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Chapter 671 - Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death (9)

Poison Killer Sting!

This was the sharpest attack of the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee, this Poison Killer Sting wasn't any slower than the Descending Heavens Talisman. In a flash, the sting sunk into the body of the black-haired man.

Poison Killer Sting, this was the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's mightiest trump card, it attacked using its stinger, that can only be used once per day. The poison was much stronger than the one used for its regular attacks.

Very soon, the body of the black-haired man exuded a dense pink fog. However, he quickly took out a medicinal pill and swallowed it.

Even so, Qing Shui could sense that the man's abilities were reduced by about 500 countries. Qing Shui was not certain, whether the medicinal pill, which the opponent took, was effective or not, but it still could not prevent the man's strength from plummeting.

A person, who was lacking in abilities, would die under the effects of this poison. Even a person with strong abilities such as this black-haired man had his overall power reduced by the abilities of 500 countries, despite him taking an antidote.

Qing Shui did not expect the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's poison to work like this. It was a pity that he could only use it once per day. He hoped that its regular poison would also have a decent effect.

Given the abilities of the black-haired man, the medicinal pill that he swallowed, could not have been useless. A Grade One Martial Saint poison beast was able to land an effective attack on a Grade Ten Martial Saint. Furthermore, it even gave quite the astonishing results, this went to show how strong the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee was.

Even now, Qing Shui was still 2000 countries short of his opponent's abilities. It was a good thing, that Qing Shui did not see any poison beasts on the opponent's side, he was only worried about any hidden poison beasts and the poisons of his opponent.

The effect of the Seven Star Armored Vest was still in play, thus Qing Shui could still fight head on against his opponent. He did not dare to tarry any longer and summoned the Diamond Gigantic Elephant immediately.

Godly Force Talisman, Divine Shield Talisman! Qing Shui raised his abilities to their peak without holding anything back. After going through so many life and death situations, Qing Shui knew the value of life. In that moment, when he almost died, he experienced the intense desire for staying alive and understood all his regrets, this made him aware of how difficult it was to keep one's life.

Even if it was because of his face, hopes or expectations. Even if it was because of his mother, the girls that followed him, or his children. He could not easily speak of dying, he did not even have the right to die.

State of One with Elephant!

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion!

Four Moves Combination Sword Technique!

Bang! Qing Shui's body was able to execute the abilities of 4350 countries, adding the abilities of 320 countries provided by the Combination Sword Technique and the abilities of 375 countries from the State of One with Elephant, Qing Shui could achieve the abilities of 5000 countries.

This was also the greatest level of ability Qing Shui could muster. Even so, Qing Shui and the Diamond Gigantic Elephant were still pushed backward by each strike. However, with the State of One with Elephant and the Seven Star Armored Vest, Qing Shui had no problems defending.

Binding Talisman!

Body Securing Talisman!

Armor Break Talisman!

Qing Shui threw Heavenly Talismans at the black-haired old man continuously, he even used the Shield Attack to force the man back.

Art of Pursuing! When they exchanged blows once again, Qing Shui cast the Art of Pursuing on the body of the black-haired man, Qianxi Ye.

Although his abilities were not directly lowered, the decrease of 20% in speed and increase of 20% in weight was significant. As long as there was anything, that could negatively impact Qianxi Ye, Qing Shui would not hesitate to use it.

Critical Damage!

When the time was ripe, Qing Shui used the Critical Damage and chopped at Qianxi Ye's Evil Dragon Tooth. It was a pity, that it could only ignore 20% of the opponent's defense.

This was the first time when Critical Damage failed!

Even so, it caused Qianxi Ye's expression to change. The attack from earlier almost caused his whole body to tear apart, giving him a scare.

Ji Ji!

Suddenly two soft sharp sounds resounded, these two cries caused Qing Shui to feel uncomfortable. When Qing Shui saw those two things, he felt his scalp go numb, he no longer dared to enter close combat with Qianxi Ye.

Marrow Nibbling Worms!

Qing Shui noticed, that there were two gray-colored worms hidden beside the black-haired man. They were only about the size of a finger and were completely gray with the glint of silver mixed in. They had two heads, one in the front and one in the back, their mouths were full of cold reverse hook-teeth and tongue, their bodies were incomparably shiny, they had no eyes, anyone who looked at them would feel a chill run down their spine.

The worms were fed blood essence by the person controlling them since their youth, they would only obey one person for their whole life. As long as they were inserted into the target's body, they would nibble away their target's bones in a few breaths of time, eating the marrow. If they were inserted into the brain, they could cause the death of the victim almost instantly. Their two mouths allowed them to move around the body like fish in the water, they could go anywhere. These were the most terrifying existences among the poison worms.

There were very few people who reared this kind of poison worms because they grew inside the owner's body. It was possible for them to be devoured, especially at the early stages of the worm's growth. There were many people, who got completely devoured by the Marrow Nibbling Worms.

The attack range of this kind of Marrow Nibbling Worm was 30 meters, as long as one entered a range of 30 meters, it was possible to suffer an attack, the closer they were, the easier it would become.

Furthermore, this kind of Marrow Nibbling Worm cannot be exposed to the outside for too long, most of the time, it stayed in the bloodstream of its master. The stronger it was, the higher the danger. The might of this kind of worm was very terrifying, its ability to kill and its speed were outstanding, but they came at a great sacrifice. Each time it attacked, it had to drill a hole through its master's body first.

It was difficult to defend against the Marrow Nibbling Worm, its speed was high, especially at a close distance. When Qing Shui thought of his actions from earlier, he paled. If the opponent had used these worms just an instant earlier, he might have been dead already.

"You have to die today!"

Qianxi Ye's metallic voice revealed, that he was suppressing his anger, it was very different from the casual attitude he showed earlier. After all, he was just a human, no matter how well he controlled his emotions, there was still a bottom line.

The huge Evil Dragon Tooth was like a long wriggling dragon as it slashed towards Qing Shui. The sound of a dragon's roar echoed out, it was extremely loud, like a thunderclap, causing anyone who heard it feel uncomfortable.

Twin Dragon Pearls!

Twin Dragon Explosion!

Qing Shui continuously threw out four Frosted Iron Balls, two of them flew towards the peak of the Evil Dragon Tooth, that was where the 'dragon's eye' was, the other pair flew at an even greater speed and struck at Qingxi Ye's chest.

Boom!

The poisonous nature of these two Frosted Iron Balls was stronger than before. They were soaked in the poison, which was enhanced by the crystals of the Crystal Lions. The strength of the poison inside these Frosted Iron Balls cannot be compared to the regular ones.

Qingxi Ye twisted his body, trying to evade the two Frosted Iron Balls, but Qing Shui had used the hidden weapon technique, Twin Dragon Explosion.

Qing Shui shouted lightly, the two Frosted Iron Balls suddenly smashed into each other. In an instant, they blew apart, scattering Frosted Iron Poison Powder in all directions and filling the sky.

At the same time, the other two Frosted Iron Balls struck the 'dragon's eye' of the Evil Dragon Tooth. Qing Shui's tyrannical hidden weapons struck the weak-point of the weapon. In addition to the fact, that the Twin Dragon Explosion forced his opponent into a bad position, the Evil Dragon Tooth was knocked backward at an angle, which caused its tip to stab two finger-breadths below Qianxi Ye's right chest.

Qimen Acupoint!

When the Qimen Acupoint was struck, it directly caused the lungs to swell up. When he tried to breathe, it caused him so much pain, that he wished he was dead. This spot was one of the death acupoints, if it was struck with enough force, it could directly cause his death.

When Qing Shui was forced to keep his distance from him, he thought up ways to severely injure him. When cultivating the Saintly Hands, he learned of the death acupoints of the body. As long as he knew where, and could strike it accurately, it would cause the opponent to instantly die.

Just that Qing Shui had never used this before because those areas were not easy to hit, he had never tested it out either. Now that he met the strongest opponent in his life so far, he had the thought of trying it when he ran out of solutions.

Due to cultivating the Ancient Strengthening Technique, his ability to plan multiple moves ahead was quite extraordinary. This situation was the result of his preparation, if Qianxi Ye had turned to the opposite direction, it would not have struck the Qimen Acupoint but the Xuemen Acupoint, resulting in the damage of similar severity.

Qing Shui saw Qianxi Ye's face turn purple, every time he took a breath, he felt chest-tearing pain. As soon as he realized, that he could not withstand the pain, he held his breath.

Although he stopped breathing, his chest continued to expand. Qianxi Ye was worried that he might explode if this continued. He had no choice but to stabilize the expansion of his chest by regular breathing.

However, breathing caused him extreme pain, just taking a few breaths made his whole body tremble. He looked in horror at this strange youth, his strength was much higher than the youth's, but he suffered multiple setbacks until he was forced into his current predicament. Furthermore, his opponent only suffered a light injury, what a cunning youth.....

The most mystical thing was the sequence of debuffing abilities, there were some techniques like these in the Main Continent, some weakened the opponent, some strengthened the user's body. Most people would choose the strengthening of their own body. On the other hand, when someone used a debuffing technique, they could directly shave off their targets abilities by a set amount of countries. This kind of technique had different levels of strength in different realms. Normally, with the abilities of a Martial Saint, being able to weaken the opponent by the abilities of 50 countries was considered above average. However, for a supplementary art to increase the user's abilities by 30 countries was quite great.

Thus, when certain people found it hard to advance any further, they would learn some weakening techniques, raising their relative strength.

Debuffing techniques in the World of the Nine Continents were a bit special in the sense, that they were rare. However, techniques that were as tyrannical as Qing Shui's were only possessed by some unique demonic beasts. Although that was the case, they did not seem to be that strong. There were some chieftain-level demonic beasts, that had the ability to cripple those weaker than them but when they ran into something that was stronger than them, the usefulness of this ability would be greatly decreased.

Qianxi Ye looked at Qing Shui, the intense pain caused him immense regret. Now that it had gotten to this stage, he was finished. He had never thought that after he got this far, he would be forced into such state by a youth, that was not even 30 years old. The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect would be destroyed today.

The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect is finished.....

Thinking of this problem, his body was instantly covered in sweat. Originally, he was already sweating from the unbearable pain, now, he was completely out of his wits, he was totally horrified.

He was the sinner of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, he was the sinner of the Qianxi Clan. How was he going to account to the ancestors of the Qianxi Clan?

He was resigned to his fate, his sect was destroyed by a youth. His red eyes stared at Qing Shui. If he managed to kill this youth, then there was still hope, when he thought of this, his blood started boiling once again.

He took a deep breath, that intense pain caused his body to tremble.

"What kind of broken technique is this? This pain is killing me!" Qianxi Ye cursed in his heart.

"Even if I die here, I will make sure to drag this brat along with me!" the pain had already caused him to have a death wish.

Chapter 672 - The dreadfulness of the Marrow Nibbling Worms

Qianxi Ye took out a completely red medicinal pill the size of a pigeon's egg and swallowed it. His originally red eyes now looked even weirder and brighter, causing everyone's hearts to palpitate.

Qing Shui did not detect any increase in strength of his opponent. When the opponent wielded the Evil Dragon Tooth and rushed over to score a kill, Qing Shui realized, that his speed had increased by a fold.

"It actually has the same effect as the Gale Pellet....." Qing Shui was surprised.

"Damn it, he wants to plant the Marrow Nibbling Worms." Qing Shui's complexion changed and he quickly threw the Frosted Iron Ball while attempting a desperate retreat.

However, Qianxi Ye was much faster than Qing Shui and easily caught up with him. The Evil Dragon Tooth in his hands emitted a luminescent glow as it slashed at Qing Shui.

At this moment, Qing Shui felt an intense pain in his brain. It pierced all the way into his soul. Qing Shui instantly realized that he was finished.

Gold Needles!

Even though Qing Shui knew that he was done for, he could not let the man in front of him stay alive. His right hand turned transparent and he used the Gold Needles to stab where Qianxi Ye was injured earlier.

Qimen Acupoint!

Primordial flames!

Godly Armor Shield!

Pu!

The Evil Dragon Tooth slashed apart the Violet Gold Divine Shield and landed on Qing Shui's shoulder. Within the Lunar Silk Shirt, there was a moon-white glow, which was extremely dazzling. At the same time, a piercing sound of the bones in his shoulder breaking rang out.

Boom!

These were the primordial flames that Qing Shui never used for attacking before, they traveled via the Gold Needles and entered the target's body causing tremendous damage. The flames directly caused the opponent's organs to be burned, the position of the explosions caused the opponent's heart to be almost ripped apart.

The problem was that this required some time to pull off. The price, which Qing Shui paid, was receiving the attack of the Evil Dragon Tooth. Furthermore, Qing Shui had to be determined in his heart to die in order to execute this sure-kill strike.

"Ah!"

Qianxi Ye howled miserably, then everything came to an end. He stared at Qing Shui in a stupefied manner before letting go of the huge Evil Dragon Tooth.

Qing Shui was covered in blood, there was a small hole in his forehead that was oozing out blood, causing Qing Shui's entire face to turn incomparably demonic. The pain, that Qing Shui experienced in his brain, caused his thoughts to turn fuzzy, his body was on the verge of absolute collapse.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant instantly appeared at Qing Shui's side. At this moment, the only remaining old man, who still struggled, threw out an object, that was like fireworks and shouted loudly.

"Do it!"

There was complete chaos below him, Qing Shui did his best to maintain some clarity, suddenly he felt someone hugging him. Qing Shui did his best to open both eyes and what he saw was a pretty face that was crying.

Di Chen!

On the other side, he saw Lady Duanmu, who was tearing up. That pure and dignified woman seemed so delicate at this moment. Qing Shui did his best to put on a smile, the battle in the distance had already concluded. The three strongest people of the Qianxi Clan, of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, were dead.

“Qing Shui, look at me, nothing can happen to you.....” Di Chen called out to him as she hugged him, the tears on her face dripped onto Qing Shui’s face, washing away some blood.

