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Chapter 981 - A Single Smile Would Overthrow A City, The Next Would Overthrow An Entire Country

The next day!

Qing Shui bid goodbye to his family since he had some business to attend to. He allowed the members of the Qing Clan to choose to stay for two days, or go back to the Heavenly Palace if they preferred. In any case, he would go home soon when he was done with his matters.

The others didn't say anything special but asked him to come home as soon as possible. Qing Shui turned towards Yiye Jiange and Luan Luan and said, "I'm going to the Skysword Sect, do you want to come?"

"Yes, I want to go. I miss that place so much, it's been a long while." Luan Luan replied happily.

Yiye Jiange was stunned for a moment, but nodded her head. She glanced towards Qing Shui suspiciously, which caused him to develop a guilty conscience. He wasn't sure whether Yiye Jiange knew about his relationship with Zhu Qing or not.

If he didn't do anything wrong, he wouldn't have felt the way he did just now. Because of his guilty conscience, he evaded her gaze entirely without batting an eyelid. Di Qing didn't feel like joining, so the three of them mounted their flying beasts and flew directly from the Yan City towards Cang Lang Country.

Even though Canghai Mingyue and Huoyun Liu-Li could go back and visit the 'Earthly Paradise' in the Cang Lang Country, they couldn't leave the Qing Clan at the moment. They decided to go back when the time was right, and asked Qing Shui to drop by there on his way to the Skysword Sect.

Qing Shui smiled and nodded in agreement. Then he faced his family and waved goodbye.

Luan Luan had her own flying beast, so she winked at Qing Shui to mount on his own with Yiye Jiange so that they could spend more time together. Qing Shui rubbed his nose and smiled, then he pulled Yiye Jiange onto the Fire Bird, causing her to smile in defeat after turning to look at the silent teasing exchange between the man on her side and Luan Luan.

She knew she was the same as Luan Luan - both of them sought comfort in each other mentally. Even though Luan Luan had the same attitude when she was with Qing Shui, like a relationship between a father and a daughter, nothing had changed since then. But she knew the truth in her heart, and that explained everything Yiye Jiange had been doing for the past few years. Her relationship with Qing Shui was unnatural, but there was nothing she could do to wear away the awkwardness between them.

Qing Shui felt helpless as well. He had pretended to be husband and wife with Yiye Jiange because of that same reason. Now that Luan Luan understood their situation, there was no need for the charade anymore.

However, Yiye Jiange knew about the things that Luan Luan had said to Qing Shui, and she didn't know what to feel about it. She had been carrying the blood burden on her shoulders ever since she had lost everything in her life, so the thought of marriage had never clicked in her mind. Yiye Jiange had closed off her heart, pushing away those who tried to unlock her true self.

She always felt that her life was a series of torment and suffering. Her childhood was bright and happy, living as an heiress to the large and famous Ye Clan. That was until the sudden loss of everything and everyone in her life. It was during this loss that the memories of her childhood had become the most precious thing to her, but nothing could bring back the happier times when everything had faded into the past. Whenever she recalled those memories, her heart would break until she felt numb. No one could understand her suffering. There were many times that she considered suicide as an option, but she couldn't bring herself to do it. Her memory of her parents sacrificing themselves so that she and her brother could live prevented her from attempting to suicide several times. Even if she were to become a living corpse, she would have to live on in this world.

Even so, she had thought about marrying to a man of great power so that she could use that power to exact her revenge. Yiye Jiange knew that she was attractive in appearance, but to find a man who could go against the mighty forces of the Lion King's Ridge was almost impossible. Moreover, the stronger a man becomes, the more strenuous his duties to his family would be. No one would allocate any resources or time to declare a war against a supreme sect for the sake of a woman.

Eventually, she started to let go of her thoughts of revenge and bottled her hatred inside her heart along with the basic needs of relationship and romance. That one time in the Hundred Miles City was to prevent someone else from becoming a person like her.

However, she hadn't expected that one day she would ultimately seal her destiny with that young man. He was her friend, at least. Perhaps even a good friend, but that was about it.

But what caught her by surprise was that the man she had saved had reached a transcending growth all by himself, and he was able to bring back her brother's daughter to her. Yiye Jiange actually trusted him and told him her deepest secret. It was quite unbelievable when she recalled those moments she had with him.

At this moment, he reached out and held her hand, but she didn't feel uncomfortable from their skinship, nor did she reject his touch. Her current attitude towards the situation was a shock to herself, because she even felt a slight relief when her hand was clasped by his. She turned towards the man who was smiling just for her. He was a man who was younger than her, and a man whom she had treated as a junior. She wouldn't have accepted him as her pupil if she didn't see him that way, but things had changed since then. Their relationship had become more complicated, and she was even a bit confused at their current standpoint.

He was gazing at her eyes that were filled with reluctance, linger, and pity..... And she suddenly felt nervous from his gaze. Yiye Jiange swiveled her head away slowly, feeling the increased throbbing in her heart. She was unsure about her feelings at this moment.

However, she knew one thing for sure - she was touched by his feelings!

This was the first time that she had a clear understanding of her own feelings. Perhaps this was also the moment she finally noticed that she really needed a man who was capable of loving her, but Yiye Jiange thought otherwise and quickly dispersed this thought.

She may have felt this way before, but she didn't want to risk Qing Shui and make him bet his life against a powerful sect. She looked down again to see that her hand was still being held tightly by this man, and because of that, she raised her head towards him and gave him a smile.

A single smile would overthrow a city, the next would overthrow an entire country!

"At first glance, soldiers will lose their town; at second glance, a monarch will lose his crown!" Qing Shui continued to glance at Yiye Jiange, who was startled by his sudden outburst.

"Will you become my wife one day?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui bewilderedly as she couldn't catch his meaning. Nevertheless, she smiled at him and said, "You have so many wives by your side. There's no difference if I become your wife or not."

"I knew you would say that. I know, I should have been satisfied to even have one wife by my side. But I did not force them to be with me, and I like them all so..." Qing Shui became awkward as he looked at Yiye Jiange besides him.

"So you are the same. The stronger you are, the greater your desire to monopolize women will become. In the past, you might have been satisfied with just one of them as your wife, but that's because you weren't strong yet. As you've grown stronger, your desire became greater too."

When he heard the words coming out from her mouth, Qing Shui was stunned. Her words were true for the most part, but he had never felt that he had betrayed his conscience in the slightest. Those who became his wife were the ones he really liked. But those he never had feelings for wouldn't become his lover, much less a wife, like Xiang Bao from Xiang Clan and Gongsun Jianwu from Gongsun Clan.

"Jiange, do you wish to have a man who would only love one woman?" Qing Shui chuckled.

It was rare enough for Yiye Jiange to shoot a contemptuous look at Qing Shui, which was why he became a bit timid when he saw her eyes. Regardless, he gripped her hand tighter in an attempt to appease her angry emotion.

"No woman would want to share their husband with another woman. People are selfish creatures. Just like treasures - no matter how many treasures appear in front of you, you will have one favorite treasure even though you might like all of them. Most importantly, your taste in treasures will change, and so your favorite treasure may become something else." Yiye Jiange revealed a soft smile as she glanced at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui, on the other hand, was looking at Yiye Jiange dumbfoundedly. Her words now made sense, and it was easy to understand how that logic came to be. But her reasoning could apply to other people as well, just like those people in his past life who had mistresses behind their wives. They would find new women and dump their old romance. Qing Shui reflected on himself and asked which one among his wives he loved the most.....

When Yiye Jiange saw Qing Shui silently pondering over something, she shook his hand intentionally to break him away from his thoughts. Qing Shui raised his head and looked at her. He smiled when he saw an apologetic smile appearing in the corner of her mouth.

“I’m not trying to lecture you or anything. This kind of situation is common you know...”

“I know. I understand what you’re saying. But you still haven’t answered my question yet.” Qing Shui felt relieved when she explained her words. Once they opened up and communicated with each other, a lot of things were cleared up in an instant.

“I really don’t know. I’ve never thought about it actually. If I have feelings for a man, I don’t think I’ll fuss over that too much. How do you think your wives are able to become sisters and live peacefully with each other?” Yiye Jiange smiled.

“Then what about Jiange’s feelings towards me.....” Qing Shui asked boldly, yet with a slight hint of awkwardness in his query.

Yiye Jiange raised up her hand that Qing Shui had been holding and said, “I have feelings for you - a feeling that you are a rascal.”

As soon as she finished her sentence, she revealed a cheerful smile, which prompted Qing Shui to do the same. He understood her meaning a little, and the fact that he could still hold her hand hinted at her feelings towards him. Of course, there was still a chance that she actually meant the matters concerning the Lion King’s Ridge, but that was just his guess as she didn’t say her intentions directly.

“If you marry someone else, I will probably vomit blood thinking about how that man will hold you in his arms.” Qing Shui said nonchalantly after thinking about a lot of things.

“What nonsense are you thinking about...” Yiye Jiange raised her hand and knocked on his head after listening to the gibberish coming out from his mouth.

Qing Shui took the chance and held Yiye Jiange softly. “Don’t move. I just want to hold you. I’m not thinking of other stuff in case you’re wondering.”

Yiye Jiange felt helpless and proceeded to hold his neck softly. She knew that her fate would be entangled with this man forever, but she didn’t want her fate to end up like that. When he promised to take her to the Lion King’s Ridge in three years time, she felt grateful, but she would never let him come along and risk his life for her.

“Qing Shui, did you go and visit Elder Sister Shi?”

Qing Shui was startled and replied, “You knew about it already!”

“I wasn’t sure about it! Can you explain a bit? Elder Sister Shi is also a woman with a pitiful past. She doesn’t have a family in this world anymore.” Yiye Jiange said calmly.

Qing Shui had no choice but to explain everything from the beginning, with the omission of Zhu Qing and the woman she liked before. He even told her about the time he was ‘drugged’ with sexual enhancing medicine and how he ended up being with her. After that she became sick, which Yiye Jiange was present at that time, so she knew about that stuff already.

“I support you and Elder Sister Shi being together.” Yiye Jiange said in a soft tone as she inched closer to his ear.

Her warm breath tingled his ear, causing him to cast his focus towards her delicate earlobe. Their lips almost touched each other when he turned to look at her. Then he asked her, "How about you?"

Yiye Jiange jolted for a moment and pushed Qing Shui away. Her face was slightly red as she replied, "I'm never going to marry to anyone. I will never marry!"

Qing Shui rubbed his nose. This was the first time she had shown such a big reaction to him. It seemed like the only way for her to open her heart completely to him would be to settle the matters with the Lion King's Ridge first.

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The distance between Yan Jiang Country and Cang Lang Country wasn't that far, but they could reach their destination in no time due to the increased speed of their flying mounts. Luan Luan's 'Little Bai' had grown stronger as well, gaining a speed multiple times faster than before.

Not only did Luan Luan gain a surge of power to her abilities, her demonic beasts had also become stronger as well. However, she did not plan on taking more demonic beasts or look for stronger ones until she became an Early Martial Emperor. Besides cultivating her martial techniques, she would also spend most of her time cultivating her spiritual energy.

In a few moments, they could see the border of the Cang Lang Country appearing on the horizon. When Yiye Jiange had recovered her composure. She looked at Qing Shui naturally and said, "You seem to like women who are older than you.

"Cough cough..."

"Don't get so worked up!" Yiye Jiange said quickly when she saw an exaggerated reaction from Qing Shui.

"Sister, so you knew about it all along....."

Yiye Jiange was speechless. She stared at him for the longest time until he felt uncomfortable and gave a quick reply: "I like women who are a bit mature, like Jiange, for example....."

She curled a smile and kept staring at him without saying a word. Qing Shui gave up and shut his mouth, vowing to never tell her anything embarrassing ever again. He could not explain himself too well either. In any case, they were getting closer to the Skysword Sect, the structure of the building was becoming clearer in their line of sight.

After stopping halfway up the peak for a while, they continued towards the upper mountain. When they finally reached the peak of the mountain, Baili Jingwei and his companions were already waiting for their arrival. Qing Shui took a good look at the people surrounding Baili Jingwei, but Zhu Qing was nowhere to be seen.

"Old man!" Qing Shui smiled and went closer to greet Baili Jingwei.

"Haha, I'm so happy to see you all again, Qing Shui, Jiange, um... This must be Luan Luan. She has grown up into a fine lady." Baili Jingwei was especially delighted. The others followed and greeted the three of them as well.

Yiye Jiange felt very happy looking at these familiar people in the Skysword Sect. This place brought an endless happiness to her, at least more than what the Heavenly Palace could provide her. The Skysword Sect was somewhat special - this was like her home.

Chapter 982 - The Blissful Zhu Qing, Lovers Who Are Finally United By Marriage

They hadn't met for very long, but they were very close, and they were almost as close as kin. At least, to Qing Shui, Baili Jingwei was very important. No matter what, both Qing Shui and Qing Clan were indebted to Baili Jingwei. Additionally, to Yiye Jiange, this relationship was priceless. They would never be able to repay them.

Everyone chatted and Qing Shui handed Baili Jingwei an Interspatial Silk Sachet, and said while smiling, "There are things in there which you guys need here and there is also some stuff for Wufeng as well."

Baili Wufeng was Baili Jingwei's one and only grandchild, his closest kin. However, the others were also his Martial Brothers and were like his real brothers. Zhu Qing was their Martial Sister and Yiye Jiange was the last one who had joined the ranks.

"Qing Shui, there's no need to stand on ceremony," Baili Jingwei said as he looked at the Interspatial Silk Sachet.

Although this Interspatial Silk Sachet was nothing to Qing Shui, those who were below the Martial Saint level would basically be unable to possess one, unless they came from aristocrat or major clans. Thinking about this, Qing Shui took out a few more Interspatial Silk Sachets and passed it to them.

"Old Master, the one I gave you contains some items which would be good for Skysword Sect's development. After all, I am an Elder of Skysword Sect's in name. The Interspatial Silk Sachets for the others contain some medicine. The Skysword Sect still needs you to lead them to prosperity."

"Then I won't stand on ceremony." Baili Jingwei was very happy. Although he didn't show much surprise on his face, his heart was filled with indescribable joy and surprise. After all, he was already quite old and had experienced quite a lot of things in life, thus he wouldn't go crazy from elation.

