indeed, I really hoped that all of the members of Qing Clan will be successful. But the problem is, will you be able to manage all of this?” Qing Luo looked at Qing Shui in doubt. After all, it was the Continent's Capital he was talking about. Furthermore, Heavenly Palace was also the strongest sect in Green Cloud Continent.

In addition, Qing Luo had looked after Qing Shui since he was a young boy. Even though Qing Shui was already really powerful, Qing Luo was still unsure about his strength as a whole. Even if he was even more powerful, he would still be a child in Qing Luo's eyes.

“Grandpa, I am the person in charge of Heavenly Palace at the moment. For now, I have the final say in everything regarding the Heavenly Palace. Mother and uncle wanted you to make up your mind. Let's put it this way, if you can promise to do as I say, I can promise you I will definitely make the entire Qing Clan stronger.....”

Qing Shui looked at Qing Luo's aged face which flashed between surprise and irresolution.

“You have the final say in Heavenly Palace? How old are you? I am aware that there are a lot of elderly men in Heavenly Palace, all of them answer to you?” Qing Luo asked doubtfully after a moment of silence.

“Grandpa, age is just a number. As long as I have sufficient strength, I'm sure that they will listen to me. If you don't believe me, ask Grandpa Lin.” Qing Shui smiled and glanced towards Lin Zhanhan. Qing Shui was aware that the late Old Ancestor of the Heavenly Palace had looked for Lin Zhanhan before. He was convinced that Lin Zhanhan knew about a lot of things involving him and Heavenly Palace.

All along, Lin Zhanhan had remained silent. He only stood there with a smile on his face. This was a problem of the Qing Clan. Hence, he felt unnecessary to give any suggestions.

Qing Luo only glanced towards Lin Zhanhan after hearing Qing Shui's words. As of now, it could be said that Qing Luo trusted Lin Zhanhan even more than he trusted Qing Shui. After all, Lin Zhanhan's age matched up quite well with the amount of experience which he had gained throughout his life.

Lin Zhanhan only smiled and nodded his head.

"This isn't the first time you talked about this. But, I think Grandpa Lin and I will just stay here. We are already so old, I think it's better for us to just stay here and enjoy a peaceful life." Qing Luo declined Qing Shui's request.

"You and Grandpa Lin have to come. Once you are there, if anyone were to start any business, they would still need you and Grandpa Lin to keep watch of them." Qing Shui wouldn't allow a warrior like Lin Zhanhan, who was at the pinnacle of Martial King Grade to remain in Hundred Miles City. It would be such a waste.

"Let's go to Hundred Miles City first, after arriving, we'll sit down and discuss this matter, how's that?" Qing Luo laughed embarrassingly.

"Even if grandpa doesn't believe me, at least believe in Grandpa Lin!" Qing Shui said bitterly.

"Hehe, your mother has already suffered a lot. Regarding this incident, I still hope that your mother will be the one to decide. I can help you convince her. This way, she will be able to expand her horizons towards the outside world. And also, that little Qing Bei brat." Qing Luo explained slowly as he looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui finally kept quiet.

Qing Shui accompanied Qing Luo and Lin Zhanhan in Qing Village for almost half a day. After that, the three of them rode the Fire Bird back to Hundred Miles City.

As of now, all the people from Qing Clan was considered to have reunited. Of course, if Canghai Mingyue and Huoyun Liu-Li were to be included, it would be a different story. All the original members of the clan were present.

"Today, since everyone has gathered here, let's all talk to each other about the future of the Qing Clan, I believe that everyone is already aware of what this meeting is about, I just want to go through it again." Qing Luo smiled and said.

"Where is Qing Shui? Everyone has seen it, he dedicated thousand of times more hard work than a normal person. It can almost be said that he has done something even billions of people can't accomplish. He wants to let everyone go to an even bigger and wider place to start anew.

When Qing Luo talked up to this point, he stopped. After that, he glanced towards Qing You. Everyone else remained silent and didn't say anything.

"Qing You, do you want to join Heavenly Palace? Do you want to go to Green Cloud Continent?" Qing Luo asked as he looked at Qing You with a smile.

"I don't want....." Qing You responded submissively.

“Damned brat, you with your usual tricks again, keep it to yourself. Be straightforward and answer me. Brother Qing Shui has the authority to let you into the sect. If you don’t say anything, there is a high chance that he will leave you behind in Hundred Miles City.” Qing Luo laughed and accused him.

“Yes, I... I am willing to.....”

Qing Shui smiled as he approached him. He was holding Qing Yi’s and Qing Qing’s hands: “Mother, your son is all grown up, this time, he has really grown up.”

It was such a simple sentence, yet it instantly left Qing Yi in tears, Qing Qing also couldn’t help but tear up. The other members of Qing Clan also felt incomparably sad.

It has been so long, around ten years, ten years since the coming of age ceremony. Throughout these years, everyone in Qing Clan had known almost everything about Qing Shui’s hardships through Huoyun Liu-Li and the girls. Especially the life which Qing Shui lived during the three years when he was crippled, it was something which all of them witnessed themselves.

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Everyone from Qing Clan knew that Qing Shui would always say one phrase, “No pain, no gain”.

“This time, you have really made up your mind!” Qing Yi shouted out loudly with tears of joy.

“Your son has really grown up!”

It’s not the first time Qing Shui had said this, but this time, it truly made the people present feel incomparably sad. At present, Qing Shui was already twenty-seven years old.

The last time he had said this was when he just turned into an adult. After ten years, Qing Shui once again said the same thing. This time, he could finally say it proudly because he felt that he was finally qualified to say so.

“Qing Shui, when we’re there, we can’t just slack off like how we used to. Both your uncle and auntie, as well as myself, are no longer capable of improving our cultivation levels. However, we were already content with our achievements. Why don’t we continue our medicinal business in the Green Cloud Continent?” Qing Yi smiled while looking at Qing Shui.

“Sure!” Qing Shui responded with a smile. It’s not a bad idea to start a medicinal business. Not only did he have the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he had even snatched away a lot of treasures from Yan Clan Treasury, Crimson Gang, Sword Tower and Demon Beast Sect. He had collected quite a huge fortune, this way, he would be able to help expand the medicinal business of Qing Clan. After that, he could pair it up with his own Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal to get more precious and rare medicinal herbs.