He was convulsing from the pain, blood continued to spill out, very soon, Di Chen’s clothes were dyed red but she did not even seem to notice.

“Qing Shui.....”

Di Qing was crying at the side, she was tugging at Qing Shui’s arm without restraint, as though she was trying to shake him awake. However, Qing Shui’s eyelids only got heavier and heavier.

“Qing Shui, wake up, you promised to marry me, Qing Shui.....” Di Chen hugged him tightly.

Qing Shui had a bitter smile on his face, his vision seemed to get blurrier by the second. He used a Five Dragon Pellet earlier, thinking that regardless of the danger, it would allow him to survive another day. However, he realized that this effect was not absolute, the Five Dragon Pellet was ineffective.

“Golden Buddha Aura Lotus!”

Qing Shui’s eyes lit up, he opened his eyes abruptly. This was his only chance at life, it was the holy medicine of legends that could revive a person from the dead.

Qing Shui resisted the intense pain and struggled for a while, his hands held an item that looked like a golden petal. Di Chen quickly received it and used her hands to quickly pinch out small pieces and feed them to Qing Shui piece by piece.

A refreshing yet warm feeling flooded Qing Shui’s body, his injured shoulder and the wound on his forehead started to rapidly heal. However, Qing Shui resigned himself to fate just a moment later.

The pain in his brain did not decrease, although his body was recovering, even if the brain was recovering, there was continuous damage being done to it.

Qing Shui knew that the root of the problem were the Marrow Nibbling Worms, they were not taken out yet, or else he would recover very fast. After all, he used a holy item, the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus. However, Qing Shui had no methods of extracting the Marrow Nibbling Worms from his brain.

Although his wounds recovered momentarily, inevitably the symptoms came back. He was convulsing and his face was scarlet, it seemed as though his whole body was about to explode.

Qing Shui did not scream in pain but everyone could see that Qing Shui was undergoing a tremendous torture.

Di Xuan and Old Madam Mo also rushed over, the two of them looked at Qing Shui anxiously, especially Di Xuan. When Di Xuan saw Di Chen’s heartbroken appearance, he felt like a knife stabbed right through his heart.

He felt that he let Di Chen down, even now, he wanted to die, he wanted to replace Qing Shui and be in his place, but he knew that he could not.....

“Senior, Granny, go handle the other people from the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, they should have already started fighting down below.” While under the effects of the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, he could not die for now, but the pain from the Marrow Nibbling Worms made him wish for a swift death.

“Qing Shui.....”

“Go, nothing must happen to Uncle Jun and Old Nian. Chen`er, my dear, let’s go down and take a look as well!” Qing Shui endured the pain and told Di Xuan, Old Madam Mo, Di Chen, Lady Duanmu, and the rest.

Sighing a few times, the few of them rushed downward. Di Chen was hugging Qing Shui, standing on the back of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. Very soon, they reached the bottom, the fight had already broken out, the two camps were very distinct, the people of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect were fully clad in black. However, amongst them, there were the people from the Sima Clan, Guan Clan, Du Clan, and Zuo Clan.

Weng Weng.....

Qing Shui summoned a large group of Jade Emperor Bees and that pair of Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies. Going against those experts, the Jade Emperor Bees were not of much help, but against these small fries, they were literally a killing machine.

There were still a lot of people from the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, but those who remained were the inner disciples. Relatively speaking, there was a decrease of 90% or even less, they all had their own motives.

The enemies were leaderless, in addition, the people of the Di Clan and their reinforcements had high morale. Qing Shui’s hundreds of Jade Emperor Bees, Diamond Gigantic Elephant, and peak Martial King Fire Bird joined the battle and it completely tipped in the Di Clan’s favor. The only beast that Qing Shui did not summon was the Thunderous Beast.

This result was expected by everyone. After all, the most important experts were already dead. Those who were Grade 8 Martial Saints and above had mostly died in the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death, those that remained did not dare to show their faces and had already fled for their lives.

“Qing Shui, how are you feeling?”

When Yuan Su saw Qing Shui’s appearance, she was shocked and watched him anxiously, the expression on her face was that of horror and helplessness.

Very soon, her expression dimmed.

“You already know.” Qing Shui forced himself to smile.

“I did not expect that you would be inflicted with the Marrow Nibbling Worms.....” Yuan Su’s voice was very soft but it caused Di Chen and Di Qing, as well as Lady Duanmu, to tremble, they all knew of the dreadfulness of the Marrow Nibbling Worms.

“Are you still in pain?” Yuan Su asked out of concern, hoping that Qing Shui was fine. To a certain degree, Qing Shui was her close friend because only Qing Shui could refine the Alchemy Recipes, that she made, perhaps even the problems of her meridians could only be solved by him.

“It hurts, it hurts to the bones.” Actually, this was obvious just by looking at Qing Shui’s appearance, but after he said it, people understood that it was way more painful than it looked. Pain in the bones, that were the Marrow Nibbling Worms nibbling on his bones and marrows.

“Eat this first, it is different from other medicinal pills, it completely numbs your body.” After Yuan SU thought for a while, she handed a medicinal pill to him.

However, Qing Shui shook his head, “Pain means that I am still alive, I do not want to die oblivious to it.”

“You won’t die, Qing Shui, you are a healer, tell me what can I do to treat you?” When Di Chen heard Qing Shui mention death, she could not stop trembling.

Even Di Qing and Lady Duanmu stared blankly at Qing Shui, their face full of grief.

Very soon, Di Xuan returned, Qing Shui asked Di Xuan and the others: “How did it go?”

“The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect and Sima Clan have been dissolved, a portion was killed, the rest left.” Di Xuan looked at Qing Shui with worry, Qing Shui’s situation was the most important now.

This result was quite normal, it was impossible to kill so many people. The main goal was to kill enough people for them to be unable to recover at least for the next 500 years, or even longer.

“Qing Shui, how are you feeling now?”

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There were people who continuously came and asked this question with concern.

“I won’t die, for now. I have means that can restrain them for a while. However, if this drags on, I will die. I hope to be able to resolve this during this period of time.” Qing Shui smiled bitterly, he knew that even with the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, there was no way to deal with this situation. It wasn’t easy to remove the Marrow Nibbling Worms, this was the poison that the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect sect master sacrificed his life in order to inflict onto Qing Shui.

Suddenly, Qing Shui’s pain was gone, he did not know whether it was because the Marrow Nibbling Worms had eaten their fill or there were some other reasons. The Golden Buddha Aura Lotus already repaired all the damages, at least for now, Qing Shui recovered to his original state. As to when he would suffer from the attacks of the Marrow Nibbling Worms again, he did not know.

The next time this happened, he could only eat the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus again and hope, that he could find a solution before he ran out of it.

Qing Shui didn’t expect the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus to save his life, the human life was full of drama. Now, Qing Shui could not be bothered to care about whether the Thunderous Beast could mature or not, it was way more important to stay alive.

Di Chen was still hugging Qing Shui. When he temporarily felt better, she let go of him. Qing Shui stretched his hands to wipe her tears, but he found that his hands were covered in blood, thus he stopped mid-motion, that blood was from when his head was pierced.

Di Chen grabbed Qing Shui's hands and placed them on her face without any hesitation. Her face got stained with blood, there was a certain charm in this gesture.

Soon, the battle was over and everything was swept clean. The Di Clan and the others had already started to deal with the territories of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, Sima Clan, and the others.

Chapter 673 - A Favorable Turn, Another Battle

Qing Shui went back to the Di Residence to tend to his wounds. Even though he had won the battle, his unfortunate injuries weighed heavily on everyone's minds. The entire atmosphere in the Di Clan was gloomy, as if a mass of dark clouds had covered the sky above the residence.

Qing Shui was inherently uninterested in the spoils of war he had looted from the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect and the Sima Clan. He gave all of the items away to the members of Di Clan as gifts because he didn't find any of them useful. None of these things would matter to him if his life was in great danger.

When he got back to the Di Residence, it was almost midday. After Qing Shui cleaned himself and changed his clothes, the glow on his face was restored. Because he couldn't feel the 'attacks' of the Marrow Nibbling Worm for now, he was still fine and robust.

Di Chen, on the other hand, continuously stood silently by Qing Shui's side as she stared off into space. Ever since Qing Shui had been wounded, the look of apprehension on her face had never shifted.

This was her first time being concerned and anxious for a man. Only now did she realize that these emotions felt terrible. Everyone had the potential for greedy tendencies, and Di Chen was no different. In her heart, Qing Shui would always belong to her and no one else.

Meanwhile, Qing Shui was wondering whether the Golden Buddha Image would resurface and save him again. He wished for that moment to come, but he knew very well that he shouldn't pin all his hopes solely on the Golden Buddha Image because that would just be a huge gamble.

"Chen 'er, don't worry. Life and death will always be decreed by fate. Plus, it's not likely that I will die from the worm any time soon." Qing Shui casually hugged Di Chen from behind while he chuckled.

Di Chen did not resist at all. She placed her arms softly around Qing Shui and hugged him back as she rested her head on his chest.

Qing Shui felt extremely at ease as he hugged a beautiful woman such as Di Chen. Although this wondrous sensation made him feel extremely cozy, he didn't have any thoughts of doing perverted things to her.

Even if Di Chen had wanted to behave intimately with him right now, he would outright refuse her request. If he managed to live on, he would welcome the opportunity with open arms, but at the present, he just couldn't due to his current condition.

"Don't mention the word 'death' ever again!" Di Chen said in a soft voice. She was swirling in a vortex of emotions and was visibly low-spirited.

Qing Shui would have never thought that Di Chen would be disturbed emotionally because of a man, especially someone like himself. This woman who originally seemed to have transcended from the heavens had been pulled into the world of mortals because of him.

He leaned closer to her forehead and said softly: "Let's go out for a walk!"

"Okay!"

The heat from the afternoon sun was still quite hot, but that didn't matter for martial warriors of Qing Shui and Di Chen's strengths. Furthermore, they were walking under the shade provided by tall trees planted along the streets. Each flourishing tree was about 50 meters tall and had an abundance of leaves and branches. Even though the trees weren't able to shade the whole street, the trees planted on both sides were still able to give a bit of protection from the sun's ray.

Qing Shui and Di Chen walked along the right side of the path path underneath the shade. The scenery at the moment was magnificent. For Qing Shui at that moment, time felt quite long. Perhaps it was because he felt that death was near, or perhaps it was because he still felt reluctant to leave the living world behind.

He quickly shook his head and forced a smile. Qing Shui felt that he mustn't die any cost. He couldn't afford to die now, so he was determined to find a way to force the Marrow Nibbling Worm out of his body. The worm was like a prick on his back, and it posed the greatest threat to his life. At any time, the worm might take his life away without warning.

"Chen 'er, if I die, and I mean 'if' I die, I hope that you could keep the news of my death from the Qing Clan." said Qing Shui while walking slowly alongside Di Chen.

Qing Shui didn't want his mother to know about his current circumstances. He also had his own children, so he knew how painful it would be for her to know that her son would be dying soon. He wished his mother would take good care of herself for the sake of her grandchildren. He also felt terrible for Mingyue and the other ladies back at home whenever he thought about them.

"You won't die. You can never die. Promise me that you won't give up. I'm your woman, remember? You promised that you would take good care of me. I will never marry anyone except you for the rest of my life. If you die, I will die with you." said Di Chen in a serious tone while locking her gaze towards Qing Shui. He could tell that her determination was genuine, and he had no doubts about her truthfulness.

"Promise me back, please don't act like this ever again." Qing Shui held her hands tightly. He didn't know what else to say.

"See, that's Qing Shui right there!"

Somewhere from afar, someone was speaking his name while talking loudly.

"Yeah, that's right. That's Qing Shui right there. Look at the beautiful lady beside him, that's the young lady from Di Clan."

"They do suit each other very well. Only a man like of his stature would suit a beautiful maiden like the young lady from Di Clan."

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In the span of a morning, Qing Shui's name had already spread throughout the Seven Star Country. In the eyes of the younger generation, Qing Shui was their number one representative who deserved the

title of a hero because he had single-handedly eliminated the Sect Master of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect with his own powers. His name was now well-known throughout the Central Continent.

Sadly, a lot of people had already gotten the news that Qing Shui had been inflicted with the venomous Marrow Nibbling Worm and knew that it was miraculous that he was still alive. Because of that, many felt pity for him, but others felt joy knowing that his days on earth would soon be over.

Of course, the younger generation who adored Qing Shui sometimes loved him and sometimes hated him. Nonetheless, they also idolized him very much, so they didn't even have the energy to be envious about his newfound status - they knew they could never accomplish what Qing Shui had already done in their whole life.

Suddenly, Qing Shui felt a sharp pain in his head. His face went pale, and then he gradually turned red.

It just so happened that they were in a more secluded area, with a pavilion a few meters away from them. Qing Shui didn't feel the need to urgently consume the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus right away, so Di Chen carefully pulled Qing Shui by his arms one step at a time towards the pavilion.

"Don't let anyone disturb me."

As soon as he finished this sentence, Qing Shui quickly summoned his Fire Bird, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee and her legion of Jade Emperor Bees, as well as the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly all at once, placing each of the demonic beasts around him.

"Okay!" Di Chen agreed in a panic. She watched with a worried expression as the entire scenario unfolded.

He quickly buried himself into his sea of consciousness!

Qing Shui made the decision to dive in quickly, and when he entered the sea of consciousness, he froze. What he saw was the mastermind behind his current excruciating pain - the Marrow Nibbling Worm!

The Marrow Nibbling Worm that was previously the size of a human thumb had now grown into the size of a small hill. The worm seemed more ferocious and terrifying, and Qing Shui seemed like a tiny speckle in comparison to it when the two stood together.

Qing Shui wanted to cry desperately. However, as long as he was able to locate where the worm was, its size didn't matter much. At the very least, Qing Shui could try to fight it out with the worm. When he looked around, everything seemed quite ethereal in the sea of consciousness.