Qing Shui didn't see Zhu Qing, but felt a little embarrassed to ask. When Yiye Jiange saw how Qing Shui was acting, she smiled and said, "I didn't see Third Martial Sister. Is she not at Skysword Sect?"

In fact, Yiye Jiange was also puzzled. Zhu Qing basically never left Skysword Sect and thus she had wanted to ask this too.

"She is around. It's just that some complications occurred to her when she was practicing her martial arts. Therefore, we didn't inform her." When Baili Jingwei mentioned Zhu Qing, he also frowned, as if he was troubled about something. However, when his eyes landed on Qing Shui, his eyes lit up.

"I've forgotten that Qing Shui is a great doctor. Go take a look at Zhu Qing!"

Qing Shui was also stunned when he heard what Baili Jingwei said. It seemed that Zhu Qing's injuries weren't light but weren't too serious either. He quickly nodded, "I'll go take a look. Wait for my good news!"

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Zhu Qing Peak!

Although he hadn't come for very long, Qing Shui was still very familiar with the place. This place no longer forbids men from entering and it was a common sight to see male disciples waiting for people here. It wasn't rare for a man and woman couple to take a walk here while chatting.

Qing Shui's appearance didn't attract too much attention. Many people just found him unfamiliar but there were too many unfamiliar faces in Skysword Sect. Since there were so many people, it was impossible for an individual to recognize everyone. It was just like how this in Qing Shui's previous world. When people went to school, while they might be able to recognize their classmates, they might not know as many people from the other classes.

Qing Shui walked into the familiar manor. There weren't any guards here and the door wasn't closed either. He walked into the small quiet courtyard. The rocky surface had a few twisted roads, with plants and trees on each side, releasing a faint fragrance.

He stepped onto the rocky surface and headed for the entrance to the hall. There weren't many differences from the last time he was here. Before he reached the door, someone walked out.

A woman!

When Qing Shui saw that it was Zhu Qing, he was stunned. She was wearing an emerald pleated dress which couldn't hide her wonderful curves. She was a petite lady but she had well-rounded breasts and bosom. She also had a mature and seductive face which would stand out no matter where she went.

There hadn't been many changes to her mature and exquisite face. However, when she saw Qing Shui, her mouth opened slightly as she stood there in a daze. Qing Shui smiled and walked over, carrying her up horizontally.

"Zhu Qing!"

Qing Shui carried this lady who was much older than he was. She should be about the same age as Lady Duanmu, but the difference was that Lady Duanmu had a daughter. Their ages would be at most thirty if compared to the people from his previous life.

The Spiritual Qi in the World of the Nine Continents was abundant and Zhu Qing was still in her prime. Therefore, in this world, people judged ladies by her face and abilities. One's abilities could allow them to sustain their youth for a longer of time and delay their aging. There were also top notch skills which could allow one to forever retain their youth. It was just that these techniques were rare and each of them could be seen as a supreme treasure.

"Qing Shui, ah, I'm not dreaming!" Zhu Qing hugged Qing Shui and cried out in great surprise.

Qing Shui looked at this docile lady who appeared to be very blissful. He felt very guilty when he saw this mature lady acting so docile. She was the one whom he had given the least to, and yet she felt so satisfied just at the sight of him.

Qing Shui carried her and sat down on the soft bed. Earlier, he had already discovered that she had hurt her meridian channels in the course of her training. If he hadn't guessed wrongly, she would feel agony every two days. It was because the Qi of Xiantian in her body would run amok.

“Qing Shui, why have you come to Skysword Sect?” Zhu Qing rested in Qing Shui’s arms, looking at him. From the moment she saw him, her smile had not faded.

“Stop looking. I’ll let you do as you wish at night!” Qing Shui smiled and look at this lady whose face was quickly covered in a red blush.

“You’re not allowed to say something like that. If you say that, you’ll have to make sure to fulfill the promise...”

Qing Shui’s hands were already playing with her well-rounded figure, and he withdrew his hands unwillingly. If this were to continue, he would probably lose his calm right now. He looked at this woman who appeared to be both charming and seductive at this moment.

“I’ve missed you. This time around, I’m here to bring you home with me. You’re my wife.” Qing Shui hugged her and said happily.

Zhu Qing was astonished and looked at Qing Shui with surprise. A hint of a smile flashed in her clear eyes, “Qing Shui, thank you for your kind intentions. I’m already very thankful that you have these thoughts. There’s no need to do this...”

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Qing Shui slapped her well-rounded butt hard, causing a layer of mist to appear in Zhu Qing’s eyes. She looked at Qing Shui pitifully.

“You’re my woman. If you are to say those things in the future, I’ll do the same to you again. A couple will always be on equal grounds, otherwise, there wouldn’t be any love and there would only be pity at most. Zhu Qing, what I feel for you is love. I can’t explain it, but I know that it’s love.” Qing Shui rested his head against hers.

Zhu Qing smiled and hugged Qing Shui tightly. She took the initiative to kiss Qing Shui’s lips and crazily sought for more. Qing Shui’s hands didn’t rest and he lifted up her clothes not long after. Her twin peaks jumped out like snow white rabbits.

Qing Shui buried his face in them and greedily sucked. Suddenly, the door to the bedroom opened. Zhu Qing lifted her head to see Yiye Jiange standing at the door, looking at them in a daze.

When Qing Shui stopped and saw the blushing Yiye Jiange. He said awkwardly, “We’re in the midst of treating her injuries...”

“Next time, lock the door!”

Yiye Jiange threw this line and ran out quickly. The scene of Qing Shui sucking on those snow white breasts kept flashing in her mind, as if it was a curse corroding her body. This caused her to feel weird and she had a strong urge to hold Qing Shui tightly.

She panicked. The scene was very clear in her mind, and she wasn’t able to erase it at all. Her face was burning up and her mind was in a mess. The impact she had experienced from that scene was too great and she was stunned for quite a while before she was able to regain her senses.

With Yiye Jiange gone, Qing Shui thought of what he said earlier, to give treatment to Zhu Qing...

Zhu Qing pulled down her clothes and lowered her head. The impact of being seen by Yiye Jiange was too great for her too. She then lifted her head and looked at Qing Shui, her charming eyes had a hint of embarrassment.

“Come, let me treat your injuries!” Qing Shui smiled and took out a Gold Needle.

“You knew...”

“The reason I’m here is to treat you. Jiange probably is here to see if you’re feeling better...” Qing Shui grinned and said.

“Jiange? Qing Shui, have you eaten Martial Sister yet?” Zhu Qing looked at Qing Shui with great interest.

“No!” Qing Shui carried up Zhu Qing and sat her down on the bed.

Zhu Qing smiled and looked at Qing Shui, deep in thought, “Martial Sister likes you. In the future, she’ll definitely marry you.”

Qing Shui didn’t wish to discuss this problem any further and remained silent. He started to help Zhu Qing treat the part of her meridian channels which had been broken. To Qing Shui, this injury was nothing much, but not many people could heal injuries related to meridian channels and the Dantian. It would be fine if the injuries were light, but if the meridian channels had been broken or had other serious problems such as a huge degree of shrinkage, multiple holes, or blockage...not many people would be able to provide treatment unless they had some miraculous medicine.

He got it settled within 30 minutes. Afterwards, he then passed Zhu Qing an Interspatial Silk Sachet, “This is for you!”

Zhu Qing looked at Qing Shui and smiled, saying, “For me?”

“Of course it’s for you. Put the things you like in here. We’ll go home in two days.” Qing Shui hung the Interspatial Silk Sachet around her waist and then covered it with her clothes.

“Mm, I’ll let Eldest Martial Brother and Second Martial Brother know.” Zhu Qing said happily.

Qing Shui nodded. Zhu Qing had always been alone and when they headed back, he hoped that she would be able to blend into Qing Clan and let her lonely heart become alive and happy once again.

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When Baili Jingwei and the others knew that Zhu Qing had been treated by Qing Shui, they were all very happy. Only Qing Shui, Zhu Qing, and Yiye Jiange appeared especially awkward when their gazes met.

Yiye Jiange didn’t dare to meet Qing Shui’s gaze. Zhu Qing went over and took her hand.

“Martial Sister, you’re really all better now?” Yiye Jiange asked seriously.

Yiye Jiange’s words didn’t have any hidden intentions, but a hint of a flush appeared on Zhu Qing’s face, “Mmm, I’m fine now.”

Yiye Jiange looked at Zhu Qing then at Qing Shui. She wondered if they were really going through treatment earlier...

Baili Jingwei and the others didn't know what had happened. Even at his age, Baili Jingwei hadn't been able to tell anything this time around. Or rather, even if he could tell that something was amiss, he couldn't really be sure.

"Eldest Martial Brother, Second Martial Brother... I'm going to leave Skysword Sect and head to Qing Shui's place." When Zhu Qing brought this up, it seemed to take her a lot of effort.

With that, Baili Jingwei and the others seemed to be able to tell that something was going on. He looked at her in surprise, then at Qing Shui, "You guys..."

"Eldest Martial Brother, I'm together with Qing Shui now." Zhu Qing's voice was very soft, but many people around them could hear her clearly.

Suddenly, Baili Jingwei smiled, causing many people to look at him in great surprise. He only looked at Qing Shui after a very long time. "I'm very happy. Tomorrow, we'll hold a banquet in celebration."

"Alright, when we arrive at the Continent's Capital, I'll hold a wedding banquet. When the time comes, Old Master, you guys will have to come."

"I don't think I'll be going. I'm assured if Third Martial Sister were to follow you. This is a good surprise as well. Qing Shui, come join me for a walk!" Baili Jingwei said happily.

"Alright!"

Qing Shui and Baili Jingwei walked slowly on Skysword Mountain. Qing Shui knew that Baili Jingwei was going to tell him something.

"Qing Shui, it's unexpected that you have gotten together with Zhu Qing, but I'm very happy." Baili Jingwei smiled and said.

Chapter 983 - Clearing All Trivial Matters, Gifting You Earthly Paradise As Your Dowry

Hearing Baili Jingwei's words, Qing Shui looked at him and asked puzzledly, "Why is that so?"

"Zhu Qing came from a pitiful background and it seemed that she had a trauma from that. It seems like I can be assured now. I hope that you can treat her better." After saying this, Baili Jingwei let out a long exhale.

"Old Master, don't worry, I know. Don't you know what kind of person I am?" Qing Shui recalled the trauma that Baili Jingwei had mentioned. It should be related to her previous detest of men. Qing Shui knew about this long ago.

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Seeing that it was still early, Qing Shui greeted them and prepared to head out to take a look at Earthly Paradise. Since Zhu Qing would stay for two days at most, she would need to hand over some stuff.

There was no way that Yiye Jiange would go out alone with Qing Shui. When she saw Qing Shui, that scene that would make her panic would appear in her mind. Therefore, Qing Shui ended up going alone.

Earthly Paradise!

Standing before the inn which remained as prosperous as before, a lot of emotions surged within him. In the past, Huoyun Liu-Li was the one who took charge here. Thinking back, he felt especially blissfully. Back when he first met Huoyun Liu-Li, it was at the Firecloud Blacksmith Store. He had never expected her to have another identity, which was Earthly Paradise's boss. Additionally, the real boss in the background was Canghai Mingyue.

Qing Shui walked in. There wasn't a single person here he recognized. He didn't even know if the waitresses were the same as before. The reason he had come was to take a look at Mei Yanxue, to see if she was still doing fine.

Qing Shui headed upstairs!

"Sir, would you like to dine or to stay?"

A waitress walked over and asked politely. It might've been because Qing Shui was different from other people or because he had tried to head upstairs directly.

"I want to meet your boss!" Qing Shui looked at the waitress and said with a smile.

The waitress frowned. Their boss was extremely beautiful and many people had come to meet her. However, there hadn't been anyone who had dared to barge upstairs directly.

"I'm sorry, our boss is not free!" The maid continued to smile and said.

Qing Shui was stunned. He had experienced a lot of things in life and judging from this waitress' reaction, he knew that she must have treated him as a lecher. He had no choice but to say seriously, "Then can I trouble you to pass a message to your boss? Just say that I am Qing Shui."

The waitress hesitated for a moment and headed upstairs. Qing Shui decided to wait here since he was in no hurry. It seemed that the place was doing well. Even though so many years had passed, not much had changed.

Very quickly, the sounds of a series of quick footsteps came from upstairs. Qing Shui lifted his head and when his gaze landed on a lady, he smiled.

She was a lady who was like white snow. Her snow white clothes on her beautiful figure gave the feeling that her clothes were tailor-made.

She had a slender and balanced figure. Most importantly, she had a pair of bulging breasts which seemed as if her clothes could barely hold in. Her eyes were bright and clear. When she saw Qing Shui, she was first surprised before she broke into a happy smile.

When she smiled, her eyes would squint together like a pair of crescent moons, giving her a great seductive charm. However, she was wearing white clothes which gave a sense of purity. She was an extremely seductive and charming lady.

The previous lady chef of Earthly Paradise should now be the boss to Earthly Paradise.

"Brother Qing Shui, you came alone?" Mei Yanxue walked up to Qing Shui happily.

“Do you not welcome me if I’m alone?” Qing Shui smiled and asked. This lady had addressed him as elder brother the first time they had met. She had done the same now, and that made Qing Shui quite happy.

“Why would I not? Come, let’s go up. You guys haven’t visited me after so long.” Mei Yanxue headed upstairs with Qing Shui.

“Have you been well?” Qing Shui looked at the highest storey’s hall and asked while smiling.

“Mmm, I’ve been fine. It’s just that I miss you guys a lot. How are they?” Mei Yanxue seemed to have sunk into her memories.

“They’re fine. They had wanted to come and visit but it’s not too convenient. They’ll come back and visit you in the future. This is for you.” Qing Shui handed her an Interspatial Silk Sachet filled with spices.

This woman only liked cooking and not training. However, Qing Shui still gave her an opportunity. Using the Xiantian Golden Pellet to let her reach Xiantian, she wouldn’t be as tired when managing Earthly Paradise.

“I’m assured to see that you’re fine. This Earthly Paradise is yours. In the future, we’ll come back to visit you. There are martial techniques amongst the things I’ve given you. If you don’t like it, it’s fine. You can let your most important person practice it. Don’t worry, no one will look for trouble here. However, you must still train up a few people you can trust so that you can deal with gangsters and the like.”