Qing Shui’s medicinal herbs in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal were superior in the sense that the thousand years medicinal herbs were divided into batches. Hence, Qing Shui could take out some from each and every batch. He didn’t necessarily need to take out a lot of it. It was just to exchange for other precious medicines.

That was how things were decided. Qing Shui told them they would leave after three days to give them some time to pack up. On the other hand, Qing Shui was thinking of making an enormous carriage.

It's impossible for such a great quantity of people to all ride on the Fire Bird. Hence, Qing Shui set his sight on the enormous Diamond Gigantic Elephant. Since there were so many people and things, Qing Shui was thinking about how big the carriage needed to be.

As for the pulling force of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, it was not something to be worried about. As long as the carriage was tough enough, it wouldn't be a problem even if it was to pass over mountains ridges.

Qing Shui believed that he was capable of doing this.

After three days!

The people in Qing Clan couldn't believe their eyes when they saw a carriage in front of the Qing Clan's Medicinal Store.

It was more than thirty meters long, five meters wide and five meters tall. It had ten large wheels. There was barely any gap between the wheels.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant was the most suitable one to pull this enormous carriage. The elephant itself was already ten meters long and four meters tall.

The process of making this carriage had also given Qing Shui a headache. This was because it not only had to be tough, it still needed to be able to resist shockwaves. Luckily, Qing Shui knew about springs. With Qing Shui's ability, the shock absorption function of the springs made by him would definitely be top quality.

The last thing which made Qing Shui anxious was the wheels. The axles for the wheels were already done. It's the outer rim which Qing Shui was concerned about. Qing Shui had to put the long journey into consideration. In any case, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had insane strength, don't mention about pulling one, even pulling hundreds of these carriages wouldn't be a problem for the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

Eventually, Qing Shui decided to use some three thousand year old Nanmu Trees to make the enormous wheels.

Qing Shui made the Diamond Gigantic Elephant pull it. After trying it a few times, he felt unusually good. It might be because he had used a lot of springs in the creation of the carriage, which in turn gave it a huge advantage. After all, Qing Shui's skills in his Ancient Art of Forging was close to perfection.

The carriage itself was made from the Quad-colour Rainbow Art of Forging and was already able to resist shockwaves to a certain extent. It also had the function of providing a speed boost. This was the bizarre part about the Ancient Art of Forging.

The carriage at the back was really large. They brought along some essential items and precious medicines from the Qing Clan's Medicinal Store. After all, it's not that there weren't any poor people in Green Cloud Continent, but there also wouldn't be any peak Martial King warriors running back and forth along the streets. Across the World of the Nine Continents, no matter where it was, all places were still mostly populated with commoners. After that would be warriors of Houtian Grade. There were only very few people who were able to achieve Xiantian Grade.

Luckily, the carriage was huge enough. Basically, they had already brought along everything that they could bring with them.

This carriage may be huge in the Hundred Miles City, but when compared to carriages in the Green Cloud Continent, it would only be considered average.

“Mother, I will be heading to the Shi Clan for a while!”

Qing Shui informed Qing Yi before leaving.

“Go, it would be best if you could bring Qingzhuang along! Don’t feel hurried, if we can’t make it today, there is still tomorrow. One or two days don’t really matter, finish all your things first.” Qing Yi answered after thinking for awhile.

“Right!”

Qing Shui took a peek at Wenren Wushuang. After such a long time, she was already like a blood-related sister to Qing Qing. It’s just that she was becoming more and more distant from him. This made Qing Shui feel sad and happy at the same time.

While he was happy that she could get along well with his mother and sister, he was sad because he missed the old Wushuang.

Qing Shui greeted them. After that, he proceeded towards Shi Clan, the clan that was nominally ruling the Hundred Miles City.

Not long after he went out, Qing Shui ran into a person. For a moment, Qing Shui froze in shock. So did the person.

Yu He!

She was wearing a white and plain garment. Besides the bulging part which was supposed to bulge, she had gotten thinner, causing her to look a bit more beautiful. Her clear and attractive pupils contained a kind of unsolvable complexity.

When Qing Shui saw her, he felt a bit guilty, to the point that he even felt a bit diffident. During the two times he came back, he hadn’t looked for her even once. Qing Shui didn’t know if she was aware that he had come back since he hadn’t visited her.

“Sister Yu! How have you been?” When Qing Shui said this, he sounded a bit unnatural.

“You are leaving again!” Yu He responded with a humble smile.

Even though she was smiling, it still made Qing Shui feel a bit uneasy and cold. For a moment, he felt as if something went missing in his heart.

“Sister Yu! Why don’t you leave with me!” When Qing Shui said this, he felt really fraudulent, he even felt that he sounded really powerless when he was saying this.

Yu He’s body trembled: “Qing Shui, I like you, I love you. But I dislike your indecisiveness, do you understand? I would rather live widowed like this forever. When I heard what you said just now, do you know how hurt I felt?”

“Sister Yu.....”

“Qing Shui, if you still have respect for me, then stop talking. I know that you more or less will no longer return to this place anymore after leaving this time. I wish you good luck and a safe journey!”

After she finished speaking, she turned around and left. Drops of translucent tears began falling down from her face.

Qing Shui stood there and blanked out for a long time. Qing Shui felt that the thing that he was worst with were things which involved feelings. The thing that he didn't understand the most was woman's hearts. For a moment, he felt really tired.

Qing Shui looked into the direction where Yu He disappeared. He didn't know what to do.

Shi Clan!

Qing Shui walked into the Shi Clan Household and immediately approached the Shi Clan Old Master.

After seeing Qing Shui, Shi Clan's Old Master was really happy. After that, he got a few people to inform Qingzhuang about Qing Shui's visit.

“What's the matter? I can tell that you are a bit unhappy.” Shi Clan's Old Master chuckled and asked Qing Shui casually.

Qing Shui shook his head and smiled. He didn't want to bother Shi Clan's Old Master with the emotions he felt from Yu He.

Very quickly, Shi Qingzhuang came in. She still wore a scarlet red cloth. When she saw Qing Shui, a trace of joy flashed across her tranquil and beautiful pupils: “Qing Shui!”

Her faint smile lessened a bit of the sadness in Qing Shui's heart.

“Today, I am here to inform Old Master that I am going to move out for a period of time.” Qing Shui smiled humbly.

“Move out?”

“Yeah, to Green Cloud Continent City. Today, I am here to bring Qingzhuang along.” Qing Shui pulled Shi Qingzhuang who was at his side and looked at Shi Clan's Old Master.