Even though he didn't feel any changes to his powers, the worm had already become stronger and possessed unfathomable power. This filthy worm was now even stronger than Sect Master Qianxi Ye from the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect had been.

In this dimension, Qing Shui did not have his talismans, weapons, or the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Vajra Subdue Demons technique. He would have an extremely high chance of losing if he tried to battle the Marrow Nibbling Worm. Despite the odds, he couldn't retreat and had no other choices.

Fiery Golden Eyes!

Emperor's Qi!

Qing Shui immediately inflicted two types of weakening abilities towards the worm. It was nearly impossible for the worm to evade his Fiery Golden Eyes and Emperor's Qi because of its humongous size. Nevertheless, Qing Shui was still astonished to see that the worm was actually weakened by his abilities.

The Fiery Golden Eyes had taken off 1000 countries of strength from the worm, and the Emperor's Qi had taken around 2000 countries worth of strength. If that was the case, then this big fellow had already grown to the strength equivalent to about 10,000 countries before it was weakened.

Qing Shui's calculated that the Marrow Nibbling Worm might not have reached the Peak Martial Saint realm yet, but it was merely a foot away from surpassing that barrier. Still, Qing Shui felt extremely helpless - he had a ways to go before he could try to defeat it.

The Marrow Nibbling Worm had about 7000 countries of strength left, but it was still way stronger than Qing Shui currently was. Qing Shui didn't know how to defeat the worm that had twice his strength without his Big Dipper Sword and Violet Gold Divine Shield.

Roar!

The hill-size worm gave out a deep thundering roar as it rushed towards Qing Shui in a nimble motion.

Perhaps the worm was angry due to being inflicted with the weakening effects, and it opened its gigantic jaws as it grew closer to Qing Shui while simultaneously releasing an aura that could rumble the earth and shake the mountains. In an instant, Qing Shui's expression changed.

He quickly retreated a few steps, and at the same time, he exerted his power to the maximum!

Thump!

Art of Pursuing!

Qing Shui used the skill of his Taichi Fist to quickly push himself backwards, evading any critical hits from the worm. Even so, he still sustained a light injury to his body from the worm.

The Marrow Nibbling Worm's speed was reduced by 20% from the Art of Pursuing. Its gigantic body also seemed to be moving a bit slower than usual, which might have been due to the 20% added weight to its body.

At that moment, the only move Qing Shui could use was his Taichi Fist. That was the only thing that was keeping him from being swiftly killed on the spot!

Bang!

He was well-aware of everything in the sea of consciousness. Although he was hurt, he didn't bleed. The only thing he was slowly losing was his life force instead. Getting killed in his sea of consciousness would be the same as just dying outside.

Blue Lotus Art!

Three golden lotuses appeared around Qing Shui, which promptly increased his defense power slightly. If this technique could help even slightly, Qing Shui would still be grateful.

The gigantic Marrow Nibbling Worm kept opening its jaws as it rushed towards Qing Shui again. Its gigantic eyes were flashing with a brutal and bloodthirsty intention, and there was also a hint of playfulness in its expression. This kind of attitude from a squirmy worm ultimately made Qing Shui's blood boil.

In the midst of his rage, he accidentally struck two clusters of 'Primordial Flame Balls' and shot them into the belly of the Marrow Nibbling Worm. The flame balls went straight into its stomach without any restraints. In an instant, the worm let out a piercing cry of pain that echoed through the sky.

Qing Shui was shocked for a while, but then became excited when he knew he had a chance to defeat the gigantic worm. In his sea of consciousness, he didn't have his weapons or hidden weapons, and Golden Needles. Because of that, Qing Shui had to think through some of his techniques that he could use, like the Taichi Fist, Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint, Sword Fingers, Combination Sword Techniques.....

However, when he was faced with an opponent twice as strong as he was with only his bare hands, the only thing that could severely wound the worm was with his Primordial Flames. The Primordial Flames was one of his first few techniques he had learnt, and was also the most formidable flame-type technique he had.

Even though Qing Shui's Primordial Flames technique was not as insanely strong as he expected, the flames were still able to burn those of the Martial Saint level quite easily. The weakest part of the body - the inner vital parts - were much more susceptible to being burned than the tougher external body.

Roar!

The Marrow Nibbling Worm squirmed around while screaming in pain, while Qing Shui took the opportunity to send two more Primordial Flame Balls into its gaping jaws. He was willing to endure the incoming hit from the squirming worm to be able to throw the flame balls into its mouth. Qing Shui didn't need to worry too much because he could use his 'Minute Subtlety' and avoid a significant amount of damage from the worm.

The reason Qing Shui acted so boldly was because during the first time he was wounded by the Marrow Nibbling Worm, he could feel an immediate subtle warm energy healing his wounds. Based on that feeling, Qing Shui knew it was the work of the Yin-Yang Image floating in mid-air.

The mysterious Yin-Yang Image in the sea of consciousness gave Qing Shui a sense of confidence to face the 'Marrow Nibbling Worm' that was twice as powerful as him. Because of the constant regeneration of his health, Qing Shui was able to stand firm without fear of being killed. Despite being hit numerous times by the gigantic worm that was so much stronger than he was, Qing Shui would not have been able to endure the pain inflicted without the help from the Yin-Yang Image. Moreover, he would not have been able to stand back on his two feet without the effort from the Yin-Yang Image even if his Taichi Fist was amazing, or he had a strong physical body.

Qing Shui seized the moment and profusely struck his 'Primordial Flame Balls' straight into the worm's jaws. The hill-size worm had two abnormally terrifying large mouths on both its back and front areas. The worm also had a disgusting-looking head, which was why Qing Shui thought the worm might have a low intelligence.

Whenever it was burnt by the flame balls, it would open without restraint its enormous mouth that was large enough to devour Qing Shui as a whole. It was to be expected as worm species generally had low intelligence, and this gigantic creature, despite its strength, was still in the end a worm. Even though its strength and the size of its body had been enlarged, its intelligence still remained the same. Once the worm was inflicted with severe pain, it would squirm around crazily and attack anything in its sight. It would also open its enormous mouth and screech in pain.

Soon afterwards, Qing Shui's Primordial Flame Balls managed to burn both of the Marrow Nibbling Worm's eyes, blinding it in the process. He was almost finished with the worm.

Qing Shui's heart was burning with hope. He might be able to save his own life. Only when he had almost lost his life did he realize how difficult it was to do some things on his own.

Chapter 674 - Benefitting from a disaster, the powerful Yin-Yang Image

Qing Shui was really fired up. He had finally found some hope in surviving. It's only when one is at the brink of losing their life that they begin to appreciate it.

The Marrow Nibbling Worm which lost both of its eyes could only roll around and scream madly. Qing Shui constantly moved around it while continuously attacking it with his Primordial Flames.

The Marrow Nibbling Worm, which was as big as a small mountain, was unable to stand this level of burning. Slowly, it's screaming got softer and softer. It's movements had also begun to slow down significantly.

The enormous joy that Qing Shui felt was acting as his mental support to help him fight better and better. Furthermore, there was still the Yin-Yang Image which was continuously helping him to recover. Qing Shui who no longer had anything to worry about was finally able to go all out without holding back.

Pu-Tong!

The enormous Marrow Nibbling Worm finally collapsed. Qing Shui stood in the distance and let out a sigh of relief. If the Marrow Nibbling Worms here were to die, the Marrow Nibbling Worm inside his body would also suffer the same fate.

Suddenly, the Yin-Yang Image above the sky started giving off a faint light. Not only that, the light was getting brighter and brighter. After that, the Marrow Nibbling Worms on the ground similarly started glowing.

At this moment, the Yin-Yang Fish Image in the Yin-Yang Image looked extremely distinct, sparkling and translucent. It was shining on the bodies of the Marrow Nibbling Worms on the ground with a faint greyish light. Slowly, the Marrow Nibbling Worm began to shrink while the Yin-Yang Image got brighter and brighter. Simultaneously, the energy that Qing Shui emitted had also begun to become stronger and stronger.

Qing Shui was really fired up. The Yin-Yang Image had indeed gotten really strong. If the person who was bitten by a Marrow Nibbling Worm had been an ordinary person, he would have died a long time ago if he didn't take in the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus. No matter how strong Qing Shui's body or his recovery ability was, he wouldn't be able to stand the Marrow Nibbling Worm's attacks. During that time, the Yin-

Yang Image played an indispensable role in maintaining Qing Shui's sanity. It was also because of the Yin-Yang Image that Qing Shui managed to maintain control over himself.

The instant the Marrow Nibbling Worm disappeared, the Yin-Yang Image emitted a dazzling light. The simple yet magnanimous light was filled full of an unknown and mysterious strength. At the same time, Qing Shui felt really relaxed. He felt as if his exhausted body was recovering at an incredible speed.

Mysterious yet powerful!

Qing Shui felt that the Yin-Yang Image had gotten a few times stronger. He assumed that it had probably ascended by another grade. But he was uncertain about what level it's in at the moment. Qing Shui felt really happy. If he was to combine it with his body, that already possessed terrifying recovery ability, he felt that he would be like a tireless machine that could work for eternity. The rate at which damage was caused to his body was almost on par with his recovery ability.

The current Yin-Yang Image was one third bigger than the previous ones. It also looked a lot more solid compared to before. Even the Yin-Yang Fish Image on top of it looked as if it had gotten more distinct and magnanimous.

Just like the saying "One who survives a great disaster is destined to good fortune for ever". Qing Shui never thought that he would eliminate the Marrow Nibbling Worm in such a way. Killing the consciousness of his enemy within his own consciousness. When the body died, the spirit would disappear. Similarly, when the spirit died, its body would also disappear. The one that Qing Shui killed in his Sea of Consciousness was the spirit of the g Marrow Nibbling Worm.

Everyone possessed a "spirit". They all have their own consciousness. It's not an unusual thing. To be more precise, it meant that the soul of somebody was something which controlled one's body. It existed within one's brains and had control of every single part of the body. The people in vegetative states from his previous incarnations were cases of people losing their "spirit". Or rather, their "spirit" had become so weak that it was no longer able to control their body.

At the moment, the Marrow Nibbling Worm residing in Qing Shui's body were nothing but worthless worms. They had already fallen into a dormant state. The only thing left for Qing Shui to do would be to think of a way to force it out. This would be an easy task, after all, it's just dead worms that he was facing.

This time, not only did he survive, his Spirit Energy had also become a lot stronger. Since that happened, his Primordial Flames, Hidden Weapons and other techniques would be able to make yet more huge leaps. Since Qing Shui was no longer worried about losing his life, he felt a lot more relieved.

Spirit energy was something that's quite difficult to upgrad. In any case, Qing Shui was considered to have benefitted from a disaster. He got to significantly improve his Spirit energy. That's all he knew. As for other details, Qing Shui wasn't really certain about them. On the whole, Qing Shui assumed that the Yin-Yang Image should have most likely ascended up another level. The increase in his Spirit energy should be one of the effects of it.

Di Chen felt Qing Shui's changes from the outside. Not long ago, his body was still continuously shivering. The corner of his mouth was constantly overflowing with fresh blood. Qing Shui didn't really

go through many changes within his consciousness. But from the outside, he was constantly vomiting blood. His entire body was already dyed red by his own blood.

Di Chen felt really heart-broken. She was helpless facing this kind of situation. But slowly, she noticed that Qing Shui's condition getting better and better. He stopped vomiting out blood, even his face had begun to look more and more peaceful. She even noticed a faint smile and joy on Qing Shui's face.

At this moment, Qing Shui opened up both of his eyes. Soon after, he started drawing signs with his hands.

Tai!

A small hole appeared at a spot between Qing Shui's eyebrows. A worm the size of a thumb was forced out of the hole. Without further delay, he immediately grabbed it with his hand. This tiny worm wasn't stained with any of his blood despite it flowing through his vessels.

"It's out! You recovered!" Di Chen couldn't believe what she saw. She grabbed Qing Shui's hand and said in surprise.

This was the first time Qing Shui saw Di Chen that surprised. He felt a sense of warmth in his heart. She was happy because he recovered. What else could he ask for when he already had such a good wife?

"Yeah! I'm good!" Qing Shui looked at Di Chen with a smile. Suddenly, he felt as if the dark clouds in the sky had disappeared.

He kept the Jade Emperor Bee in the realm, leaving only the Fire Bird outside. After that, he rode on it along with Di Chen and headed towards Di Clan. Di Chen held Qing Shui's arm with eyes filled with tears of joy. The smile on her face didn't disappear.

Qing Shui went to take a bath while Di Chen passed on the good news with everyone. After all, a lot of people were really concerned about it.

While showering, Qing Shui constantly thought about the Yin-Yang Image. He was still surprised by the fact that the Yin-Yang Image was the one to refine the Marrow Nibbling Worm. Qing Shui assumed that the Yin-Yang Image might not be strong enough to refine the healthy Marrow Nibbling Worm. That was why it waited until when the Marrow Nibbling Worm was at the brink of death to refine it.

Qing Shui came up with a thought. If the Marrow Nibbling Worm was to drill its way into his brain again, with the current Yin-Yang Image, it should more or less be able to stop it even if it was unable to refine the worm. At least he wouldn't have to be worried about his life. Furthermore, he also possessed the powerful ability to self-recover. Even though it wasn't comparable to the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, it was still able to help him keep his life safe. It's just that he would have to suffer things that far exceeded what an ordinary human could handle.

He felt extremely comfortable after taking a shower.

Qing Shui walked out and noticed that there were a lot of people in the living room. Almost everyone was there. For a moment, they all looked really concerned when they saw Qing Shui. After finding out that he had recovered, everyone felt really happy. Unknowingly, Qing Shui had become a pillar of support to this place.