Qing Shui’s words were very clear. It was obvious that he wouldn’t come by often in the future and that the place has been given to her. Although Mei Yanxue felt that this was the case, she was still stunned for a short moment when Qing Shui told her this.

“Brother Qing Shui, this place belongs to Sister Liu-Li and Sister Mingyue... How can it be given to me?” Mei Yanxue shook her head and said.

“In the future, we might still be able to drop by. Oh, both Liu-Li and Mingyue both have kids now. They told me to pass you a message that Earthly Paradise is their dowry for you.”

“Ahh, you guys already have children? How I wish that I could meet them. You’re my elder brother. In the future, you must visit me often.” Mei Yanxue appeared slightly down, but she quickly regained her composure.

“Since you’ve already called me elder brother, we’ll definitely visit you often in the future. Enjoy your life and do what you like to do, which is cooking. No one will come looking for trouble.” Qing Shui smiled and patted her on the shoulder.

“Elder brother!”

Mei Yanxue hugged Qing Shui. Her family was very ordinary. She liked cooking and had an exceptional talent in this area. Everything she had today was given to her by this guy and his women.

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When Qing Shui returned to Skysword Sect, it was already slightly dark and he went straight to Zhu Qing’s place. When she saw Qing Shui, Zhu Qing was so happy that she pounced over. This mature lady

was very petite and gave the feeling of a docile homemaker. She was also a little wild, a wildness amidst her embarrassment.

Qing Shui didn't say anything and locked the door and then carried her to the bed. Very quickly, that tempting figure was fully bared before him. Zhu Qing wasn't tall and was about 1.6 meters. However, her body was very proportionate and she seemed very slender. She had an extremely well-rounded pair of breasts and a beautiful bosom. Just one look made Qing Shui's blood boil. Her mature and exquisite face was flushed red and her seductive eyes had the ability to hook one's soul.

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The next morning, Qing Shui left very early. Not wishing for others to know what had happened between them, he went straight to Cloud Mist Peak for his morning practice.

"Father, you didn't return the whole night. Didn't you say that you were going to woo mother?" When Luan Luan saw Qing Shui, she asked directly.

"Lass, this has to be taken slowly. I promise you that in the end, your mother will definitely marry me. We've already agreed on this. Don't you believe your father?" Qing Shui said, slightly awkwardly.

"Of course I trust you. You've promised me. You must make good on your promise." Luan Luan said very seriously.

Qing Shui nodded, "I wouldn't be able to bear seeing your mother getting married to someone else."

Qing Shui knew what the lass was thinking. Although he had no blood relation with Luan Luan, they had been father and daughter for so many years. It was just that she felt a little uneasy after getting to know about her background. However, she was related to Yiye Jiange by blood. If he were to become a true couple with Yiye Jiange, then she might feel better. Qing Shui was also troubled by this daughter of his. Qing Shui had treated her even better than he had treated his own daughter, but this lass hadn't been able to get past her own hurdle.

Qing Shui, Yiye Jiange, and Luan Luan had their breakfast at Cloud Mist Peak. Looking at Yiye Jiange who still couldn't meet his gaze, Qing Shui also felt a little embarrassed for her to see that scene. If his other women were to come across this scene, he could still act shamelessly, and even tease them. However, this was Yiye Jiange...

This feeling was very weird because he loved this woman and respected her as well. He sneaked a look at her and it just so happened that their gazes met. Yiye Jiange had only looked toward Qing Shui because she noticed that he was in a daze during the meal.

"Father, mother, I'm full. I'll head to the back of the mountains to see if there's anything fun." With that, Luan Luan smiled and left.

"Be careful!"

Qing Shui and Yiye Jiange said at almost the same time.

"Jiange!" Qing Shui spoke up, a bit unnaturally.

Yiye Jiange was a little anxious as well. She didn't lift her head but continued to eat her meal slowly. Qing Shui didn't say anything either and just appreciated the sight of her having her meal.

"Why are you looking at me? Eat your meal!"

"Actually, the strongest impression you've given me was a person who didn't eat food from the human world. To be able to watch you eat is also an enjoyment in itself."

Yiye Jiange was stunned and she lifted her head, smiling, "What's wrong with you today? Are you feeling unwell?"

Qing Shui: "..."

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Later in the morning, Baili Jingwei had a banquet prepared. There was only him and his Martial siblings, in addition to Qing Shui, Luan Luan, and Baili Wufeng. Zhu Qing's face was flushed red throughout, as if she felt very embarrassed.

This was a simple wedding banquet. When they'd arrived at the Continent's Capital, Qing Shui would prepare another wedding banquet for Zhu Qing. He had done so for all his other women. For those who hadn't held a wedding banquet immediately, he would always make it up to them.

"Third Sister, this is an affinity. Congratulations. There's no need to feel embarrassed, this is very normal. Moreover, Qing Shui is also our Skysword Sect's Elder, even if it's just in name." Baili Jingwei laughed.

When Yiye Jiange saw Zhu Qing's shy and blissful expression, she was very happy. However, there was also an indescribable feeling in her heart. She was truly happy from the bottom of her heart to see Zhu Qing get her happiness.

She had been in Skysword Sect for very long. This was her home and these people are her siblings. She hoped that everyone here could be happy, especially Zhu Qing.

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Qing Shui and the others bade the Skysword Sect goodbye and left. This time around, all four of them got on the Fire Bird for the journey. Zhu Qing and Yiye Jiange were chatting at one end while Qing Shui and Luan Luan were chatting on the other.

"Father, did you notice that mother seems to be a little jealous?" Luan Luan looked at Qing Shui seriously and said.

"Is she?" Qing Shui asked, puzzled.

"Yes, but it's probably just a little."

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When they returned to Yan City, the members of Qing Clan had already left. After a few polite exchange with Guo Clan and rejecting Lai Clan's warm invitation, they left. Qing Shui wanted to return to the

Continent's Capital. Once they reach home, Qing Shui would be able to enjoy some peace and quiet for a while.

They didn't travel very fast on the way.

A few days later, they arrived back home. They had basically arrived only a short time after the other members of Qing Clan. When they arrived, there was also a need for some introductions. But although some people were astonished, they were very warm and understanding. It wasn't strange to see anything happen to Qing Shui.

All the people here were very intelligent. It was just like what Yiye Jiange had said. No women would be willing to share their partners with others, but sometimes, they had no other choice. Moreover, they were now very happy and wondered if this blissfulness would continue on just like this.

Qing Shui looked on as Canghai Mingyue, Huoyun Liu-Li, Mingyue Gelou, Shi Qingzhuang and the others chatted warmly with Zhu Qing. When Zhu Qing saw the children, she took out the small gifts she had prepared for them.

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Qing Shui could tell that Zhu Qing was a bit nervous. Seeing the expression she had when she presented her gifts to the children, Qing Shui's heart throbbed. He realized that she loved children. It was not just a pretense. Especially the expression in her eyes, she was sparkling with joy when she held Qing Yu in her arms.

Qing Yu was one of the younger ones, but she was also the bossiest. However, as long as there was a nice toy to play with, she would comply. Right now Zhu Qing was holding several toys, so she was close with Zhu Qing. But when she took the toy, or if she disliked the toy, she would immediately run back to Huoyun Liu-Li's side.

Zhu Qing and Qing Yi had greeted each other already. Yiye Jiange had already told Qing Yi some things about Zhu Qing, so she did not know what to say. However, Zhu Qing had relaxed and no longer seemed to be nervous.

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A month passed by in a flash. Within this month, Qing Shui and Zhu Qing's wedding ceremony had been held. Qing Clan gained an extra member and Qing Yi was beaming with joy. Seeing the scene of her son being surrounded by all these stunning beauties left Qing Yi somewhat confused and somewhat fearing that this was all a dream.

Although she only had one son, she had already gotten several grandchildren. Even though Luan Luan spent her childhood years elsewhere, her talent was incomparable. Given her closeness with Qing Shui, despite knowing that she was not his biological daughter, it was as though she was his daughter regardless.

Yu Chang was different; she had been with the Qing Clan since she was little. Now that Mingyue Gelou had Qing Ming, nobody brought this topic up. Yu Chang had also never asked, so Qing Shui was uncertain if Yu Chang knew her origins.

Mingyue Gelou was Qing Shui's woman, and Qing Ming was the child of Qing Shui and Mingyue Gelou. That was enough. Even the conservative mountain village had accepted this. In comparison, Qing Clan was more open, especially Qing Shui.

Yu Chang was very happy. Having Qing Shui as a father made her rejoice. She tried desperately to avoid thinking about the blurry memories that had started to appear from time to time.

In a month's time, Qing Clan's strength and abilities had increased rapidly. It was the same as before. Qing Shui had left behind Medicinal Pills and what not. On top of that, they had cultivated continuously but the growth from this month was actually incomparable.

Medicinal Pills and several foods had already helped them grow by a bit. Thanks to the effects of Spirit Gathering Formation, Qing Shui's instruction, the Acupuncture Constitution Nurturing technique and the Wondrous Fruit, the children were able to set a strong foundation.

Qing Yu was too young to train, but that little girl was greedy and had already eaten two Wondrous Fruit. This incident left Huoyun Liu-Li speechless. Qing Shui was the one at fault here. Even though he was spoiling the children, he should not have wasted the Wondrous Fruit. There were not many left in storage due to their relatively short life cycle. Nonetheless, knowing that there will be more descendants for the Qing Clan, they could not afford to waste anymore.

Members of Qing Clan must cultivate Nine Palace Steps and formations every day. This training was a shortcut to change Qing Clan. Other than Qing Yu, everyone would spend time cultivating during the day. During this time, Qing Shui was especially strict.

Guo Polu and Qingqing had been residing in Qing Clan for the past month without returning home even once. This month had been tough for Guo Polu, but his perseverance had paid off because he excelled in strength. His talent was alright. Qing Shui spent quite some time instructing him. He was Qingqing's man so this was a way to allow him and Guo Clan to take a big step forward.

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Lotus Mirror of the Sacred Land!

Di Chen finally came out of seclusion. After this period, the strength that she had inherited was enough to make her fear herself. She felt that her old self was nothing but a newborn child compared to her current self.

Her heart was calm, to the point that it caused her to feel fear. She realized that nothing could cause her heart to feel unsettled, nor was there a person who could cause a ripple in her heart anymore.

She thought of Di Clan, and also Qing Clan, especially Qing Shui. Everything that had happened in the past was vivid in her mind, but the feelings attached to those experience could no longer be felt.

Her heart was steady like a boulder and it was like her heart had frozen like ice. She knew that women of the Lotus Mirror could not marry. If they were to marry, they would have to leave the Lotus Mirror first. Hypothetically, even if she was no longer a member of the Lotus Mirror, she would be able to understand why her master did what she had.

However, she was now the Master of Lotus Mirror. If regular members of Lotus Mirror could not marry, how could the master? Suddenly, she felt as though marriage was repulsive. Everything had lost its emotional resonance with her heart.

She disliked this feeling, but this was the reality now. She could not explain the reason behind it, but the love she once had was not merely changed, it had also completely disappeared.

Three years of seclusion cultivation, three years of enlightenment. Di Chen could only smile bitterly. If she had known that it would turn out like this, she would not have chosen to inherit the Lotus.

Now that she was at the peak of the Lotus, she could see much farther, but she had never felt so confused.

“Chen`er!”

Di Chen turned around. It was her master. Her master was no longer young so it was not her fault. The World of the Nine Continents was a battleground of strength and ability. Master had wished for Di Chen to become stronger. Following the traditional way of inheritance, she was given a rare opportunity. The fact that she had absorbed all the energy from Sacred Lotus Platform made her strongest in the history of those who had inherited the Lotus. In addition, she had secluded herself to cultivate. She had now reached a realm that could strike fear into people’s heart.

“Master, why are you here?” Di Chen asked with a smile.

Her master sighed. Although Di Chen was smiling, there were no emotions behind it. It had been her own selfishness and now she could only feel regret. Chen`er should not have cultivated to such a realm at her young age. This was disadvantageous, since Di Chen would not have had enough experience, nor the perseverance. Her master feared that Di Chen would not be able to handle it.

“Chen`er, your realm has risen. Is there anything you want to do? Otherwise, this may not go down well.” The elder spoke with concern.

“Master, what do you think I should do?” Di Chen said calmly as she looked at the elder.

“Let your heart be worried and concerned about something. It doesn’t matter what it is, as long as you have something to be concerned about.” Elder said to Di Chen with confirmation.

“Something of concern... ..”

Di Chen stood there blankly. She understood what her master had said, but how would she worry? In the past, she had only thought of him, and could not wait to just rush to his side. But now, that impulse had completely disappeared. It was a strange change. Just like how someone used to only think about a person, but now that person had turned into an insignificant pedestrian.

“Master, please take care of this place. Also, please train the next Master of Lotus Mirror.” Di Chen said after thinking for a bit.

The elder understood what she meant. Having reached such a high realm, Di Chen was no longer fit to be the Master of Lotus Mirror. The elder nodded, and looked towards Di Chen, “You should go and find that person, he should be able to help you.”

Di Chen understood that her master was speaking of Qing Shui, but she shook her head, and passed a letter to the elder, "Master, can you please give this to Qing Shui? I want to go travel by myself."

"You want to go to the other four continents?" the elderly asked with a shivering voice.

"En, I want to go see it for myself. I think I can find myself there," Di Chen said calmly. Her voice was monotone, as though going to the other four continents was as easy as turning her hand.

The elder understood that once Di Chen decided on something, she would not change. The elder accepted the letter with a sigh. Meanwhile, Di Chen had already disappeared from the Lotus Peak.

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In a flash, twenty days had already passed. Qing Shui and members of Qing Clan spent every day with fulfillment. Their increased strength brought smiles of satisfaction and hope.

Di Qing, Canghai Mingyue... Everyone had grown in strength. Qing Shui's cultivation, other than morning practice, had been conducted in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. His time in the morning was spent instructing members of Qing Clan.

Qing Shui would be busy every day. On top of training, he also taught several of his women to cook soups like Bone Strengthening Soup, Tiger Bone Soup, Qi Nourishment Soup, Vital Essence Soup, Elute Meridian Soup...

These had all learned something new from Qing Shui's culinary arts. There were so many varieties of 'soup'. This made Qing Shui smile. If he wanted to open a soup shop, its business would be booming.