“Hehe, going to the Green Cloud Continent? That's great. Qingzhuang, do you want to go with Qing Shui?” Shi Clan's Old Master chuckled and asked Shi Qingzhuang who was already blushing.

“Grandpa.....”

“Alright, Qing Shui is a good kid. Go, Qing Shui, treat Qingzhuang nicely. This child has always been antisocial since she was young. Her attitude now is a result of her parents neglecting her. After all these years, this is the first time I have seen her treating a man like this.” Shi Clan's Old Master looked at Shi Qingzhuang with a pampering gaze.

“I know, don't worry!”

“Grandpa.....”

"Alright, little brat, it's not like we're not letting you come back. You can come back whenever you want, if you have time, come visit us along with Qing Shui."

"Old Master, this is for you. See it as Qingzhuang and I showing respect to you." Qing Shui took out two Xiantian Golden Pellet and passed it to Shi Clan's Old Master. Of course, it was stored in a porcelain bottle.

After leaving Shi Clan, Qing Shui and Shi Qingzhuang rushed towards Qing Clan. As for other people in Shi Clan, they didn't really meet them. Shi Qingzhuang told him that she didn't want to see the rest of them.

"Qing Shui, what was the medicine that you gave grandpa? I am really curious." Shi Qingzhuang continued to allow Qing Shui to hold her hand as she asked casually.

"Xiantian Golden Pellet!"

"Oh, it's the Xiantian Golden Pellet....." Shi Qingzhuang acted innocent as she looked at Qing Shui.

"Qing Shui, wait for me here for a while!" Shi Qingzhuang quickly rushed back to Shi Clan.

After the time taken for an incense stick to burn passed, Shi Qingzhuang came back. She looked at Qing Shui with a faint smile. There was an indescribable appeal to her smile.

"Thank you!" Shi Qingzhuang smiled sincerely.

"Do we still need to be so formal with each other?"

"Oh! Then I will thank you on my grandpa's behalf instead!"

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"Thank you!" Shi Qingzhuang smiled and said in a serious manner.

"There's no need for thanks between us."

"Oh, then I'll thank you on behalf on my grandfather!"

"Qingzhuang, let me guess why you've come. Do you think I can guess correctly?" Qing Shui grinned and gazed at Shi Qingzhuang, the feeling between the two of them at this moment was very wonderful.

"Then, go ahead." Shi Qingzhuang's cool eyes had a hint of intoxicating smile. Qing Shui could clearly see the joy in her eyes. It was very faint, but it caused Qing Shui's heart to throb.

"Did you come after seeing your grandfather take the first Xiantian Golden Pellet?"

Shi Qingzhuang smiled happily. Although it may seem like a light smile to other people, it was hard to see such a smile on Shi Qingzhuang.

Qing Shui did not bring up the matter about her parents. Since Shi Qingzhuang did not wish to talk about it, then so be it. Therefore, Qing Shui gifted Old Master Shi with two "Xiantian Golden Pellets", serving some filial piety in Shi Qingzhuang's behalf, and at the same time, let her rest at ease.

In Hundred Miles City, Xiantian was already at the peak amongst all the cultivators. Moreover, even if experts from outside came to wreck havoc in Hundred Miles City, they would still need to take into considerations of Qing Shui's existence.

Unknowingly, Qing Shui could feel that the hand holding Shi Qingzhuang felt tight. Shi Qingzhuang had grabbed his hand tightly!

Earlier, Qing Shui stopped the people from Shi Clan from sending him off as he did not wish to alarm too many people.

Swiftly, Qing Clan and Shi Qingzhuang both returned to Qing Clan and after the preparations were finished, everyone boarded the "horse carriage" which had been considered extremely big in the Hundred Miles City.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant pulled the carriage. Although it appeared very magnificent, not many people knew about it since the species are quite rare and could only be evolved. There was no such type of elephant to begin with. Beasts which contained elephant's bloodline could evolve into the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, but it was just that the possibility was extremely low.

There was no need to maneuver since Qing Shui let the Fire Bird lead the way in the air. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant only needed to follow behind with the carriage. Therefore, everyone only needed to stay within the carriage which was bigger than a room.

Qing You and company were very much willing to take the outside seats of the "horse carriage". They gazed at the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's tremendous size as it moved gradually on the flat surface, pulling the carriage.

"Brother Qing Shui, this carriage is extremely comfortable and doesn't shake in the slightest! It gives the same feeling as riding on a flying demonic beast! Even those rich people would not be able to enjoy a ride on such a high quality carriage! This feels good!" Qing You stood at the carriage's shaft and smiled as she exclaimed.

"That's right, Brother Shui is the best!"

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Shi Qingzhuang sat quietly on one side of Qing Shui, while Yiye Jiange and Luanluan sat on the other, followed by Mingyue Gelou and Yuchang. However, Yuchang would frequently run over to the area where Qing Shui was.

Seated on the opposite of him were Qing Yi, Qingqing and Wenren Wu-shuang. Qing Bei also sat there. Following them were Qing Luo and the other men, with Qing Shui's aunt on one side, and behind them were also the big group of Qing Clan's 3rd generation.

It was incredibly cosy in the carriage. There were tables, chairs, and even beds. This was the benefit of having such a large carriage. This was why everyone gathered together in small groups, chatting the topics they were interested in.

"Qing Shui, is everyone in Greencloud Continent rich?" Feng Feiyan played with the playful Little Changfeng, as she smiled and looked at Qing Shui and asked.

"There's always commoners in any place. After all, not every person is rich. It's just like how in our Hundred Miles City, there are few Xiantian cultivators. But outside, even if its in the Continent's Capital, there's still a small percentage of Xiantian cultivators. It's impossible to see Xiantian cultivators everywhere on the streets."

"Then would it be good for us to do our business there? We aren't familiar with the place." Uncle Qing Hu asked, a bit excited and a bit worried.

"If you guys wish to start a business, you can just get a shop. There's no need to worry about the medicinal herbs and other stuff. When you become more familiar, you can slowly expand the business." Qing Shui said, thinking about it.

"Brother Qing Shui, can I really join the Heavenly Palace?" Qing You asked excitedly. He knew that one must be at least a Xiantian cultivator to be able to join the Heavenly Palace.

"Of course you can. However, amongst the millions of people in the Heavenly Palace, you'll be the weakest of them all." Qing Shui grinned as he looked at Qing You.