“Qing Shui, you have really recovered.” Di Qing stood in front of Qing Shui and looked at him seriously. The misty and bewildering eyes of hers were less than a third of a meter away from Qing Shui. She looked so pretty that Qing Shui wanted to avoid it.

There was a fresh yet seducing air from her mouth, which felt particularly good. He smiled and nodded: “Thanks for your concern. Don’t worry, I’m not going to die.”

A joyful smile appeared on Di Qing’s beautiful face: “I’m not worried about you. The good will always be short-lived while the bad will be able to live a thousand years. You’re a bad person.”

Since Qing Shui recovered, Di Qing once again had the mood to joke around. After Lady Duanmu had a conversation with Qing Shui, she stood up and was about to say her goodbyes. Previously, she had been quite worried about him.

As soon as he heard Lady Duanmu leaving, Qing Shui felt really empty: “Why don’t you go tomorrow. Let’s gather around for today.”

Qing Shui didn’t really mean it when he said that. There wasn’t much meaning to it. However, Lady Duanmu was obviously shaken up by what he said. But as soon as she saw Qing Shui’s clear eyes and his serious expression, she shook her head and smiled: “Lingshuang is worried about me, it’s time for me to go back.”

“I’ll accompany you!” Qing Shui knew that no one would be able to change Lady Duanmu’s mind once she has decided on something.

This time, Lady Duanmu didn’t reject Qing Shui’s request. She nodded her head.

The group saw her off outside the house. Both Qing Shui and Lady Duanmu mounted the enormous Ice Crane and said their goodbyes to everyone.

Both Qing Shui and Lady Duanmu stood on the back of the Ice Crane and flew ahead at an even speed. Ever since that incident, despite both’s their efforts to remain calm and pretend like nothing happened, they still felt really awkward deep in their hearts.

“Sorry to have made you worry!” Qing Shui said gently.

Lady Duanmu looked from afar and didn’t say anything. During the process of it, she turned back and looked at Qing Shui with a complicated look.

“You couldn’t forget about it?” Qing Shui asked gently after stopping for a while.

“You are the one who’s unable to forget about it.”

“Yeah, you’re right, I can’t.”

“You.....”

Lady Duanmu turned back and stopped saying anything. She instantly blushed. It might be because of Qing Shui’s near death incident that made her looked over it.

“Lady Duanmu, if you.....”

“Qing Shui, stop saying anything. I won’t think about any other things for now. I know what you want to say but it’s not the time for it, I can’t do it.” Lady Duanmu interrupted Qing Shui. She tried to avoid Qing Shui’s eyes in a very unnatural way.

Whenever she saw Qing Shui, she would think about the things that happened that day. One whole night... For one whole night, she wrapped around a guy like a fool. That scar was craved really deeply within her heart. It’s not something which could be so easily forgotten.

There was no men who dared to get near her for twenty years... Twenty years of solitariness, it’s already really firm. The walls that she herself said would never collapse had actually been punctured that night. Despite all her attempts to fix it, it was futile. The more she thought of fixing it, the more it would collapse.

“Alright, alright, I’ll just listen to you. But one thing, do not ever think of not seeing me again. If anything happens, you must look for me. We’re friends. In any case... Good friends... And also, allow me to come see you in the future.” Qing Shui responded after thinking for a while.

Lady Duanmu smiled and nodded. However, not knowing if it was because of the “alright, alright” that he said previously, her heart beat faster and she blushed. She grudgingly looked at Qing Shui and noticed that he was actually quite naughty.

“You don’t have to see me off any further, go back!”

After the Ice Crane flew quite a distance, Lady Duanmu said gently.

“I’ll see you off a little while longer. I’ll feel more relieved after you pass this area.” This part of the area which she has to go through along her journey was quite chaotic. Nevertheless, Lady Duanmu’s strength was something which very few would dare to challenge.

Hence, Qing Shui’s words made Lady Duanmu laugh: “What’re you worried about? Could it be that there are formidable demonic beasts around here?”

“I’m afraid that you will be kidnapped by bandits. If that happens, how am I going to find you?” Qing Shui chuckled.

“Alright, go back, be obedient!” Lady Duanmu said gently.

Her gentle voice stunned Qing Shui. Qing Shui felt really unusual deep in his heart. He felt really warm and a kind of sweetness which he was unable to describe. He had a feeling that he was talking to a lover as well as an elder sister.

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The kind of feeling Qing Shui had caused him to skip a heartbeat. He felt unusually attached. He realized that he had grown to like Lady Duanmu, at least for this moment, this was the thought that he had. It was a kind of feeling which couldn’t be described by words, it felt really beautiful and great.

By the time Qing Shui came back to his senses, he noticed that he was holding Lady Duanmu’s soft hands. What he was surprised about was that he felt calm even after finding out that he was doing it. On the other hand, Lady Duanmu seemed like she didn’t want to call him on it.

“Be careful on your way back!” Qing Shui said gently.

“Alright!”

Qing Shui boldly went forward and embraced her. Aside from that, he didn't really do anything else. It was just like a hug between friends. At the moment, their two hearts were really close to each other, so much so that Qing Shui could feel her heartbeat.

Upon feeling her soft delicate body, Qing Shui felt a sense of peace in his heart. In addition to that, there was her unique fragrance which made it felt particularly good during this hot summer. It was a cool and relaxing feeling, a kind of beautiful atmosphere.

Qing Shui who was standing on the back of the Fire bird felt really depressed as he saw Lady Duanmu off until she disappeared from his sight. Prior to this, he had always thought that Lady Duanmu was an extreme beauty. If she hadn't given birth to Duanmu Lingshuang, she would have been considered a youngster.

Qing Shui felt that he wasn't an imprudent person. As long as one didn't cross a line, he would find it really hard to let go of his relationship with any particular person. Taking Zhu Qing for example, despite the circumstances they were in, Qing Shui still chose to accept her.

The only exception was Elder Yun from Feng Clan. That woman was the only person whom Qing Shui wanted to completely give up on. As of now, he still hasn't really planned on visiting her. If it wasn't for him, would she have acted this way too? At that time, Qing Shui realized that it was the woman's first time. Even so, Qing Shui would still occasionally think about her.

As for Lady Duanmu, despite Qing Shui being a person who has had countless near-death experiences and a person who has lived two different lives, he was still a bit clueless when it came to facing her. Not only was he a lot younger than Lady Duanmu, he was almost about the same age as her daughter.

Not only did Lady Duanmu feel that this situation was out of the question, even Qing Shui himself found it a bit thorny. He rubbed his forehead and instructed the Fire Bird to head back to Di Clan following the original route. He planned to think about this again in the future because for all he knew, this problem might eventually end up solved on its own.

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In just a short while, the Di Clan had become the mightiest clan, which no one dared to provoke in Seven Stars Country. As of now, people from everywhere, regardless of whether they already knew each other from before, all came forward to congratulate them with the intention of establishing a relationship.

This was the way the world worked. Each and every one of them pretended like they cared deeply for Di Clan and acted like they're really close to them. Yet during the battles, none had shown up to provide aid.

About all of these, Di Clan could only act like they didn't know anything about it and pretended to accept. Di Clan obviously didn't have enough strength to hold up the Seven Stars Country at the moment. Even if they had it now, it didn't mean that they would still have it in the future. Hence, Di Clan would still have to rule Seven Stars City along with them.

It's better to provoke a gentleman than to provoke a cheap person. Regardless of how powerful one was, there would come a day when their boat would sink. Even cheap people would turn out to be successful one day. When that happened, it would be the time for the people who have had born grudges with them to suffer.

By the time Qing Shui returned, the people from Di Clan had already started becoming occupied. Already, those people couldn't wait to approach them. Di Clan had to comply since they couldn't upset everyone. Qing Shui on the other hand, didn't care about it. He used the excuse of not feeling well to avoid meeting anyone who wanted to see him.

Qing Shui was looking through the battle rewards with Di Chen and Di Qing. It was the things that were collected from Ten Thousand Poisons Sect and Sima Clan.

Qing Shui saw his own Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb and a few poisonous beasts that died in it. He immediately put away the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb and dissected the poisonous beasts. He left behind a few poisonous pills, poisonous bones, blood and skin for the purpose of using them to draw poisonous talismans and mix poisons.

The majority of Ten Thousand Poisons Sect's collection was related to poisons. Poisonous pills, medicines, grass, flowers, beasts and so on. Di Clan said that these were all for Qing Shui, the reason being that they didn't have the slightest knowledge about poisons and dared not keep it. They wouldn't have the opportunity to enjoy it despite how good they were. Even if they had known how to use it, they wouldn't hesitate to give it to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui had the right to it. Not only that, they were also really keen on letting Qing Shui get it as long as Qing Shui could recover. Qing Shui didn't refuse them. That was how he ended up here.

The majority of the collections were from Ten Thousand Poisons Sect. The brocade boxes of different sizes as well as medicinal herbs were scattered all around the room. Reason being that some of the things there shouldn't be interacted with directly.

Heartbroken Flower!

Qing Shui randomly picked up a box. To his surprise, there were a few decent poisonous flowers and Heartbroken Flowers. The flower was just as the name stated. Whoever ate it would end up getting their heart broken.

Rain-Mist Flowers, Bloody Qi Grass, White-Worm Grass, Thousand Years Snake-Marrow Grass, Thousand Years Scarlet Crane Top, Emotion Flowers, Thousand Years Tiger-Wolf Grass, Turtle-dove Pill, Turtle-Dove Blood, Two Thousand Years Poisonous Wood Arrow Venomous Wolf Flowers...

Among all of these, there were also a few poisonous medicines that were more than two thousand years old. Qing Shui looked through it randomly and took some of them. It wasn't anything much, he was just taking whatever entered his sight. It felt really good to collect rewards. The feeling of not knowing what one might find was really exciting.

"Mn!"

Qing Shui opened up a box which looked distinctly different compared to other brocade boxes and got shocked when he saw the content within it. It was a black jade pearl that looked like an eye.

It looked really similar to an eye when looked at closely. It was really unusual and was sparkingly black. Yuan Su on the other hand made a weird noise. This resulted in Qing Shui glancing towards her in confusion.

“You know what this is?” Qing Shui asked Yuan Su.

“Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl !”

“What’s it used for?”

“Hey, it’s the Saint Grade Medicinal Pill for a Poison Beast. There is a huge possibility that it could help a poisonous beast to mutate, grow, and increase its toxicity by a 100%.”Yuan Su explained slowly.

When Qing Shui first heard its name, he already had the feeling that it would be a valuable item. In addition to that, the abundant spiritual energy which he felt when he first opened it further convinced him that his assumption was right.

“This is more than enough, this trip is worth it.” Qing Shui happily put away the Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl . This thing was considerably precious to Qing Shui.

He continued looking around while throwing those that he regarded as useful into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

During the process, he managed to find a few more decent things. But compared to the Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl, they were greatly inferior. They didn’t really pique Qing Shui’s interest.

He put away those that he found decent. As for the useless ones, Qing Shui threw them away immediately. Even though Ten Thousand Poisons Sect was a large sect, it didn’t necessarily mean that they wouldn’t have trash. On the contrary, there was even more trashes than stuff that’s actually useful. Truly valuable stuff would often come in limited quantity. How much something was worth was partially based on its rarity.

Seeing as it was almost evening, Di Xian approached them and asked them to go have dinner. The little brat was really charming. She constantly had the title auntie and uncle hanging on her mouth. She didn’t hide the slightest bit of her admiration for Qing Shui any time she looked at him.

Almost everyone from Di Clan arrived. They were all really happy after knowing that Qing Shui was fine. No matter what, Qing Shui was Di Clan’s son-in-law. Not only was he half a Di Clan member, he even represented the entire Di Clan.

It was a big drinking party. Everyone enjoyed themselves with the dishes that were prepared while Qing Shui became the busiest person among them. He had to constantly drink wines with the people from Di Clan. Luckily, he managed to maintain his soberness.

The meal lasted all the way until nighttime. The crowd became less and less. Qing Shui felt that it was time for him to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

“I’m going to cultivate for a while. I’ll be back a bit later.” Qing Shui smiled at Di Chen.

“You can come back whenever you like.” Di Chen responded before turning around with a smile and leaving.

Qing Shui smiled and walked to a spot with fewer people. After that, he immediately entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The place which he chose wasn't too far away from his room.

The many things which happened within a day made Qing Shui felt really tired mentally. As soon as he entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he laid down, cut off all thoughts and slept.

By the time Qing Shui woke up, it had been around eight hours. No matter how tired Qing Shui felt, he normally wouldn't sleep for more than eight hours. The most important part about sleeping was to let the spirit rest. As long as the spirit didn't feel tired, no matter how exhausted one's body felt, they would still be able to endure. It was exactly like what people usually knew as "mental strength". Mental strength was also spiritual strength. Once someone's spirit was tired, they wouldn't be able to do anything even if their body wasn't. They would be left with no choice but to rest.

Qing Shui arranged the medicinal herbs that he tossed into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and started cultivating. He went through all of the essential things that he needed to cultivate everyday like usual. As of now, Qing Shui's Hidden Weapons had taken yet another huge leap. This caused Qing Shui to feel incomparably happy, after all, to Qing Shui, these Hidden Weapons were also one of his considerably powerful techniques.

Primordial Flame!

Qing Shui was really happy to see himself being able to create Primordial Flame which was about 66 centimeters tall. There was an insanely powerful energy contained within it.

Compress!

Qing Shui controlled the Primordial Flame and slowly compressed it to concentrate the energy within. The 66 centimeter tall Primordial Flame was compressed all the way to about 33 centimeters. At this moment, Qing Shui could feel the benefits of having strong mental strength.

He continued compressing it until it was about the size of an adult man's fist. It could no longer be compressed any further, nevertheless, Qing Shui was already really satisfied with it. He could clearly feel the terrifying power of the Primordial Flame.

Hu!

Qing Shui flung it into the sky.

Bang!