The only problem was that the ingredients for the soup required ingredients such as strong beasts and high quality medicinal herbs. The most important thing about these soups were the ingredients. If he didn't have the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal and wasn't strong enough, these soups could not be made.

Everything happens for a reason, as though a plan had already been arranged. Every day, Qing Shui had to craft materials in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal and accumulated it. These soups could not be eaten every day, but several soups could be rotated.

He then taught others how to make them and Qing Shui would observe on the side. He wanted the people around him to learn how to make these soups, because he would not be by their side all of the time.

For example, if he wanted to go to the other four continents, which member of the Qing Clan could accompany him? Now that he was still here, he wanted to them to master a way to increase their strength.

Suddenly, a bird appeared from the distance. Once Qing Shui saw the bird, he immediately went directly towards it. His body instantly arrived just before the bird, since he knew this bird. Di Chen had left riding this same bird before.

"Senior!"

Qing Shui was disappointed when he did not see Di Chen, but he still smiled.

“Chen`er told me to give this to you.”

A letter floated toward Qing Shui, along with the voice of an elder.

Qing Shui collected the letter and looked towards the elder. The elder nodded and Qing Shui opened the letter.

“Qing Shui, once you have read this letter I would have already left. Please don’t come to find me, because you won’t be able to. Even I don’t know where I am going. I did not know that a rise in my strength would make me no longer miss you. The entire world stopped being as nice as it used to feel. I want to go find what I lost. Please wait until the day I show up in front of you. Sorry Qing Shui, please forgive me... ..”

Qing Shui’s hands were shaking. He sharply glared at Di Chen’s master. A strong pressure was emitted, although it was not directed towards anyone.

“What’s going on? What’s going on...” Qing Shui said coldly.

“She absorbed the energy from the Sacred Lotus Platform. Her realm and strength rose too fast. She has seen through the secular world of mortals,” the elder said with bitterness. She had never thought that the strength of this young man would be so frightening, looks like he would be the only one who could save Di Chen.

Hearing the elder’s words, Qing Shui blanked out. Saw through the secular world? Chen`er had already reached such a high realm. In the World of the Nine Continents, the only ones to surpass such a realm were old masters that were stronger than Ji Yunlang.

She had not entered the secular world yet had already left it... ..

Chapter 985 - She Has Gone To The Other Four Continents, The Abilities of Qing Shui’s Demonic Beasts

She had yet to truly step into the secular world, but was now leaving it...

Qing Shui was stunned for a very long time before he stared at the old lady, “Senior, do you know where Chen`er went? I’d like to go look for her.”

“If I didn’t guess wrong, she will head for the other four continents.” The old lady looked at Qing Shui seriously and said.

Qing Shui looked at the old lady in disbelief, “Chen`er have already reached a strength of 5,000 stars?”

“It’s even higher. Chen`er’s current abilities is more than sufficient for her to head to the other four continents. However, I’m still a little worried for her.” The old lady sighed and looked at Qing Shui.

“Thank you. I’ll go look for her as soon as I can.” Qing Shui said with great determination.

“I hope that you can help Chen`er get past this. I should be going!” The old lady lifted her head and said to Qing Shui, smiling.

“Since senior is already here, why don’t you stay for a few days?” Qing Shui quickly said.

“I still have many things to do. I’ll come again if I have the chance to do so in the future! Don’t worry, not many people would be able to hurt the current Chen`er. What you need to think about is how to bring her heart back and let her have an attachment to something.” The old lady waved and flew off.

Qing Shui continued to watch until the old lady was gone from his view. Right now, he didn’t have the ability to head for the other four continents yet. It seemed that he would need to get stronger as soon as possible.

“Bring her heart back and let her have an attachment to something.” Qing Shui kept thinking about this line. When one had reached that realm, they would be nonchalant to a lot of things. He knew that for Di Chen, it wasn’t just being nonchalant and being able to accept a lot of things. It was like how in his previous life, a wealthy man would have no lack of money, but he still considered money as something important. When the amount of money or a certain item reached an extremely high value, he would still be very interested. This wasn’t nonchalance, at least, not for Di Chen.

When one was really nonchalant to things, they would have reached a certain level where even a person’s life would be worthless as dirt. Ordinary people would get extremely frightened if they were to kill someone and it might even affect them mentally. However, to a person that treated human lives as useless as dirt, killing others and killing an ant had no difference. Their heart wouldn’t even skip a beat while doing so, this was being nonchalant about life. Similarly, when one felt extremely disheartened, they could take matters involving life and death lightly.

She had seen through the secular world and was now nonchalant about the things that happened in the human world. Qing Shui now felt very bitter. Di Chen had practically forgotten about him, or rather, she wanted to forget about everything here.

That was why she wanted to go to the other four continents and have a fresh start. There was no other way around this. If there was a place which she couldn’t bear to part with and could hold her back, it would be different. However, it seemed that she had no attachment to anything right now. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have left.

Where was he going to look for her?

Was he going to wait for her to look for him?

Qing Shui shook his head. He had to deal with the matters that concerned Huoyun Liu-Li and Yiye Jiange within three years first, then he would head towards the other four continents to look for her. He would find her even if he had to comb through the entire world of the nine continents.

As he returned back to the Qing Clan, many people crowded around him. Qing Shui looked at Di Qing and the others, and then smiled, “You guys must work hard in your cultivation. Chen`er has headed for the other four continents.”

Qing Shui explained some things to them simply, and many of them suffered from a setback. After all, a strength of 5,000 stars was too terrifying for them. However, they also secretly cheered themselves on. It was because they knew that Qing Shui would definitely head to the other four continents. If they weren’t strong enough, even if he wanted to bring them along, they wouldn’t be able to join him.

They understood Qing Shui and knew that even if Di Chen wasn't in the other four continents, he would still go there eventually. It was just that he now had an even stronger reason than before to do so. Their progress during this period of time had given them a little hope.

Mingyue Gelou looked at Qing Shui and secretly thought to herself, "One's lifespan is very long. It can take one year, ten years, or even a hundred years, but I should be able to attain the level to cross the four continents eventually."

In the blink of an eye, another two months had passed by. Right now, Qing Shui stared at Zhu Qing in a daze. It was because she had just told him that she was pregnant. Looking at this blissful lady, he smiled.

He had always hoped that Zhu Qing would be able to have a kid as soon as possible. Qing Shui had known that she always felt uneasy. For people like her who lacked kinship and were lonely, what they needed was something to fill up their hearts.

The best thing that could accomplish this deed was kinship. Kinship could fill up one's heart. However, since she was already alone, the best method she could choose was to get married, and it would be even better if she could have her own kid.

Zhu Qing took Qing Shui's hand and said with a blissful smile, "Qing Shui, I'm going to have a child too."

Happiness was something that could be spread and warmth was something that could be passed on to others. When Qing Shui saw how happy Zhu Qing was, he felt very satisfied. This was also a kind of love. Loving what she loved, loving her heart, and loving her smile.

"That's our child." Qing Shui smiled and said.

Zhu Qing threw a blaming glance at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui coughed dryly before smiling and said, "Do you hope that it'll be a boy or a girl?"

"I like either, because it's our child."

Right now, Zhu Qing's charming and beautiful eyes squinted slightly, as if they were a pair of crescent moons. She smiled faintly and exuded a quiet aura.

She was not an exceptional beauty who could cause the fall of cities and countries. She gave out a very genuine feeling, as if she was really a person right before you. At first glance, one would feel that she was beautiful but it wouldn't make others be in awe. It wouldn't make one fall head over heels for her. However, she had her own unique aura and charm, one would only feel her feminine charms as the time passes.

Zhu Qing would usually study how to cook soup and stuff, or analyze the Nine Palace positionings. She no longer continued to cultivate ever since she had found out that she was pregnant. It should have been fine even if she were to continue with her cultivation but it was better to be safe than sorry. Qing Shui wasn't supportive of her continuing her cultivation either. When a woman's cultivation level increased, it would take them longer before they could get pregnant.

It was a regulation in the world. As one get stronger, one would face greater restrictions by the world. However, it was still alright. It wasn't as if it would be impossible to get pregnant but only that it need more attempts to become pregnant.

For the past few days, Qing Shui's physical strength had increased by over two stars. This progress was neither considered slow nor fast. He had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and the matter with Di Chen had also gave him encouragement.

His cultivation foundation was very strong and his cultivation level was also very powerful. He only needed to accumulate experience and to train more. Within two years, he must increase his strength to 5,000 stars or even higher. Two years to him was much longer than it was to other people. It was 100 times more.

It was sufficient!

There were still medicinal pills and the Spirit Gathering Formation. He hoped that within two years, he would be able to refine the "Spiritual Drops". With that, he should be able to bring his cultivation to the next level.

It would be fine even if he couldn't refine the Spiritual Drops. It should be sufficient for him to rely on his own cultivation. Moreover, he had other resources as well. He could forge the Big Dipper Sword or raise the abilities of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant's cultivation had also increased rapidly over the past two years or so. It had basically stayed in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal all this time. Demonic beasts' cultivation was very simple and time was an important factor. Moreover, there was an ample amount of spiritual Qi in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant which had started off with a strength of three stars was now slightly over 23 stars, an increased of 20 stars in total. At this stage, Qing Shui realized that the improvements of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and the Fire Bird were now faster than before. Could this be the advantage of having high quality demonic beast bloodline?

He thought that it should be the case. After all, high grade demonic beasts had to grow eventually. If their growth continued to be at such a slow pace, then wouldn't they be killed by low grade demonic beasts? And this was when they hadn't took any powerful spiritual fruits or something similar.

Qing Shui was very satisfied with the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's progress. He hadn't work on the additional abilities which came attached. There were two lumps of Qi on each side of the Violet Qi Pellet. This lump of Qi had materialized more so than before, but Qing Shui was in no hurry to refine it.

He wanted to wait a little longer. Once the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's cultivation level increased again, he would refine it to let his strength reach 5,000 stars. During this period of time, he would also continue to work hard in his cultivation and strengthen himself. Otherwise, when the time comes for him to refine the additional power which came from the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, he would need to take a very long time to get used to them.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant which now had a physical strength of 23 stars had its strength increased in leaps and bounds under the effect of the Dragon Elephant Force!

Dragon Elephant Force: Passive battle technique, permanently increases physical strength by three times!

With that, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's strength was now at 92 stars. Moreover, this was before it had utilized any battle techniques.

Mighty Elephant's Recklessness: Increases random attacks by two times for at least ten targets.

Qing Shui was happy that there was an area attack that was comparable to an early Martial Emperor's attack.

It was a pity that for the past few years, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had shown no signs of attaining any major breakthroughs, nor did its body go through much changes. Qing Shui didn't care about these either. After all, it was fine as long as his demonic beasts were powerful. In the past, his demonic beasts were stronger than him but after he made a trip to the Sky Penetrating Mountains, he had gained a great lead.

Mighty Elephant Stomp, a physical attack that was ten times stronger. It was a pity that the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's physical strength was still not powerful enough at 23 stars. Even with the Mighty Elephant Stomp, it would only be an attack of 230 stars, slightly stronger than the Mighty Elephant's Recklessness.

The Fire Bird's cultivation had also increased a lot, its physical strength had reached 40 stars. Compared to the four stars it was at before, the increase was tremendous. It was a pity that there were no additional powers or abilities given to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui wasn't surprised by the increased of the Fire Bird's speed. It had the bloodline of the Black Phoenix (also known as the Hell's Phoenix), thus no matter how much its cultivation level increased, Qing Shui wouldn't be astonished. He even felt that the rate of its progress was slightly slow. Staying in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal for one day was equivalent to 100 days in the outside. However, he was speechless at the thought of the phoenix's lifespan. The Fire Bird should still be considered not to be of age yet.

Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens: Passive battle technique, zero depletion, permanently increases physical strength by four times.

All battle techniques performed would have their depletion reduced by half.

Everytime Qing Shui looked at the Fire Bird's battle techniques, he would feel exceptionally happy. Having his depletion reduced by half was heaven-defying enough. With that, his abilities would reach 200 stars and it had won over the Diamond Gigantic Elephant by a lot. Previously, in order to increase the Fire Bird's speed, Qing Shui had given it many spiritual fruits that would increase one's cultivation.

Superior Flight: The Fire Bird's unique flying ability, its endurance and speed is unrivalled. It was one of the best across all flying beasts and it allowed the Fire Bird to fly at rapid speed for an extended period of time.

Hell's Inferno: The powerful flames attack unleashed by the Fire Bird. Its pitch black flames could burn everything and had a terrifying destructive powers. It was said that it was the Black Phoenix's powerful battle technique.

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens: When the Fire Bird performs the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, the damage inflicted by its flames attacks would increase by many folds. It could sustain for 30

minutes and it could be used four times daily. During this period of time, all damages received would be reduced.

The Fire Bird was good in long battles and it had high resistance. Its defence was also quite powerful and its battle techniques were impressive. Right now, under the impact of the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, the Fire Bird could unleash a damaging power of 400 stars. Although it wasn't a match to the Five-Headed Demonic Spider, the Fire Bird had a greater room for growth.

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Phoenix Paradise: When the Fire Bird receives fatal damage, it would have a 30% chance to go through a Firebath Rebirth. A successful rebirth would be like a qualitative transformation and its strength would become twice as strong as before.

Qing Shui looked at this last line. It was very tempting. Once the Phoenix Paradise succeeded, it would become twice as strong as before, this should be in reference to the Fire Bird's physical strength. However, it was impossible for him to let the Fire Bird try this skill easily, since the success rate was only 30%. He couldn't begin to imagine what would happen if it failed. A flying beast like the Fire Bird was extremely rare and they had great room for growth and improvement.

The Five-Headed Demonic Spider now had a strength of about 600 stars, a lot more than when he had tamed it in the beginning. Back then, it was about the current Fire Bird's level.

The Five-Headed Demonic Spider's physical strength had reached 100 stars and the Five Qi Origin could increase its physical strength fivefold!

Five Qi Origin: Five-Headed Demonic Spider's innate battle technique, permanently increases its physical strength fivefold and has zero depletion.

Looking at this passive battle technique, Qing Ming thought of how the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Dragon Elephant Force increased its physical strength threefold while the Fire Bird's Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens increased its physical strength fourfold.

In the past, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Fire Bird were only able to increase their physical strength onefold. As they became stronger, these abilities also underwent great changes. In the future, these demonic beasts would definitely become even more powerful.

