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Chapter 871 - A girl, Sacred Land: Lotus Realm, Acknowledging a Master

Qing Shui took a look at the Sky Penetrating Grass again. This thing was rather valuable to Qing Shui. If he had two stalks now he could try refining the Ren Meridian Strengthening Pellet and the Du Meridian Strengthening Pellet. He only had one stalk now, thus he did not plan to refine either of them. 300 thousand kilometres, even 500 thousand or 1 million kilometres, Qing Shui would take the risk just to try to search for it.

Suddenly Qing Shui felt that his heart was faintly in pain. This was a strange feeling. He had rarely felt this sensation. Perhaps it could be said that every since he got slightly more powerful, this situation stopped appearing.

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While Qing Shui was feeling slight pain in his heart, in a far place within the Greencloud continent, Huoyun Liuli had given birth to a girl. The little lass opened her eyes and saw her mother, then Huoyun Liuli saw that her daughter quickly fell asleep

With a smile on her face, she too proceeded to sleep.

There wasn't any difference between a boy and a girl. The most important thing was that this was the child between her and Qing Shui. This child came quite late, which made Huoyun Liuli especially treasure her. It wasn't to say that if she came earlier she wouldn't treasure her, it was just that it was so difficult for her to come to this world..

Canghai Mingyue, Qing Yi and Mingyue Gelou were all waiting here. When Huoyun Liu-Li started sleeping, the little lass had opened her eyes and looked bewilderedly at her surroundings. After crying a few times with all her might, she proceeded to immediately go to sleep.

"To think that Liu-Li was worried that her child would be ugly. Look at that little lass's tender and soft skin, it's just like Liu-Lis, how beautiful."said Canghai Mingyue as she looked towards Mingyue Gelou with a smile.

"She's just saying it. How could the child of her and Qing Shui be ugly." replied Mingyue Gelou with a smile, as she looking at the little child happily.

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Sacred Land: Lotus Realm!

This was a dreamy and illusionary like world; it gave a feeling that everything was not truly real. There was a lot of water here. Furthermore, there was ample "Spiritual Qi" in the water. Dense and numerous huge lotus flowers filled the surface of the water.

There were also many bamboo houses in the water. Between those houses were walkways made of bamboo. The houses constructed out of bamboo made it look refined and graceful, without a feeling of it being luxurious, however it gave a flavor of being detached from the mundane world.

There were many mountains here, with lots of water and many bamboo forests. It could be considered as having mountains on one side and water on the other.

Bamboo!

The bamboo signified moral integrity. The people living here might have received the influence from the aura of the bamboo. A large majority of the people here exhibited the temperament of the bamboo. The Lotus Realm was a sacred place, and all the people here were unblemished women.

At this time the lotus peak was full of people, and they were people of the Lotus Realm. There weren't many people in the Lotus Realm, however each and every one of them were all elites. Most of them had rarely walked in the World of the Nine Continents, however many great families and powers all knew about the existence of this great power.

At the top of the lotus peak stood an extremely eye-catchingly gigantic lotus platform. As white as snow and translucent like jade, it was not large, however silvery light twisted around its surface, while it radiated a mysterious energy.

"Today's the day our Lotus Realm holds the once-a-century owner recognition of the Lotus Platform. Any disciples whose strength has reached Martial Saint peak stage can participate. As long as the Lotus Platform recognizes any one of you as its owner, that person would become the next Lotus Realm leader." said an old woman slowly, as she walked out with golden revolving crutch.

She was the previous leader of the Lotus Realm, and had continued for 4 terms. Being the leader for four hundred years, it was time she retired and become an elder.

"What if no one succeeds this time?" asked a youthful lady doubtfully.

"There's no need to worry. The Lotus platform would choose the person that is most suitable to become the next leader of the Lotus Realm. Once it recognizes its owner, the benefits that come with it would be enormous. The inheritance of the Lotus would let you all become peak experts in a short time. This time it had accumulated for 3 hundred years. Okay, let's begin. We'll go according to the number given to you. Come up one by one, there's no difference in being earlier or later. There's no need to worry. As long as your compatible, even if you get the last number, it would still choose you." replied the old woman before sweeping across all the people present with her eyes.

"Number one!"

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Di Chen and her master stood at a place not far from here. Ever since she came here, Di Chen had been incomparably shocked. There were a lot of experts here. Currently she was already an early Martial Saint, however she was the most ordinary member here.

The Lotus Realm was splitted into tens of branches. For example, aside from the branch where Di Chen's master was in, there were 11 other similar ones. The Lotus Realm leader was the result of the competition between these 12 branches. The person who had created the Lotus Realm had set up this unchangeable rule for the sake of maintaining the strength of the Lotus Realm. Thus, the Lotus platform would choose the person with the best and most suitable talent for attaining the inheritance.

Only through competitions would it be able to guarantee that every Lotus Realm leader would be the most outstanding. After so many years, many rules had changed, however this one had never changed at all. As the Lotus Realm was for unblemished women, if one was married, one had to leave the Lotus Realm.

There were many women from the Lotus Realm that had married and gave birth. Although they were no longer people of the Lotus Realm, if the Lotus Realm were to have any problem, these people would not watch by the sidelines. Due to the fact that everyone from the Lotus Realm being beautiful women of the standard where only one could be found in a thousand miles, those who got married held great influence in the strong powers they married into, especially their men.

A large majority of the women who stepped into the platform had flowery good looks, with exquisite and beautiful curves. However as one went up, one went down. The Lotus platform still did not have any reaction. This was a sacred land, and the Lotus platform only opens once every hundred years, therefore wanting to have a chance to try on normal occasions were naught.

Everyone could only receive the Lotus inheritance once, and every Lotus inheritance would last at least a hundred years. Being able to absorb how much of it would depend on the aptitude of the person.

“Number 121!”

Di Chen looked at the sign in her hand. She had originally assumed that there would be people who would receive the inheritance very quickly. However now it was number 121 and there still wasn't anyone that had successfully get the Lotus platform to recognize themselves as the owner.

She was number 166, and it seemed to be the last number. She did not mind, however she got a feeling that this Lotus platform had a special kind of attractiveness to her.

“Number 142!”

The girl called out wore a white dress and had a cold and detached expression. When she stood on the Lotus platform, a faint white glow lighted up for not even a breath's worth of time before dimming down.

“Looks like the Lotus Realm leader this time would be obtained by the people of Chao Yang Xuan.” said a girl who seemed very unwilling.

“Although senior sister Ding isn't very special, she's very strong. If she is able to receive the Lotus inheritance, We would no longer be able to catch up to her strength anymore.” said a woman with a shallow smile.

“I hope that there would be a person more suitable than her!”

“The people remaining are getting lesser and lesser. That's hard!”

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However this had already made many people turn feverish. After all, the people that had went up before did not even cause any reaction at all. After this girl walked down, the people behind continued the process.

There was still not a slightest bit of reaction.

“Number 158!”

This time the woman who walked up looked to be slightly older. This was a curvy matured woman, her seductiveness having a distinct difference from the other women.

Upon seeing this woman who seductive and bewitching, many people had ugly expressions.

“It’s said that she’s about to wed someone. What’s the point of coming here to become the Lotus Realm leader. What’s more if this vixen were to be selected, then the heavens are truly blind.”

When the person had just said the blind word, the Lotus platform flashed with an every brighter glow, making the woman who had just spoke out cover her mouth.

“Did I see wrongly!”

“No, you saw correctly. Elder sister Mei is more suitable than senior sister Ding. This time it looks like you’ve hit a concrete wall. This eye piercing glow is stronger by many times compared to senior sister Ding’s.” said a seductive woman from another branch immediately, with thick despise in her eyes.

Her word was akin to a slap to the woman who had spoken up previously.

“Elder sister Mei is not only mature and beautiful, her talent is outstanding.”

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The voices of praise grew more and more, with people eager to let their voices be heard by the seductive woman.

At a separate place within the place where few hundred ladies had gathered, a woman who had a look of contempt on her face and was similarly dressed seductively said, “These people are in fact more shameless than me. Once they saw that elder sister Mei was able to become the next leader, they started to say words of praises without restraint, while they won’t do such thing normally.”

“They would scold us on a daily basis. Why would they talk good things about us?” said another woman with a mocking laugh.

“Let them scold. In any case what we train in is dual cultivation. Even our ancestors had never forbid from not finding men. They’re just opinionated, and want to slander us.”

“When elder sister Mei becomes the next Lotus Realm leader, she definitely has to beat them down.”

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“Number 163!”

“Number 164!”

As of now many people basically had already determined that the next leader would be that seductive woman.

“Number 166!”

When Di Chen's number was called, she nodded her head towards her master before walking to the Lotus platform. She felt that the Lotus platform seemed to be summoning her.

"This is Martial Aunt Jiwu's sole disciple. How beautiful!" upon seeing Di Chen walk out, a woman happily said.

"You're right. There're quite a number of beautiful ladies in our Lotus Realm, however I've always felt that she's the most beautiful." added a woman with long bangs enviously.

"Now I wish that she become the next leader of our Lotus Realm." said a woman who was slightly older than the rest.

"Being beautiful doesn't equate to being suitable. However I also hope so, as I feel that anyone would be better than that seductress."

Soon this place was filled with lively discussions, as these people were clearly not at peace with that seductive woman.

Di Chen did not walk fast, however the transcendent aura she radiated gave an indescribable feeling to the surrounding people. It wasn't envy, as it had already exceeded their boundaries from envy. There was some envy, however, jealousy was not worth mentioning...

Many old people of the older generation and even the previous Lotus Realm Leader stared at Di Chen with with interest in their eyes: "Such a good Goddess Jade Bone Structure."

Di Chen slowly walked up the Lotus Platform . There wasn't the slightest reaction. She was the last person, and unexpectedly there were at least 80% of the people below that hoped that this beautiful woman would become the next Lotus Realm leader.

After a breath's worth of time, the Lotus Platform still had no reaction. The people below were very quiet, with many people holding in their anticipation. Seeing that there was no reaction, Di Chen turned around and walked down.

Even the previous Lotus Realm leader could not resist and sighed, as if she felt exceptional depressed.

Just as Di Chen had already taken a step of the Lotus platform, the platform suddenly started to fill with silvery light. A bright and eye piercing glow immediately enveloped Di Chen within it...

Chapter 872 - Lotus Inheritance, Di Chen

The sudden resplendent silvery light momentarily made the surrounding people sluggish. Such an intense halo. The brighter the halo signified the better one's innate talent was, and the suitability for training. One's accomplishments in the future would also be greater.

Although Di Chen was enveloped within the light, her mind was very clear. An enormous and exquisite energy radiated from the Lotus Platform and flowed into her body. Being recognized as the owner of the Lotus Platform Was only a kind of qualification, the true inheritance wasn't here.

Only by passing this Lotus Platform, which was indicated by the halo of light, would one be able to obtain the true inheritance. The stronger the light, the more qualified an individual was.

However, they never imagined that Di Chen would unexpectedly obtained this energy from the Lotus Platform. Furthermore, this energy was very strong and a few old people had already discovered that Di Chen's strength was increasing frantically.

Although her strength had increased at a rapid pace, there wasn't any hint of violence detected. It was the purest kind of energy and it could directly assimilate into her body. This made everyone present thoroughly stupefied.

The Lotus platform was a treasure from the Lotus Realm but it was unable to be moved. It's considered a symbol of the Lotus Realm, but there had never been anyone who could obtain power from it.

Actually, it was recorded in ancient texts within the Lotus Realm that the Lotus Platform was a spiritual item. If it truly recognizes an owner, that individual would definitely gain great benefits. Those benefits might even be better than the Lotus inheritance!

Di Chen's emotions were in a mess. She could only feel her strength rapidly increasing, so much that she couldn't even tell how much her strength had risen. However, she knew that this power exceeded her own by far too much.

At the beginning, she felt slightly flustered because being a cultivator, she knew that an overly fast increase in one's strength wasn't a good thing. Mingyue Gelou was a perfect example of this. For one's cultivation to bear fruit, every level had to be built properly. Only with solid foundations could one reach loftier heights.

However, she quickly discovered that this energy was very special. Although there was a huge amount, it was very easy to absorb and was docile like water. The energy immediately circulated and was quickly absorbed and altering every part of her body.

Most crucially, she didn't need to do anything. Within the light, she was unable to sense what was happening outside. At the same time, those on the outside could only sense the massive spiritual energy fluctuations within the white light.

The Lotus Realm's old female master was shocked but also ecstatic. She was reaching the end of her lifespan. Although the Lotus platform had recognized an owner and there would be someone taking over to lead the Lotus Realm, she was still very unassured. Even with the assistance of the elders, she still couldn't feel at ease. The Lotus Realm's leader had to be dignified, moral and have top notch inner qualities. Furthermore, the leader's cultivation needed to shock people or at the very least, their aptitude needed to be perfect.

Although the Lotus Realm was a Sacred Land and very strong, there were powers that were similar in strength with the Lotus Realm. Therefore, they couldn't be free of worries, internal strife and foreign aggression.

As time slowly ticked by, Di Chen's master looked at her disciple who was within that silvery light on the Lotus platform. She felt happiness within her heart but also felt an indescribable feeling, as though she had let down Di Chen. However, when she remembered that Di Chen would need to possess formidable strength for her path ahead, she felt that the current circumstances were good enough.