The destructive power of the fireball was still able to be felt the instant it exploded. More importantly, it's combustibility had gone up two fold compared to back then when Qing Shui was facing off against the Marrow Nibbling Worms.

The stroke of luck Qing Shui had this time made him feel that he wouldn't have as hard a time the next time he faced someone like the Sect Leader of the Ten Thousand Poison Sect again. The Primordial Fireball should also be able to force them to retreat.

Qing Shui looked towards the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee and the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly. This time, not only had the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee been really helpful, it had even brought him two formidable demonic beasts.

What truly surprised Qing Shui was the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly. Originally, the Realm of the Violet Jade could only grow plants, aquatic animals and amphibians. Of course, there were also demonic beasts which shared close connections with Qing Shui, for instance, the demonic beasts that the Realm of the Violet Jade rewarded as a result of ascending up a new grade.

But how did the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly manage to survive within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal? It wasn't an aquatic animal, nor was it an amphibian. Could it have something to do with the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee?

Since Qing Shui wasn't able to figure out the reason for it, he stopped thinking about it and took out the Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl. Qing Shui intended to feed this to the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee, but before this, he planned to first take a look at the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly.

The Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies were two meters long. One of them was colored gold whereas the other one was colored silver. In terms of physical appearance, they looked extremely beautiful. Their body was soft yet tough. Their action felt gentle yet swift. They were barely considered to be Martial Saint Grade mutated beasts.

What Qing Shui truly looked forward to was the mysterious "solidifying" ability. It was too insane!

Chapter 676 - The Leveling Up of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee

Qing Shui thought of the Beast Pill. Originally, each Beast Pill would increase the demonic beast's cultivation level by 10%. But now, he wasn't sure if it had the same effect on the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies which were already at the Martial Saint level.

Taking out the Beast Pill, Qing Shui fed one to the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies before observing the changes. Although the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies was not as fast as the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, nor did it have as strong a resistance as compared to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies's venom was the strongest and most dangerous. Most important, there were two of them together, having great teamwork.

Very quickly, a faint gold and silvery glow appeared on the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies, getting increasingly brighter, looking very beautiful.

Qing Shui activated his Spiritual Sense and sensed that the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies' cultivation levels were gradually increasing. As it did so, his mood was also slowly filled up by joy.

"Increase in strength by 3 countries!"

Qing Shui was very happy. Although there would be restrictions on Martial Saint level demonic beasts, it would be better to have restrictions than to not having them. For example, even if a demonic beast at Peak Martial Saint level had a strength of five countries, which was already considerably strong, an increase in 10% strength would only be about half a country. However, the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies had gained three countries in strength.

Therefore, the higher the cultivation level, the greater the amount of progress gained when taking the medicinal pill. It also made sense to have that restriction since without it, both the bodies of humans and demonic beasts would not be able to withstand the sudden explosive increase in power. Usually, when one reached the Martial Saint level, the body would be developed to quite a high level and

ordinary pills would no longer cause it to experience any further growth. There would be some medicinal pills which were quite good but would have restrictions since the body would be unable to take the explosive growth. Only some Saint Grade treasures of heaven and earth would be able to have an explosive increase in cultivation level. Those medicinal pills would have effects such as protecting the heart, meridian channels, changing one's physique or allowing the body to under a complete and thorough transformation.

Five Beast Pills gave an increment of about 16 countries in strength. To the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies which only had a strength of 50 countries to begin with, this was a considerable progress. After all, the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies were poison beasts and relied on poison to defeat enemies. With an increment of 16 countries in strength, the overall increase was about 30%. It also resulted in the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies having a 30% increment in both speed as well as the body's toughness.

Taking out the Strength-Enhancing Fruit, Agility-Enhancing Fruit and other fruits, he gave one set to the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies. The other fruits did not have much impact, but the Agility-Enhancing Fruit was very effective. It essentially doubled the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies' speed.

It seemed that this Agility-Enhancing Fruit was effective for all cultivation levels. Taking out the Endurance Pellets he had saved earlier, he fed it to the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies. After having fed so many items to it, Qing Shui felt that he had formed a faint connection with them.

This was good. Presently, the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies' cultivation level had grown a lot thanks to Qing Shui's mysterious alchemy as well as strong medicinal pills, especially in the area of speed. This allowed it to gain a lot of survivability and attacking options.

The Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies flapped its wings which were two meters wide. With its wings flapped out, it was only about 5-6 meters in size. It fluttered next to Qing Shui, appearing extremely beautiful despite being a poison beast.

Qing Shui called out the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee, the demonic beast, or rather, poison beast which saved Qing Shui's life. It was even smaller than the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies but had a majestic aura to it. It was a born leader.

In the past, Qing Shui had not thought much about it. Only after it had swallowed the Poison Dragon Pearl did Qing Shui sense that this poison beast was quite good. He now felt that he could also be considered a Poison Master now.

He fed the Beast Pills and the various fruits to the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee. In the past, he had not thought much of it and thus forgotten about it. But now, Qing Shui has decided to save the best for it.

Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl!

Buzz...

It had been giving out a joyful buzzing sound when Qing Shui first started feeding it. Qing Shui could hear the happiness from its buzzes. Beasts' ways of expressing their joy are very simple. Through their cries and actions.

After a slight hesitation, Qing Shui fed the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee the Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl. Earlier, he was afraid that the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee would not be able to absorb it, and was afraid that some mishap may happen. Qing Shui could not bear for anything bad to befall on it.

Qing Shui sensed the changes to the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee, his anticipation growing. It was because this Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl had a very high chance of causing the poison beast which consumed it to mutate. Even if it did not, it would at least have its abilities increased by two times, and the nature of its venom would also increase by many folds.

Buzz...

Rapid buzzes rang out. Qing Shui used his Spiritual Sense and sensed that an aura was frantically increasing in the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's body, causing its black body to give out a bright glow.

Buzz...

The Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's buzz grew increasingly louder, causing one's head to start to feel numb. The other Jade Emperor Bees had long since darted back to the bees' nest, not daring to show their faces.

Qing Shui was the only one left in a daze. He had sensed that the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's body was gradually changing, as if its body was going through a complete and thorough transformation, or at least was changing parts of it.

Was this what mutation was like?

Closing his eyes, Qing Shui tried to sense that subtle change. It was a change, or rather, a strengthening to the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee.

The Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee continued to release buzzing sounds, a hint of agony and anticipation in its voice. It seemed to know that it might become stronger after getting through this trial, and if it couldn't make it through, then death awaits.

A dense layer of blood droplets appeared on its black body, dyeing it a dark red color. The blood droplets scattered off as it flapped its wings.

Qing Shui was also seized with anxiety.

Peak Martial Saint!

Now, Qing Shui didn't have to ask other people to know that the circle should mean Peak Martial Saint. Earlier, he had thought that it was a symbol that represented that Lady Duanmu and Duanmu Clan belonged to a particular circle of people. But now he knew he was wrong. That circle presented one's abilities in terms of ten thousands. Only those who had reached Peak Martial Saint would belong to this group of people and would meet people in this group.

The other time, Qing Clan had heard the cultivation levels Elder Ge mentioned. Lady Duanmu would not fit into them. However, what Qing Shui did not understand was that Lady Duanmu should be the strongest in Duanmu Clan... Could it be that there had been another powerful person from Duanmu Clan previously?

Buzz...

Dazzling jade-colored light shone, and very quickly, enveloped the Jade Emperor Queen Bee. The light's intensity seemed to be increasing, and the cry from the Jade Emperor Queen Bee was that of great joy.

When he saw this Qing Shui heaved a sigh of relief. It was successful. Through his Spiritual Sense, he could sense the aura in the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee's body gradually scattering and calming down. He could feel the transformation of the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee.

The toughness of its organs had increased multiple folds, releasing great vitality. Even its cultivation level had soared up from Grade One Martial Saint to Grade Four Martial Saint.

An increment of three whole grades!

As the light dispersed, Qing Shui could see that the current Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee had the appearance of a Jade Emperor Bee. It was 3 meters in height and slightly over 6 meters wide with its wings included. It had a jade color and was illuminating light, releasing a powerful aura. It was very beautiful but gave a very strong and dangerous feeling.

Heavenly Vision Technique activated!

Jade Emperor Queen Bee!

Hmm, its name changed back again. Was it returning to its original nature? Qing Shui decided to take a look if there was any changes to its description. It'd be bad if it ended up losing its poison nature.

Jade Emperor Queen Bee: mutation of the Jade Emperor Poison Queen Bee after swallowing the Saint Jade Poisonous Pearl. It's a type of spiritual mutated beast of heaven and earth, specializing in speed and poison. It's a dangerous poison beast but can also produce harmless Queen Bee Nectar.

The Jade Emperor Queen Bee's speed had an exponential growth. Within a short period of time, it could increase its speed to three times faster. Although it was not comparable to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Instantaneous Diamond Evasion, its speed was also considerably monstrous.

Poison Pierce, a poison infused attack. It could cause the opponent to feel giddy and restless. Those who were weaker would immediately die. A maximum of five Poison Pierces could be shot out at one time.

To think that it had now increased to become five Poison Pierces. Presently, its prowess has increased. The power and speed of this Poison Pierce should have also increased. Most importantly, the poison in the Poison Pierce should have become stronger.

Poison Powder attack. The Jade Emperor Queen Bee could flap its wings and create a poison powder field within 30 meters, causing those who entered the area to be poisoned. How serious the degree of the poison would be dependent on its cultivation level.

This was a new power, and could also be considered a skill owned by a king. It was considered quite good. Since the attack could be effective within a 30 meter radius, this attack could be used on a group.

Poison Killer Sting, the killer move of all bee-typed demonic beasts. Shooting out its poison sting, its poison could become four times more powerful and it had a strong penetrating force. Ordinary clothes,

armors, and shields would not be able to fend it off. Moreover, with its super speed, there weren't many people which could dodge this attack.

Qing Shui was also astonished when he saw this. The poison effect which was originally two times stronger had now become four times stronger. It was definitely terrifying. Moreover, the Jade Emperor Queen Bee's cultivation level could no longer be seen on the same level as before. Qing Shui didn't know the current killing prowess of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee's Poison Killer Sting. Could the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect's Sovereign's antidote work against this?

The Poison Killer Sting could only be used once every two hours!

Qing Shui was very satisfied. Previously, it could only be used once daily, but now, it could be used once every two hours. However, if they were in battle, there were not many battles which would continue for two hours. Therefore this change didn't bring much surprise to Qing Shui. However, the reduction in time was still something to be happy about.

Queen Bee's Command. As the leader of all bee-typed demonic beasts, not only could the Jade Emperor Bee command all the bee-typed demonic beasts within a fifty li radius, it could also nurture the next generation of Emperor Bees by itself, and order them to conduct attacks in groups.

Although this was only a strengthening of the previous version, increasing the range from thirty li to fifty li, Qing Shui knew that this skill could be terrifying in certain situations.

With the Jade Emperor Queen Bee growing stronger and the new addition of the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies, his cultivation level growing stronger, and the poison he had collected previously... Qing Shui now felt that he had finally a few trump cards for himself.

Chapter 677 - Grand Perfection Stage, Diamond Crossing Rivers

Qing Shui didn't know if he was considered a Beast Tamer himself, but from other people's perspective, not only was he more than enough to be called a Beast Tamer, he was even a powerful one.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant was currently Qing Shui's strongest demonic beast. Furthermore, there was still a lot of room for it to grow. In the future, it would definitely turn out to be really strong. The most important thing was that every time it grew stronger, Qing Shui would gain 20% of its increase in abilities, this was a heaven-defying benefit. It was a great help to Qing Shui.

It has been a long time since Fire Bird last experienced an increase in strength. For flying type demonic beasts, even if it was only at Peak Martial King Grade, it was still something that warriors at Martial Saint Grade would crave, especially the ones like Qing Shui's Fire Bird... It was known as the mutated beast Red Luan across the continent.

The Fire Bird was one of the rewards as a result of the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal being upgraded. Qing Shui still had faith in the Fire Bird. He believed that it would take an enormous leap the next time it broke through. Based on his experience with its last two breakthrough, it should not be inferior to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

At present, the Thunder Beast had yet to reach its adult stage. Despite this, not only was it already a Grade One Martial Saint, it was still improving at an incredible rate. This was a process which it would go through before reaching maturity.

After that were the Jade Emperor Queen Bee, its minions as well as the Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies. For a moment, Qing Shui felt a few times more confident in himself.

Only two days had passed within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Qing Shui started to do his usual things. Drawing talismans, cultivating and refining medicines. Recently, he had added in a few new things to his daily routine as well, they were refining poisons and reading the "Poison Scriptures" and "Heavenly Talismans".

The Descending Heavens Talisman was still the same as before. Qing Shui knew that he would have to practice a lot harder if he wanted to upgrade it. The Descending Heavens Talisman was capable of reducing an opponent's overall strength. Even though the effect seemed really small for now, Qing Shui believed that it would turn out to be quite useful after a period of time. Hence, he planned to spend more time on the talisman itself.

By reducing the opponent's overall strength, it meant that the opponent's offense and defense as well as his speed would be reduced. Hence, the Descending Heavens Talisman would still prove to be really formidable once it reached a certain level. In addition to that, one of the unique features of the Heavenly Talisman was that the effect of different kinds of talismans, for example, Body Securing Talisman and Armor Break Talisman could be used together at the same time.

Additionally, the more significant effect a talisman had, the harder it would be to draw it. Furthermore, it also became increasingly tougher as one ascended up the grades of drawing talismans. One would need a lot of time, energy, money and most importantly, talent to accomplish it.

Qing Shui didn't lack any of this. He had the heaven-defying Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal for time and he did not come up short in terms of having talent. Even though he wasn't considered to be wealthy, he already had more than enough money for it. Additionally, because of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he was able to store a lot more things than to normal people.