He then took a look through the Five-Headed Demonic Spider's battle techniques.

Corrosive Poison Web: The Five-Headed Demonic Spider's all-encompassing web attack which has a powerful corrosive poison and stickiness. This web is so strong that it would be hard to cut through it with blades.

Poison Silk Entanglement: The Five-Headed Demonic Spider can fire a thread of poison silk. This attack has a range of 500 meters and can be used for attacking and entangling the target. Its speed is also very fast and it was highly toxic and sticky.

Spider Swarm Attack: The unique ability of a king of demonic beasts. Its strong subjects would be able to attack together with it.

Flying Spider Silk: After using this, its speed will increase by five times. This skill lasts for 7.5 minutes. It can only be used once a day.

Sharpness: The Five-Headed Demonic Spider's eight legs are incredibly sharp. They carry a high toxicity and penetrating ability.

Unyielding Shield: The Five-Headed Demonic Spider's defense is extremely strong.

The Five-Headed Demonic Spider wasn't only suited for long distance battles, but it was suited for close ranged battles as well. Its body was very sturdy and its huge legs were extremely sharp. Therefore, right now, it was still the demonic beast with the strongest damaging prowess. Its instant acceleration, attacking prowess, and venomous nature were all very powerful.

If a person got struck by the Corrosive Poison Web, even if he didn't die, he would be dealt a great amount of damage. Basically, the person would be done for.

The Jade Emperor Bee was a Peak Martial Saint with a strength of about one star. It was probably going to be hard for it to attain a breakthrough to the Martial Emperor level. In the future, they would basically be useless in battles. However, the Jade Emperor Queen Bee Nectar was good stuff.

The Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies had caught up and were now Peak Martial Saints, with a strength a little more than a star. It was a pity that they weren't of much use and could only help to pollinate the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

With the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, these demonic beasts had also grown very quickly. It could be because of their species. Take the Jade Emperor Queen Bee for example, its size made it possible for it to be ridden and it was also strong. However, its endurance level was insufficient.

Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies were extremely beautiful, but similar to the Jade Emperor Bees, they couldn't be beast rides and right now, they weren't suited for battles either. They could only be a part of the scenic view of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, fluttering about...

The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable was also a Peak Martial Saint with a strength of two stars. During this period of time, its rate of its growth had accelerated, causing Qing Shui to be filled with some anticipation. In the near future, he planned to try out the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit or medicinal pills to see if its abilities could undergo a one-time tremendous change. It was far too weak. Although it had a venomous poison, it wouldn't be able to handle his future opponents, it would not even be able to withstand a single touch from them.

Even the Fire Bird and the Five-Headed Demonic Spider must become stronger. They could easily deal with Early Martial Emperors but they wouldn't be able to deal with Peak Grade One Martial Emperors.

Compared to the Jade Emperor Bees, Gold-Silver Colored Butterflies, and Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable, the Thunderous Beast's improvement was huge. This also let Qing Shui heave a sigh of relief. During this period of time, its strength had increased from three stars to the current ten stars.

Not only had its physical strength increased by quite a bit, but there had also been some changes to its battle techniques.

Violet Thunder Protection: Unique ability of the Thunderous Beast. It can increase all of its abilities and make them two times stronger. It doesn't deplete energy and automatically circulates. If it received physical attacks, the Thunderous Beast has a chance of inflicting paralysis on its opponent.

The Violet Thunder Protection had gone through changes when the Thunderous Beast's physical strength had reached ten stars. It previously increased physical strength onefold but now, it increased its physical strength twofold. Although it wasn't comparable to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Dragon Elephant Force, Qing Shui was satisfied. After all, the Thunderous Beast was a long distance control based demonic beast.

Thunderbolt: Releases an electrifying attack through its core. This attack has a range of 400 meters. This attack has a slight paralyzing effect and has the effect of speed reduction and reaction reduction on the opponents. This effect can be stacked.

Compared to before, it could now reach 100 meters further than before. Qing Shui realized that watching his demonic beasts' battle technique level up was also an enjoyment. He wasn't as full of anticipation as before, but he was still very happy.

Violet Lightning Strike: Harnesses the core's power and releases a powerful lightning strike to disable the opponent. It has a 100% chance to paralyze the enemy, with the length of the paralysis depending on the opponent's abilities. This skill can only be used once every 24 hours.

The distance from which the Violet Lightning Strike could be unleashed from was almost the same as the Thunderbolt. This was also the skill that Qing Shui felt was the strongest and most monstrous battle technique. In a battle, if used right, it could instantly change the results.

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

The Thunderous Beast's cultivation needed to increase. The combination of the Violet Lightning Strike and his own hidden weapons would create a terrifying existence. Therefore, when Qing Shui saw that the Thunderous Beast had gotten stronger, he was still very happy.

Recently, he hadn't used his demonic beasts in his battles. He had suddenly gotten a lot stronger and he knew that the demonic beasts wouldn't be of much help either. Therefore, other than using the Fire Bird for travel, he had basically not observed the other demonic beasts much.

Even for the Fire Bird, he had only sensed its cultivation roughly and it was only this time around that he took a serious look at it. They needed to be powered up. There would be useful for him in the future.

All in all, Qing Shui was still quite satisfied. Even without medicinal pills, relying on the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, these demonic beasts could become powerful. However, there were only a few of them who could be used in the short term. These were the Fire Bird, Five-Headed Demonic Spider, Diamond Gigantic Elephant, and the Thunderous Beast. The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable was currently to be kept under review.

Right now, Qing Shui's killer move was the Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm in his Central Palace's blood pool. He wouldn't use this move easily. For one, it was too evil. Another reason was that he didn't wish to rely on it too much.

Increasing one's cultivation level was the true way to go. Upon reaching the Martial Emperor level, he knew that this world was very dangerous and that Martial Emperors weren't unrivaled existences. Right now, he still needed to continue to work hard. He wondered when it would be that he no longer craved for power that much.

Time passed by very quickly and in the blink of an eye, three months had passed.

Pa!

In the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui opened his eyes and was in a daze for a short moment before he smiled. He had attained a breakthrough. His State of Immovable as Mountains was now at Grade Seven.

It was now at the same level as Nature Energy. Looking into his body, he saw that the State of Immovable as Mountains Pellet was very agitated. Right now, it increased his body's physical strength by 70%.

After three months, Qing Shui's physical strength was now at 120 stars and both his State of Immovable as Mountains and Nature Energy were at Grade Seven. When all of them were circulated, his strength approached 600 stars. The Violet Star Thunder God increase his physical strength by three folds, which allowed his cultivation to reach 2,400 stars.

Thinking of the 'Raging Blow', Qing Shui was stunned. Raging Blow was also a type of technique, a domineering one. It was just that he seldom used it, unless it was with the Violet Star Thunder God. It had a high depletion rate and reduced his speed. When the body was under extreme rage, one's strength would increase manyfold, but it would also reduce their speed. However, the 10% speed increment give by the Violet Star Thunder God would more or less make up for the difference.

Using the Violet Star Thunder God to perform the Raging Blow, his strength would reach over 4,700 stars. Thankfully Raging Blow was a Battle Technique. It would be bad if it was a Auxiliary-type Technique like the Combination Sword Technique. If that were the case, he would only be able to attain a strength of this level at the point of the attack. He would probably not be able to pass by that Ancient Great Formation.

It was just that although the Raging Blow was a Battle Technique and could be raised to such a level, its prowess could only be shown through a hammer. This made Qing Shui very gloomy. If only he could use it with a sword.

However, Qing Shui quickly shook his head and smiled. He should be satisfied. If Raging Blow could be performed with other weapons, it would definitely not be a earth-grade battle technique. It was only because it reduced one's speed and could only be used with a hammer that it became a earth-grade battle technique. Otherwise, it would at least be a legendary-grade battle technique.

The leveling up of his Art of Forging and the availability of the Violet Star Stone had allowed Qing Shui to forge the Thunder God to become the Violet Star Thunder God it was right now. He had the Thousand

Hammer Technique and had swung the hammer tens of millions of time. His mastery of the hammer was already excellent.

For this period of time, Qing Shui had spent quite a lot of effort on the Raging Blow as well. However, he could only increase its prowess onefold. It should be at either the small success stage or the large success stage, but Qing Shui sensed that there should still be more room for growth. However, it was just that it was extremely tough to level it up.

With his current abilities, each level up would require a long period of time and effort. He could even be at bottlenecks for an extended period of time.

His techniques had all reached extremely high grades, just like how the Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains were both at Grade Seven now. It would be very, very difficult for him to bring them up to a higher level. Even he wasn't sure how much more these skills could level up.

The progress of his Sword of Sixth Wave was also more or less at a standstill. He could already use the Sixth Wave with great ease and mastery. However, he was at a bottleneck for its progress, which made him feel restless.

It was hard to progress in the Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm when it was only at the Sixth Waves. Right now, he was short of a good weapon. Otherwise, the prowess of his Sword of Sixth Wave would definitely be very powerful, and it might not even lose out to the Raging Blow. The dominance of the Wave Essence was not to be doubted.

"I can reforge the Big Dipper Sword now."

A hopeful expression appeared on Qing Shui's face. If Qing Shui could forge the Big Dipper Sword well, his abilities would be improved by quite a lot. With another good weapon, there should be amazing effects.

Qing Shui looked at all things he had prepared. After a round of cultivation, he started forging. He could easily forge weapons that could increase one's strength twofold. Of course, the prerequisite was that the materials were good. However, it was very difficult to forge a weapon that could increase one's strength threefold.

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Luckily, the amount of materials were abundant, and they were all top notch, too. With Qing Shui's powerful Art of Forging, he had faith that the Big Dipper Sword could triple in power if he managed to refine the sword from its foundation. He might be able to increase the power by a little bit more than three fold, but anything further would be extremely unlikely to occur.

Qing Shui's diligent cultivation of his skills, including the Thousand Hammer Technique, and his usual routine of forging, smelting, and refining, allowed him to stabilize his Art of Forging at the Penta-color stage. With that, he was finally able to refine the Big Dipper Sword like he had planned.

Now it was time to refine the weapon!

Qing Shui suspended the Big Dipper Sword in the air and began conjuring his Primordial Flames. This flame had become even more ferocious after his powers had surged, but the necessary heat of the flame could only be preserved if the flame was limited to three inches - a limit of his current power.

The terrifying Primordial Flames proceeded to burn the Big Dipper Sword with its ferocious heat. At first, Qing Shui was afraid that the Big Dipper Sword would instantly melt, so he controlled the flames with caution while using his spiritual sense to observe the melting point of the weapon.

Eventually, he noticed that the Big Dipper Sword was able to withstand the high temperature of the fiery heat, even if what the sword was made out of was unknown. He had gotten the sword by chance from a deity cave, so Qing Shui was able to affirm that the Big Dipper Sword was definitely an item of extreme value and quality.

After burning the sword for a certain period of time, Qing Shui finally stopped. He took out a Pure Gold Dragon-Headed Cane, a Violet Jade, and the precious Wolf Fang. He then proceeded to place the Big Dipper Sword into a sword mold. After torching the sword, an ancient-like halo appeared, shining dimly with a faint light.

Qing Shui then suspended the Wolf Fang, the Cane, and the Violet Jade above the sword before he started by smelting the fang. This time, the Primordial Flame burned with an energy that could devour one's soul, enveloping its flame around the Wolf Fang.

Time passed by slowly, and the Wolf Fang seemed to remain the same as before. Qing Shui was as calm as an old monk as he continued to wait. After an hour, he slowly closed his eyes and entered his sea of consciousness.

The Yin-Yang Image in his sea of consciousness was circulating at an unbelievable speed, much faster than before. The pearl from the Niwan Palace also circulated as quickly as the Yin-Yang Image itself. Qing Shui didn't notice any changes to the Primordial Flame, but he knew that its temperature and incineration ability had increased by multiple times, without any changes to its appearance.

Five of the Twelve Heavenly Meridians had been cleared. The fifth meridian had already been in the small success stage when the prior four meridians had been cleared. As of now, Qing Shui's Primordial Flames was able to improve greatly due to his upgraded spiritual energy. He could coagulate his flames to about the thickness of a thumb, drilling into the Wolf Fang, like a drilling bit made of diamond.

The current 'Primordial Flame Whip' was longer and finer, but could unleash a formidable force much stronger than before - this was an improvement of the Primordial Flames' power.

High-level Focused Concentration!

Qing Shui gathered all of his focus on the Wolf Fang for about six hours until a change occurred. The Wolf Fang was began to melt into a brilliant dew. He didn't dare slow down his effort, so he continued to burn the Wolf Fang with the high intensity flames.

Another hour passed.

Finally, the Wolf Fang began to melt!

The brilliant lustre of the liquid dripped slowly onto the Big Dipper Sword!

Clink!

A faint but clear sound echoed softly before the liquid was quickly absorbed by the sword. Then, another drop of liquid dripped until the few subsequent drops of the liquefied Wolf Fang were absorbed into the sword. The Big Dipper Sword was beginning to undergo a slight change as well.

Qing Shui expanded his spiritual sense and continued until the Wolf Fang had sufficiently dripped onto the sword. After four hours passed, Qing Shui then began to smelt the Violet Jade and the Cane together. The Wolf Fang was set aside after it cooled down. It had been more than enough for the sword, so Qing Shui expected that the Wolf Fang wouldn't be used up completely for this session of refining.

The Pure Gold Dragon-Headed Cane and the Violet Jade were different than the Wolf Fang in terms of their melting points, as they required a significantly shorter amount of time to melt into a liquid state. Both of these materials slowly dripped onto the sword, and, like before, the drops of liquefied materials were absorbed by the Big Dipper Sword almost immediately.

The Dragon-Headed Cane was quite moderate in size, so it didn't take too long for a third of it to melt off completely. On the other hand, the Violet Jade, that was the size of an infant's brain, completely melted into the sword.

The Violet Jade was just enough for the refining of the Big Dipper Sword. He needed a bit more of the gold from the Pure Gold Dragon-Headed Cane. About half of the Cane would do. After an hour passed, Qing Shui finally put the Cane aside after he acquired enough gold for the sword.

He picked up the Violet Star Thunder God and proceeded to rapidly quench the Big Dipper Sword in a bucket of water, evaporating the water in the process. After that, he placed the sword on the forging block and began hammering the weapon.