"I know that too. The stress is really great. With there being so many people, just anyone would be able to bully me." Qing You spoke with a bitter expression on his face.

"That's why I said that you need to work hard. You are quite talented but your determination is not firm. As long as you have determination, you'll be able to breakthrough to Xiantian very quickly." Qing Shui understood that he needed to give him some motivation.

"Stop! Stop...!"

"I'm talking to you! Stop the carriage..."

"Screech!"

"Ahhh!"

"Hm? Someone's been knocked dead by us?" Qing Shui's brows twitched and said, as he lifted up the curtains and walked out.

They had left the Hundred Miles City for about half a month and had travelled across two countries. This should still be within Kaiyang Country, a country at the extreme west of Greencloud Continent. However, Kaiyang Country was still considered a fairly strong country in the Greencloud Continent.

"Stop him! Stop him! To think that he dares to knock down someone in broad daylight in our Kaiyang Country!" A man about thirty plus years old with a sharp mouth, triangular nose and a high pitch voice bellowed.

Swiftly, close to a hundred people appeared, each of them equipped in heavy armor but their weapons were all long hooks which were three plus meters long. Their arms were very thick and muscular. The giant hooks in their hands flashed with a cold gleam.

"Kaiyang Country's Soulreaper Valley!" Qing Shui frowned as he exclaimed.

"Lad, you know your stuff. In Greencloud Continent, even those strong warriors in the Continent's Capital aren't as arrogant as you, to run over someone from our Soulreaper Valley and yet still be so arrogant."

Qing Shui knew about the Soulreaper Valley as well. He had heard Heavenly Palace's Old Ancestor talk about it before. This Kaiyang Country was actually not as well-known as the Soulreaper Valley, and the Soulreaper Valley was only well-known because of one person. Otherwise, it would only be considered a 2nd rate sect in Greencloud Continent.

Soulreaper Valley had a character whose abilities was comparable to the Heavenly Palace's Old Ancestor. Therefore, even those 1st rate sects would not dare to behave atrociously there. Even if they were killed, there was nothing that could be done about it.

Qing Shui saw that the person who was run over laid in the middle of the road. But before power, everything was useless. If one was not strong enough, even if the victim was not knocked dead, or even if he was not knocked down at all, they could still be stopped in their tracks.

Qing Shui looked at the horse carriage then at the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. He knew that the other party had gotten interested in the "treasures" in his carriage.

"Ya Lin, what's wrong? What happened? Just then a clear voice rang out."

All the Qing Clan members in the carriage all got down as well!

Qing Shui saw that another twenty plus people had appeared, with a young man, or rather, a strong man at the age of approximately thirty years old, in the lead. He had a well-proportioned figure and wore embroidered clothes. However, his forehead was a bit bulging, his eye sockets deep, had a hawk nose, lips like blade, and his eyes extremely sharp.

About twenty elderly appeared before the man. The thing that Qing Shui was astonished about was the fact that they were all experts at the Martial King level. There were even two who were Peak Martial Kings.

"No wonder no one in Greencloud Continent dares to offend this Soulreaper Valley. Only a sect like the Heavenly Palace could afford to offend them. Even one from "a big household and own great businesses" would not dare to take action easily, let alone the others. As time passed, the people from Soulreaper Valley naturally grew increasingly arrogant. Qing Clan smiled as he looked at the big group of people before him. Adding to those earlier, there were now about 120 of them.

"Young Master, this person knocked down and killed one of our people in broad daylight but still remained so arrogant. Look at how he's appearing as if nothing had happened as all." The man with a sharp mouth and a chin like an ape's who had stopped Qing Shui earlier now turned to the young man and said.

"Oh, so that's how it is!" The man's sharp gaze turned toward Qing Shui then toward the people behind him. When he saw Wenren Wu-shuang, Shi Qingzhuang, Mingyue Gelou and Yiye Jiange, obvious excitement had lit up in his eyes.

Qing Shui frowned. He did not like such gazes. However, such gazes were frequent. It was normal for men to show such gazes when they come across beauties. Those with power would want to use their means to get their hands on them, and the methods they choose tend to be very extreme.

Those without power would naturally only be able to steal a few more looks.

Qing Shui felt that this man who was called the Young Master at least felt that he was one with power. Therefore, when he came across good things, including beautiful ladies, he would naturally want them for himself.

Even Qing Shui had times when he felt like becoming a bandit, a powerful bandit, snatching beautiful ladies and good items for himself. It was a direct and fast approach.

He had also thought of becoming one of those profligate sons with money and power. With a extremely big tree back facing him, he could play with birds or plant flowers when he had nothing to do; get a few beautiful lasses to serve him or pretend to be a big shot every now and then and beat up other profligate sons like himself and tease young girls...

The young man glanced at the people behind Qing Shui, and his gaze stopped when he saw Lin Zhanhan and Yiye Jiange. His brows also furrowed slightly, his gaze seemed as if he was going through a struggle.

Qing Shui smiled. He could tell what level this young man was at. The Soulreaper Valley's Young Master was also considered a genius. And if things went well, the Soulreaper Valley could really remain arrogant for a really long while.

The man was also a Peak Martial King with a strength of 2 countries. Lin Zhanhan had a strength of 3 countries. However, there were two elderly behind the man who had a strength of 4 countries.

"Who are you guys? Why did you knock down and kill one of our people?" The man asked Qing Shui, because he noticed that this demonic looking young man was very calm. Most importantly, he could not tell what cultivation level Qing Shui was at.

Qing Shui was stunned. This young man was really sly, to speak up first. Just from this line alone, he had already indicated that he did not wish to let this matter go and was planning to check out Qing Shui's background.

Qing Shui naturally was not a pushover. Especially when he saw the gaze the guy was using to stare at Yiye Jiange, he had very much wanted to cripple him.

"Since we've knocked down someone, I'm willing to pay a compensation. State a price!" Qing Shui smiled as he looked at the man.

"You've ran over one of the men from our Soulreaper Valley in Kaiyang Country, killed him and now you're saying that you'll compensate with money? You think too highly of yourself." The man's gaze turned into one of indifference as he replied.

"Oh? Then how do you think that we should settle this?" Qing Shui smiled with the mark in the centre of his forehead flashing a blood red color.

"A life for a life!" The man looked at Qing Shui and said calmly.