He was short of neither medicinal herbs nor poison ingredients. It's just that Qing Shui felt that now wasn't the time. If he waited for a little while longer, a lot of things would change.

Elephant Form!

Qing Shui was currently cultivating the Diamond Crossing Rivers of the Elephant Form. The Diamond Crossing River which was at the Large Success Stage had started showing evidence of breaking through. This made Qing Shui feel really happy. He intended to give it his all to try to make it break through before leaving the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Just like that, Qing Shui began his long cultivation of Diamond Crossing Rivers. Occasionally, he would also take some time out to practice the Thousand Hammer Technique. Qing Shui's plan was to rely on himself to forge Seven-Colored Weapons and Armors in the future, to see what kind of a formidable technique it was.

The Thousand Hammer Technique was just a basic. He also had the Synthesize Gems. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to synthesize anything with high levels, nor had he tried to embed them. He planned to do it in the near future.

He was close to levelling up in terms of his skill in refining medicines. Not long after, the recipe for Ren Meridian Strengthening Pellet would show up. Ever since he got a few recipes from Yuan Su, Qing Shui realized that he no longer held as many expectations as before in getting medicinal recipes through this method.

However, the medicinal recipes that were obtained in this way for alchemy, seemed like they were all unusually powerful, not to mention a huge amount of experience was needed for the recipe of Everlasting Pellet. Qing Shui was a bit concerned that he might not be able to refine them within such a short period of time, or worse, not refine them at all.

In the blink of an eye, yet another half a month passed. Qing Shui spent most of his time cultivating the Diamond Crossing Rivers. He hoped to achieve the Great Perfection Stage with Diamond Crossing Rivers as soon as possible. By doing so, it would enable the technique to have the same effect as Diamond Protection and Diamond Qi, it could help him double his raw speed any time he liked.

In the middle of his cultivation, he brewed a wine. He would also refine Spirit Concentrating Pills on a daily basis. Since he ran out of the ingredients to refine Meridians Clearing Pellet, he had no choice but to give up on refining it for the time being.

The things which he refined the most were the Spirit Concentrating Pill and the Aroma Concentration Pill. These were the two pills that he needed the most of. In any case, he could store them if he wasn't able to finish them in one go. Unfortunately, he never got to find the recipe for Six-Fold Spirit Concentrating Pill. Qing Shui had once wondered if the difference between Two-Fold, Three-Fold and Six-Fold Spirit Concentrating Pill lay in the age of the ingredients.

At one point, Qing Shui tried to refine it. Unfortunately, he didn't have any ingredients with high medicinal age. Hence, the Spirit Concentrating Pills that he refined were still Three-Fold Spirit Concentrating Pills. Ever since then, he rejected the ideas that he once had.

When he was free, he looked at the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus once. The Golden Buddha Aura Lotus had nine petals, since Qing Shui ate one of them, there were only eight left. No one knew how long it would take for that petal to recover. This kind of sacred object was something that could only be discovered but not sought. It was a priceless treasure. Other than himself, who ran into it, this kind of thing was something that could neither be bought nor traded.

If a warrior from the World of the Nine Continents was to suffer injuries or even be at the brink of death, it would mean nothing if they had the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus. Having it would almost mean gaining nine extra lives for oneself.

Yet another month had passed.

Qing Shui continuously travelled back and forth on the empty ground in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The actions of both of his feet were heavy yet fast, looking kind of awkward.

The Diamond Crossing River was also known as Gigantic Elephant Crossing Rivers. Despite elephants being heavy, they were still able to stomp through water. This was the kind of feeling he had while using the Diamond Crossing Rivers. It was heavy yet steady, quick and agile.

The movement of his feet became faster and faster. It felt like they were getting lighter and lighter. However, the movements still made people feel really heavy. It was a feeling that couldn't be described. It's basically just mind-blowing.

Qing Shui seemingly entered the State of No Conscious. He closed both of his eyes as he travelled back and forth across the field with a circumference of three meters. He seemed like he was running around unusual directions.

Time passed on little by little. However, Qing Shui didn't feel tired at all. Suddenly, a golden light started shining on his calves. The part that shone happened to be the part that's known as "Yang Jiao".

After about half an hour, a golden light also started shining on his "Yang Gu". Qing Shui had not the slightest idea that this was happening as he tried his best to travel back and forth on his own pace.

For the next three hours, both of Qing Shui's legs continuously shone with seven light spots. These light spots were scattered across his feet and together formed a curved line shape.

Da!

Suddenly, Qing Shui stomped the ground ferociously. At that instant, a faint light halo emerged from both of his feet. Simultaneously, he also opened up both of his eyes. They were filled with surprise.

It's done!

The Diamond Crossing Rivers had finally achieved the Great Perfection Stage. It was just like the Diamond Qi and Protection, Qing Shui would be able to permanently increase his raw speed at anytime he wanted. Furthermore, following the increase in speed, the strength of Diamond Crossing River would also be raised. Most importantly, just like the Diamond Qi and Protection, it didn't consume anything!

It was an insanely powerful passive skill and a permanent boost to his speed which would only stop operating when he was at the brink of death. The one fold increase in speed made Qing Shui feel a lot lighter and more energetic than before.

Roar!

Qing Shui couldn't help but let out a huge roar into the air to express his extreme joy. An increase in speed was much more precious than an increase in power. Furthermore, it was a permanent boost which didn't consume anything. Anyone would be madly jealous of it. Qing Shui had a felt as though it was the spring festival.

[Note: The Spring Festival is also known as the Chinese New Year, it is a time where families gather and celebrate together. It is normally a time full of happiness and joy. And if you are young, you receive red packets with money in them from your elders]

The Elephant Form bestowed upon Qing Shui, with three of the most insanely heaven defying passive skills, as well as the Mighty Elephant Stomp which had terrifying destructive power. Unfortunately, the Mighty Elephant Stomp, that had yet to achieve Great Perfection Stage, couldn't be used in the air.

This was also a conclusion which Qing Shui drew out from his recent battles. Qing Shui assumed that only by achieving Great Perfection Stage would he be able to use the tenfold strength increasing stomp

in mid-air and also battle the way that was shown in the images of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant in his sea of consciousness.

Unlike on the ground where the shockwave was passed to the opponent through the ground, the Mighty Elephant Stomp transferred the shockwave directly to the opponent when it was used in the air. It's just that the condition to use it in air was even higher. The Mighty Elephant Stomp at Large Success Stage wasn't usable in air but it was in water.

Hence, Qing Shui made an assumption. The Mighty Elephant Stomp at Small Success Stage could only be used on the ground. Once it reached Large Success Stage, it would be applicable on both the ground and in water. The Mighty Elephant Stomp that he envisioned was something that could be used in the air. Hence, Qing Shui guessed that he would most likely have to cultivate it all the way up to Great Perfection Stage.

Most of the time, the battle between Martial Saints would take place in the sky. Hence, it has been a long time since Qing Shui last used his Mighty Elephant Stomp. Luckily, the Mighty Elephant Stomp was at the Peak Large Success Stage, which was only a bit away from Great Perfection Stage.

Basically, the Elephant Form was considered to be almost done cultivating. Qing Shui would only have to cultivate the Mighty Elephant Stomp up to the Great Perfection Stage to learn the next form. The benefits brought upon by the Elephant Form to Qing Shui was something that could never be compared. Hence, Qing Shui really looked forward to the next form. Theoretically it should be something even more powerful.

Dragons and phoenixes were only in legends. Even across the World of the Nine Continents, they were legendary existences. Phoenixes were a combination of the names given to both genders of the bird. The male gender was called Feng, whereas the female one was known as Huang. Roc on the other hand, was something that could be seen quite commonly across the World of the Nine Continents. Canghai Mingyue's Golden Winged Thunder Condor was an example of them.

Qing Shui felt that the Roc in the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique was no ordinary Roc. This Roc would most likely be the legendary Roc Ancestor. It was equivalent to a divine bird.

Considering that the Elephant Form alone was already so strong, how formidable would the next few forms be? Not only that, it would also take him even longer to cultivate those forms. It's unlikely that he would be able to cultivate the Dragon and Phoenix Forms within his lifetime. Nevertheless, he would try his best to achieve them.

The next thing he wanted to do was to cultivate the Mighty Elephant Stomp up to Great Perfection Stage. Only by doing that would he be able to go up the next step and cultivate the Roc Form. Beyond that should be a really long-lasting stage which would most likely take him many years or possibly even forever, to cultivate.

Seeing as time was almost up, Qing Shui washed himself up and exited the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The sky was filled with stars and a bright moon hanging high in it. It looked really bright during the night.

Very quickly, it was already midnight. There were crying noises of insects in the surroundings. It sounded particularly distinct on a peaceful night like this. Qing Shui slowly walked towards his house.

When he was in front of the room, he gently pushed open the door. The corridor, the room as well as the bedrooms were all decorated with light stones. If it was too bright, they could also use the lamp shade to cover up the light stones.

The living room was really bright. Di Chen's room was locked tightly. But Qing Shui was currently able to sense Di Chen's breathing. Furthermore, she had also already woken up. He assumed that it might be because she heard the sounds of him pushing the door open.

Chapter 678 - Yet another progression in relationships, the shy Di Chen

After a while, Di Chen opened up the door and walked out wearing pure white colored pajamas. At this moment, Qing Shui, who saw the scene was completely stunned.

She was so beautiful... Beautiful to the point that words were simply unable to express it. Di Chen's elegance was something that had been incomparable all along. Her pale white skin and jet-black brows always looked so extraordinarily beautiful. Her fine nose had just about the right sharpness and her slender body was extremely attractive. Her gentle curves were able to shock people. The white powder that she had on her added on an elegant aura to her look.

When Di Chen saw Qing Shui's blank look, she let out a gentle smile and approached him: "What are you thinking about? Are you not able to recognize me anymore?"

Every single one of her twinkles and smiles had a fatal charm to it. Most importantly, every single one felt extremely elegant and cute coming from Di Chen. Qing Shui never expected that this would actually happen on Di Chen.

"You look really good....." Qing Shui came back to his senses. He didn't know what to say. Hence, he made up a bold statement.

"Which part of me looks beautiful?" Di Chen walked up to Qing Shui, held his hand and walked to the soft and comfortable white beast skin sofa at the side. They sat down beside each other.

"They all look beautiful. Your face, nose, eyes, mouth, ears, neck, shoulders as well as your breast....." Before Qing Shui managed to finish, his mouth was already covered by Di Chen's hand.

"Stop saying it." Di Chen shyly stopped Qing Shui.

"Alright alright, I'll stop talking about that." Di Chen's pajamas went all the way down to her feet. Only her pale feet were exposed to the air, adding on an extraordinarily elegant feeling to her, making her looked like a goddess who came down from heaven.

"Why are you out at this time? You missed me?" Qing Shui pulled Di Chen's hand and smiled.

Looking at Qing Shui's current appearance, Di Chen felt that Qing Shui truly had changed. He had turned out to be a person who was able to support both heaven and earth. The little man who was once self-abased in front of her had truly grown up to be a confident person.

She felt a sense of joy. As she thought about the time when he got hurt, she couldn't help but blush from the things she said at that time. She never expected herself to actually say something like this to someone.

“I miss you.....” Di Chen told Qing Shui gently with a smile.

“You really missed me?” Originally, Qing Shui thought that Di Chen would either deny it or refute it. He never expected her to admit it so calmly. This actually stunned him.

“I missed you too... Chen`Er, you mentioned that you`re my woman before. Come, call me your husband.” Qing Shui smiled at Di Chen. This woman had completely blushed because of him.

“I`m not calling you that!” Di Chen blushed.

Qing Shui smiled and looked at Di Chen: “It`s either you call me your husband or we do something that only husband and wife can do. You choose.”

Qing Shui looked at the woman who was really shy at the moment and felt a kind of indescribable feeling through his body. That kind of feeling was like when the spirit left one`s body. He felt really satisfied both mentally and physically.

“Do not tease me like that.” Di Chen glared at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui smiled. He didn`t say anything. He grabbed one of her hands while slowly embracing her with his other hand. After that, he slowly got closer to her.

“Chen`Er, not calling me your husband would mean that you want to sleep with me. Wow, coincidentally, I have the intention to do so, we happen to be having the same view.” Qing Shui smiled as he slowly got closer to Di Chen.

“Alright Qing Shui, cut it out.” Di Chen blushed because of Qing Shui.

At this moment, Qing Shui quickly got close to her and attached his lips to Di Chen`s mouth. It felt soft yet delicate. For a moment, the fragrant smooth feeling made Qing Shui a bit lost.

Di Chen was stunned. She never expected Qing Shui to be so bold. Her body turned rigid as she subconsciously opened up her small mouth.

At the most crucial moment, Qing Shui came back to his senses. When it comes to kissing, Qing Shui was quite skillful. He quickly extended his tongue all the way into Di Chen`s mouth. The moment it came in contact with the small tongue of hers, Qing Shui felt as if he had entered a fantasy.

He greedily licked Di Chen`s saliva in her mouth. His tongue was really agile between her snow white teeth. After that, he started curling around her tongue as if he wanted to swallow it whole.

He didn`t actually swallow it however..... He was only sucking it back into his mouth.

Di Chen`s body was stiff. By the time she recovered, she has already been attacked by Qing Shui. What made her feel even more ashamed was that her tongue was actually in Qing Shui`s mouth.

She didn`t know how she felt at the moment. The only thing she felt was her extremely fast heartbeat. It was as if her heart was about to burst out. She was feeling nervous and shy and quickly pushed Qing Shui away. She didn`t know where she got such strength from.

At the moment when the two separated from each other, a sparkling thin thread was connected between their lips. It was almost a foot long. It was right there connecting the two to one another.

Di Chen was so shy that her face felt as hot as fire. She was still embraced by Qing Shui. At this moment, the thin sparkling thread between the two caused her to feel so ashamed that she was unable to show her face.