With progressively increasing strength and speed, Qing Shui continued to hammer the sword with an expression as calm as the serene waters. Even though he felt exhausted from the continuous work, he was brimming with a confidence that pushed him to strike his hammer in a consistent resolution.

Clink!

Suddenly, a ray of brilliant penta-colored lights appeared, causing Qing Shui to halt his movements and wait for the lights to fade away. He was a bit bewildered, of course, but was also happy to see the brilliant lights shining from the sword.

The penta-colored lights completely enveloped the sword like a cocoon. Based on his past experiences, the lights would always fade away quickly, almost instantaneously. However, the lights didn't fade as quickly this time, perhaps indicating that the sword might become stronger than expected.

Five minutes later, the penta-colored lights began to fade away. At that moment, Qing Shui reacted strangely to the Big Dipper Sword as he continued to observe the weapon. The sword seemed to have a life of its own.

The sword was filled with a denser ancient qi, its surface inscribed with some sort of obscure marks or patterns that strangely emitted an antique aura of bleakness throughout the surroundings. The aura felt heavy to his senses, but Qing Shui was more surprised to find an indentation on the hilt of the sword.

The groove didn't affect the splendiness of the sword. Instead, the groove made it seemed like there was an eye on the hilt. If Qing Shui wielded the hilt, as he would most of the time, the 'eye' would not be visible.

Another indentation on the sword.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Qing Shui proceeded to scan the sword for additional changes.

Big Dipper Sword: Formed from the convergence of the unique silver sand of the Heaven and Earth, the materials were then forged into a sword by a skilled blacksmith. The sword can unleash lethal damage power while allowing the user to gain four times the power, and increasing both speed and attack speed by 20%. There is a 20% chance of increasing the attack damage by multiple times for each attack, subsequently decreasing 10% of the damage received. The user also has a certain chance of receiving an unexpected surprise from the sword.

That's powerful! Too powerful.....

Qing Shui was floored by the newly refined Big Dipper Sword. He used to envy the Skywolf Claw that he had given to Mingyue Gelou, which had a 10% chance of increasing its attack damage by multiple times. However, he was lucky this time as the Big Dipper Sword had a 20% chance of doing so...

The difference of 10% seemed insignificant, but that was enough to cause a great disparity between their chances of activating the supplementary ability. If he was lucky, activating the ability four times or five times in a row wasn't out of the question. If the percentage was lower than 20%, this became much more unlikely.

The four times increase to his power was the least expected attribute he had expected from the sword. If he had to guess, this might have been an effect inherited from the Wolf Fang, an authentic fang acquired directly from a divine beast.

No explanation was needed for the 20% increase in speed and attack speed. As mentioned before, speed was the most crucial aspect of a martial cultivator in the World of the Nine Continents, even more important than strength. Moreover, the 10% decrease to damage received was a feat not to be underestimated, as 10% was a lot, with Qing Shui's current power. If he were to receive 100 stars of damage, he would only be inflicted with 90 stars of damage. Combined with the ability of the Emperor's Qi, the damage received would be far less than 90 stars.

Qing Shui smiled, feeling satisfied with the new Big Dipper Sword. However, he was at a loss about the last part of the description of the Big Dipper Sword.

Those who can use a sword like this will definitely receive a certain amount of unexpected surprise.

Qing Shui was puzzled for a moment, but decided to wield the Big Dipper Sword for now.

As he held the sword in his hand, a stream of aura akin to the aura of spiritual sense immediately flowed into his body and circulated throughout his veins with agility. At that moment, he had a feeling that the Big Dipper Sword was some sort of living weapon, with a life of its own.

Humm Humm~

The Big Dipper Sword vibrated abruptly. The sudden aggressive behavior of the sword most likely stemmed from that 'divine beast', which prompted Qing Shui to use his mental ability to soothe the weapon. When the Big Dipper Sword finally returned to normal, a faint yet domineering energy resurfaced again and went straight to his body, particularly into his meridians and Dantian area.

The Golden Pellet in the Dantian area began to circulate with an unbelievable speed, the domineering energy enveloping the Golden Pellet itself. Eventually, the Golden Pellet began to absorb the energy, expanding in size into a more substantial form.

This caused Qing Shui to panic for a while, because he was afraid that the Golden Pellet had gone awry. If something went wrong with the Golden Pellet, he would be at a loss, without a single clue on how to fix it.

Qing Shui tried to sense his power next, but this caused him to make an odd expression instead. The domineering energy had increased his overall power by an additional 30 stars.....

Was that a reward from the Big Dipper Sword or the divine beast?

Despite the domineering trait of the energy, it felt quite subtle to his senses. He thought he would've only gained a small increase to his power because of the faint energy, but he didn't expect the amount to be close to 30 stars. It was more than sufficient to say the least. The sudden change to his power kindled Qing Shui's motivation to further his cultivating.

After everything was said and done, it was time to cultivate his sword techniques!

With the refined sword in hand, Qing Shui soared through the air and skillfully demonstrated his Combination Sword Technique. The Four Moves combination had the ability to increase 40% of his strength. Without the refined sword in hand, he would go nowhere with the Four Moves Combination Sword Technique. Now, he could demonstrate his moves naturally and in a swift motion.

Boom!

A loud explosion rang out, which Qing Shui was more than happy to hear. His overall power had reached the strength of 150 stars, including the application of the Heavenly Talisman and the auto-activation of his Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains. His power was able to reach its peak through the application of his mental ability.

The Combination Sword Technique form, consisting of the Heavenly Thunder Slash, Frenzied Bull's Strength, Shield Attack, and Expert Focused Concentration, was able to reach the damage of 4000 stars alone. Even though this form was still lacking compared to the Raging Blow before its upgrade, he was able to use this form to unleash the Sword of Sixth Wave technique with great proficiency. Most importantly, the speed of this form was incomprehensible. When the tip of the sword pierced through the air, a black hole could be seen forming. The surrounding atmosphere would resemble the flow of a cyclone which appeared behind the sword handle.

That was awesome!

Bang!

With another powerful strike, two black holes appeared in an instance, emitting a terrifying suction energy that could devour anything within close proximity.

This was the effect of doubling the damage power of the consecutive strike.

8000 stars!

Even in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he could release an attack with 8000 stars worth of damage.....

With that thought in mind, Qing Shui quickly exited the realm and rose through the air. Using his Nine Continents Step, he moved 20,000 li away, until he reached the deeper parts of the Heavenly Palace Mountain.

He wanted to see if he could unleash 5000 stars worth of damage in one go.

Qing Shui switched his weapon to the Violet Star Thunder God. He planned to strike the Raging Blow with his current weapon, which would probably reach a damage of about 5800 stars, surpassing his goal of 5000 stars.

Raging Blow!

Qing Shui was stunned when he felt the powers within his body exceeding the strength of 5000 stars the moment he began circulating the Raging Blow. It was only when he released his attack that he could clearly feel the limited output of its potential. He was only able to release 5000 stars of damage through the Raging Blow.

Just like a water tank, he could not pour out every last drop of water immediately, but could only drain out water slowly with a bucket every single time...

With this in mind, Qing Shui continued to strike the Raging Blow for about an hour before he stopped completely. He felt good about himself, and he was more than capable of going to the Demon Gate or the Lion King's Ridge.

However, he decided to increase the power of the members of the Qing Clan before he departed to his next journey. At the same time, he would increase his own powers too, ideally to 200 stars, before journeying to the Lion King's Ridge. If he could do that, then he would be able to reach the power of 5000 stars through the use of his Big Dipper Sword. Combined with his debuff abilities, Nine Palace Steps, and Formations techniques, he was all set to defeat his opponents once and for all.

He felt a bit relieved after settling his own power, but was depressed again when he thought about Di Chen. She was still missing, but he wasn't worried about her safety too much, as her cultivation base was enough to protect herself from harm. Now that she had become stronger, she would soon forget about him. He had to start all over again to win her heart back, despite his frustration towards the matter. It would be extremely difficult given the current circumstance.

Qing Shui activated his Nine Continents Step and returned to a place nearby the Qing Residence. The sky was beginning to lighten up, so he decided to go to the backyard and start his morning practice.

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Upon reaching the backyard, he could see several people already preparing themselves for the morning practice, including Guo Polu. In these few months, Qingqing had already become pregnant, which was about the same time as Zhu Qing's pregnancy.

Zhu Qing's pregnancy was quite sudden, and Qing Shui had thought he would need at least half a month before she would show signs of pregnancy. He hadn't expected her to be pregnant, much less this quickly. Qing Shui took out his Big Dipper Sword and began to practice his Combination Sword Technique.

Four Moves! Four Moves!

The Four Moves Combination Sword Technique had the ability to increase his power by 40%, which was also an increase of approximately 60 stars in strength. It wasn't a lot, but it wasn't insignificant either. The more he accumulated, the more his power would grow. Qing Shui's overall power was already quite decent even without the add-ons from his weapons and armors.

Diamond Qi, Diamond Protection, Diamond Crossing Rivers, Nature Energy, and State of Immovable as Mountains were all self-generating skills that worked continuously alongside his powers. He couldn't shake them off no matter how much he tried, so Qing Shui stood there silently without moving an inch of his muscles. Qing Shui's powers had reached a terrifying number - he had reached the mark of 500 stars in strength.

However, that was only a number based solely on his raw strength. If he activated all of his skills in one go, his powers would reach a mark somewhere close to 700 stars. Nevertheless, Qing Shui was satisfied with his current power. At the very least, he wouldn't need to fear anyone who would pose a threat to him or his family. No matter who they were, he would have the confidence to win the battle effortlessly, unless his opponent was able to somehow break the regulations of the world.

For now, Qing Shui decided to practice his sword moves without using his full strength. He continued to practice with the intention of fully mastering the Combination Sword Technique. He wanted to do this in order to get a good grasp of his sword moves. At the same time, he attempted to grind the sword moves continuously to reach a higher compatibility with his Big Dipper Sword.

Weapons were considered the second life of martial cultivators. A more powerful weapon would not necessarily be better than a weapon that one had grown accustomed to. It was said that the longer a user wielded their weapons, the more spiritualized the weapon would become, as if they understood the user's intention. The prowess of the weapon would also increase by a magnitude, but to achieve a spiritual bonding with a weapon would not be an easily achieved feat - at least not as far as Qing Shui had seen. What he heard of the spiritual bonding between a user and a weapon was limited to rumors.

In any case, he had already mastered the Four Move Combination Sword Technique for a long time. In the meantime, he decided to attempt to upgrade the technique to Five Moves. He wanted to gauge the rate of increasing the prowess of the technique so he would be able to tell how powerful the sword move had become.

The Combination Sword Technique would become twice as difficult each time he had increased the technique's sword move to the next level. Of course, it would make sense that the formidable force of

the sword move would be doubled as well. Qing Shui looked forward to discovering the strength of the underlying secrets of the technique when the sword move was upgraded to the next level.

A ray of morning light slowly appeared in the east. Qing Shui stored away his Big Dipper Sword and started practicing his Taichi Fist, as per usual. When the sun was completely out from the horizon, he would then begin to strike out his Back Connecting Fists.

The number of Qing Clan members around the backyard was astonishing. Some of them were following Qing Shui and performed the Back Connecting Fists, while the others would follow Mingyue Gelou and performed the Tiger Form. On the other hand, Qing Zi, Qing You, and some of the burly disciples had begun cultivating their Bear Steps in the other corner of the backyard.

Their improvements were exceedingly swift. With the guidance of Qing Shui in their cultivation, they would be able to strive forward marvelously. Qing Shui continued his cultivation of the Bear Steps, while Qingqing continued to cultivate her Crane Form alone. Her Crane Form was far more powerful than Qing Shui's, and her Soaring Crane Steps had already reached an extremely high level too. Unfortunately, she had to stop her cultivation temporary due to her pregnancy.

Half a year had passed since he had come back to stay at home. The members of Qing Clan were on the right track to the path of becoming stronger. In the first two months, Qing Shui was very busy due to his meticulous guidance with every member of Qing Clan. However, felt more relaxed, as most of them were able to move forward with their martial cultivation by themselves. It was like there was a stair guiding them towards their path. The speed of their cultivation was relatively acceptable as well.

Qing Shui would also take two hours every day to teach everyone the Nine Palace Steps, except for Qing Yu, Zhu Qing, and Qingqing. In half a year, most of them were able to master the Duality Steps. Canghai Mingyue and the others, who were essentially higher leveled cultivators, had already mastered the Duality Steps to the peak of its cultivation. They were currently at the stage of a breakthrough for the Duality Steps as they continued to work hard.

The children, on the other hand, had already memorized the fundamentals of the One Origin Steps, so they were able to demonstrate this move gracefully. Children would be more inclined to learn the techniques that required footwork. Qing Jun and Qing Yin were almost at their breakthrough in the Duality Steps, which filled Qing Shui with endless happiness and pride.

Although Qing Ming was a bit weird, he was similarly interested in techniques that required footwork. His mastery of the technique was comparable to Qing Jun's mastery of the technique, and he was able to demonstrate the Back Connecting Fist and Solitary Rapid Fist to the level that Qing Shui had wanted in just half a year.

Children would always have the habit of comparing with each other, which was why Qing Jun and Qing Yin would try their best in the cultivation of their skills. Qing Shui initially wanted Qing Yin to focus solely on the Taichi Fist, but he had never thought that the little girl would be extremely competitive, so he allowed her to learn the Solitary Rapid Fist too. In any case, cultivating the Solitary Rapid Fist would be beneficial for her cultivation in Taichi Fist, so it was a win-win situation. Additionally, Qing Yin had a passion for drawing, so he would also spend some time to teach her the fundamentals of drawing every day. So far, he had taught her about the drawings of the Hundred Forms of Tiger and Heavenly Talismans.

Ever since Qing Shui came back from the Skysword Sect, he never went back again and continued to stay at home until now. His life was substantial, and he enjoyed every moment of it. Because of his constant presence at home, he was able to get along with the children much better. This was far too different from the time that Qing Yu had refused to let him hold her when he first came back. The situation had changed for the better as she would always look for him to play every single day.

He quite enjoyed the attention he received from Qing Yu. Aside from the twins he had with Canghai Mingyue, he was basically absent when the other children were born. He didn't even know that Huoyun Liu-Li was pregnant for the extended period of time he was away from home.....