After persisting for almost an incense stick's worth of time, the light started to gradually rescinded and Di Chen's figure gradually became distinct. When Di Chen appeared in front of everyone once again, all of them were stupefied.

Beautiful, previously Di Chen was already exceedingly beautiful. However, there was now an additional immortal aura around her. This aura gave off a special feeling, causing people to forget to even breathe.

This was due to the effects of the Lotus Platform. Her aura gave off the feeling of an immortal lotus. This was the genuine false immortal. As no one believed that there were true immortals, she appeared to be a false immortal that had descended from Heaven.

"I announce that Di Chen will be the 198th generation leader of our Lotus Realm!"

At this moment the old lady walked up and announced. There wasn't a single person who had a surprised expression. Almost everyone appeared to be happy. Of course there were those that were unhappy, including that seductive woman.

The most unhappy person would be her. If Di Chen hadn't appeared, she would definitely have become the leader of the Lotus Realm. Among her generation, regardless of intelligence, appearance and cultivation, even though she wasn't the strongest in all aspects, overall she was definitely ranked in the top five. However, Di Chen's appearance forcibly pushed her out of the running and just like that, an enormous opportunity for her was lost.

Her gaze was filled with bitter resentment as stared at the goddess-like woman on the platform, incomparable hatred manifesting within her heart.

Di Chen's gaze, intentionally or otherwise, looked toward that seductive woman. The previous surrounding aura clearly entered her mind, she could roughly gauge what the others were thinking from from their emotion fluctuations.

This was a strange feeling. Furthermore, the strength of the Xiantian Qi circulating in her body made her feel that she could perhaps defeat everyone present. This was the feeling of true power.

Her body already possessed powerful strength, however she was still unfamiliar with this power or rather she couldn't believe it. She looked around with a calm gaze. Those matchless beautiful eyes made the seductive woman feel extreme fear, as though she was laid bare.

The seductive woman felt as if her thoughts were seen through and became more and more afraid. Di Chen's aura was incredibly powerful...

After awhile, Di Chen withdrew her gaze and slowly walked down the Lotus platform.

"This is the insignia of the Lotus Realm's leader. These are the keys and passes. Also, you need to go and accept the Lotus inheritance and train in seclusion for three years," said the old woman with a smile as she handed the insignia to Di Chen.

"Secluded training for three years?" asked Di Chen in shock.

"Yes, you are currently unable to completely display the power hidden within your body. You need to train in the consummate arts of the Lotus Realm. Only the Lotus Realm's leader is allowed to train in it," replied the old woman.

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“Chen`er, go. As long as you`re strong, everything is possible,” at this moment, Jiwu walked over and spoke to Di Chen gently with a smile.

At this moment, Di Chen seemed to realise something, however she did not fully understand it. She bowed towards the old woman, took the insignia and then bowed towards Jiwu. After that, she left with the old woman.

The old woman brought Di Chen to a place that only those with the insignia could enter. This was a hidden place, which felt like it was underground. This was the sacred grounds of the Lotus Realm and the inner area of the ‘Divine Lotus’ from the legends.

This time, Di Chen entered the place by herself without the old woman. Upon entering, Di Chen discovered that it was a small space that was empty. Advancing was like climbing a spiral staircase. The surroundings were wooden and most importantly, this place had a mysterious aura.

She remembered the old woman`s words, sitting in the middle after walking in. The middle was right below a gigantic hanging dark green branch. This was the inner area of the Lotus Realm`s Divine Lotus. While training here, she would obtain the Divine Lotus` inheritance and remold her body.

“There is a staircase inside. After going up, you can train in the ‘Divine Lotus Arts’. Under normal circumstances, you would reach small success stage after three years. At that time, you can exit. These three years will be three years of thorough change. The Spiritual Qi that has been accumulated for hundreds of years within the divine lotus will be absorbed by you.”

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After it faintly hurt for awhile, the pain in Qing Shui`s chest disappeared. The pain lasted for approximately an incense stick`s worth of time. After inspecting that there weren`t any problems with his internal organs, he stopped thinking about it.

Training! Refining!

He had given enough to that lady, which should make up for her losses. Regardless of who it was, Qing Shui didn`t like letting the other party suffer a loss, especially when she was helping him.

Both the Spirit Gathering Lamp and the Spirit Channeling Jade were upgraded. However, the Spirit Gathering Lamp`s degree of progress had slowed down. Currently, it had reached the fifth grade, its realm soared through the clouds.

The current Spirit Gathering Lamp was already incomparably powerful. Qing Shui tested it and found that its might had increased by approximately a fold. Originally, he had assumed that increasing a stage would lead to 10% increase. However, he later noticed that while it got harder and harder to upgrade it by a stage, the might gained from each upgrade was incomparably strong.

This was good. The might and the killing power of the Thunderous Beast and the Fire Bird had doubled. Unfortunately, there were no changes to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. In the future, the Spirit Gathering Lamp`s realm would require a huge amount of time to refine.

The upgrading of the Spirit Channeling Jade seemed much harder than the other treasures. However, the results were also a lot stronger. This greatly increased Qing Shui's anticipation for the day that these items became powerful existences.

On the second day, Qing Shui had woken up very early and practised his slow and strange fist techniques as usual. Qing Shui's Taichi Fists had already surpassed the realm of 'intent over stance'. They now truly seemed to be at the Heavenly Grade realm. Although every fist was slow, it gave people a feeling of astonishment. If the Dong Family ancestor were to see this, he would definitely be gobsmacked as this feeling and intent was what he had pursued.

After he finished his morning training routine, Qing Shui finally took note of the lady who was standing not far away. Actually, he had already noticed her when she had arrived, but he did not want to stop till his morning training had finished.

She seemed to have a lot of things on her mind but she ended up keeping her silence. Looking at Qing Shui with a smile, she said, "Can you teach me how to cook?"

Among the things Qing Shui had given her were many spices. He had even written various recipes for her. These items were absolutely priceless.

"You cook, I'll watch," replied Qing Shui with a smile.

"Okay. You cook for the rest while I cook for myself. If it's not delicious, others would laugh at me. I'll eat what I cook. Even if it's not nice I'll not have any complaints," said the lady after thinking.

This lady could unexpectedly say such cute words...

Just like that, Qing Shui cooked for the rest. There was no other way. These were good people and they loved to eat. This could be considered as expressing his thanks to the lady.

Even beautiful women needed to eat and liked to eat delicious food. By nature, humans desired for food and sex. Eating was one of the most important things in life. No matter how important something was, it definitely wasn't as important as eating.

This lady was no exception. With the best spices, even the food that the lady made was pretty good. In most circumstances, when one ate the food they made themselves, one would feel that it's more delicious. Qing Shui had given her a lot of spices since he still had a lot of spices stored in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Only a small amount of spices were used at each time and the amount he gave her was enough for the lady to use for many years.

After eating, everyone continued on their way. As before, Qing Shui and the lady were still grouped together as they headed towards the depths.

In half a month, they had already reached 30,000 li deep. They had obtained quite a few things and had escaped numerous times from hordes of huge demonic beasts. Fortunately, they were able to barely avoid the beasts. However, it was already slightly pushing it. He heard from the lady that beyond 50,000 li into the cave, they could only repel the beast hordes if they got too close and it was impossible to hide. Therefore they definitely had to always have a positional advantage. Otherwise it would be extremely dangerous.

Chapter 873 - Star Steel, Lightning Bees, Golden Beast, Powerful Woman

Within the Sky Penetrating Mountains!

Qing Shui had been in the mountains for two months. Currently, they didn't dare to split into groups to seek for treasures. Furthermore, they would try to obtain a thorough understanding of their surroundings before taking any action. As of now, they were already 500,000 kilometers into this place.

A large portion of the 'Treasure Hunting Pigs' were already stored by the lady. However, the lady had summoned tens of 'Lightning Bees' which caused Qing Shui to be stunned for quite a while.

The Lightning Bees were also called the path searching bees. They were the size of a thumb and their bodies were a grayish white. They were as resilient as diamonds and as quick as lightning. Although they didn't have any offensive capabilities, there were able to increase the scope of view of their master.

This was the most precious thing for an adventurer. Having numerous Lightning Bees would allow an adventurer to avoid many dangers, including potentially fatal ones. Lightning Bees would allow their master to feel the movements of the wind and the movements of every stalk of grass within their surroundings.

Although the Lightning Bees lacked offensive capabilities, they were fast and small. Most demonic beasts were simply unable to attack them. As for those small beasts that eat bugs or birds, they were simply unable to eat them. The lady proceeded to lead everyone further into the mountain range. As they walked, they made numerous turns, allowing the Treasure Hunting Pigs to direct her from time to time. She aimed to search for treasures while evading strong demonic beasts.

Qing Shui was feeling a bit curious about this lady. Her family refines demons yet she was able to bring out tens of Treasure Hunting Pigs. Additionally, she brought out tens of Lightning Bees. The demonic beasts that she summoned were unable to fight, however, each and every one of them was worth cities...

"To the left!"

The lady spoke these two words before following the Treasure Hunting Pig. The pig dashed towards the left side of the mountain top. Qing Shui and the rest hurriedly followed her. At this current place, he had to bring out 120% of his effort to settle everything. Even Qing Shui didn't dare to have the slightest degree of carelessness.

During these past few days, it could be considered that he had seen the dangers of this Sky Penetrating Mountains. He had avoided quite a bit of poisonous miasma and faced that terrifying horde of Five Coloured Poison Beasts.

They arrived at an area with a group of swamplands in a valley. There were dense and numerous Five Coloured Poison Beasts, including Five Coloured Poison Alligators whose bodies hadn't even reached a meter in length. Additionally, their speeds were just average, if they were faster, Qing Shui's group would be neck deep into trouble.

While he fled, Qing Shui didn't forget to catch a few poison beasts, tossing them into the poisonous pond within the Realm of the Violet Immortal. Plants and animals were able to live in the Realm of the Violet Immortal, including Qing Shui's demonic beasts. In addition to demonic beasts, there were also

aquatic creatures. Even amphibious existences were able to live in his realm, including tortoises. The Five Coloured Poison Alligators were amphibious poisonous beasts.

They followed the Treasure Hunting Pig and ran to the peak, only to see it continuously knocking against a gigantic rock on the mountain peak. After a while, a jet black item appeared, infused with a cold glint.

Star Steel!

Everyone was shocked that this mountain peak actually had Star Steel. Furthermore, this piece of Star Steel seemed to be very large. Star Steel was the leftover essence from meteors after they were worn down from falling from the sky.

They were uncertain of the exact size of this Star Steel but this piece was at least three meters in size. Star Steel was an extremely precious metal. Most fires were unable to melt it and even sharp weapons were unable to cut it apart.

The lady took out her Mystical Connection Divine Sword and tried to cut the steel a few times before finally giving up helplessly. Although she was able to leave a few scratches, wanting to extract it was an impossibility. The Star Steel was very thick and dense. With that weight, it wasn't a load that their spirit energy could withstand. Furthermore, it wasn't something that they could fit into their Interspatial Silk Sachets...

It would be very unfortunate if they couldn't bring it away. Suddenly, she looked at Qing Shui, who was standing a bit far away. Walking over, she gently asked, "Are you able to bring the Star Steel away? It's too much of a pity to leave it here."

"I'll give it a try!" replied Qing Shui after thinking. The Realm of the Violet Immortal could hold tens of thousands of these. However, he didn't know if his spirit energy could handle it, nor did he know if there would be any repulsion. Despite this, he still had to give it a try, after all, 'controlling items' with spirit energy was different from using one's strength. The lady's spatial item was absolutely big enough but her spirit energy probably hadn't reached the required level.

Qing Shui slowly placed his hands on the surface of the Star Steel. He could feel a strong spiritual energy emanating from it, causing him to become speechless. Only by touching it did he realize that this Star Steel wasn't like regular objects. Slowly, he started to activate his spirit energy.

The Yin Yang Image in his sea of consciousness rapidly started to revolve and gradually increased in speed. Spirit energy and strength had one aspect in common. If one suddenly used up too much and there was no response from their target, it would lead to injuries and damage. This was just like a man trying to lift a heavy rock. If he tried to use his full strength to move it, it would result in exceptional suffering if he was unable to move it. In fact, his body would suffer injuries. Therefore, one had to slowly increase their output. This would reduce the likelihood of injury, as spirit energy injuries would result in injuries to the spirit.

The gigantic piece of Star Steel and the surrounding rock disappeared in a flash before everyone's eyes. Qing Shui had used around half of his spirit energy to store this gigantic piece of Star Steel. This was the immense efficacy of the Yin Yang Image. In that instant, the image had shone brighter than usual.

After Qing Shui was able to store it, everyone felt extremely happy. It was better that one of them managed to store it, rather than just leaving it here. The lady smiled towards Qing Shui before kneeling down to pat the head of the little gold pig beside her. The Treasure Hunting Pig closed its eyes in enjoyment, before suddenly opening its eyes and rapidly rushing down the mountain.

The harvest for today could be considered sufficient. Such a big piece of Star Steel, its value simply couldn't be calculated. However, they couldn't stay here for too long. The lady's group was unable to take it away, so Qing Shui being able to take it away was a good thing. Furthermore, the lady vaguely felt in her heart that despite not taking away the Sky Penetrating Grass, the items that she had gotten were absolutely more valuable than it.

After all, she was also a Beast Tamer...

Before they started walking down the mountain, they heard the dense cries of numerous birds appearing in a place across the horizon, their sharp calls breaking the Heavens. Everyone was still standing on the mountain top and upon hearing this, they hurriedly ran down the mountain.