"That isn't asking for too much, but whose life do you think should be used to compensate?"

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"That isn't asking for too much, but whose life do you think should be used for compensation?"

Qing Shui asked expressionlessly. After all, Soulreaper Valley was nothing in Qing Shui's eyes. Had this man shown some elegance, Qing Shui probably would not let them suffer any disadvantages.

If he had strength, that was accommodating, if he did not have strength, then it was grudgingly. Yielding now would be a mistake!

"How about with your life?" replied the man. Qing Shui hated this man's ugly looks, he could even tell that that man also hated his looks.

"That's not fine, I don't wish to die yet!" Qing Shui smiled at that man.

"Actually you don't have to die, since you killed my man, how about this, send one of the people behind you to Soulreaper Valley for three years and we will call it even." The man looked at Qing Shui mockingly then looked at Yiye Jiange.

"Oh, then how about I go to your Soulreaper Valley for three years?" Qing Shui smiled coldly at that man!

"That can't do, our Soulreaper Valley doesn't lack men." that man choked then hurriedly said.

"If you died, I wonder if your Soulreaper Valley would lack men?" Qing Shui still smiled at him coldly and started to use his might to pressure him.

"Courting death!" the man suddenly took out a long black hook and charged at Qing Shui!

"Wuwu!"

There was a sound in the air reminiscent of a ghost's cry, it caused one's whole body to get goosebumps and feel uncomfortable!

"Roar!"

Qing Shui spread apart his five fingers!

"Bang!"

"Qing Shui directly caught the huge sharp hook with one hand and looked at the ugly man. Qing Shui's cold smile gradually disappeared, his body neared that youth in a flash!

"Sire, please spare them!"

The expression of one of the old protectors changed and he cried out in alarm!

But how could Qing Shui stop? With the comparatively monstrous speed of his Cloudmist Steps, they could not even see him clearly, thus Qing Shui could kill them easily.

"Kacha!"

Qing Shui's hands broke that youth's neck, that clear sound of bones breaking caused the people around to be stunned, the young master was dead, the young master was dead.....

In a short moment, many people's face paled. The old master of the Soulreaper Valley had said before, if anything were to happen to the young master, they would be buried with him.....

"Shua!"

Many people drew out long hooks and slashed at Qing Shui. However, as their strengths were vastly inferior, they all died within a single exchange. Qing Shui did not have any good feeling for these people from the Soulreaper Valley, so he just killed them as though he was taking a stroll down the street.

Within 15 minutes, everyone from the Soulreaper Valley fell onto the ground. Qing Shui patted his hands, they were not stained with even a trace of blood. He turned his head to tell everyone to board the carriage, then Qing Shui got up and continued the journey.

"Qing Shui, Would they chase after us?"

Haha, don't worry, even if they chase us, it would be useless. These people should be killed and I am capable of doing so." Qing Shui laughed as he said.

Qing Shui did not expect such a thing to happen, it looked like his reputation was still insufficient. If they knew who he was, then they would not have done this.

Perhaps that man had been led astray by lust, but he would not regret his actions!

Qing Shui was not worried about the old master of the Soulreaper Valley because Qing Shui did not intend to let them off. If they chased after them it would be even better. Qing Shui could just kill all of them, then return to the Heavenly Palace, they would not even know who did it.

The other people of the Qing Clan were a little worried but Lin Zhanhan remained calm. Earlier, when Qing Shui killed the two peak Martial King Cultivators with the strength of four countries, it was merely with a wave of his hands. He did not even use his full strength. Although Lin Zhanhan did not know Qing Shui's true strength but he knew that he was at a terrifying level.

Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui with a complex expression. Now that she also had the strength of a peak Martial King, she naturally could sense the strength of those people, so the shock she received from Qing Shui was even larger.

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"How did Biao`er die..... who did it, who did it.....?" an old man with a full head of silvery hair shouted, his voice like a roar of thunder, it could shake up a person's state of mind.

Below, a tall and sturdy middle-aged man laid prone on the ground! His whole body was shaking!

"Zhao Xinyuan, you trash! If it was not for my son, I would have killed you with a palm long ago. Tell me who did it, who did it....."

The old man's wrinkled and coarse face turned red and he roared at the man below. The man did not dare to raise his head!

"I do not know, they were riding a huge carriage and went towards the north, they have probably moved a few miles away already." The man stammered.

"Trash, trash....."

The old man scolded him then whistled, a huge bird came flying from afar, it was a large black feathered turtledove. The old man hopped on then hastened north.

Very soon, Qing Shui's huge carriage entered into that old man's vision.

"Ah!"

The old man cried out loudly, venting the anger in his heart. He got the large black feathered turtledove to increase its flight speed, heading towards Qing Shui's carriage.

Qing Shui got the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to stop!

"Don't bother coming out, it shouldn't take long to deal with this guy, then we will be back on our way!" Qing Shui said casually!

"Ming!"

Qing Shui directly rode on the Fire Bird and took to the skies. Through that earlier loud roar, Qing Shui knew that this was an expert from the Soulreaper Valley that was on the same level as the deceased Old Ancestor from the Heavenly Palace.

The old man was about to land when he saw a person riding a huge red bird over. When he saw Qing Shui, he was stunned.

Because, he had seen the origins of Qing Shui, with the old man's abilities, he was aware of the big matters of the Greencloud Continent, such as the fact that a youth became the patriarch of the Heavenly Palace.

His own grandson was very lecherous, he used the Soulreaper Valley's might to prance around lawlessly. Due to his good aptitude and his cultivation talent, Soulreaper Valley had long intended to allow him to take over and help the Soulreaper Valley shine, as long as he did not abandon his cultivation or squander it away. However this time, he had lost his life because of his habits.

This was the results of his own indulgence.....

Qing Shui pulled out the Big Dipper Sword and faced the old man: "that person was killed by me, don't be surprised, even if I did not kill him today, he would have been killed by someone else in the future. Everyone commits sins but there are some sins that should not be committed."

"Life and death are in the controls of heaven!"

He slowly stabbed his long hook at Qing Shui!

Qing Shui smiled and did not say anything!

Nature Energy!

Diamond Qi!

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Qing Shui circulated his strength to its peak, and his whole body was filled with an explosive power. This was the first time he battled someone in the air. Furthermore, as the Fire Bird was still not very strong, Qing Shui did not dare to be careless.

“Ming!”