Di Chen slightly raised her head. Only after that did the thread break off. She didn't dare to look at Qing Shui. Qing Shui on the other hand, fixed his gaze on Di Chen while reminiscing about the feeling back when he was about to be killed.

Qing Shui was well aware that it was impossible for them to be husband and wife before they even kissed. Hence, he planned to first tease her a little to help make a breakthrough to their relationship.

As Qing Shui looked at the small woman who was just like an unmatched beauty at this moment, Qing Shui was infatuated with the kind of aura which she gave off. But he was aware that they had just started and he needed to know his limit. After all, Di Chen wasn't like any other woman. Even though it wasn't as bad as Zhu Qing's, she did not harbour any good opinions of men either.

"You're getting naughtier and naughtier." Di Chen raised her head and looked at Qing Shui. There was still faint powder on her beautiful face. It almost made Qing Shui lose control over himself. He tried his best to recover the flame in his heart.

"How am I naughty if the woman I'm kissing is my woman....."

"Who's your woman.....?"

"You said before that you're my woman." Qing Shui chuckled.

At the time Qing Shui was injured, Di Chen had said before that she was his woman. Hence, she felt a bit shy and anxious when Qing Shui mentioned it. She felt that she shouldn't have said stuff like that.

"Chen`Er, you're my woman, you're my buddy for life! I love you, I don't know how to express it. Sometimes, I would even feel like swallowing you whole... I really want to hold you in my heart." Qing Shui felt really blessed. He didn't really know how to express his feelings and thus said it in quite a random way. He didn't want Di Chen to have any worries."

"At that time, the things that I said... Would it have been better....."

No matter how beautiful a woman was, once they found a place where their heart belonged, they would often begin to worry about their gains and losses. Woman often wished to be perfect. They would never allow themselves to have the slightest bit of defects in front of the person they loved.

"The only thing that I know is that I really love hearing it. At that time when you said that you're my woman, it made me felt that my entire life was worth it. You're perfect, perfect to the point where it would make ordinary people feel ashamed of their inferiority. Yet they would never expect you to admire a normal person like me." Qing Shui meant it when he said it.

"You only know how to lie to me!" Di Chen smiled and shot a glance at Qing Shui.

"I swear that none of the things that I'm saying are....."

Di Chen quickly covered Qing Shui's mouth: "You really are an idiot. Do not simply make oaths next time."

Qing Shui let out his tongue and licked Di Chen's white hands. This caused Di Chen to quickly retract her hands and glare at Qing Shui grumpily. But she wasn't actually angry.

"Call me your husband. Shall we practice kissing?" Qing Shui embraced Di Chen. The two of their faces were less than an inch away from each other. They could even feel each other's breath.

"Husband!" Di Chen looked at Qing Shui with a shy expression as he approached her yet again. She hurriedly called him her husband except she did it with her face facing down.

"Good girl, here, let your husband kiss you....."

"You rascal....."

When Di Chen finished speaking, Di Chen looked at Qing Shui with a misty-eyed expression. This very expression caused Qing Shui to boldly kiss her once again. Not only that, he even started to slowly press her against the soft "sofa".

This time, Qing Shui had become a bit lost in lust. He kissed her greedily. From time to time, he would let out noises which would make people blush. He had also begun to feel a soft squeezing sensation. For a moment, Qing Shui was lost in the sea of greed.

At the moment Qing Shui felt a sharp pain in his tongue, he felt as if he woke up from his dream. At this moment, Di Chen was still wearing her pajamas. However, one of Qing Shui's hands was already grabbing her ample, sharp, plump and perfectly shaped breast.....

"Stinky bastard, get up quick!" Di Chen said grumpily.

Qing Shui quickly sat upright. He almost said sorry. But soon, he realized that it would be better if he didn't say it because it wasn't necessary for him to do so if it was about things like this.

"Is it still painful?" Di Chen asked Qing Shui embarrassingly. Prior to this, the little brat had also gone too far. She was out of options, that's why she bit his tongue.

"No, it's not painful... You can bite me whenever you want....."

"Alright then, I'm going to sleep now. You should rest early too." After Di Chen finished speaking, she quickly left. She noticed that she would definitely be 'eaten' up by him if she continued staying here.

Qing Shui fell asleep in the study room. He only woke up when the sky turned bright. By the time he went out, Di Chen had already woken up. Qing Shui felt a bit shy when he saw Di Chen. Nevertheless, he still greeted her with a smile.

After washing up, Qing Shui walked out of his room and practiced his Taichi Fist. This had become one of Qing Shui's habits. It was also a routine which he found really important. Only by practicing Taichi Fist would he be able to raise his Nature Energy and Minute Subtlety.

Taichi Fist could help cultivate one's moral character and mentality as well as increase one's energy. Furthermore, it could also help increase blood flow and strengthen the connection between the external and internal parts of the body. This caused the body to feel even more pleasant, resulting in a more powerful display in strength and explosive power.

“Uncle!”

Di Xian who had been standing beside Qing Shui all the time only approached him after he finished practicing the Taichi Fist.

Qing Shui really liked this girl who was around fifteen to sixteen years of age. With Qing Shui’s current maturity added up with his two lives as a human, the children that he had would have been older than her. Even Luan Luan was slightly older than her.

Furthermore, the little brat was really polite. She only approached him after he finished training.

“Yeah, what’s up?” Qing Shui asked while smiling.

“You promised me that you’d teach me how to cultivate! When are you going to do it?” Di Xian pouted at Qing Shui.

“How about now?” Qing Shui thought about it for a while. He didn’t want to upset the little brat. Hence, he planned to teach her for half an hour everyday after his morning exercises.

“Alright alright!” Di Xian said happily.

“What do you want to learn?” Qing Shui asked after thinking for a while. He was curious on what she wanted to learn.

“I want to learn the battle technique where you hit people with iron balls!” Di Xian sounded really nervous when she said it. After all, from her perspective, the techniques which Qing Shui used should be something that he kept for himself.

“Are you sure that’s what you want to learn?”

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“Are you really sure that you want to learn?” Qing Shui asked Di Xian with a smile.

Maybe because Qing Shui looked really relaxed when he said it, Di Xian let out a sigh of relief and smiled: “As long as uncle is willing to teach me, I am really keen to learn it.”

This little brat was really quick witted. Not only was there a certain standard to the things she said, she was really good at understanding people’s thoughts. She must have felt that there wasn’t much change in Qing Shui’s emotions. That was why she commented about him not teaching her. What she meant was that if Qing Shui didn’t teach her, it would just mean that he was selfish.

“As long as you’re willing to learn, I will teach you. But it’s not so easy to learn this, you have to prepare yourself for it.” Qing Shui said with a smile.

Upon hearing Qing Shui’s words, the little brat blushed. She realized that Qing Shui was able to interpret what she meant from her words and gave an awkward smile: “Uncle is the best, I will try my best to learn it. I’m not afraid of suffering. As long as I get to learn uncle’s mystical battle technique, I don’t care how much I have to suffer.”

Suffering often would result in one's growth. It wasn't necessarily a bad thing for Di Clan to experience something like this. At least, unlike before, they were able to see over a lot of stuff now and they got to widen their view towards the world. Even the younger generations of the clan managed to mature a lot.

"This technique is known as the Hidden Weapon Technique. When you are cultivating Hidden Weapons, you need to cultivate your hand movements as well as the coordination of your body. Of course, power definitely cannot come short at crucial times!"

"Alright uncle, I'll listen to whatever you say." Di Xian responded happily.

"For starter, I'll teach you three things. The first thing that I'm going to teach you is my Fist Techniques. You have to make sure that you practice them everyday. The next thing I'm going to teach you is a hand technique known as the Solitary Rapid Fist. Last but not least, the thing that you are going to learn is the Deer Canter. It can help increase your speed." Qing Shui explained after thinking for a while.

Di Xian happily promised Qing Shui.

After that, Qing Shui started off by teaching her the Taichi Fist. Since she has been observing Qing Shui's movement from the side prior to this, she was able to learn it very quickly. It's just like she was copying his form.

Cultivating Fist Techniques always starts from mimicking the form, to be able to cultivate until the Essence of Fist Techniques can be understood or their fist to be filled with spirit like Qing Shui does would require a tremendous amount of time and talent.

Qing Shui went through some of the most important features about the Taichi Fist thoroughly with her. He didn't neglect any part of it including the most crucial one which was about having a calm mind. Not only did he do that, he even forced her to memorize them. He would only consider them done once she did it.

As for the Solitary Rapid Fist, there was only one default move to it. It all depended on the person's talents if they could mix in new skills in the future. No one could help her with this one. Hence, Qing Shui only explained to her about the essential points of the Solitary Rapid Fist.

Deer Catering was really easy but if these were all added up together, it would become really time consuming. Nevertheless, the most important thing was to never give up. Without determination, it's very hard to achieve anything with regards to these battle techniques.

"All of these might seem easy, but they are all really time consuming. You always have to remember that the easier something is, the harder it is to understand the Essence of it. This is because it's hard to feel the essence hidden within it if it is too easy."

Qing Shui stopped adding anything more. His Basic Sword Technique was a classic example of what he just said. Not only that, there were a lot of people outside of Qing Clan who knew that the Basic Sword Technique was the only sword skill that Qing Shui could perform, yet he was able to use it in a simple yet flexible way, causing people to feel like he was using some divine techniques which could go toe-to-toe with a Grade Ten Martial Saint warrior. As a result, a lot of people started turning back to cultivate the Basic Sword Technique.

But it's all futile now. The Basic Sword Technique was just like the base of a house. Since the house was already built, the foundation of the house had already been set. No matter how much time they spent on the Basic Sword Techniques, they still wouldn't be able to achieve anything.

"Yeah, I will." Di Xian said seriously

"Around this time in the upcoming days, you can come here to practice if there aren't any important things for you to do. I'll only let you practice on your own after you've walked up the right path." Qing Shui looked into the sky and said.

"Alright alright, I'll come everyday. This is the most important thing for me."

For now, there would often be servants to serve meals in his room. After Qing Shui separated from Di Xian, he went on and proceeded to Di Chen's room. He didn't know if Di Chen was still waiting for him to have their meals together since it was already well past breakfast time.

By the time he went back to his room, he noticed that both Di Qing and Yuan Su were there. When the two saw Qing Shui back, they happily greeted him.

The food on the table hadn't been touched, which obviously meant that the girls had been waiting for Qing Shui to come back to enjoy their meals together.

"Qing Shui, how is Xian'er's talent?" Di Qing chuckled.

Qing Shui was stunned. It seemed like the little brat has already told Di Qing about asking Qing Shui to teach her how to cultivate before heading off to learn his Hidden Weapons.

"She's quite talented. It's just that she is still too young and her temperament is too unstable. However, I believe that very quickly, the time for her to significantly improve will come." Qing Shui said after thinking for a while.

Before, when Qing Shui was teaching Di Xian a few techniques, the little brat had also managed to show terrifying learning abilities. If she was given enough time and became more mature, she would definitely be able to achieve great things.

"Yeah, that's why I told her to go look for you instead. You're the person she admires the most, she will definitely listen to whatever you say." Di Qing chuckled.

"Alright, let's eat first. We will talk about this later." Di Chen said with a smile.

"Qing Shui, are you sure you can really heal my meridians?" By the time they were done eating, Yuan Su asked Qing Shui gently.

Actually, when Qing Shui first spotted Yuan Su, he already knew that she came here today for this. Since both Di Chen and Di Qing were present, Qing Shui didn't feel like hiding it as this would result in them feeling suspicious. If this was the case, it would be better if he just confessed it.

"I should be able to do it!" Qing Shui responded after thinking for a while. Since his Primordial Flame had ascended one grade and his Spirit Energy had gotten much more powerful, his Acupuncture should more or less have improved as well.

“Then can you please help me?” Yuan Su hesitated for a while before looking at Qing Shui.

To be honest, this put Qing Shui in quite a difficult position. Letting a beautiful woman go naked for him to perform Acupuncture on her... Qing Shui didn't see himself as a noble man. But in any case, he felt that should still retain his principles.

“Well, tell me about the rewards you want first. As long as you are able to satisfy me, I will satisfy you.” Seeing as Qing Shui was a bit hesitant, Yuan Su responded back to Qing Shui.

“Qing Shui, could it be that you really want to take advantage on Sister Su?!” Di Qing glanced at Qing Shui calmly with a smile.

Qing Shui replied with a bitter smile: “what kind of a person do you think I am? The thing is, when I'm treating you, not only will I have to perform Acupuncture on you, I will also have to pierce it through your sea of Qi. Most importantly, you have to be naked when I'm doing it.”

Qing Shui felt a lot more relaxed after he said it. He chose to tell her about the problems first and let her decide on her own. It was the right choice considering the other two girls were also present.

Yuan Su was stunned. Previously, Qing Shui has mentioned before that even though he might be able to treat her conditions, he would rather not do it. Now, she finally understood what he meant.

For the past twenty years, she couldn't manage to find anyone who was able to treat her. Now that she found one, it was really hard for her to give up on it. But if she was to choose to treat it, she would have to lie down totally naked in front of a strange man... Furthermore, this man was completely unrelated to her.

For now, it was really hard for her to give up. But even if she didn't, she still found it really difficult to do what he said.

Qing Shui looked at the confused Yuan Su. This was life, in order to attain something, one would have to sacrifice the other. Very often, there would be times when it was really hard for one to decide what was best for them.

Yuan Su was expressionless with her lips sealed tight. Her eyes looked dull and remote. She was at a loss.

“Sister Su, he is a doctor. Doctors are just like our parents. As for whether you want to get it treated or not, it's all up to you. I think you should give yourself two days to think about it before coming to a conclusion.” Di Qing said quickly after seeing Yuan Su's look.

Di Chen on the other hand, stood at the side and remained silent. From time to time, she would look at Qing Shui. In response to that, Qing Shui would give her a helpless smile.