Because of that, Qing Shui was determined to be there when Zhu Qing would give birth to their child, and planned to be there until their child turned one year old. Although he was planning to do just that, he couldn't guarantee that it would be possible as many things could happen in between his child's birth and growth.

Qing Shui would also take two hours every afternoon to practice some of the formation techniques with the members of Qing Clan. They would work together to form the Five Elements Minor Formation until they were already proficient enough to do so. If they were to encounter opponents of the same level, they could use this formation to strike down their opponents.

Moreover, Qing Shui was able to learn two more formations just recently, and they were the Four Perfections Formation and the Ten Paramitas Formation!

Four Perfections Formation was also known as the Four Symbols Formation. This was a type of death formation that stood in correspondence to the position facing the eye of formation towards the Core Qi, allowing the user's power to soar exponentially. It also allowed the user to gain advantages in both offense and defense.

According to the legends, the Four Symbols Formation was a formation passed down from ancient times. The formation was said to be based on the four constellation symbols of the spiritual creatures that comprised of Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermilion Bird, and Black Tortoise. The four symbols together would complete the sky ecliptic and each quadrant would contain seven stars. These stars were also known as the seven constellations. Moreover, in order to complete the Four Symbols Formation, 28 people were required to instigate the formation at the same time.

However, Qing Shui took a deeper observation at his own Four Symbols Formation and deduced that he would only require four people to perform it. Whether this was an improvement or an incomplete formation, he had no clue. However, based on what he could see, this formation seemed to possess an incredible power that could obliterate his opponents effortlessly.

Each of the four people required for the Four Symbols Formation would be assigned to stand at the four cardinal directions: north, south, east, and west. After the formation was completed, the offensive and defensive ability of the four people would be boosted rapidly, simultaneously increasing their resistances to the five elements as well. According to the legends, if the cultivation of the completed Four Symbols Formation had reached the peak level, the silhouettes of the Four Symbols would rise up to assist in the battle. These silhouettes could unleash a prowess unlike what anyone could imagine.

Qing Shui continued to observe the Four Symbols Formation and could not help admire the formidable forces of the four mythical beasts. After all, it would be extremely difficult for one to reach the peak of the cultivation of this formation, but this was not something Qing Shui would bury his mind into, at least for the time being.

Four people were required to activate the Four Symbols Formation - which was easier said than done. Qing Shui couldn't think of or even find four suitable people at the moment, but he really wanted to experiment with this formation to see what kind of power he could unleash with the combined forces. As he was thinking about the formation, a sudden thought popped into his mind, which caused Qing Shui's lips to curve into a smile at the corner of his mouth.

In ancient times, the Four Symbols Formation was represented by the four holy beasts. Instead of humans, each holy beast corresponded to their own cardinal direction: north, south, east, and west. Because of that, Qing Shui was instantly reminded of his own demonic beasts - Diamond Gigantic Elephant, Fire Bird, and the Five-Headed Demonic Spider.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant possessed the ability of the Dragon Elephant Force, so it would be reasonable to think that it had the dragon's bloodline flowing within its body. The Fire Bird was as clear as day, but the Five-Headed Demonic Spider was still up in the air - he couldn't tell which mythical animal it could associate with. The two reasons he chose these three demonic beasts was because firstly, they were the strongest among the rest; and secondly, he could communicate with them telepathically. In a sense, he could coordinate with them to create a better result, and the three demonic beasts he had chosen were already remarkably strong at this point.

He soared up into the sky immediately, as high and as far as he possibly could away from the Qing Residence. The members of the Qing Clan had finished their morning practice, so all of them went straight into the building to have breakfast together. When he had reached a certain altitude, he called out his three demonic beasts into the sky immediately.

Qing Shui had been researching the Four Symbol Formation for a while, and he had learned that the keys of the formation was the placement of position and the technique to prompt the formation. This was just a trial for now, so he allowed the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to fulfill the role of 'Azure Dragon', the Fire Bird as 'Vermilion Bird', the Five-Headed Demonic Spider as 'Black Tortoise', and himself as the 'White Tiger' - the striker of the formation.

It was as if everything had been arranged for Qing Shui to take the position of the White Tiger. Each position had its advantage, even though the power of every participant would be boosted, each of them had their own unique specialty. For example, the position of the Black Tortoise would receive an enormous boost to their defense, rendering the defense of the participant in that position extremely powerful. The position of the White Tiger would increase the attack power of the participant tremendously, while the position of the Vermilion Bird would increase the spiritual energy by an exponential amount. Lastly, the position of the Azure Dragon would increase the speed and movement by an extravagant rate.

The Azure Dragon represented the east, White Tiger on the west, Vermilion Bird on the south, and Black Tortoise on the north. Qing Shui stood on the west and allowed his demonic beasts to assume their

respective positions. However, nothing really changed after each of them took up their positions in the formation.

This was normal as the each position was difficult to arrange for their respective role. It wouldn't be called a Four Symbols Formation if all they needed to do was stand in any directions without consideration to the formation. The Four Symbols Formation was laid according to the fundamental positions of the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation or perhaps the Nine Palace Steps as well.

It was only when Qing Shui thoroughly mastered the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation that he was able to discover the Four Symbols Formation, which was brought from the foundations of the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation itself. Any future formations would essentially refer back to the foundations of the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation.

The positions of Nine Palaces, the eye of four directions!

This was basically the layout of the Four Symbols Formation. Qing Shui then drove the Core Qi and forced it into the center of the formation, which would formally initiate the Four Symbols Formation. Once initiated, the power of the four representatives would be boosted exponentially.

Qing Shui began testing the prowess of the Four Symbols Formation, as well as the teamwork between himself and his demonic beasts.

Three of his demonic beasts were ready at their respective positions.

It was a good thing that he had the ability to telepathic communicated between his demonic beasts because he was able to control them quite easily. He then began driving the Core Qi towards the middle of the formation and coagulated its energy, which was then quickly spread towards the four directions of the formation.

It took just a moment - probably around two to three breaths of time or less - for the powerful energy to spread from the center to the four directions and enveloped him and his demonic beasts.

At that moment, Qing Shui could feel his powers increasing to a terrifying level, whether it was his speed, strength, or defense - his overall power had increased. However, he wasn't sure how much he had gained, but he had a vague sense that his damage power had been doubled. After all, the White Tiger position was set as the main striker of the formation.

This was indeed a powerful formation. The formidable force of the Four Symbols Formation was quite good. Qing Shui shifted his body and began moving. He then used his telepathic communication to command the other demonic beasts to move and began an offensive stance.

He realized that the Four Symbols Formation would remain as it was as long as they remained on the positions of the Nine Palaces. All of the sudden, Qing Shui switched his position with the Five-Headed Demonic Beast. He discovered that his speed was not as fast as before, and his power was inferior compared to the moments when he was at the White Tiger position. However, he could felt like his body had been equipped with a thick layer of battle armor when he stood at the Black Tortoise position.

Qing Shui endured this sensation but quickly realized that his overall power had been increased as well. However, each position would only increase certain attributes by a large amount. Qing Shui happily switched around positions while practicing the formation with his demonic beasts. They cooperated well

with one another and he found that Fire Bird and Diamond Gigantic Elephant were already at their appropriate positions. Both of them had received a great boost to their power. Moreover, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was able to unleash its Instantaneous Diamond Evasion, Mighty Elephant Stomp, and Ferocious Diamond Attack multiple times in a row without any problem.

Even though the Five-Headed Demonic Spider did not have the distinct Black Tortoise bloodline, it still had an unbelievable defense that made the spider seemed like a small mountain. Moreover, the Corrosive Poison Web and the Poison Silk Entanglement would work well with the 'Western White Tiger' and 'Eastern Azure Dragon'.

Qing Shui was tireless and continued to experiment with the formation until afternoon. In between his trials, some of the members of the Qing Clan passed by but decided not to disturb him when they saw the seriousness in his expression.

Chapter 989 - Black Tortoise Formation, Sacred Land of Panacea, Greencloud Mountain, Trouble Comes Knocking

Qing Shui called back and withdrew his three demonic beasts, feeling extremely satisfied. The prowess of the Four Phases Formation was clear for all to see, and it was more suited for him than the Five Elements Minor Formation. He had never expected that he would be able to set up a formation with his demonic beasts.

Formations were a powerful existence in the World of the Nine Continents. It was said that there were slightly more sects in the other four continents who knew about formations and not as many in these five continents. The Sky Prison Sect only knew the basics of formations.

It seemed that he would need to increase Qing Clan's mastery of the Nine Palace Steps and Nine Palace Eight Trigrams positionings. He would have to teach them the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation as well. However, this formation was too complicated and required one to be thorough in their thinking. It required those who could think out of the box. It would be hard for the children to pick this up. Qing Shui didn't wish to cause them to lose confidence in their ability to master formations.

Therefore, the children would first learn the One Origin Steps and Duality Steps. They would slowly progress from there and start to gain a better understanding of formations first and then pick up the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation and the Four Phases Formation. Qing Shui even taught them some simple calculations of the Nine Palace.

The Four Phases Formation was not difficult if one excelled in the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation and the Nine Palace Steps. Otherwise, it would basically be impossible to set up the Four Phases Formation. Therefore, this formation was simple to Qing Shui but extremely hard to others.

With this situation, demonic beasts which Qing Shui could communicate with telepathically were a better choice than humans. This was because demonic beasts had extremely powerful senses and it was much better to be communicating via their consciousness as compared to verbal communication. It allowed them to quickly perform accurately as requested.

Of course, Qing Shui could also get other people to come together and set up the Four Phases Formation. However, he would still need to give them instructions and this could cause the formation to

lose its effect anytime, unlike when he teamed up with his demonic beasts. After all, Qing Shui had worked together with his demonic beasts for a very long period of time.

The Four Phases Formation was more suited for demonic beasts to begin with and this made Qing Shui feel more confident. He hoped that Luan Luan would buck up. This daughter of his was very clever and he hoped that she could gain great progress in her cultivation through formations.

Qing Shui looked towards the other formation, Ten Paramitas Formation!

The Ten Paramitas Formation was also known as the Black Tortoise Formation. After taking a look at this formation, Qing Shui had an urge to cast it aside. This formation needed at least ten people and its only effect was its great defensive powers.

It was a very simple formation and the more people there were, the stronger the defense. The defense also included protection against spirit energy. This formation only increased their defenses and nothing else.

Qing Shui took a look at it and saw that it was relatively simple. The positionings were also very simple and there weren't many rigid requirements. The users just needed to be within the area of the formation. As long as the eye of formation was around and there were at least ten people around when the formation was activated, then it was fine.

Qing Shui decided to give it a go in the future. In a fight, it would be good for them to be able to withstand hits. However, this formation required ten people and was less flexible. It would be good for big sects and aristocratic clans who had a large number of people. At least, it would increase their defenses by a lot, thereby making them stronger. Most importantly, the greater the number of people, the stronger the defense. It was said that if one were to gain the greatest level of mastery in this formation, Black Tortoise (Xuanwu) would appear, providing an inestimable level of defense.

When Qing Shui returned to Qing Clan, it was already noon and he was just in time for lunch. Qing Yu stayed in Qing Shui's arms, and thus he had to feed her. The lass was still considered docile.

The big family sat around a long table for the meal and it was a very happy and heartwarming scene. Smiles were on everyone's faces.

Not long after lunch, Qing Shui sensed the appearance of a very powerful person with his spiritual sense. Qing Shui didn't have to guess to know who that person was.

In Greencloud Continent, the only person who had a strength of 4,000 stars or above was Ji Yunlang.

Qing Shui was puzzled at why he had come. However, he still quickly headed out and saw the flying beast stopping in the distance. With a few consecutive flashes, he appeared less than 20 meters away from Ji Yunlang.

When Ji Yunlang saw Qing Shui's speed, he was astonished. Qing Shui walked over. That huge yellow bird remained very quiet.

"Elder Brother, why aren't you coming in?" Qing Shui smiled and asked. He knew that there must be a reason that Ji Yunlang was here. Otherwise, he wouldn't come.

"Brother, I've met some problems," Ji Yunlang said bitterly.

“Is it something urgent? If it isn’t, then let’s go to my place before we talk about it. If it’s very urgent, let’s head over immediately.” Although Qing Shui didn’t know what the matter was, this time around, he would definitely help him. Putting aside the fact that they’re addressing each other as brothers, in a relationship, there must always be one party to take the first step forward. Moreover, if Qing Clan were to leave in a short one to two, or even three years later, Qing Clan would need someone to help back them up in times of trouble. For this, General Manor was the best choice.

“There’s still a few days time. Let’s go down and talk about it then.” Despite saying this, Ji Yunlang was still frowning. Qing Shui was astonished and wondered what would cause him to feel so troubled.

Qing Shui didn’t pay it much heed, but smiled and said, “Brother, there’s no need to worry. No matter what the trouble is, I’ll get it settled for you.”

When Ji Yunlang saw Qing Shui’s great confidence, he also started to calm down. After arriving at Qing Clan, Qing Shui introduced Ji Yunlang to the others before walking into the hall. Someone sent up tea.

Qing Shui poured two cups of tea before looking at Ji Yunlang and asked, “What on earth could make Elder Brother so nervous?”

“Do you know of Greencloud Continent’s Greencloud Mountain?” Ji Yunlang looked at Qing Shui and asked.

Qing Shui shook his head.

“Greencloud Mountain is a spiritual mountain in Greencloud Continent. It’s just that there is an inhibition to it and it would only open once every 300 years. Greencloud Mountain is the sacred land for spiritual medicinal herbs in Greencloud Mountain and is the root of all Guardian Clans.” Ji Yunlang looked at Qing Shui and said gradually.

Qing Shui hadn’t expected that there would be such a place. It seemed that every continent in each of the nine continents would have a place like this. Those Guardian Clans not only guarded the continent they were in, but they also guarded over this treasured land. This treasured land should also be the secret legacy of these Guardian Clans.

“Elder Brother, is it time for Greencloud Mountain’s inhibition to be raised again? Is someone trying to snatch it?” Qing Shui felt that this was the case. Otherwise, Ji Yunlang wouldn’t have come to look for him.

“The two Guardian Clans from Northern Sacred Lu Continent had already arrived at Greencloud Mountain. They are having ideas on Greencloud Mountain.” Ji Yunlang looked at Qing Shui helplessly and said.