The Fire Bird rapidly rushed towards the old man and the large black feathered turtledove!

The old man’s wild expression turned malevolent!

They got closer and closer, before suddenly, the old man ferociously stepped on the head of the large black feathered turtledove!

“Kacha!”

There were the sounds of bones breaking!

The old man flew like a cannonball towards the approaching Qing Shui, the long hook in his hands targeted the brain of the Fire Bird.

A piercing sound that was comparable to the sound of the Grade Two Soulshake bell was heard.

When Qing Shui saw the old man crushing the brains of the large black feathered turtledove, he knew what his intentions were. As long as he could cripple his Fire Bird, then he would definitely die.

He gently used his legs to push the Fire Bird aside!

“Bang!”

The long hook and Qing Shui’s Big Dipper Sword clashed with each other. Qing Shui was able to hurriedly block the hook, but he was still knocked away by the old man!

The old man and Qing Shui were suspended in midair for a moment, then they began to rapidly fall downward!

From ten thousand fathoms high, as long as they were not Martial Saints, if they fell they would be squashed!

“Hahaha!”

The old man began to laugh wildly!”

“Wuwu!”

Suddenly a small snow white swallow appeared between Qing Shui and the old man.

“Ming!”

The Fire Bird wanted to quickly descend towards Qing Shui, but it was blocked by the old man!

After some time passed, even a flying beast would be unable to save him. Under such heights, even with Qing Shui’s bodily strength, he would not dare to take risks.

At this moment, Qing Shui panicked. From this height, Qing Shui knew he would not fall to death. However, he would definitely be heavily injured, Qing Shui suddenly thought of increasing his defense.

“En, I have not used the Blue Lotus Art to increase my defense!”

Blue Lotus Art!

In a flash, three large golden lotus flowers appeared around Qing Shui!

Qing Shui looked at the lotus flowers that appeared, they were circling and rotating around him!

They could float.....

Qing Shui felt excited in his heart, he knew what to do now. He slowly controlled one lotus to float below his foot!

Qing Shui did not use the golden lotus flowers to stop his fall, instead, he controlled another flower to his other foot. With this, Qing Shui could feel an obvious decrease of his falling speed by several folds!

As for the last golden lotus flower, Qing Shui held it in his hands!

The Qi of the increased the speed of the circulation, the Blue Lotus Art also circulated faster than before.

“Ming!”

The old man rode on that snow white swallow and rushed at the Fire Bird, the huge black hook ferociously struck towards the Fire Bird. The Fire Bird flapped its wings at the old man, but it was unable to evade the life-threatening hook!

“Bang!”

“Ming!”

There was a mournful bird’s cry, and a lot of fiery red feather and spots of blood splattered into the air!

“Ming!”

At this moment, there was another bird’s cry, Qing Shui saw Luan Luan’s ‘Bai Bai’ rushing over. Qing Shui landed on ‘Bai Bai’s’ back and rushed towards the falling Fire Bird!

Qing Shui felt his heart bleed, ever since he had the Fire Bird, it had accompanied Qing Shui for a long time, he had escaped from many life and death situations by relying on the Fire Bird.[Note: felt his heart bleed is not literal but an expression of emotional pain]

Seeing the old man who was still in pursuit, Qing Shui felt very angry, he had never felt such hatred for anyone before.

He had not thought that this old man would be so extreme, he actually caused him to be in a flurry. If Qing Shui hadn’t been able to block his crafty hook strike, the Fire Bird could have lost its life.

Although he blocked it, but due to the hurried nature and the tricky angle, he was unable to use more than half of his body’s strength. Furthermore, the old man had crushed the brains of the large black feathered turtledove, that explosive power was comparable to if he was on the ground.

The Fire Bird went pass in a flash, Qing Shui's heart was bleeding, he used his consciousness to continuously call out to the Fire Bird. He could still see the old man chasing after the Fire Bird, it was unknown if the Fire Bird was still alive.

Anger!

Rage!

Violet Gold Divine Shield!

Qing Shui suddenly erupted, the Big Dipper Sword in his hands ferociously cleaved through the air. The cleave he used was Hacking!

Sword of Fifth Wave!

Great Perfection Stage of the Sword of Fifth Wave!

He even used all his strength to execute Hacking!

The old man's expression changed, with the shift in conditions, he was forced to use his long hook to block Qing Shui's sword!

But he knew he was finished, because he had no time to make another move to struggle against Qing Shui!

"Bang!"

"Ka!"

The long hook that was used by the old man for his whole life shattered, and the remaining four waves hit the head of the old man. In an instant, even the snow white swallow was split apart!

Qing Shui did not hesitate, he landed back on Bai Bai and quickly chased after the Fire Bird, constantly using his consciousness to call out to the Fire Bird.

He saw that the Fire Bird was rapidly falling, very soon, it turned into a small red dot. Its falling speed got faster and faster, Qing Shui's heart turned cold.

However, Qing Shui persisted and urged Bai Bai to move at its fastest speed. As they flew towards the Fire Bird, he still constantly used his consciousness to call out to the Fire Bird.

Even without Qing Shui realizing it, this action of his did not even require Qing Shui to think, it was just like an unconscious thought!

The wind blew past his ears, but Qing Shui's eyes were focused on that small red dot, which was getting smaller and smaller!

The fall from thousands of fathoms would create a huge impact, If the Fire Bird fell like this, then it would definitely die. Furthermore, after being injured by that hook, its life or death status was already unknown. If it fell, it would be dead beyond doubt.

"Bang!"

A soft noise could be heard, and the red dot in his vision suddenly grew larger, there was a little light radiating from the Fire Bird's body.

Qing Shui's heart nearly leaped out.

Because Qing Shui saw that the red dot seemed to have stopped moving!

Bai Bai used its fastest speed to fly downwards!

It got closer and closer!

Qing Shui excitedly watched as an intense flame surrounded the Fire Bird, and he let out a sigh of relief!

Qing Shui did not know if this was a rebirth by flames or not!

But he knew that the Fire Bird was at least fine, its life was preserved. Furthermore, he could feel that the Fire Bird was evolving.

There was a saying, fortune and disasters come hand in hand, Qing Shui felt that this was very true, it could also be said that this was a blessing in disguise. Qing Shui was left speechless over this.

At the moment, its position was not more than a thousand meters from the ground. If it had been later by a breath of time, the Fire Bird would have died for sure.....