When they were half way down the mountain, the lady suddenly stopped. With an extremely unnatural expression, she looked at the group, before she slowly said, "There are numerous Berserk Dragons rushing up here from the bottom..."

Berserk Dragons were demonic beasts that possessed the bloodline of dragons from legends. Its appearance was similar to an earth dragon, albeit being somewhat smaller in size. However, the degree to which it could go berserk was comparable to the Violent Blood Bear. It was a Peak Martial Saint and its abilities were at least at three stars. Their highest strength was uncertain, as a few mutated stronger subspecies would often appear.

Roar...

Sky rending roars continuously rang out as a large flock of birds appeared in the distance. When they saw the flock, everyone became even more flustered. There were so many Vampiric Falcon Vultures that it made cold shivers run up everyone's spines.

The appearance of the Berserk Dragons had let everyone guess that the flock of birds were Vampiric Falcon Vultures.

Vampiric Falcon Vultures weren't very different from the Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagle, with strength ranging from Early Martial Saint to Late Martial Saint. Only a small number were barely able to reach the Peak Martial Saint level. However, the probability was one in a million. They were approximately ten meters wide, possessed good speed, and their attacks had a poisonous attribute. This poison could accumulate and when they saw blood, they would get crazy. As long as blood was seen, they would want food no matter what.

A Vampiric Falcon Vulture was dark red and it had a falcon's head. Its beak was lined with densely packed half a foot of long sharp teeth. The poison came from its teeth.

The lady looked at her surroundings without being flustered. Looking at the nearby mountain, she saw a space that seemed like a shallow cave. The rocks here were exceptionally hard and dense, forming a large mountain. Even the Vampiric Falcon Vultures wouldn't dare to bump into this mountain. After all,

they weren't demonic beasts with strong bodies and their strength was unable to cause the mountain to collapse.

If it were the mountains in Qing Shui's past life, it could possibly collapse. However, this was the World of the Nine Continents.

Everyone stood before that spacious 'cave entrance'. The mountain peak above gently protruded out, so they wouldn't have to worry about getting attacked from the top. Just as they stood firm, immense roars started to ring out from below.

Berserk Dragons!

Qing Shui looked at the innumerable Berserk Dragons and his goosebumps stood up uncontrollably. Their scarlet bodies were like a lion's and they were approximately 30 meters long. Their fierce heads were a cross between a lion and a camel, and their jaws filled with massive sharp teeth. A thick stench of blood came hurtling over.

Being almost ten meters tall, their four thick limbs that were armed with sharp claws could rip almost anything to shreds.

As the innumerable Berserk Dragons dashed about, a great thumping noise rang out from the ground. The hurried noises seemed to resonate with everyone's hearts but the mountain where they hid didn't have a single trace of vibration.

Originally, Qing Shui thought that this mountain might collapse. He thought about the scars that the meteor had caused when it landed on the mountain peak. It looked like the rocks here were hard and firm and had a frightening density. However, it was a pity that this stone couldn't be refined and reforged.

The lady wielded her Mystical Connection Divine Sword as she faintly frowned. With a wave of her hand, four golden beasts appeared. A few of the other old people also summoned their demonic beasts. However, they only summoned one demonic beast each, and their demonic beasts weren't as eye catching as the lady's four golden beasts.

The golden beast was a rare demonic beast. Its body was similar to that of a Berserk Dragon and it looked noble and graceful. The strength of this demonic beast lied in its penetrative attack and its extraordinarily high defense. Its massive body was tough as diamonds. It was one of the best in term of its application of raw strength since it had abandoned magic and combat technique type attacks. Therefore, its defense, speed, and the might of its claws and teeth were all extraordinarily strong.

What a trump card!. Every time this lady took action, it would always be a major move. Qing Shui summoned his Diamond Gigantic Elephant and the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable. Naturally, there was also the Fire Bird. Due to the Spirit Gathering Lamp, the Fire Bird's attacking power would double. This was an enormous breakthrough.

Upon climbing up, those demonic beasts started attacking crazily. Fortunately, their location was unique and prevented them from being attacked from behind. The number of attacking demonic beasts did not exceed 30, with the Berserk Dragons being the primary attackers.

The base strength of the Fire Bird was close to a star, and its strength was already more than 9,000 countries. Under the effects of Phoenix Dance, its abilities were permanently doubled. Additionally, the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens and the might of the 'Hell's Inferno' doubled its strength once again, allowing the Fire Bird's attack power to reach four stars.

As of now, with the Spirit Gathering Lamp, its attack power could even eight stars. It took to the skies and rushed towards the Vampiric Falcon Vultures and the Berserk Dragons. The Vampiric Falcon Vultures were similar in strength to the Fire Bird, with the Vampiric Falcon Vultures having the advantage of a poison attribute and numbers.

The strength of the majority of Berserk Dragons weren't even a bit inferior to the Fire Bird and there even a small amount that exceeded it.

Although the individual strengths of Qing Shu's group were significantly higher than the Berserk Dragons and the Vampiric Falcon Vultures, it was difficult to fend off so many enemies. Even a hero wouldn't be able to withstand that many foes. A small mistake could cost all their lives. Due to the innumerable amounts of demonic beasts in the sky and on the ground, if they were to attract even stronger demonic beasts, they would be in real deep sheet.

At this moment, a few crystal cards appeared in the lady's hand, which she tossed onto the golden beasts. She had a few cards left, so she casually gave Qing Shui one.

At this moment, Qing Shui saw the effects of the cards. These cards seemed to increase the strength and destructiveness of the user's attacks. This improved their penetrative power. Only now did he remember that the Mu Family was a family of Demon Tamers.

The Mu Family was very strong!

This was what Qing Shui's felt.

The Fire Bird's Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens could only be sustained for 15 minutes but its might was truly enormous. The strong Hell's Inferno had immediately killed many Vampiric Falcon Vultures instantly.

Even the Berserk Dragons on the ground couldn't endure the flames. After continual use of Hell's Inferno, tens of Berserk Dragons were killed directly. However, this attack had an unfortunately high consumption rate. Although the Fire Bird could enter the Realm of the Violet Immortal to recover, it would still require some pills and occasionally some Vital Essence Pill.

The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable was as quick as lightning. It only needed to attack the weak parts of the Berserk Dragons, which were the face, the ears, and the abdomen. After those parts were attacked, the Berserk Dragons would die in a few hours.

The poison of the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable had already become something that the previous version couldn't be compared to. After being strengthened by Qing Shui's medicinal pills and that pearl, it wasn't far from becoming six colored.

Chapter 874 - Soulshake Bell, Subduing the Dragons, Taming the Tigers, Berserk Dragon King Appears

Qing Shui and their group were sufficient to defend the place, however their hearts were a mess, as no one knew how many Demonic Beasts were out there. When this kind of situation appears, it is very easy to attract stronger demonic beasts.

This was the Sky Penetrating Mountains and it was not the least bit strange for strong demonic beasts to appear at any time. It could be considered unfortunate that they had met with Berserk Dragons. Although this demonic beast wasn't like the Berserk Blood Bear that would fight and never retreat, they would not retreat until you killed enough to make them terrified.

Roars shook the skies and coupled with the sharp screeches of the Vampiric Falcon Vulture, the entire area was extremely chaotic, making people flustered.

The ground was littered with the corpses of many Vampiric Falcon Vulture and Berserk Dragons, however they were quickly devoured by the Vampiric Falcon Vultures. Regardless of whose corpses they were, as long as they saw blood, even those that were still living would be met with their attacks, sucking their blood until they died.

Qing Shui held a shield in one hand and the Thunder God in the other. From time to time the shield would smash open a gap between the incoming beasts or the Thunder God would instantaneously destroy a Berserk Dragon.

He continuously dished out Raging Blows, which he had practiced within the Realm of the Violet Immortal, with his fists as a replacement for the hammer. Although he had later used the Thunder God to train, it wasn't as enjoyable as now, as at least this was considered a real battle.

He was getting more and more familiar with this practical combat skill and the resulting terrifying might of each hammer strike was enough for the lady beside him to shoot an astonished look at him. If not for the battle, she would definitely stare at him for a longer period of time. Furthermore, she seemed to feel that the hammer skill that he was unleashing definitely had some connection with the Raging Blow, as she could feel the rage building.

What made the lady especially astonished was Qing Shui's Shield Attack. The terrifying force of the shield bash seemed to be able to topple a mountain. Every single strike of it was able to smash numerous Berserk Dragons back and clear a huge empty space, with the smashed Berserk Dragon immediately exploding and dying. In addition there was Fire Bird in the air, terrifying flames continuously spewing from it. The Vampiric Falcon Vultures were immediately killed upon contact. This basically blocked the top part of the cave, preventing them from entering it.

The geography here was good, similar to the sort where one man can hold the pass against all enemy forces. Otherwise Fire Bird would not be able to hold back such an enormous cast of Vampiric Falcon Vultures. However, after 15 minutes passed the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens state was going to dissipate. At that time the might of Hell's Inferno would drop by half. Although it was still lethal against the Vampiric Falcon Vultures, it did not have any killing power towards the Berserk Dragons on the ground.

15 minutes passed very quickly and in addition this intense combat has resulted in enormous energy consumption for the Fire Bird.

Qing Shui's hand speed slowed down for a moment as he looked at the endless bestial horde and the dense and numerous Vampiric Falcon Vultures in the sky.

His mind was quickly thinking. Although the Vampiric Falcon Vultures were terrifying, their strength was comparatively quite low and could be easily killed. Furthermore, as long as they could run to the valley below, these things would not be anything to worry about.

Therefore the main problem was these Berserk Dragons. Not only did they block the ground, their group could not just fly up and leave, as these Berserk Dragons were also able to fly. Although they could not fly for long, they were exceptionally quick in short distances. Therefore, once they go airborne, they would be engulfed by these demonic beasts. They were better off defending this place.

While fighting, Qing Shui slowly inched towards the lady.

"Do you have any other ideas? Could it be that we have to kill all them?" asked Qing Shui, while his hands did not stop.

"Unless you slaughter their 'King', in most cases they will not retreat." The lady also did not stop her attacks, however she did pan her head over to shoot a look at him.

"Their 'King'?" asked Qing Shui without turning around.

"That's the king among the Berserk Dragons. As long as you can kill it, they will retreat," replied the lady softly.

Qing Shui understood.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant would unleash a Mighty Elephant Stomp from time to time. Within this kind of battle, the Vajra Subdues Demons was already useless. It continuously unleashed the Might Elephant Stomp, Diamond Sword Qi and Ferocious Diamond Attack

The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable had it the easiest, as it relied on its speed to continuously massacre the surrounding Berserk Dragons. For now, Fire Bird was the only killing the Vampiric Falcon Vultures in the air.

Qing Shui faintly wrinkled his brows, as he was unable to see the king of the Berserk Dragons. Without even trying he could guess that it was at the back of this horde. However, if he left this place, not only would he get attacked in the back, he would even get attacked from the sky. Qing Shui did not have the confidence to prevent this from happening.

"Let's try to agitate the king that is hidden behind these Berserk Dragons. We have to force it out, if not we're truly finished," muttered Qing Shui before clenching his teeth as he made his decision.

Shield Attack, Shield Attack...

Total Annihilation

Mighty Elephant Stomp...

Qing Shui's Mighty Elephant Stomp was stronger than that displayed by the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and the instantaneous eruption created a stretch of empty space. In the next moment, Qing Shui

brought out the Soulshake bell and gave it a fierce shake towards the large wave of incoming Berserk Dragons.

Its sound no better than wailing of ghosts and howling of wolves, however it did not have any effect to humans, although the sounds it produced were truly horrible to listen to. Fortunately it was still bearable, however it was a different story for demonic beasts, who were now in a miserable state.

Instantly the entire battleground turned lively, as Qing Shui started to inject spirit energy into the Soulshake Bell.

This caused everyone present to be completely shocked, as chaos erupted throughout the entire battleground. Of the demonic beasts, ten odd of them were immediately killed, while tens of them fled. The most important point was that roughly fifty that had turned hysterical and started attacking the Berserk Dragons besides them.

Due to the special geography of this place, over fifty of them were enough to completely block this place. Although momentarily they had unexpectedly entered a deadlock, the Soulshake Bell had sent the Berserk Dragons into a hysterical state, leaving them unable to differentiate friend from foe. Due to the hysterical state, they disregarded any end result and just attacked. Therefore, momentarily their combat prowess had increased some and the group was in a deadlock.

Unfortunately the hysterical Berserk Dragons could not recognize friend from foe. It wasn't a mutiny, nor was it because they accepted the commands of Qing Shui. They were attacking everything near them, humans and demonic beasts alike.

The lady looked at the pretty violet colored Soulshake Bell in Qing Shui's hand. She was a beast tamer and knew what it was, however she had not imagined that there actually was such a thing.

The ancient records had listed this as a nemesis to beast tamers, the Soulshake Bell. It was specially built to counter demonic beasts. Right now it truly was incomparably powerful. If a beast tamer only had a few demonic beasts, it was truly not enough to kill him...

The Mu family people were also looking at Qing Shui dumbfounded. However, they quickly regained their wits. Now, they had seemed to feel that compared to their miss, the monstrous existence of this youth seemed to not be much inferior.