In the end, it's just what Di Qing said. Yuan Su didn't decide it straight away.

Yuan Su left while Di Qing stayed behind. As soon as Yuan Su walked away, she started staring at Qing Shui, making him feel really uncomfortable.

“What're you looking at.....”

“Is it because Sister Su looks beautiful that you’re using curing her as an excuse to.....”

“There are a lot of ways for a doctor to get close to a woman. Or maybe get a woman to get close to him.....” Qing Shui said while shaking his head.

Qing Shui explained his motives clearly from his words. What he meant was that if he really wanted to have sex with a woman, he had more than one way to do it. He wouldn’t resort to this kind of method as it was really despicable.

“Did you use this kind of thought to get close to my sister?” Di Qing looked at Qing Shui with her beautiful pupils.

“*cough,cough* your sister is a goddess, this kind of thought isn’t effective against her.....” Qing Shui choked.

Qing Shui’s words made Di Qing laughed. Di Chen on the other hand shot a glance at Qing Shui, making him felt that Di Chen was more cheerful these days.

Right at the moment when Qing Shui was having a chat with the girls, someone knocked the door. Qing Shui opened the door and noticed that it was Di Xian.

“Uncle, someone’s looking for you, do you want to go and see him?” Di Xian smiled.

“Oh, who is it?” Qing Shui asked while opening up the door. As he did so, Di Xian immediately went in the room and smiled at Di Chen and Di Qing: “Auntie Chen! Auntie Qing!”

“Who’s looking for uncle?” Di Qing asked with a smile.

“Someone from Village of Longevity. Every single one of them look like philosophers. Even father never expected that people from the Village of Longevity would pay us a visit so he informed me to ask uncle if you wanted to meet them?”

“The most mysterious Village of Longevity of the Seven Stars?” Qing Shui asked in confusion.

“Yeah!”

“Tell them that I’ll be there right away.” Qing Shui smiled.

Di Xian responded with a smile before leaving. Qing Shui instinctively started thinking about the purpose of Village of Longevity’s visit. However, one thing that Qing Shui was sure about was that they didn’t harbor any bad intentions.

“Alright, let’s go together!” Qing Shui told Di Chen and Di Qing.

This place wasn’t too far away from Di Clan’s main hall. However, it would still take them quite a while to walk there.

The three stopped talking about things regarding Yuan Su. Nor did Qing Shui ask them if he should treat her. From Qing Shui’s perspective, it wasn’t big deal. From his previous incarnation, a lot of the male doctors were gynecologists. From a doctor’s perspective, it didn’t matter if the patient was a guy or a woman, they’re all patients who needed help.

When Qing Shui and the two girls arrived at the main hall, they noticed that there weren't a lot of people. It was mostly members from Di Xuan's branch. In addition to that, there were four old men. It's just as Di Xian said, each and everyone of them looked like wise philosophers.

Qing Shui wasn't able to tell their ages. Even though they had white beards and hair and they were all wearing white garments, they had spirits which could be better compared to that of the youths.

Qing Shui didn't attempt to sense their strength either. He felt that their strength should be nothing inferior to that of Qian Xiye's.

Chapter 680 - Village of Longevity, the Whereabouts of 'Qianji Wood'

"Come, come. Qing Shui, let me introduce these members of the Village of Longevity to you." Di Xuan called out to Qing Shui. Naturally, Di Xuan had to welcome them and play the role of an intermediary. Because the people from the Village of Longevity had a good reputation, Di Xuan felt a degree of elation. He knew that these people had come here personally because of Qing Shui.

Qing Shui walked over with a smile on his face.

"This is Old Master Ying, from the Village of Longevity." Di Xuan said to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui looked at the elder surnamed Ying. It wasn't any secret that the Ying family was the largest in the Village of Longevity, and Qing Shui naturally knew this.

"Old Master Ying, I am Qing Shui." Qing Shui greeted the elderly man with a smile. Only then did he size up the old man in front of him.

The old man was tall and, at his age, still burly. His white eyebrows drooped down to the level of his chin. In his wise-looking bright eyes were the hidden traces of his life experiences, the years of trials and hardship.

"These are Old Master Ying's brothers." Di Xuan introduced the other old men standing behind Old Master Ying.

The other men had all looked rather similar to Old Master Ying so Qing Shui wasn't surprised when Di Xuan introduced them as the man's brothers. Qing Shui also greeted them properly with a smile and the manners befitting a person of a younger generation.

"They always say that the young will surpass the old. I am glad that I am able to meet such an outstanding young man like you even at my age." Old Master Ying said gently. His kind tone would leave one with a pleasant feeling.

"Old Master Ying, you're too kind." Qing Shui replied courteously.

After that, everyone took a seat. The atmosphere became visibly more casual at this rather informal family feast. The people from the Di Clan knew that the representatives from the Village of Longevity had come because of Qing Shui. Thankfully, the Di Clan was also one of the Seven Stars like the Village of Longevity. Now that Qing Shui was considered to be somewhat a member of the Di Clan, the Di Clan could enjoy the benefits of his influence. In fact, the Di Clan's status and reputation was stronger now than it had been before the previous Old Ancestor had passed away.

This was all due to Qing Shui.

“The head of the Di Clan is fortunate to have such a pair of enviable daughters. Only a young man with Qing Shui’s abilities would be compatible with them. This must be the best outcome and it is only a matter of time before the Di Clan becomes even stronger.” Old Master Ying said slowly, smiling.

If this was said by another person, it might sound like mockery. The implication would be that the Di Clan had to rely on an outsider that their daughters had found to get them out of their crisis. However, the meaning totally changed when the old man said it. It was a compliment and did not cause any feelings of offence.

“Old Master Ying, you’ve over-praised us. With your best wishes, we also hope that the Di Clan will become stronger. Hopefully, we may someday have another expert within our clan just like you.” Di Xuan said happily.

Despite his own high standing, Di Xuan replied in a manner unexpected from someone of his status. Even if the other party had indeed been mocking his Di Clan, it did not matter. He was a pragmatic man. As long as the Di Clan survived and more importantly, the Di Clan’s family members survived, a few unpleasant words were really nothing to him.

Furthermore, it was his honor to have a daughter like Di Chen. Parents take care of their children when they are young and when they are old, their children take care of them. He knew that he was only able to receive such help because of his daughter. Without Di Chen, would Qing Shui have spent so much of his effort for the Di Clan?

“The Seven Stars Country isn’t all that great in the Central Continent, but we are certainly quite famous in the other nearby regions. Since we are all influential people in the Seven Stars Country, we should go around more often, expanding our interests together.” the old man said warmly, expressing his goodwill and hoping that the two clans could work together in the future.

“Of course, we are more than willing!” Di Xuan laughed.

Qing Shui smiled and nodded his head, saying nothing, which implicitly expressed his agreement with the matter. These types of matters were not uncommon. People in an advantageous position shouldn’t look down on others who come to them seeking collaboration or a chance to share their glory. This was something normal. On the other hand, no one would look to form an alliance with someone in dire straits. When one reached a certain level, people of both higher and lower power would naturally begin to look for him. This situation seemed to be something the Di Clan would benefit from.

“Old sir, I know that the Village of Longevity controls one of the most valuable territories in the Seven Stars Country, rich in all sorts of medicinal herbs, rare items and special beasts. Would you happen to know where we might find some Qianji Wood and Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood? I would be more than thankful if you could inform us.”

Qing Shui’s had obtained the alchemy recipe for the Everlasting Pellet some time ago. He now only lacked two ingredients: Qianji Wood and Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood. The Village of Longevity was famous for its land richly infused with Spiritual Qi. Qing Shui had initially wanted to go visit the place at a later time. However, now that a person with high standing in the Village of Longevity was here, he saw that he could save some time.

“Fortunately, we do have some Qianji Wood. However, we do not have any Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood because only fresh blood is useful. There is no way to store the blood unless someone manages to tame a Three Tailed Immortal Fox.”

The Three Tailed Immortal Fox was a Martial Saint Demonic Beast. Though dealing with a Martial Saint Demonic Beast was not entirely impossible for Qing Shui, it was difficult to actually meet one, especially the Three Tailed Immortal Fox. Among all demonic beasts, it had a considerably high intellect and was further gifted with incredible speed and flight. It was definitely a difficult task to catch one.

Qing Shui was extremely pleased to hear that Old Master Ying had some Qianji Wood. He had only casually asked, hoping that the man would take note of it and help him find some in the future. He was surprised that Old Master Ying actually had some on hand. In that case, he would only need the last ingredient, the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood. Qing Shui decided that he would go into some of the dangerous deep mountains and forests to take a look. Perhaps, he would be able to meet one and with the current level of his Hidden Weapon Technique, he should be able to capture it.

Thinking of this, Qing Shui felt an impulse to immediately search for Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood. If he could get it, he would be able to create the Everlasting Pellet. The wait to experience the powerful effects of the Everlasting Pellet was driving him crazy.

The Everlasting Pellet could double a person’s entire base stats and clear the Zhongfu Accupoint!

Qing Shui could feel his blood boil with excitement as he thought of the effects of the medicinal pellet, which should allow him to become a Peak Martial Saint easily.

Nevertheless, he still felt a little dejected when he thought about the possible limitations of the Everlasting Pellet. Even before concocting the pellet, Qing Shui had already guessed that the medicinal pellet was a superior or even royal-level item from the potency of its ingredients. He only hoped that the effects were as stated.

Qing Shui was not certain about the limitations of the Everlasting Pellet but regardless, the most important thing was still his absorption rate. If he was able to absorb the medicinal pellet more completely, its effects would be stronger. The strength of his physical body also played a role. The stronger his body was, the greater his ability to absorb the pellet.

During this period of time when his strength had risen sharply, his physical body had become much stronger. When Qing Shui also took into account the changes in his Yin-Yang Image, he felt that he wouldn’t have any problems with absorption.

Qing Shui’s random thoughts actually took only a short time. He lifted his head and looked at the old man while smiling, ‘I hope that Old Master Ying will be able to spare me some. Please state your conditions, as I greatly need that Qianji Wood.’

“I don’t have much use for it. I will send my people to bring it to you within the next two days.” Old Master Yin chuckled as he waved his hands nonchalantly.

As the old man had spoken, Qing Shui did not pursue the matter further and just thanked the old man gladly.

The feast had been mainly set up for the two parties to build their relationship and so eating was secondary. The few old men from the Village of Longevity were easy to talk to and were very knowledgeable about many things in the Central Continent. Clearly, their level of exposure was a level above that of the Di Clan. They were approachable and compassionate despite being one of the Seven Stars. Even when the members of the younger generation in Di Clan asked many questions, the old men answered all of them patiently and amiably.

The presence of Old Master Ying at the event was an honor for both the Di Clan and Qing Shui. In fact, Old Master Ying was a very far-sighted man. He knew that the Di Clan would in the future surpass his Village of Longevity because of Qing Shui. Even if the Di Clan did not rise up immediately, it would only a matter of time. Taking the opportunity now while his Village of Longevity and the Di Clan were still relatively close in terms of power, he predicted that their friendship would be exceedingly beneficial in the future.

Qing Shui understood these intentions, but he did not reject them. This was normal considering a human's inherently selfish nature. There was no such thing as a completely selfless interaction. In fact, this opportunity was hard to come by for him as well. He did not know how much time he needed to become stronger, so it wasn't a bad idea to befriend the people from the Village of Longevity.

Oftentimes, a win-win situation would be the crux of a newly formed alliance.

Both parties agreed to interact and work together more often in the future. The four elderly men stayed at the Di Clan residence until the afternoon before leaving. This was a joyous event for everyone involved. Since the Di Clan was now collaborating with the Village of Longevity, they would gain a much greater status in Seven Star Country.

Three days passed peacefully...

Qing Shui enjoyed these three days, having peace of mind and experiencing tranquility. During Qing Shui's morning practice, Di Xian would look at him from the side as he practiced his Taichi Fist. Many other members of the younger generation were jealous of the special treatment that Di Xian had. Di Xian could rightly call Qing Shui her uncle, but the others couldn't.

Everyone yearned for Qing Shui's miraculous techniques. Many people were curious, and even the few elders from the Village of Longevity were no exception. However, they knew they could not ask about it, as such a topic was taboo among cultivators.

After Di Xian would practice for a while, she would look at Qing Shui's usage of the Taichi Fist. She would reflect on it and then attempt to imitate it.

"When you use your fist, you must also use your heart. Try to use your heart to feel the things around you. When the "eyes of your spirit" open, you will realize that everything will suddenly develop very quickly and that your overall constitution will also be raised." Qing Shui explained slowly.

After three days, Di Xian's Taichi fists were already very similar to his own. He could sense that she had good aptitude, so he was now advising her about the mistakes that people her age usually made.

"Eyes of your spirit?" Di Xian asked, perplexed.

“Yes. It is a sort of judgement based on your intuition. In fact, it is a very special sense of intuition that can even be more accurate than your eyes. You will understand in the future. For now, just try to use your heart to feel and sense everything around you.”

Qing Shui’s description referring to the feeling and the ability itself went into detailed precision. Qing Shui had come to appreciate the importance of such precision from his own experiences in the Taichi Fist.

These were his words of advice and even if she could not reach that level, it might help her. Perhaps she might benefit from that level of truly detailed precision.

“Come here little lass. Since you’ve called me your uncle for such a long time, I have a little something for you.” Qing Shui laughed and gave Di Xian some fruits, Tiger Vitality Pills and other items.

“Uncle, Thank you!” Di Xian smiled happily, her exquisite little face filled with joy.

After the little lass left, Di Qing came over smiling at Qing Shui.

“What’s making you so happy?” Qing Shui looked at Di Qing quizzically.

“Sister Su has decided to receive your medicinal treatment. Are you very happy?” Di Qing grinned a little craftily.

Qing Shui choked. He grimaced as he looked at Di Qing, “Am I really such a low-life in your eyes?”