In the midst of the huge radiance, Qing Shui could see the Fire Bird's whole body covered by intense flames. Just like a fish swimming in water!

This lasted for about one hour!

"Ming!"

A clear and bright bird cry resounded, that cry seems to pierce through into the heart, there was a now a proud tone to it.

Qing Shui looked at the Fire Bird, which had lost the radiance, and was stunned.

At the moment, the Fire Bird had a wingspan of more than 30 meters and a length of about 30 meters, that was about a total of 900 square meters.

Its color was now fierier red and it exuded a strong air. The changes in its body size caused the crown to be even nobler. Qing Shui looked at the Fire Bird that seemed to have been reborn, it now seemed to have a small shadow of a phoenix.

Peak Martial King Fire Bird!

The Fire Bird danced in the air. Its grace, quick-wittedness, and calmness made it seem very different. Could it be that it was truly a rebirth by flames earlier?

The strong ability of the legendary undying phoenix, each time it underwent a rebirth by flame, a Nirvana Rebirth, its strength would be increased by multiple times.

Qing Shui excitedly checked out the innate techniques of the Fire Bird!

Previously, the Fire Bird only had the Fireball innate technique!

But now, there were two more!

The first was a strong flame attack that got Qing Shui excited!

Hellfire!

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Hellfire!

This was a powerful flame element attack. It's burning ability was extremely insane! If one ever came into contact with it, the only option left would be to cut off the part of their body which it touched. Of course, that only referred to the strongest level of the Hellfire. It was capable of burning everything.

But Qing Shui knew that with the Fire Bird's current strength, it most definitely won't be able to achieve this kind of power. But when it came to facing off against warriors or demonic beasts at the Martial King Grade, this 'Hellfire' would definitely be an insane technique.

But all of these weren't important. The Fire Bird had finally acquired an insanely strong skill. Prior to this, without any powerful techniques, the Fire Bird had always been his biggest shortcoming.

The current Fire Bird was definitely at the Martial King Grade. Other than Demonic Beasts at the Martial Saint Grade, it would be a nightmare for both peak Martial King Warriors and Demonic Beasts. For a moment, even Qing Shui felt agitated.

After checking out the Hellfire skill, Qing Shui's eyes moved on to the skill lower down.

Nirvana Rebirth!

It was the formidable skill of the legendary phoenix. Under certain circumstances, it would fall into the state of nirvana within a fire bath. When it was reborn, it's strength would be multiplied by many folds.

"So previously, it really was the Nirvana Rebirth....."

Qing Shui glanced towards the godly Fire Bird in the sky. It had become a few times bigger than before. When it opened up both of its wings, even though it wasn't really omnipotent, the godly might it emitted was still incomparably powerful.

At present, even more of its phoenix meridians should have awakened after the Nirvana Rebirth. Even though it's not obvious, it was already starting to have the elegance of a phoenix.

Minggg!

The reverberating whistle sounded really arrogant. It was the kind of chirp which would be acknowledged by all kinds of birds. After it flew around in circles a few times in the sky, it flew towards Qing Shui.

Qing Shui joyfully hopped towards it and dropped down onto its unusually wide back. At that moment, an indescribable feeling emerged from deep within him.

It was a feeling of confidence. Other than that, it was also because he had a feeling that he just got a really powerful helping hand.

It slowly descended to the ground. At this moment, the others from Qing Clan were already outside.

“Daddy!”

Luan Luan immediately threw herself at Qing Shui and attached herself to his chest. Frankly speaking, this time, Luan Luan’s ‘Bai Bai’ also helped a lot. Without it, things might have turned out really ugly. Not only would they be unable to kill the old man from the Soulreaper Valley, the Fire Bird might even lose its life.

The others remained silent. Qing Yi, Qing Qing, and the girls, on the other hand, their eyes looked really teary. They were uncertain about whether they were feeling happy or worried for him.

“Brother Shui! Take a look at this. What do you think it is?” Qing Bei picked up a rock which was sparkling with a green translucent light. It was almost the size of a baby’s fist.

It wasn’t the physical appearance of the stone which attracted Qing Shui. What he was truly interested in was the spiritual energy it emitted. Just by this, Qing Shui could already confirm that this was some really good stuff.

He took over the stone and tried to feel it. After not discovering much, he released his Spiritual Sense and took a peek into the green stone.

“Dark Green Divine Stone!”

It actually has a name?

This was a rule which Qing Shui discovered himself. For the objects across the World of the Nine Continents, Qing Shui’s spiritual sense would be able to detect their names if they were really outstanding objects.

For example, the Violet Gold Divine Shield!

Qing Shui continued reading. Dark Green Divine Stone, a mysterious stone from the ancient era. Usage: Undo certain special seals.

State of the Dark Green Divine Stone: Damaged!

Qing Shui chuckled and said: “This is a Dark Green Divine Stone. It can be used to undo seals!”

“Oh! And I thought it’s some good stuff. It does look quite beautiful from the outside. Brother Shui, why don’t you forge a bracelet with it for me?” Qing Bei looked at Qing Shui and smiled.

“This thing isn’t really that suitable for it. Don’t worry, I’ll help you forge a bracelet later with other materials. In fact, haven’t I made more than five bracelets for you? What do you need so many of them for?” Qing Shui was puzzled as he placed the Dark Green Divine Stone into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

“I want bracelets of every colour so that I will be able to rotate and take turns wearing different ones!” Qing Bei smiled joyfully.

Qing Shui was speechless. This little brat truly saw him as a man with lots of free time. He grumpily extended his hand and rubbed Qing Bei’s head violently.: “No wonder your cultivation level improves so

slowly! Otherwise, you would have been able to advance into Xiantian Realm a year earlier! Are you already starting to feel arrogant just because you made it into Xiantian!”

“No, I’m not!” Qing Bei pouted.

The gang continued on with their journey. The enormous Fire Bird in the sky was extremely attractive. Qing Shui had really high expectations for it. Since a Fire Bird could already be like this, what kind of godly might would a phoenix possess?

As for the previous old man, he had already been completely destroyed by Qing Shui. There wasn’t anyone around him when he killed the old man. Naturally, most people would try to escape if they ran into a murder to avoid getting themselves associated with it.

“Brother Shui! Is the Fire Bird even stronger now? Can you let me sit on it and see?” said Qing Bei. It’s very rare to see Qing Bei acting this freely.