After refining the Soulshake Bell, filling it up with spirit energy require a bit of time, approximately an incense stick's worth of time. Therefore for this moment Qing Shui was imbuing it while clutching the Thunder God, preparing to enter combat at any moment.

The fifty hysterical Berserk Dragons were able to hold off for a while. Furthermore there were tens of them that had fled. This created a ripple in the enormous bestial horde, like a tidal wave.

Very quickly those hysterical Berserk Dragons were killed and were eaten clean by the Vampiric Falcon Vultures in the air. Those who had fled had disappeared without a trace. At this moment Qing Shui's Soulshake Bell was already fully charged and could be used again.

Another shake.

The previous occurrence appeared again in the battlefield. However, this time the results were even stronger than the previous time. The Soulshake Bell's realm was already at the seventh level, the realm of vanquishing dragons and tigers.

A level Seven Soulshake Bell was already strong and in addition it was quickly entering the eighth level. Qing Shui did not know how many levels could it be promoted to in this realm and in this world. The current might was considered pretty good but Qing Shui was anticipating the future.

The Soulshake Bell was able to control no more than ten demonic beasts. It produces a terrifying sound that would frighten and shake the soul. There's a 30% chance of causing the target to become flustered and flee. A 20% chance of turning hysterical, making it attack everything in its surroundings. A 10% chance of immediately causing death, regardless of the target's level. A few special demonic beasts are able to reduce the efficacy of the Soulshake Bell.

This percentage wasn't considered high, however it was absolutely not low. Furthermore its greatest effect was to disregard the target's level. Just that some special demonic beasts were able to lower these percentages.

He had displayed it so many times in an instant, therefore the success rate was still quite low. This time, the result had approximately doubled when compared to before. Therefore there was quite a spectacle created in the battleground.

Only now, after meeting with a strong beast horde did Qing Shui discover that the Spiritual Qi of the Soulshake Bell was insufficient. Due to its high realm, the Spiritual Qi consumed in every use was significant. Looks like he still needed to promote its realm.

Time passed by bit by bit just like that. At this time, it was already close to midday. The battle was still continuing. It was already the tenth time that Qing Shui had used the Soulshake Bell.

From the second time to the third time, there were still ten odd of hysterical Berserk Dragons left. After using the bell multiple times, the end result was pretty good, therefore after the last usage there were actually close to four hundred hysterical demonic beasts.

Roar!

Just at this moment, a roar that pierced through the clouds suddenly resounded out from behind the bestial horde.

Roar! Roar!

Two consecutive roars followed and the Berserk Dragon group that was originally slightly hysterical immediately started to grow berserk again, charging towards the hysterical Berserk Dragons. Furthermore, after that roar, Qing Shui discovered that the combat prowess of the hysterical Berserk Dragons had declined. This was a sort of instinctive dread towards their king.

This made the situation where they could defend with difficulty disintegrate instantaneously, as the Berserk Dragons were mutually killing themselves. Qing Shui looked over to the origin of the roar. He knew that these roars were made by the Berserk Dragon King, as only it had such capability.

On a mountaintop far away, Qing Shui spotted the Berserk Dragon King's figure.

The scarlet red figure appeared more brightly colored than a normal Berserk Dragon, like an intense raging inferno. It was more than two times the size of a normal Berserk Dragon and was similar to that of an Earth Dragon Beast King. However, this Berserk Dragon King looked more violent. With a single look, Qing Shui could tell that it was very strong, as the imposing aura radiating from it could prove.

There was still some distance from him but Qing Shui still prepared to rush towards it. However, he was held back, the soft feeling indicating that it was the lady beside him. Turning his head back, he looked at her, causing her to let go of his hand in a fluster.

She had previously wanted to grab onto Qing Shui's sleeve, however Qing Shui had wanted to rush over. With a move of his hand, it had resulted in her grabbing his hand...

The lady's heart beat very quickly. Releasing his hand, she shook her head while blushing.

Qing Shui looked at the lady. Never would he have imagined that her blushing appearance would cause even his heart to beat faster. This was an unspeakable allure and belong to a refined and absolutely beautiful woman like her.

"We've already completely angered it. It'll come here quickly. Don't go, it's dangerous," said the lady softly.

The lady's mind was actually already in turmoil. She had already discovered it but what she discovered was not as intense as it actually was. This was the first time she felt such a sensation. She felt very confused and did not like such a feeling.

Chapter 875 - Magnificent Violet Lightning Strike, Insta-kill, Refining Demons

Looking at that unnatural expression of the lady, Qing Shui hurriedly turned his head aside, not wanting to see that lovable appearance. He started to laugh mockingly at himself. It was easy for men to lose their self-control in front of women. Although he did not want to provoke any other woman, there were still times where it was easy for him to get distracted. In fact it was not a definite thing that he needed to possess her, however he was unable to control himself. This was the charm of beautiful women.

The lady quickly regained her composure. However she could not help but feel shameful for what happened earlier, in her heart. She was thinking about whether she had purposefully grabbed his hand, what would he think about this, would he think of her as...thinking about this, she felt that her heart was in complete disarray.

Very quickly she felt worried about her own thoughts and for a moment became stunned and at a complete loss.

The hysterical Berserk Dragons were once again slaughtered completely. When Qing Shui waved his hands to activated the Soulshake Bell again, the gigantic fiery red figure on the mountaintop suddenly ferociously launched itself over, obviously targeting Qing Shui.

Although the distance was too far its speed was akin to the speed of lightning.

Qing Shui put away the Soulshake Bell and took out the Descending Heavens Talisman as well as the two Ten Thousand Year Coldsteel Bead dipped in highly toxic poisons. Then, he stared at the gigantic demonic beast currently heading here at rapid speed.

The gigantic demonic beast did not fly, however its speed seemed faster than flying. Every jump and bound it made shoot it over hundreds of meters each time.

Qing Shui stared closely at it. At the same time, the lady and those old people from the Mu Family were also staring at that Berserk Dragon King. They were experts of a region and could feel how terrifying this gigantic Berserk Dragon King was.

Time did not permit them rest and if they continued on like that everyone would run dry. In addition, there were strong bestial roars ringing faintly from a distance, causing people's hearts to palpitate.

Qing Shui started to slowly calm down. This was a very strange feeling. He was quietly contemplating and waiting. The Berserk Dragon King was very fast and even Qing Shui felt that his speed was still inferior to it.

Suddenly, the Descending Heavens Talisman in Qing Shui's hand rapidly shot out.

It was unable to hit anything at this distance, however the Berserk Dragon King was still running over. Therefore it had arrived at just the right moment. Seemingly at the same time, Qing Shui's Emperor's Qi and Fiery Golden Eyes had already rapidly shot out.

At this time there was no need to be polite, furthermore the people in the surroundings could only see him sending out the talisman. At the same time, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant rushed towards the Berserk Dragon King as it activated "Vajra Subdues Demons".

Vajra's Glare!

After using his techniques, Qing Shui did not even bother to calculate his opponent's remaining strength, as he immediately summoned the Thunderous Beast while shooting forward at the same time.

Seven Star Armored Vest!

"It's dangerous, come back!" upon seeing Qing Shui's actions, the lady panicked and shouted in a loud voice.

Violet Lightning Strike!

After Qing Shui had shot forward for a certain distance, the Thunderous Beast sent a Violet Lightning Strike at the Berserk Dragon King, instantly locking it in the sky. At this moment, Qing Shui's two Ten Thousand Year Coldsteel Beads suddenly shot out. The most important thing now was that Qing Shui was within ten meters of the Berserk Dragon King.

The reason why Qing Shui rushed out was that he was worried about the duration of the Lightning Beast's Violet Lightning Strike. Also if he was too far away, he was afraid that the other Berserk Dragons would interfere. Therefore he had seemingly finished everything from weakening to attacking in an instant.

The two Ten Thousand Year Coldsteel Beads infused with extremely toxic poisons shot straight at the two gigantic eyes of the Berserk Dragon King. That was the weakest place in its body. Furthermore, the most important point was that they could shoot directly into its brain, causing lethal damage.

Qing Shui wanted to kill it in one strike, as time did not permit him otherwise. After a single attack, he immediately retreated. Within that short instant, Qing Shui had already been attacked for tens of times. Fortunately he had evaded any lethal attacks as he had the Seven Star Armored Vest, coupled with people supporting him for a place not far from him.

The Thunderous Beast stood at a distance and continuously used its Thunderbolt. Any Vampiric Falcon Vulture that was struck would instantly be killed. The high single target attack added to its base strength as well as the Spirit Gathering Lamp made it have a very strong effect.

Only when Qing Shui had returned to his original position, did the gigantic Berserk Dragon King start crying out mournfully and miserably. Its eyes were blinded, as the two Ten Thousand Year Coldsteel Beads entered its brain carrying along highly toxic poisons.

Roar!

Immense roars rang out as the pain caused it to unceasingly go crazy where it was. All of the demonic beasts around it suffered a calamity, as they had a huge disparity in size compared to it, with their strength being even more so. Therefore a large number of them were instantly killed by the crazy Berserking Dragon King.

Thunderbolt!

The Thunderous Beast's Thunderbolt continuously landed on the Berserk Dragon King's body. Added with the rapid flare-up of the poisons, it quickly collapsed.

The Berserk Dragon King died, which instantly disturbed the entire Berserk Dragon horde. At this time Qing Shui and the rest would naturally not give up on this chance, with him taking out the Soulshake Bell again.

Very quickly, the bestial horde became restless, they began to retreat and then fled. Along with those that had fled earlier due to the Soulshake Bell, the demonic beasts that fled quickly formed small groups.

These groups started to gradually expand as close quarter battles continued. The most important point was that their king was already dead. Gradually, the number of fleeing ones grew larger and larger. As for the Vampiric Falcon Vultures in the air, they seemed to be unwilling to leave, making sharp screeches as they stared at the corpses on the ground.

Qing Shui gave a stomp on the rock floor below him, immediately creating many shattered chunks of rock. Qing Shui's hand quickly swept across the rocks tumbling in the air. Every time he touched a rock it would rapidly shoot out, taking the life of a Vampiric Falcon Vulture in the process.

Qing Shui's actions were methodical and thoroughly and very quickly many Vampiric Falcon Vulture corpses fell onto the ground. At the same time, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant activated the Mighty Elephant's Recklessness and rushed into the cast of Vampiric Falcon Vultures.

Mighty Elephant's Stomp!

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant had tough skin and thick muscle. Without the Berserk Dragon horde, these Blood Sucking Falcon Vampires were nothing to worry about.

“Let’s quickly descend. We can’t stay here for long,” said the lady as she walked over to Qing Shui.

“Okay!”

Qing Shui recalled his demonic beasts and quickly descended with the lady and the Mu family people. While traveling he conveniently threw the Berserk Dragon King’s corpse into the Realm of the Violet Immortal and also a few Berserk Dragon corpses, in preparation for drawing talismans.

This battle made Qing Shui realize the might of the Thunderous Beast. Naturally there was also the mysterious usefulness of the Spirit Gathering Lamp. It could double the might of the demonic beast’s magic. Not only could it double the might, in addition, it could double the auxiliary effects and intensity too.

For example, the speed reduction effect of the Violet Lightning Strike was doubled, as was the paralysis effect time!.

Qing Shui and the other people of the Mu Family followed the lady and rapidly traveled through the mountain valley, quickly reaching a place that was unobstructed on three fronts with a concealed mountain cave ahead. After battling for half a day, everyone was tired.

Upon entering it, they sealed the mountain cave with a gigantic stone.

The intelligence of demonic beasts was inferior to humans and most would simply not knock any rock they see. After sealing the cave, very little light could penetrate in. Fortunately, the lady took out some light stones and placed them at a few corners. After doing so, everyone took their time to pitch their tents, while a few old people placed cotton mattresses beside a wall not far away. Sitting down they started to chat.

Qing Shui had also pitched his tent, however he had finished it quickly. After saying his greetings to the others, he entered his tent. He still had things to do and he could not waste time.

For the Berserk Dragon King corpse that he had thrown in earlier, he had in fact wanted to subdue this kind of demonic beast. The only thing was that he could not achieve that, nor could the lady and she was a beast tamer.

However, the reason why Qing Shui had immediately killed it was because the king of a demonic beast horde is seemingly impossible to be tamed. The success rates were too small, especially when one wanted to forcefully tame it, which could just be neglected.

It was due to this reason that Qing Shui had killed it. He had planned to refine it later and the time of a demonic beast’s death was important, as it could not be too long. Therefore Qing Shui had hurriedly pitched his tent before heading into the Realm of the Violet Immortal.

A moment in the outside world was a very long time in the Realm of the Violet Immortal. The shorter the period since death, the better the results were. Therefore, upon entering his hand immediately started the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace up, throwing the Berserk Dragon King corpse into it.

After swallowing a Vital Essence Pill, he started his refinement. Now it was considered a walk in the park, as he was already very clear on the places that he needed to pay attention to. Added with the growth of his strength and spirit energy, this made Qing Shui feel relaxed and pleased with refining.

The Primordial Demon Refining Furnace slowly started to shrink, as the glow on its surface continuously sparkled. The demonic beast drawings were clear and natural, vivid and lifelike, even continuously producing faint bestial roars, showing its awe and prestige.

Qing Shui's hands gently patted the surface of the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace, spirit energy continuously entering it through his use of the Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint. This made his refinement of demonic beasts seem as if it was a coincidence.

This was because he had tested this way ever since he had started doing this, all the way until he gradually discovered that his refining abilities were very strong. This might be due to the relationship between the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace and the "Buddha's Power" within his body.

The Primordial Demon Refining Furnace grew smaller and smaller as the various pure light halos grew more and more abundant. The drawing grew more clear and distinct as it slowly regained its original small size.

A familiar sound rang out, informing Qing Shui it succeeded. Every time he refined he would be excited. This time was no different, thus he had immediately taken a look at the furnace after its completion.

Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl!

In the first look he spotted the familiar demonic beast essence pill. Scarlet red in color, it was the size of a fist and radiated violent energies. In actual fact, when refining demonic beasts what Qing Shui had anticipated the most was the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl!

There were also three crystal cards, with the drawings on them being the image of the Berserk Dragon King.

Looking at its description, it was "Berserk". When used, it would add a certain amount of berserk strength.

Qing Shui thought the concept of it was slightly unclear, however he had the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl and that was sufficient for him. The value of it was absolutely the highest he ever achieved and it was the strongest Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl he had ever refined.

After putting all of these things away, he left the Realm of the Violet Immortal. After all it was still daytime. Everyone had come here to rest for a while. Walking out of the tent, he saw that there were still some people inside their tents, while the rest were outside.

He did not place the previous battle in his heart, as he had seen many similar instances and had already been used to it.

Now it was already noon and the previous battle had resulted in too much consumption of their energy. There was already a large piece of Berserk Dragon meat as well as an antelope in the cave. Although it could be said that the stronger the demonic beast the more delicious its meat was, there were people who disliked eating demonic beast meat.

It was time to roast the meat. Now there would be numerous people working together to roast the meat and prepare the food. An old person sprinkled some powder at the cave entrance. This could prevent the air within the cave from circulating to the outside and it lasted for 24 hours.

This battle had thoroughly caused all the old people not dare to look down on Qing Shui, especially after the Thunderous Beast had shown itself. The beautiful Violet Lightning Strike and Qing Shui's lethal attack had caused their hearts to palpitate.

This youth was a killer. In fact they still did not know that Qing Shui had used weakening techniques when killing that Berserk Dragon King. For now, they were unable to determine the extent of Qing Shui's strength.

Chapter 876 - Complex Women, Thoughts, Mu Qing

Only when it was time to eat did the lady appear. Still wearing her golden phoenix gown, a faint smile on her face. Her beauty was noble and elegant, elegant to her core.

Taking a properly roasted leg of meat from the firepit, she took a seat beside Qing Shui, as that was the only empty place left.

There were tables and chairs within the cave, which were Qing Shui's. He had bought a few in the Southern City Furniture Store and they had been brought into use now. These tables and chairs were precious, very clean without a single speck of dust.

When the lady had just come out and noticed all of these, she was in shock for a while. After that, she proceeded to look towards Qing Shu. Only this man would be able to have such luxurious behavior.

Exactly how big was his spatial storage device. This set of table and chairs took up a lot of space. Although the lady thought about all this, she still sat beside him. Taking small bites at a time, she continued to ponder.

The soup, stewed meat and such not far away emitted an enticing fragrance, which entered straight into the bottom of their hearts. With a whiff, they were already feeling slightly unable to wait and were itching to immediately eat everything.

Everyone else was all wolfing down their food, simply not caring about their image. Only the lady was not hurried or rushed. Although she was eating faster than the previous times, she still was graceful and elegant. It was to the point that it made other people unable to resist looking at her eating, as it was a kind of enjoyment. This was a feast for one's eyes.

Just like her speech and her appearance made people feel that they haven't seen or heard her enough. This was a kind of beauty where it was not necessary to possess. When people come across a perfect existence, for example scenery, environment, construction, object or person, they would be a feeling as if they haven't seen enough and appreciation that comes from the heart.

This was considered appreciation, at least for a while.

When talking about furniture, Qing Shui thought about Di Chen and the Immortal Bed. That bed had always followed along with her and would go wherever she went. It was considered a pretty good thing, it was a pity that he did not get to practice his "workmanship".

He he could not be bothered to deal with it recently and did not have that thought. Good furniture, cabinets, tables and chairs, curtains, carpets, beds were all incomparably priceless, as the majority of them were made using precious wood, with some of them even having some profound principles within.

Qing Shui decided he could research this in the future and not now.

After eating that oily meat, Qing Shui discovered the lady's eating posture was still the same without any change. Not like those old people, who did not speak much, hands covered in oil.

So much meat and soup was consumed. A few of the old people went to wash the dishes, as it would be embarrassing to just eat by relying on "seniority". Furthermore, they did not have the qualification of playing the senior in front of this youth, as the youth was not a Mu Clan member...

After cleaning up everything, everyone decided to rest for the afternoon before heading out the next morning. Qing Shui decided to walk around in the vicinity, familiarizing himself with the environment of the Sky Penetrating Mountains.

The lady watched as Qing Shui's figure walked out and returned to her tent. She could see that he wanted to get used to the environment here, as he wanted to head deeper in.

Upon leaving, Qing Shui followed the mountain valley. The valley was broad below and got progressively narrower as it got higher, where it finally became a single person pathway.

After walking for a period of time, Qing Shui shook his head and sighed, "Big miss, there's no need to follow me like that. It's better to walk together."

After saying that, Qing Shui turned around.

Behind a large stone, the Mu Clan girl walked out with a slightly embarrassed expression. Looking at Qing Shui, she slowly walked over. She was worried about him and she now wanted him to remain as safe as possible, as after all he was brought along by her and the other family members.

"You're worried about me meeting with danger?" asked Qing Shui with a smile as he looked at the elegant and absolutely beautiful lady in front of him.

"I know you're strong and you're insistent on finding the Sky Penetrating Grass. I still consider myself familiar with this place. Furthermore, you can also see that I've a thing that's slightly strange. Is it alright for me to go together with you? I promise that the Mu Clan will do their best to ensure your safety" asked the lady after thinking

"No!" replied Qing Shui straightforwardly.

Hearing his immediate answer, she was startled; she had never been rejected like this before. She gawked for a while before smiling. She seemed to have suddenly discovered that she had already subconsciously lost the freedom and principles that she had in the past. She felt that she currently seemed to not be herself.

"Don't tell me that one more person doesn't equate to having one more piece of hope? Furthermore I'm more familiar with this place and the Sky Penetrating Mountains than you." replied the lady softly as she looked at Qing Shui.

"I know you're doing this for my well being, however you don't need to take this kind of risk. Relax, if there truly was any trouble the Mu Family won't blame you," said Qing Shui as he shook his head.

The lady laughed bitterly for a while. She did not know what mood she was in now, after being ignored by this man again and again. Furthermore she had unexpectedly done such things. This was something that she would absolutely not think about in the past.

She did not know why? Could it be that she was curious? The Mu Family had asked her to take care of him. This wasn't a reason, therefore the current reason was herself.

She felt conflicted. This was the first time she had met with a man that she did not hate and in addition was very strong, much much stronger than that group of boastful geniuses at the county city...

She definitely had not fallen for him. She was very rational. In addition, she knew that she would have to wed someone in the future, therefore she had to hold her future in her grasp. And this was her trying to give herself a chance.

From the previous time, especially before in the tent, she had thought about it many, many times, before making the decision. However, this man seemed to not have any intention of getting close to her.

People were like that. In the past, wherever she walked to, people would revolve around her. In fact, many males would treat getting acquainted with Big Miss Mu as a form of glory. Being able to speak with her would make them excited for many days...

However, she did not have any feelings for those people, just like how two people standing in the arena that were not opposite ends, destined to never be together... There was no way to get close and intimate and will always be in a situation where be either one of them stepping on the other person's head. She did not want that kind of life.

Although she currently did not know everything about this man. She knew that she could stand together with him on a stage. She had an idea of trying this out, as she did not wish to let go of this opportunity. However, this man seemed to not have such a plan...

"Are we considered friends now?" the lady looked at the surroundings while asking Qing Shui, however she did not look at him. She was afraid of him seeing through her.

"Yes we should!" replied Qing Shui with a smile. He did not wish to lie to her. Maybe they were friends now, however when he left he did not know whether he would come back here again. After saying goodbye, the transformations of the world might make her forget who he was.

After hearing Qing Shui's words the intelligent her could naturally hear the half-heartedness within his tone. He had given her those items and had insisted on giving to her before she had even demanded anything from him.

She truly had no plans to demand anything, as she did not believe that he was able to take them out. Therefore only now did she know why was he so insistent on giving them to her.

He did not wish to owe her. He must have taken all his precious things out, as she thought about the medicinal pills, the wine, the spices...

The two of them remained silent. The lady was also very prideful. After encountering such a situation, which was that she had thought clearly about it and wanted to chat with Qing Shui, however, she did not know how to open her mouth to start the conversation.

Qing Shui's actions made her very happy. If he was to take the initiative and chase after her, like the other disciples from the aristocratic clan, she would not have a favorable impression of him but she would not be troubled by this. However, it was her turn to feel difficult to talk about her feelings.

"It's easier for me to flee and run by myself. I've a fleeing technique. I've come to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent for the sake of finding for the Sky Penetrating Grass. I'm a person of the Greencloud Continent. Perhaps I might never return to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent again," said Qing Shui slowly with a smile. Even if he were to ever return, there seemed to be no chance of them meeting in such a big place like the Eastern Victory Divine Continent, furthermore he could just avoid her.

Qing Shui had seemingly spotted this point, however it was just that he did not believe it. Although it could be considered that he and this lady had basically been cohabitating together and they had even eaten their meals together, he did not believe that this lady, that would make Dong Yan and Sun Yan feel inferior, would take fancy to him.

If it was that easy for her to like a person, she wouldn't wait till she met him.

However, Qing Shui still said those words. Although he did not say it clearly, he wanted her to act as if he had many relationships, as he thought about the previous time the lady had grabbed his hand.

He did not know whether it was unintentional or on purpose. Qing Shui shook his head, matters about relationships are the most tiring.

"Let's go together!" said the lady as she smiled towards Qing Shui, indeed seemingly having let go of a lot of things.

"Okay!"

"We can be considered to have some predestined affinity. Our names are both two words, in addition we both have a Qing in our names. I'm called Mu Qing," said the lady by walking.

"I'm called Qing Shui and I came from Greencloud Continent," said Qing Shui with a smile. He had said so much previously just to let her know about his intent. Now that she knew it, being a friend was not a bad thing.

Now, it was different from before. Now it was making friends.

The two of them followed and walked along the mountain valley. There was very little vegetation growing on the mountain rocks. If there was vegetation, it was located halfway up the mountain or at sheer cliffs and precipices. Qing Shui slowly spread out his consciousness.

This was the Sky Penetrating Mountains and they could meet with danger anytime.

"You definitely love your wife!" said Mu Qing in a seemingly casual question.

Qing Shui's body suddenly turned stiff. He could only laughbitterly while replying, "Yes, I love them very much."

Qing Shui did not wish to hide it from her. He had hoped that this would allow an prideful person like her to lose her interest towards him. The question she was asking about should be the lady in the crystal coffin.

Hearing Qing Shui's reply, the lady was startled as Qing Shui had said that he loved them. However, she understood it very quickly. It would be too unordinary for a man like him to have only one woman. She was able to think about that, however subconsciously she did not want to think about that.

Very quickly she thought about the point that she was the one with thoughts and he did not have thoughts about her. In addition, he had also rejected her. Thinking about that, she had an indescribable feeling.

She had always assumed that she was not lacking when compared to that woman, as she would not feel inferior before meeting that woman. She had seen the portrait that he had painted. That woman was very beautiful and was even the most beautiful woman she had ever seen, however, she felt that she was not lacking either...

Women are obstinate and the more beautiful one was the more obstinate she was.

She was also following this trend, in addition she had believed in that firmly. She felt that she was still very rational. She believed that she was able to clearly understand what kind of person a man was. She would fight for the person that she had chosen, in addition it did not mean that she had to wed him.

Chapter 877 - Targeted, Sky Prison Sect, [Sky Prison Massacre]

The two of them slowly walked in the mountain valley, time to time frightening hordes of small animals and beasts. When the two of them were together they truly did not have anything to talk about.

Qing Shui discovered that he did not have anything that he wanted to talk to this lady about, while the lady had many things to say but was unable to speak. Although she had decided on what she wanted to do, she would not be that direct.

It was in fact Mu Qing that was feeling the most helpless, as she did not have a single bit of experience in male and female relationships. She really did not know what to do, however she was intelligent and rational. She did not wish for herself to have regrets, therefore she had reduced some of her restraint, however from the look of it the results were no good.

There were times where liking a person was very simple. Loving a person can be very simple too, however, sometimes loving a person was very hard. Even working hard one's entire life might not have any results. The matters of unrequited love and lack of interest were too many in the world.

Such a flower like her had met with a heartless person. If this was announced no one would believe it!

There still were some days left and rushing would botch up the job, therefore the lady did not ask more on this question. Following this, she and Qing Shui started to talk about more relaxing topics and some simple information about him.

Women were very skilled at talking, at least she knew what words to say and what not to. What to ask and what absolutely cannot be asked. She would talk about some of her circumstances. She wanted to understand Qing Shui more and wanted him to understand her more. "How's the Dong Family in the county city?" since they were already talking, Qing Shui started to ask more.

“Dong Family, how to put it? We’re in the top class within the city, however within this circle we are considered the weaker one.” replied the lady as she walked. She and Qing Shui walked shoulder to shoulder and from the look of it they seem to be well matched.