“Yeah, it has made another breakthrough and has become a lot stronger now.” replied Qing Shui. After that, he summoned the Fire Bird.

In the end, Qing Yi, Qing Bei, Shi Qingzhuang, Mingyue Gelou, Little Yu Chang and Luan Luan all climbed onto the back of the Fire Bird. Meanwhile, ‘Bai Bai’ also flew beside the Fire Bird.

Yiye Jiange’s ‘Snow White Crane’ was also flying in the air.

After the Fire Bird broke through and evolved, it became the biggest flying beast among the three. It has gotten two to three times bigger than before. And when it flapped both of its wings, it looked like a champion.

When night time arrived, they had barely made it out of Kaiyang Country only to find themselves at the edge of a really thick forest. Their left-hand side was a mountain whereas their right-hand side was an enormous surging river.

There were mountains, waters, and forests. Furthermore, the spiritual energy here was also considerably abundant. Suddenly, Qing Shui felt like he remembered something, but he was unsure about what exactly it was.

Qing Shui informed the others to set up camp and rest. In any case, they were already quite exhausted. Qing Shui also wanted to find out clearly what the thing which he remembered earlier was.

There were a lot of people here. The place was incomparably noisy and the air was filled with the sounds of Luan Luan and Yu Chang playing, talking and laughing. The three generations of Qing Clan, on the other hand, were getting ready to head into the forest to hunt wild animals for dinner.

Qing Shui released his spiritual sense and slowly walked towards the mountain following a path. The reason that Qing Shui followed this path was because he could feel the spiritual energy getting more and more abundant as he climbed up the mountain.

There were mountains, waters and forests.

Tiger!

Tiger's Mount, Tiger's Descend.

Tiger Laceration!

Qing Shui used the Tiger Laceration.

Pa-pa-pa!

A clear and loud explosive noise rang in the air. It seemed like this blow was much stronger than normal. However, Qing Shui didn't stop just because of this. His expression also remained the same.

He moved forward by a step and once again used the Tiger Laceration.

Qing Shui's eyes turned bright!

Tiger's Mount!

He once again stepped out and moved forward.

He continued to head deeper into the mountains.

The Tiger's Roar started revolving fiercely. The Qi of the immediately formed a cycle inside his body in the form of the essence of the Tiger's Roar.

Roar!

The rumbling noises of the Tiger's Roar rang out one after another.

"Daddy is practicing Tiger Form!" Luan Luan explained seriously as she looked at Qing Shui who was in the distance.

A lot of people from Qing Clan also stopped to look at Qing Shui. Almost everyone in Qing Clan cultivated the Tiger Form. At the moment, the one who was the most engrossed in watching Qing Shui cultivate the Tiger Form was Mingyue Gelou.

She almost didn't blink her eyes as she stared at Qing Shui's body. It's as if she was trying to imprint Qing Shui's actions into her mind.

"He's too hardworking... He never forgets to cultivate!"

This was the thoughts of the people in Qing Clan. Even Qing Bei who was always active also quietly observed Qing Shui. She was well aware that Qing Shui's achievements up to these days weren't just by mere luck. It was something that he got from sacrificing a lot of things.

Qing You looked at Qing Shui. He too stopped hunting for wild animals. He just stood there blankly and thought to himself that if he could be like Qing Shui and have so many beautiful women around him, what's the point in cultivating so hard? He could have just been a free man in Hundred Miles City.

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Qing Shui's aura was still gradually increasing. Each and every step he took were incomparably firm and steady. On the mountain path, Qing Shui's movements were like a heavy and slow turtle. But it looked really smooth.

Tiger Lunge!

Tiger Raise!

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Qing Shui's movement became faster and faster. The skills which he used were all Tiger Form's skills. He was like a butterfly diving back and forth atop the mountain path.

A halo even began to emerge from his body.

Slowly, from the point of view of the members from Qing Clan, Qing Shui's body looked as if it turned into a fierce tiger. The might of the tiger affected his surroundings. It even generated a bit of wind in the air.

Tiger's Wind!

Slowly, Qing Shui entered the State of No Conscious. He closed his eyes and stopped thinking about other things. Ironically, at the same moment, he felt as if he could see everything around him.

As it turned out, when one reached a certain point of cultivation, it wasn't only their eyes which could see things. They could do the same even with both their spiritual sense and their heart. Once again, his spiritual sense had improved significantly.

Ripping Tiger Claw!

Qing Shui continuously threw out punches one after another. It felt like even the air itself was being torn apart. Slowly, a faint grey-colored line appeared.

Unknowingly, Qing Shui had already reached the mountain's peak.

Tiger's Mount!

Suddenly, the strength which Qing Shui had been accumulating all got released at once. It was released in a very natural way. For a moment, the heaven thrusting aura vigorously spread out into the surroundings.

Roar!

A heaven shaking tiger's roar rang out. It sounded as explosive as thunder. Qing Shui performed the Tiger Laceration. Soon after, a thread of clear shadow appeared in the air.

Qing Shui stopped there and looked at his hand.

After that, he once again threw out another punch.

The gray hand shadow continued to appear. No explosive noises were generated. He only felt an odd aura which felt like it could destroy everything.

The tiger form had actually reached the Great Perfection Stage! Merely an ordinary Tiger Laceration was already able to demonstrate a strength comparable to that of a Martial Saint Warrior. Even though it's still not as good compared to the Martial Saint warriors from the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord, it was still a blow which could only be performed by a Martial Saint warrior.

“What’s the current state of Tiger Form?” wondered Qing Shui as he smiled.

This wasn't actually an important question, but Qing Shui still felt really happy. Never would he have thought that the Tiger Form would be able to display such a dramatic effect. As for the others, it reached the state of being One with Heaven. But without the strength of a Martial Saint, it still wouldn't be as effective.

“I’ll consider it to have reached the Great Perfection Stage!”

After thinking for a while, Qing Shui settled down by concluding it was at the Great Perfection Stage. Though it was one of the most common stage, it was a term which people could understand very quickly.

Qing Shui stood atop of the mountain as he looked at the mountains around him. After that, he moved his sight to the thick forests and the surging rivers. It was a really beautiful and precious land. It was also a place that’s really suitable for tigers to grow in. Who would have thought that he would be able to surpass the limit of the tiger form and reach a new level?

He looked up to the sky. Unknowingly, approximately an hour and a half had passed. Soon, he moved his sight to the members in Qing Clan and felt an instant joy.