The girl was not shorter than Qing Shui and when her hair was worn in a high bun she was almost as tall as Qing Shui. Her slender and graceful physique radiated an ecstatic aura that made people go crazy.

This was an answer that Qing Shui could understand. The Dong Family was unable to compete with the Mu Family. Although they were in the same circle as the Mu Family, it was with some difficulty. However the Dong Family were already well off. After all, from amongst so many families, the Dong Family was able to rise up and stand up shows the might that they possessed. This did not happen just by a fluke. Without strength one cannot have fame or reputation, if not one would be harmed by this false reputation.

The Dong Family was strong, however it was a pity that their number of people were not flourishing. When their population dropped, they would be unable to compete on the same level as a large family like the Mu Family. However, it does not mean that a family with fewer mouths would definitely be bullied.

As long as the family had people who were able to bear the heavy responsibility or had a frightening existence among their elder generation, there would be no one who would dare to provoke them. After all, if the expert were to seek revenge, even a big clan would have a headache.

“These are for you. Just pat them on your body to use them,” said the lady as she took out some crystal cards and handed them over to Qing Shui.

The crystal cards refined by a Beast Tamer. Qing Shui smiled as he took them from her. There were those that increase speed, increase strength, increase defense...

No wonder people would say that Beast Tamers were basically similar to Heavenly Talisman Masters. One was a talisman and the other was a crystal card. Both could boost the user or weaken their target. In addition the materials all came from demonic beasts.

When Qing Shui used the Descending Heavens Talisman, he did not know if the lady had seen it, however Qing Shui still took out a large amount of Heavenly Talismans and handed them to the lady. This was due to the fact that crystal cards and Heavenly Talismans do not conflict with one another.

The lady happily took them and said, “You truly know quite a few things. Never did I think that the words you said in the Jade Cloud Pavilion were true.”

“Within this region, is the Mu Family the greatest Alchemist Clan?” Qing Shui did not continue with the lady’s words, stopping for a while before asking his question with a smile.

“As of now we haven’t discovered anybody or any family that is better than the Mu Clan,” replied Mu Qing with certainty. When talking about refining demons, she was still very confident.

“Is it convenient for you to talk about what things can refining demons result in? Er, I’m also a Demon Refiner and would like to know what things can a Demon Refiner refine.” Qing Shui had all along been want to interact with some Demon Refiners about the knowledge of demon refining.

“You’re also a Demon Refiner?” this time it could be considered that Mu Qing was startled. There were many Demon Refiners in the capital city, however the majority of them did not have skills that were up to par. However, she felt that Qing Shui was different from them. She knew that anything that he had involved himself in, the result would definitely be perfected. Now he was saying that he was a Demon Refiner and that meant that he had unique understandings in refining demons.

“Refining Demons is in fact refining the essence of demonic beasts. Those who are not strong enough would choose to refine a portion of demonic beasts. For example, the head, the core, the heart, the bones, the blood and fluids...those who are strong can choose to refine the entire demonic beast. When doing separate refining, the items obtained would be medicinal pills or some materials like pearls that can let demonic beasts regain their strength. There would be times where those crystal cards would appear,” replied the lady slowly as she looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was also in shock now. He did not know that one could split the refining into parts. During the first time he was muddleheaded and refined the entire demonic beast. Furthermore, it was two strong demonic beasts.

“It’s best to refine the entire corpse of the demonic beast. That way, the items obtained will be greater. Furthermore the items would be of better quality than refining a certain portion. The most important thing is that there is a definite success rate of obtaining the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl of the demonic beast,” continued Mu Qing.

“Other than feeding to demonic beasts, what other use does the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl have?” asked Qing Shui after thinking about it.

The lady looked at Qing Shui, having already guessed it secretly. He was actually about to refine a Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl. However it seemed to not be too much of a surprise. After laughing for awhile, she replied, “Other than feeding to demonic beasts, it can be used in the refinement of some medicinal pills.”

This had gone beyond Qing Shui’s expectations. He had never thought that the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl refined from the demonic beast could also be used to refine medicinal pills. He estimated that it was used to refine some special or strong medicinal pills.

Unknowingly they had already walked for a very long distance, as the pace of a cultivator was much quicker than most people. Added with the fact that this was a mountain valley, seven or eight turns was enough to make people dizzy and turn back.

Suddenly, the lady stopped in her tracks, extending her hand and grabbing onto Qing Shui’s sleeves.

“There are people!” said the lady softly.

Qing Shui tried to sense them using his Spiritual Sense and faintly sensed that there were indeed people, just that they were a bit far. The lady was able to sense them most likely due to her Lightning Bees.

“They have already discovered us. Qing Shui, don’t you have a way to leave? You should leave first,” said the lady softly. Her voice was calm and tranquil. However Qing Shui discovered that she was controlling herself and in fact she was a little disturbed.

Qing Shui was now very curious, as Mu Qing definitely knew of those people that had yet to appear. What people were able to invoke such dread in her. Without moving an inch, he looked at the lady, waiting for her explanation.

“They are people of the Sky Prison Sect! We’re truly unlucky to have actually run into them.” replied the lady bitterly as she looked at Qing Shui, her absolutely beautiful face showing her helplessness.

“Sky Prison Sect?”

Qing Shui had heard of them before. They seemed to be a powerful existence within the Eastern Victory Divine Continent. At the Golden Buddha Temple he had heard about the powerful influences and the number one seemed to be the Sky Prison Sect.

“The Sky Prison Sect is an ancient sect and no one knows where their sect is. We only know that their members are very strong. In the earliest days they were the existence that represented justice and righteousness, the Sky Prison and would catch those heinous hoodlums and bad guys. Five thousand years ago the Sky Prison Sect had captured a large number of bad guys. However, the sect had underestimated these people. The prisoners had unknowingly used some method to become a branch of the Sky Prison Sect after staying there for a hundred years. After another hundred years, an absolute genius appeared in this branch. Two hundred years later, this “genius” captured the Sky Prison Sect into his hands. This allowed his branch to sit firmly until now. The people who control the Sky Prison Sect are all his later generations. It is said that he had obtained the absolute treasure of the Sky Prison Sect, the “Sky Prison Massacre” Mu Qing calmed down, when she saw Qing Shui, she was surprised to learn that her emotions actually slowly calmed down.

Although she knew that this man could not contend against the Sky Prison Sect, She felt very calm when she was in his presense. He had never said more words than needed, as there was no use in showing off. However he would accomplish stunning and breathtaking things.

“Do you have a grudge with the people of the Sky Prison Sect?” asked Qing Shui softly as he looked at Mu Qing.

He did not know about the Sky Prison Sect, however the Mu Family was still alright. From the looks of it this Mu Clan was not afraid of the Sky Prison Sect. Perhaps it meant that the Sky Prison Sect did not dare to brazenly appear in the capital city.

“We don’t have a grudge. However, anyone that is targeted by them would not have a happy ending,” replied the lady while shaking her head.

As of now, Qing Shui could already sense the auras of those people. There were approximately twenty people. Their strength was not overly frightening, however they were at least all cultivators with one star of strength.

“They don’t seem to be that powerful?” asked Qing Shui doubtfully.

“Yes, this is the reason why the Sky Prison Sect is strong and enduring. What they train is the “Sky Prison Massacre”. It’s a technique to imprison people. Their might when collaborating is frightening. The “Sky Prison Massacre” is able to make them seemingly share the same body. Their strange positioning and

attacks have not been broken by anyone yet. This technique allows their strength to increase by a lot,” replied the lady while looking like she was pondering.

The lady’s words made Qing Shui think about a thing that he had guessed.

Array Techniques or something clever that had a different approach but same outcome, like blade arrays, sword arrays, spear arrays...

Among the techniques used by Qing Shui, there were many that touched upon the concepts of the Eight Trigram Book of Changes, especially the Eight Trigrams Orientation. Formations and the Eight Trigrams Orientation comes together. In addition there was the Yin and Yang and the Five Elements.

The Five Elements amalgamate into one, one would give birth to Yin and Yang. Yin and Yang would give birth to the Four Symbols. The Four Symbols would give birth to the Eight Trigrams Orientation. The Eight Trigrams Orientation would give birth to the 64 hexagrams of the Book of Changes. The 64 hexagrams of the Book of Changes would change into 384 divinations. 384 divinations would develop into the myriad of things.

“Big miss Mu indeed has a broad knowledge. The number one beauty of the county City not only has absolutely good looks, your cultivation and experience are also at the peak.”

Just at this time 22 people walked out from the two ends of the mountain valley. Most of them were males of forty years and below. Looking very crude, wild and fearless, they had a fierce and violent aura.

Their leader was a rather handsome male. From the looks of it he was approximately thirty plus years old. He was tall and slender, sporting silver attire. On his face was a somewhat sinister expression, with the corner of his eyes faintly curling up, giving people a feeling of frivolity.

“Qing Shui, he is the expert of the Sky Prison Sect’s younger generation. Don’t underestimate him. This person is perverted and in addition is a coward. Basically, any Women who he has taken a fancy to would not be able to live. There are many people who call him the flower snipper,” ignoring the youth, Mu Qing said as she thought about Qing Shui.

“If your elder uncles can come, we have quite a numerical advantage over them. Although victory or defeat is uncertain, the majority of them are not as strong as us. A few of the elder uncles are quite a bit stronger than them,” replied Qing Shui as he tilted his head to look at her.

“There isn’t anything that is certain. If we can’t kill them instantly or we can’t break their technique, there would be simply no chance of victory,” said the lady with certainty while shaking her head.

Chapter 878 - Going Against the Seven Stars, Breaking the Saber Formation

Very quickly, the 22 of them surrounded the area. Each of them was holding a five-foot purplish green battle saber in his hands. Moreover, the positions they stood at were the positions of the seven stars...

There were three people in each position, and the young man was standing in the eye of the formation with three other people...

Although Qing Shui was not trained in the art of formations, everything appeared clearly in his mind. He could sense that a formless line of Qi was being connected between them, forming a whole. More importantly, the entire body could draw out the powers it received from the individual members...

So this was how a formation was like... Qing Shui was enlightened, and a hint of change occurred in his consciousness, as if it had gained some important knowledge. However, it was a pity that he didn't have the time to observe it at the moment.

Mu Qing stood next to Qing Shui, her mind in a chaotic state. These people were well-known, but for being people that others didn't wish to come across, especially not in a place like this.

Mu Qing had not expected to come across them. Although the Mu Clan did have quite a bit of influence in the city, it meant nothing in the Sky Penetrating Mountains. The only thing here that was important was one's abilities. If anything were to happen, no one would be blamed. If one was to die without leaving even a corpse behind, how would others know who were the killers? They might not even know if these people were still alive.

"Miss Mu, do you still remember me?" The guy smiled and asked Mu Qing as he stood there, unmoving.

Qing Shui also smiled as he looked at the people in the surroundings, then at Mu Qing who appeared extremely unnatural. However, he was still inwardly thinking... Could the Sky Prison Sect be a sect which had relied on things similar to "formations" to become an influential faction?

"I have never met you. Why are you stopping us?" Mu Qing looked at the guy and frowned.

"Haha, I previously heard Miss Mu had said quite a bit about me, but why are you saying that you don't know this friend? That makes me feel so sad. I do have a strong admiration for Miss Mu." The guy looked at Mu Qing teasingly, a hint of wild glow flashing in his eyes.

Mu Qing once again frowned before saying gradually, "What on earth do you want?"

"What do I want? Haha, since you know me so well, you should know what I want. You're the top beauty in the city, and I've taken a liking to you. So, what do you think I want? What do you think I should do?" The guy laughed, his unblinking gaze still fixed on Mu Qing.

"I'm sorry, I have someone I like. We're leaving, please make way." Mu Qing said unhappily.

"Miss Mu, this might have worked if we were in the city. But it's a pity that we're in the Sky Penetrating Mountains and now, you only have one choice." The man laughed, his gaze on Mu Qing like a predator looking at his prey.

"You can dream on. Things won't go so easily for you." Mu Qing bit her lips and said.

"Do you think that you can stop us with just the two of you? Let me tell you, you can forget about dying. If you die, all of your group dies as well. If you agree, I won't hurt any of them. You should know my means very well, and that I do have the ability to do so." The guy spoke with confidence. He liked the feeling of exerting control over other people.

Mu Qing bit her lips so hard that they started to bleed. Qing Shui knew that he could no longer stay silent. He took a step forward and stood in front of her, saying, "You guys aren't men to be bullying a lady like this. In the future, you shouldn't smile. You smile like an idiot."

Qing Shui's words caused everyone to be frozen in their tracks. No one had expected him to say this. Especially after hearing his last line, the guy froze and let out two dry laughs before he glared at Qing Shui.

“Lad, you doomed yourself the moment you stood together with Miss Mu,” The guy didn’t even try to conceal the killing intent in his eyes.

Mu Qing wanted to laugh, but she found it hard to do so. While it appeared that she had two options, she really only had one. It was not to give in, but rather to fight it out with him.

However, there were over twenty opponents who were all highly skilled, especially that young-looking guy. He was in no way weaker than her. Most importantly, they were all core disciples from the Sky Prison Sect. The guy even seemed to have some special status in the sect.

She gradually drew out her Rhinoceros Spirit Deity Sword, fully prepared for a fight. She also called out her four Golden Beasts.

“Haha, this is the decision you have made? It’s useless, even if you were to call out a hundred of them. Remember, I won’t let you go even if you die.” A hint of bloodthirst flashed in the guy’s eyes.

“Assemble the formation!” The guy let out a soft bellow.

The people who had surrounded Qing Shui and Mu Qing started to move in a strange footwork pattern in a three-meter radius around them. At the same time, they also started to wave their sabers strangely.

In that instant, Qing Shui could sense that the pressure of his surroundings was escalating, and that twenty-odd people seemed to have been connected as one. Qing Shui now knew why Mu Qing was frowning. If they had no way to break through this, it would be really hard to have a fighting chance. Even if they were to call out everyone from the cave, it would probably still be useless unless they were over ten times stronger than the opponents.

What a powerful saber formation.

Earlier, Qing Shui had heard the guy shouting out for the formation to be started. It seemed that this should be a saber formation.

“This is a saber formation!” Looking at Mu Qing, Qing Shui said softly after ascertaining that it was indeed called a formation here.

“That’s right, but there’s nothing we can do against it. I don’t even know how to fight it. It seems as though no matter where we were attack it, it’d be impregnable.” Mu Qing looked at the people from the Sky Prison Sect who continued on moving inwards.

“A formation makes use of time, favorable climatic conditions, human relations, and the linking martial technique in order to amplify its power by several times. The most important thing is the positioning.” Qing Shui said, calm and collected.

“You know about formations?” Mu Qing looked at Qing Shui in astonishment, a hint of joy in her voice.

“I don’t!” Qing Shui said calmly.

Hearing Qing Shui’s reply, Mu Qing appeared to be slightly disappointed. She had thought that he had known about formations and that they might have been able to break through the opponent’s formation. However, it seemed like he was not a person who knew everything.

“But I’m still able to break this formation.” Qing Shui continued, his tone filled with certainty.

In the blink of an eye, Mu Qing’s expression changed from that of disappointment to that of joy. That feeling made her forget about everything else as she grabbed Qing Shui’s hand, “Really?”

Her tone was one of great surprise, or rather, that of great joy. It was a change from hell to heaven. She now seemed to trust this guy, and even liked the surprises he brought her.

Her soft touch made once again made Qing Shui’s heart skip a beat, as he lowered his head to look at her hand. The lady anxiously let go of his hand once again, her face flushed red, causing Qing Shui to lose his sense momentarily.

The guy opposite him seemed even more infuriated after seeing this. To think that this guy would let the lady from Mu Clan get so close to him. He was so angry that he immediately shouted to the others, “Kill that gigolo!”

Qing Shui quickly drew his Big Dipper Sword and used his other hand to grab Mu Qing’s wrist, urging her to call back her demonic beasts.

Mu Qing was hit by anxiety, but another feeling was growing in her heart. She quickly called back the Golden Beasts.

“Follow me. There’s no need for you to do anything.” Qing Shui said softly before grabbing Mu Qing and dashing out, going against the flow of the seven stars.

Seven Star Armored Vest!

Qing Shui’s footwork was very fast and profound. As Mu Qing followed Qing Shui, she felt that the pressure was getting increasingly weaker. The Big Dipper Sword in Qing Shui’s hand also quickly blocked the people who attacked and pushed them back.

From the start, the guy had not moved at all but just looked at Qing Shui. However, his expression of astonishment was gradually turning into that of fear.

He was standing in the supporting spot of the formation and could not move. If he did, the entire formation would be messed up. His position was very profound, and if Qing Shui were to attack him, he would naturally be stopped by the others. Basically, as long as the others were still alive, it would be very hard to attack him.

In fact, most people would think of attacking the person in this position right from the start. This was actually the most stupid idea.

However, Qing Shui was not ignorant and knew how to break the formation. Adding on to the essence of his Taichi, he could push off all the blades in his surroundings. His technique was like a fish in the water, as he headed towards an inconspicuous spot.

The three people in that position followed Qing Shui, but did not attack. They were in a position that was easily neglected by others, but that was the direction Qing Shui headed in.

It was the second Eye in the entire saber formation. It was also the best way out in the event that one couldn’t directly wipe out the entire saber formation.

Mighty Elephant Stomp!

Qing Shui's foot landed strongly on the ground, and a huge impact wave was unleashed. At the same time, two Frosted Iron Balls also shot out rapidly.

Ding ding!

For the first time, Qing Shui's hidden weapons and Mighty Elephant Stomp were blocked easily.

The saber formation was really formidable...

Although his Mighty Elephant Stomp was at the strength of ten stars, twenty of them shared the burden. Moreover, this formation could also help divert away part of the strength of the attacks they received. Like what the other party had said, it would be useless even if they blindly attacked with even more people.

The power of this saber formation was that it could block off many of the attacks from weapons with essences incorporated into them. It could even block off poison weapons.

Formations were really good stuff!

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Qing Shui's sword impacts landed on the sword of one of the three in the position. This was the weakest spot in the entire saber formation!

He then quickly retreated!

Qing Shui grabbed onto Mu Qing. With each round, he would use the Sword of Sixth Wave to attack that same spot, and on the third attempt, he killed one of them!

This was like the seventh inch of a snake's body¹, or a person's throat. The entire saber formation crumbled, losing its formidable effect.

Without their saber formation, these people became like dragons who had been demoted to snakes. Qing Shui's hands didn't stop and he slashed out his Big Dipper Sword towards their throats like a venomous snake, as he unleashed another Mighty Elephant Stomp as well.

He would not give them time to set up the formation once again. Who knew if they had an even more powerful formation? It was safer to just kill them off.

Mu Qing's Mystical Connection Divine Sword was not to be outdone either!

Chapter 879 - Falling into Hell and then Soaring to Heaven, Fire Bird's metamorphosis

When the weakest supporting positions of the saber formation were destroyed, Qing Shui and Mu Qing immediately killed off a few of their opponents in a few seconds. Meanwhile, with well-coordinated movements, the remaining opponents crowded around the young-looking man.

Without their saber formation, the average strength of their opponents was about one to three stars. Only a few had strength above three stars. The only exception was that young man. What Qing Shui was

uncertain about was that young man's capabilities. That man gave off a dangerous aura, just like a poisonous snake. Most importantly, that man was a core member of the Sky Prison Sect.

Since things had escalated to this point, Qing Shui couldn't spare anyone, thus he simply rushed forward.

Petal Rain Under the Skies!

Fearing that the situation might turn sour if he didn't end things quickly, Qing Shui decisively used his strongest Hidden Weapon Technique. He was confident in this technique and did not forget to additionally imbue the attack with poison. These opponents were not inferior to strong demonic beasts, especially because they were backed by Sky Prison Sect.

After they had casually killed off four of their opponents, there were still 18 people left. As these people were clumped together, Qing Shui's Petal Rain Under the Skies managed to efficiently kill off 12 more enemies. In the blink of an eye the tables were turned and there were only 6 opponents left.

Qing Shui's flash-like massacre stunned his remaining opponents. Before they could react, Qing Shui swiftly summoned his Thunderous Beast. A thunderbolt mercilessly struck one of his opponents, killing him instantly. Following this, Qing Shui's Thunderous Beast unleashed a Violet Lightning Strike at the young-looking man, who had finally started to react.

Unfortunately for him, the Violet Lightning Strike had a 100% chance of paralyzing the target, the man did not even have the time to dodge.

In that instant, Qing Shui rushed in front of the man. As the man stood paralyzed by the effect of the Violet Lightning Strike, Qing Shui unhesitantly slashed open his throat. Even though the remaining men managed to land their attacks on Qing Shui, he was unfazed as he had his Seven Star Armored Vest.

The remaining four men still hadn't come to terms with their situation. With the death of that young man, they were startled again. With Qing Shui impeccable coordination with his Thunderous Beast, the four men were quickly eliminated.

The whole battle ended very quickly. Apart from the time Qing Shui used to disrupt the formation, it only took a few minutes to totally clean up the remaining trash.

Mu Qing fell into a daze as if she had not recovered from the shock of how the situation had unfolded. When she came back to her senses, her surroundings were already quiet.

Qing Shui looked behind and said to Mu Qing, "We should leave, it isn't safe to stay here."

They left the corpses on the ground. Wild demonic beasts would quickly solve that problem for them, it could even be considered a sky burial!

Qing Shui had always wondered what he should do if was unable to see through a particular formation.

What should he do if he didn't understand the Five Elements Orientation or Eight Trigrams Orientation? If he was not able to break this formation, what method would he have used to deal with it?

Would he still be able to overcome it?

Formations were like mysteries wrapped within mysteries. He wondered if his Nine Continent Boots could help him escape a formation since there was a rumor that the Star Chasing Moon Stepping Boots could actually do that...

Today, he had finally witnessed the formidable potential of formations. Qing Shui decided that he needed to learn more about formations in the future. Even if he could not set up a formation, it would be good enough if he knew how to deal with enemies who used formations.

“Are there many people who know how to use formations?” Qing Shui asked Mu Qing.

“Not many. But there is a community of them. Just like Talismans Masters, Demon Refiners, Alchemists, and Beast Tamers, they belong to a specialized branch of techniques. Their numbers are small but they are very powerful,” Mu Qing replied cheerfully.

She was overjoyed. Despite everything, this outcome came as a great surprise to her. She had already prepared herself for the worst case scenario but she had never expected that her fortune would turn for the better.

Falling into Hell and then soaring to Heaven!

After they returned to the cave, they quickly checked their surroundings to ensure that nobody was following them. After all, it would take some time for the people from Sky Prison Sect to begin to look for them. Once they return to the capital city, nobody could prove anything, especially if they insisted that they did not kill those people. In a place like Sky Penetrating Mountains, where even a powerful clan like the Cheng Clan could be wiped out, what more could be said for that group of people? Even though the power of formations could be very impressive, there was still a limit to their effectiveness. For example, formations could be limited by the maximum number of people it could employ, the strength of the individual members in each position, the level of synergy that could be achieved and the maximum strength that it possessed. Facing an opponent whose strength far exceeds their combined strength would only result in their formation being destroyed with a single blow.

When one faced absolute power, everything else became illusory.

However, legends told of formations like Thousand Kills Formation, Big Dipper Formation, Nine Palace Death Formation, Tiangang Formation, Seven Stars Eight Trigrams Formation, and Five Elements Great Formation. These legendary formations could have up to ten thousand positions or even more.

Qing Shui felt slightly uneasy when he compared the saber formation to those heaven-defying formations. There were really many extraordinary talents in the World of the Nine Continent. Qing Shui wondered how many experts a powerful formation master could defeat...

There were countless paths to reach the Heavenly Dao, and the path of formations was indeed a viable path to the top.

After they returned to the cave, both of them had a mutual understanding to remain silent. They both knew the seriousness of this matter so they did not want to risk it by letting anyone else know. Besides, no one would even suspect that Mu Qing had the ability to eliminate that ‘Flower Crusher’ and his gang.

This was quite a good cover since it was very common for people to go missing or die when they venture into Sky Penetrating Mountains. In the end, the disappearance of that group of people would be blamed on demonic beasts.

Originally, Qing Shui only wanted to survey the area himself, he had not expected that such a thing would happen. Those people had been following Qing Shui and Mu Qing for a long time, waiting for both of them to walk deep into the Sky Penetrating Mountains before they took action. However, that group hadn't foreseen that they would be ones to die in the mountains.

If they were quick, they would reach 100 thousand li into Sky Penetrating Mountains after slightly more than one month, but Qing Shui wanted to leave the group as he wanted to travel even more quickly to look for the Sky Penetrating Grass.

When they returned, night had not fallen but they spent the afternoon in the cave. Mu Qing continuously checked for movements outside and her Lightning Bees stayed outside to monitor the situation. She had to make sure that no one knew that they were here because if anyone spotted the corpses of those Sky Prison Sect members and found them here, they would definitely be suspicious since one of the dead was that 'Flower Crusher'.

Once Qing Shui returned to his tent, he delved into his sea of consciousness. When he was trying to break the formation, he had felt a mysterious change within his sea of consciousness. It was as if there was something there. Previously, he couldn't find a chance to investigate but now that he had the time, he wanted to see what had happened.

Within his sea of consciousness, there was a new image but it was gray and the description was also blurred. He could only see two words: Formation Destroyer!

Qing Shui was stunned, was this the result of his enlightenment about formations? Why couldn't he use it?

Qing Shui quickly figured out the issue. The techniques he had gotten through his enlightenment could only be used when their images were lit up. Since this image was still unlit, it meant that he had not met the requirements to learn that skill. It should have appeared at a later time but it was triggered much earlier, so he could not use it...

Qing Shui stared blankly at the gray image and thought, "This Formation Destroyer could most likely only be used when I breakthrough the 7th Heavenly Layer but isn't there any way to learn it before that?"

Since Qing Shui had discovered the power of formations, he grew very interested in it. Somehow, he found out that it was possible that he would learn a relevant technique in the future.

The techniques that appeared in his sea of consciousness were all powerful, this was definitely not an exception. However, Qing Shui was sure that it would not be easy, but learning one or two of these formations would definitely be a pretty good killer move.

Besides, learning about formations would help him see through other formations more easily if he was stuck in the same situation. Perhaps he would even be capable of destroying them immediately.

Unfortunately, this was not the right time. He could foresee that he should be able to pick it up quite quickly since he understood the principles of Eight Trigrams and the like. It would definitely become a great asset to him in the near future.

At night, Qing Shui returned to his tent and entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal after dinner. He even looked forward to it.

Once he entered the realm, he took out his Berserk Dragon King Origin Essence Soul Pearl and sensed the essence of the violent nature inside of it. Initially, he had wanted to feed it to his Diamond Gigantic Elephant but then he realized that the Five Elements of his Diamond Gigantic Elephant was not really suitable for this pearl. Thus, he called the Fire Bird over, as the pearl should be most effective on it.

Even though a particular medicine or enhancer might not be suitable, it didn't mean that it could not be consumed, it only meant that the effects would be greatly reduced. But that didn't pose a problem to Qing Shui since the Fire Bird was the right demonic beast which could consume that pearl.

He threw the pearl directly at the Fire Bird's head. It swallowed the pearl and let out a clarion bird call. Qing Shui could sense the Fire Bird's clear joy.

Thereafter, the Fire Bird circled the sky continuously. Flashes of fiery glow appeared on its back and its call grew louder and louder.

Suddenly, the Fire Bird paused in the middle of its flight, as if it was frozen in place. Its large wings spread open as its body maintained its 60o incline. Its head faced the sky.

A magnificent fiery glow enveloped its body, while a bright call rang out in the air. Its call vaguely resembled the call of a phoenix.

"It's a breakthrough! What a powerful aura!" At this point, Qing Shui felt very emotional.

The strength of his flying mount was very important to him. Not only was the Fire Bird his mount and a demonic beast that he used in battle, it was also his closest companion and his most loyal battling companion.

The fiery glow continued. Midway, there were even flashes of golden light. Its strength continued to surge upwards. Since the Berserk Dragon King's Five Elements matched the Fire Bird, the effects were even more profound.

"Kawwww!"

The Fire Bird continued its birdsong and its calls became increasingly melodious. This time, it did not cry out in pain as it evolved. The strength it had gained this round was immense.

This continued for fifteen minutes before the Fire Bird gradually calmed down. However, Qing Shui was shocked! Its usual fiery red feathers had become a slightly duller shade, as if it had been covered by a layer of black ash. This gave Qing Shui a rather strange feeling.

Was this something to do with the Berserk Dragon King Origin Essence Soul Pearl?

But it did not seem that way to Qing Shui. Regardless, Qing Shui now felt that this color gave his Firebird a more tyrannical presence compared to the bright red. Since he did not find this color unsuitable, he was relieved.

Qing Shui measured the Fire Bird's strength and found that its base strength had already reached one and a half star. This was a huge increase!

Under the effects of its Phoenix Dance, which was a zero energy consumption passive skill, its strength would increase by one fold. With its Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens mode and the support of the Spirit Gathering Lamp, the strength of the Fire Bird could reach a terrifying 12 stars.

12 stars! Qing Shui was startled for a moment. He was extremely satisfied with this. The Fire Bird's increased strength also led to a massive breakthrough in its speed!

Chapter 880 - Fire Bird's Powerful Battle Technique, Qing Shui's Depression

The Fire Bird had now achieved the strength of one and a half stars. Although it only had half the strength of the Thunderous Beast, it could attack just as effectively as the Thunderous Beast.

Qing Shui activated his Fiery Golden Eyes to see the changes in the Fire Bird's battle techniques. Its powerful battle techniques was why the Fire Bird could now attack as effectively as the Thunderous Beast.

Superior Flight: A flying ability exclusive to the Fire Bird. Incomparable endurance and speed that is top-notch amongst flying beasts. Enables high-speed flight over an extended period of time.

Qing Shui took a glance and noticed that the flying skill had an additional word to it - Superior. There were no changes to the description at the back. However, Qing Shui felt there must be some changes to it. Nonetheless, Qing Shui didn't bother to study it any further as was good news.

Hell's Inferno: The Fire Bird activates a powerful flame attack. This pitch black flame is capable of burning everything down and possesses a fearful destructive ability. This is the legendary Black Phoenix's powerful battle technique.

"It has changed. It has all changed....." Qing Shui looked at the Hell Inferno's description, which had an additional 'the legendary Black Phoenix's battle technique' description appended at the end of it.

Qing Shui suddenly recalled the changes in the Fire Bird's feather. This change seemed to resonate with this new description. Could it be that the Fire Bird possessed the bloodline of the Black Phoenix and had started to awaken?

Black Phoenix, also known as Hell's Phoenix, Dark Phoenix, Black Ember Phoenix, was a more evil type of Phoenix. They were formidable and known for their powerful Hell's Inferno skill. They could defeat their opponents just by using that skill.

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens: When the Fire Bird uses Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, its flame damage will be doubled and the effects will last for half an hour. This technique can be used twice a day. During this period of time, damage taken will be reduced by many folds.

“They have all leveled up!” Qing Shui felt as if he had struck gold. No. In fact, to him this felt way better than that. Half an hour’s time was sufficient to end a normal battle. Moreover, this skill could be used twice. This meant that it could last in actual combat for an hour at once.

Qing Shui continued reading on with excitement.

Phoenix Dance: Passive battle skill with zero consumption. Tempered from Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens during the bloodline awakening. Strength is permanently increased by a fold and the consumption of all battle techniques is halved.

This was great as he no longer needed to worry about prolonged battles. Besides, he still had the Vital Essence Pill, although there was a limit in consuming the pills. Whether it was a human or a beast, one should not overdose on it as it could overwork the physical body. It would be fine when an appropriate amount is consumed because overexerting the body occasionally could be beneficial.

Phoenix Paradise: When the Fire Bird suffers a fatal injury, there will be a 30% chance of it being resurrected from the flames. A successful resurrection is as good as a transformation, as its strength will be increased by a fold.

Although Phoenix Paradise was extremely powerful, Qing Shui hoped that the Fire Bird would never be forced to use it. Although a 30% chance was not little, it was still extremely risky. Even if strength could be increased by a fold after the resurrection, Qing Shui would rather avoid the chance. He wasn’t going to let Fire Bird risk it.

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The next morning, Qing Shui woke up and did his morning practice a short distance from the cave. As for the corpses from yesterday, they should be gone by now since the Sky Penetrating Mountains had demonic beasts. It was impossible for the corpses to linger around there for more than fifteen minutes. Although those corpses were poisonous, they still couldn’t escape the fate of being scavenged by those poison beasts and poisonous insects.

Soon enough, people started to come out one after another. A few elderly men were out for their morning practices too. Although Mu Qing came out as well, Qing Shui had his eyes shut and didn’t react. Instead, he slowly practiced his Taichi Fists.

Qing Shui gave others the impression of being slow and casual, yet his movements were indescribably harmonious, very striking and impressive. It was as if he could blend into nature.

Way of Nature!

After breakfast, everyone pressed on with their journey once again. But this time, they took a detour to avoid the area where they fought the day before. There was no need to pass by there.

The deeper they went, the more dangerous it would be. This in turn caused their speed to decrease relatively tremendously. Luckily, the woman had Lightning Bees which saved the others from a lot of trouble.

Everyone was anxious and always on their toes. Before they realized it, twenty days had already passed. They were now 80,000 li inside, and almost reaching 90,000 li.

Twenty days had passed and Qing Shui felt that they had spent quite some time there. In these twenty days, the group had gained a handful amount of items, but it was Mu Qing and the others that had gained a lot. On the other hand, he basically gained nothing.

Although the woman insisted on sharing a portion with Qing Shui, he firmly stood his ground, declining the offer. Nothing was more important than obtaining a Sky Penetrating Grass, let alone Raging Blow, Sunstone and the Portrait of Beauty. Therefore, Qing Shui would never accept anything else again from that woman no matter what.

In these twenty days, they had encountered quite a large number of demonic beasts. They would basically kill a group of demonic beasts once every two days. Fortunately, Qing Shui's Soulshake Bell was very effective in the current situation.

He wondered how the woman had survived in the past. From their recent experiences, he realized that this didn't seem easy for them. Nonetheless, it was just a daunting experience without any mishap. Even without the Soulshake Bell, they could still make it through.

Perhaps, they had barely made it through before. She had the Lightning Bee, which allowed her to maximise the geographical advantage and to prepare ahead of time. Moreover, the woman had also scattered some medicine powder once.

The demonic beast that was covered in this powder would instantly become frenzied, flee, or even become unable to get up. He had only just realized that this was the 'Bone Powder' that could occasionally be obtained from refining demons. Not only that, it had to be a high-levelled demonic beasts and only their bones were refined. It was a very precious item.

This was also the reason why Qing Shui had never obtained the 'Bone Powder'. It was the essence that could be found in the bones of powerful demonic beasts. The violent power in these bones could cause madness to the lower level beasts and it could only work on beasts with a lower rank.

Although Qing Shui was very remarkable in refining demons, he had very little knowledge on the matter. His meeting with Mu Qing had allowed him to learn a lot from her. He would ask her some questions from time to time and Mu Qing would always provide him with a detailed explanation.

It was the same situation regarding the 'Bone Powder', if he hadn't met Mu Qing, it would probably take him forever to find out about it.

Other than that, the Fire Bird had performed powerfully in battle. Those raging flames of the Hell's Inferno made Qing Shui feel extremely pleasant. Even though it attained the might of 12 stars under the effect of the Spirit Gathering Lamp, the Hell's Inferno's terrifying battle strength had already exceeded 12 stars.

Everyone, including Mu Qing, watched the Fire Bird with admiration. Its performance was very powerful and very incisive. It was able to kill instantly and slaughter at an astonishing speed.

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Before Qing Shui's eyes stood a mighty mountain; majestically tall and straight. It was way taller than the surrounding mountains. In addition, it was fully covered in forests that were mostly made up of ancient towering trees.

Qing Shui felt that the Spiritual Qi on this mountain was much more abundant than anywhere else. There was a saying that 'The higher the mountain, the more abundant the Spiritual Qi. The deeper the water, the more abundant the Spiritual Qi was.' Hence, he decided to roam around the mountain to search for treasures. It would be great if he could find the Sky Penetrating Grass that he needed. If he did manage to find it, he could leave this depressing place immediately. Otherwise, he planned on parting ways with Mu Qing and the rest on this mountain.

From time to time, Mu Qing would survey the surroundings and Qing Shui would expand his spiritual sense. Although 'Lightning Bee' had a good vision, its vision was slightly weaker when looking at longer distances. If enemies were hidden, they might go undetected. Lightning Bee was only as good as a pair of eyes, it could still be fooled by hidden opponents.

In comparison, spiritual sense was generally stronger than its vision as it detects consciousness. But of course, that didn't mean spiritual sense would definitely be able to detect everything. The strong could hide from it. But for those weaker in strength, it was basically hopeless to hide from it even if they tried to physically conceal themselves.

Of course, if one had a mysterious cultivation, perhaps they might be able to avoid being detected by some else's spiritual sense. But there was a limit to it, the disparity between the individual's strengths could not be too great. Moreover, there was always an exception to everything, and nothing was definite.

The Treasure Hunting Pig traveled back and forth around the compound, squeaking occasionally. It didn't sound like a pig at all.

The bright sun was up, yet the surrounding was very quiet. The silence was somewhat disturbing. Every now and then, the beasts would roar. Their roars echoed through the sky like the sound of muffled thunder.

This made everyone stressed and tense. It was so deep in the mountains, even a warrior would be terrified.

Within the deepest part of the mountains was the terrifying Sky Penetrating Mountains. The surroundings were covered with ancient forest. It was incomparable to the old forests found in the deep mountains in his previous world. The old forests in his previous world were already indescribably terrifying, let alone the forests here.

The skillful ones were indeed brave!

Rather, it was because of their cultivation. Only cultivation could make a person daring and fearless. This was true for Qing Shui too, as he still had many more demonic beasts, as well as magical treasures and powerful techniques in his possession. These were the things that gave Qing Shui the mettle to travel deeper into the mountains alone to search for the Sky Penetrating Grass.

There were a lot of natural treasures in this mountain. The Treasure Hunting Pig's occasional squeaks brought joy to the group, staving their nervousness.

Humans die in pursuit of wealth, birds die in pursuit of food!

Ironically, this was a very normal sense of worth. Every person, more or less, had the same mindset. Humans actually have the spirits to take risks. It was precisely due to uncertainty that humans would take risks out of desperation.

They had come across quite a number of beasts as they were slowly approaching the top of the mountain. However, they were not in a flock. These beasts were quite powerful but unfortunately for them, they could only flee when they came face to face with Qing Shui's group.

Squeak Squeak.....

Once again, the familiar sound of the Treasure Hunting Pig rang out, which made everyone gather around. Everyone, including Qing Shui, were stunned when they saw the treasure that came into their view. It was the Sky Penetrating Grass.

Furthermore, there were ten of them.....

It was a shame that they were a little too small. According to Qing Shui's knowledge of medicinal herbs, they were only approximately three hundred to five hundred years old. This made Qing Shui's heart sink. If it required another 3,000 years, that would mean he'd still had to wait another 11 to 12 years even with the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal's passage of time.

Although he was very disappointed, Qing Shui still approached them and moved the whole patch of land. Under everyone's surprised gaze, he put the patch of land into the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal.

Up until now, Qing Shui's interspatial item was still a mystery to them. It was known that no living creature, including plants, could be stashed into the Interspatial Silk Sachet.

Everyone actually knew that what Qing Shui owned was not an Interspatial Silk Sachet, as interspatial items would not be able to contain living beings. Therefore, even if Qing Shui had only temporarily put it in there for the time being, it was evident that his interspatial item was extremely powerful.