“Two Guardian Clans?” Although Qing Shui knew that there might not be just one Guardian Clan in each continent but General Manor was the only one left in Greencloud Continent. However, he hadn’t expected that two Guardian Clans from Northern Sacred Lu Continent would come at the same time.

“Mmm, and they are stronger than I am. There’s quite a number of them. I don’t know how many Guardian Clans there are in Northern Sacred Lu Continent, but there should be at least eight of them. The circumstances there are extremely bad, but their physiques are extremely good and they even have some domineering spiritual items, spiritual fruits, and spiritual herbs of the Heaven and Earth. This is

why Northern Sacred Lu Continent wouldn't lose out even to Central Continent." Ji Yunlang took a sip of tea.

"How long is there before Greencloud Mountain's inhibition is raised?" Qing Shui gave it some thought before he smiled and asked.

"Brother, I'm only here to have a discussion with you because I don't want to Greencloud Mountain to land in the hands of outsiders. I feel that you're very powerful, but you also have a big clan to take care of," Ji Yunlang looked at Qing Shui and said solemnly.

Qing Shui smiled. At least, this old man was very sincere. Although this old man was a shrewd person, Qing Shui could still sense if what the other party had said was sincere using his spiritual sense.

"Elder Brother, don't worry. I can deal with this. Tell me where Greencloud Mountain is and how much time we have. I can make preparations earlier." Qing Shui smiled and said to Ji Yunlang.

"There's still 20 days. Greencloud Mountain is in the central of General Country."

It wasn't that far and there was still plenty of time. Qing Shui lifted his head, gave it some thought, and said, "No one will be able to break the inhibitions within these 20 days, right?"

"No, this will definitely not happen. It will only be opened on that day, and it'll only open for one day," Ji Yunlang said firmly.

"Then that's good. I'll meet up with Elder Brother before that. They wouldn't find trouble for you in these few days, right?"

"They won't. As long as I don't stop them, they won't come looking for trouble." Ji Yunlang shook his head and his frown lightened a little.

"Then that's good. Elder Brother shouldn't go and look for them either. Let's go visit them together one day or several days before the day that the mountain opens." Qing Shui really wanted to find someone to have a good fight with at the moment.

"Mmm, good. I know that there are people who have a strength of 4,800 stars amongst them. Brother, you must be careful."

"Oh, Elder Brother knows about these two Guardian Clans?" Qing Shui had initially thought that there wasn't a need to understand them, but after giving it some thought, he decided that he shouldn't take his opponents too lightly.

"Only a little. They are the Northern Sacred Lu Continent's Beiming Clan and Wan Clan. It's said that they each have three or more cultivators who have a strength of over 4,000 stars." When Ji Yunlang said this, he felt a strong sense of setback.

Qing Shui knew that it must not have been easy for Ji Yunlang to be holding such great responsibilities. Furthermore, the Greencloud Mountain should be very important for the Guardian Clan's legacy. Without Greencloud Mountain, General Manor would probably also disappear like how the other Guardian Clans had.

"Don't worry. it'll be fine." Qing Shui smiled and once again reassured Ji Yunlang.

“Then I’ll be relying on you. From now onwards, Greencloud Mountain will belong to both General Manor and Qing Clan.” Ji Yunlang made it very clear.

“Elder Brother, this is General Manor’s...”

“If you can help to assure that Greencloud Mountain stays at it is, General Manor will be the one who has gotten a good deal. If we lose it, we’ll have nothing left.”

Qing Shui nodded. Ji Yunlang was able to think through everything and Qing Shui also understood where he was coming from. It was just that he had only offered to help out and hadn’t planned on gaining any benefits. It was because in the future, he might still need help from General Manor.

However, since Ji Yunlang could accept this, it wasn’t bad either. One must be truthful in order to make friends and no matter what, Qing Shui was still very satisfied. When the time comes, he wanted to have a look at how extraordinary this spiritual mountain was.

“Brother, if you really have the confidence, then let everyone from your clan come along. Even if one just stood there for a day, it would still be equivalent to one year of cultivation. There are plenty of heavenly and earthly treasures as well as rare beasts inside. It’s just that those without a strong cultivation shouldn’t go too deep inside and should just stay to cultivate outside. It’ll allow their cultivation to be raised quickly. It’s really amazing,” Ji Yunlang gave it some thought and said.

This made Qing Shui very stunned. It was really something good. Too bad it was only opened for one day every 300 years. Since there was such a good thing, of course, he would need to make good use of it. “Thanks for letting me know, Elder Brother.”

Ji Yunlang waved his hand, “Brother, I’ll get angry if you continue to stand on ceremony like this.”

“Alright. In the future, neither of us should stand on ceremony with each other. We’re all family,” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Alright, come, let’s have a toast, using tea in place of wine.”

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Ji Yunlang left. Qing Shui couldn’t calm down. After all, the two clans were the Guardian Clans from Northern Sacred Lu Continent. Even if he didn’t kill them and only forced them away, it would also create resentment from the other Guardian Clans. There was no other choice. Greencloud Continent was weak in comparison and people tend to pick on the weakest.

When he thought of Lion King’s Ridge, Qing Shui felt that it didn’t matter anymore. If he didn’t guess wrongly, Lion King’s Ridge should also be one of the Guardian Clans. Since he would have to eradicate Lion King’s Ridge sooner or later, he didn’t mind offending two more Guardian Clans.

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Sooner or later, he would have to go to war with Lion King Ridge. If Northern Sacred Lu Continent or any of the other powers wanted to participate as well, Qing Shui would not mind. But during this time, it would take up to three years for Qing Clan’s strength to increase. At the minimum, they would at least have enough to protect themselves. Of course, the strength of the members of the General Manor could

also be increased. If the members of the General Manor could be stronger, then no one would harm the Greencloud Continent.

The only thing that attracted the other Guardian Clans to travel to Greencloud Continent would be the Sacred Land of Panacea. Every continent would have at least one Sacred Land but many were probably undiscovered. Each Sacred Land had a different opening time frame. The one belonging to Greencloud continent opens once every 300 years. It was also well hidden, even the Guardian Clans did not know much. Who knew who would want to benefit from it? Therefore, many did not wish to disclose anything. The only problem was that the cycle was too long, if one person could enter it twice in their lifetime it would already be a miracle.

Every time a person entered, they would receive huge benefits. Not only was it equivalent to one year's worth of harsh cultivation, but those who cultivate any kind of martial arts would receive a special comprehension. There were other chances of finding panacea herbs or Spirit Fruit. Even near the border, there would be many spiritual items, it all depended on the person's luck.

How the Northern Sacred Lu Continent's Guardian Clan found out about the Sacred Land of the Greencloud Continent was a mystery. Qing Shui did not know the reason, nor did he know whether other people were aware of this.

Qing Shui felt that if people knew the existence of a Sacred Land of Panacea and when it opened, then they would use whatever means possible to enter it. Whether it be a martial artist or a normal person, they would still try to find a way. This was an opportunity of a lifetime that could change destiny. Even if they choose to not to do anything in that day, they could still absorb the Spiritual Qi. This could result in a breakthrough or an increase in lifespan. If they had any internal injuries, it could also heal faster.

This was not something that everyone would know since knowing was not considered a good thing. The knowledge of this secret would bring the calamity of murder towards them. After a moment, Qing Shui did not want to think about it anymore. This was an opportunity that only appeared once every 300 years. Qing Shui's goal was to allow everybody in the Qing Clan to go. Some members of the Heavenly Palace would enter as well.

The Sacred Land of Panacea was not a place that people could just come and go. It was a dangerous place that was opened for only a short window of time. If in one day, the people that had entered did not leave, then they would be stuck for 300 years. While there had been people that had wanted to stay in there for 300 years and come out invincible, the result was that these insane people never came out.

Qing Shui thought about how he had the Nine Continent Steps, which should enable him to reap many benefits from the Sacred Land of Panacea. The reason was that many did not dare to go too deeply into the Sacred Land since those that had gone have never been met a good end.

During the night, Qing Shui informed the rest of the Qing Clan of his thoughts. Zhu Qing, Qing Qing, Elder Ge and several outstanding members of Heavenly Palace would be going as well.

The next day, everybody rode the flying beast towards General Country. There was plenty of time.

The Sacred Land of Panacea's border had a limited amount of treasures. The more people that entered, the less there will be left. The two Clans from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent were obviously trying to monopolize the opportunity. The opening only occurred once every 300 years, if they only relied on the

strength of the General Manor it would not be enough. This was the Greencloud Continent, if anything happened on their own turf, the members of the General Manor would suicide.

General Manor was compelled by the circumstances to seek help from the Qing Clan. Qing Shui knew that in such a short amount of time, there was not a better alternative than his clan. He believed that Ji Yunlang must have seen through something previously, else he would not have sent someone to bring gifts to Yan City. At that time, he knew that they both resided in Greencloud Continent. If it came down to it, he could rely on them for help.

Towards the action of the two clans from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent, Qing Shui did not feel it was right or wrong. This world was the embodiment of survival of the fittest. However, because one of the parties belonged to the Guardian Clan of the Northern Sacred Lu Continent, he held a biased view. Somehow, it just felt like it was related to Lion King Ridge, thus it felt like a bad omen.

After that, Qing Shui told them to not to talk about it. The children did not know what was going on, however, those that knew were elated. The first step was to get rid of the two clans from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. This made many people's heart unsettled, of course, that included members of Qing Clan.

Regarding Qing Shui's current strength, they were not even certain how strong he had gotten. Yiye Jiange's emotions were a mess. She could already tell that although this Guardian Clan's strength may only be a fraction of those from the Lion King Ridge, it was still formidable. Now, Qing Shui wished to battle both clans at once...

A line of people landed directly a few paces from the General Manor. Ji Yunlang came from a distance to receive them. Since they had so many people, Qing Shui decided to lodge at a nearby hotel. But he could not persuade Ji Yunlang, so everyone ended up resting in the General Manor.

Qing Shui made himself at home. Although Ji Clan was not small in number, it seems that Ji Clan had already prepared for their arrival. They left enough rooms and the surroundings and views were all the best.

That day, the General Manor had prepared a banquet to welcome Qing Shui and the rest of Qing Clan. Given how many people were there, everyone was separated into several tables. Everyone was bustling with noise and excitement while eating and drinking. They all talked about their normal daily life.

Qing Shui's table did not have many people but it included Ji Yunlang, Qing Shui, Elder Ge, and an elder from Ji Clan. With a strength of 3000 stars was Ji Clan's number two, Ji Yunlang. He looked at the youngster known as Qing Shui and internally admired him. This monster would cause people to jaw drop anywhere they went.

Even though Qing Shui did not carry a weapon, the elder could feel that Qing Shui was in possession of some very strong weapons. The pressure that he felt from Qing Shui gave the elder the sensation that he was looking at a bottomless pit. At the same time, it also felt like Qing Shui had never cultivated before. In the end, the elder eliminated the second possibility and concluded that Qing Shui had concealed his strength.

“Qing Shui, older brother seems to be unsettled, you are a genius, where there’s life there’s hope. If you have an accident I would not know how to apologize to your family,” Ji Yunlang said to Qing Shui while looking at the surrounding Qing Clan members.

“Be at ease older brother. I am not a rash person or else I would have been dead long ago,” Qing Shui said smilingly. Even if it was more dangerous, Qing Shui had a trump card. Central Palace blood fountain’s Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm. Compared to when he had first tamed it, its strength had already grown by several folds.

“That’s good then. Those people think too highly of themselves. The two clans arriving to clearly establish a monopoly on the Sacred Land,” Ji Yunlang said in anger.

“People should not be too greedy. This time, they would not only get very little. I won’t mind allowing them to arrive all high and mighty and leave with their tails between their legs,” Qing Shui said with a smile. With the current mood, Qing Shui did not want to discuss anything related to killing. He did not want to disturb the atmosphere but whether he kills or not was uncertain. Qing Shui had never gone soft on anyone that he had wanted to get rid of.

“Hey, last time there shouldn’t have been anyone that would have known, nor do we know how Beiming Clan and Wan Clan found out. They have arrived one month in advance. I had gone to their side to visit, and they left me with one line. They told the General Manor to not act blindly without thinking. They said that they had something important to do that relied on the Sacred Land of Panacea...” Ji Yunlang said while his hands shook.

He was a wise man, knowing that starting a fight was never a good thing. General Manor could not leave them alone, yet had to leave begrudgingly. Maybe it was because there were no powers on Greencloud Continent that could strike fear into the hearts of the two clans. Thus, they did not react to Ji Yunlang leaving. If he had gone to other continents to seek help, by the time Ji Yunlang had returned, the two clans would have already left Greencloud Continent. Thus, they were waiting here until the seal was released.

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Central Star Building!

This was the center of General Country was also located in Jun City. Central Star building had been fully reserved. Although many people voiced their displeasure, after two of them had been killed, nobody dared to utter a word on the matter.

A high level Martial Saint martial artist was killed instantly, this was the strength of the opposition.

“Brother Beiming, these people need to be aware that there are some people that they can’t afford offend.”

At this time, in a room inside the Central Star Building, two elderly men were drinking wine. The man to the north dressed in white but his hair was black aside from the white hair on his temples. His eyes were filled with vigor, with a straight nose and firm brows. He gave off a feeling that was pleasing to the eye and his charm could even cause other men to take a second look.

On the opposite side was a man dressed in crimson with black hair that was scattered at will. His eyes were sharp like an eagle's. He had an aquiline nose and thick brows that were white as snow. At a glance, he gave off the feeling that one should not bother about trifles and it was even a bit strange.

"Brother Wan, what are the elderly men doing? Do you think that anyone would show up to stop us?" The handsome old man spoke with a smile.

"Hehe, so what if they come to stop us? With the two of us, who on the Greencloud Continent could stop us? This time, we must go inside there to find the rare ingredients required to break through to Grade Two Martial Emperor."

"In such a large Greencloud Continent, is there no Guardian Clan?" Beiming Jiannan paused for a bit and voiced.

"Haha, did you forget that old fart that showed up a couple days ago? Seemed like he was from the General Manor. That is the Guardian Clan of Greencloud Continent. Compared to the two of us, they are quite weak. I do not expect them to come stop us."

"Are you not worried about something they concealed? I feel like we are missing something. Though Greencloud Continent is not strong, it is still a continent," Beiming Jiannan said with a worried expression.

"Alright brother Beiming, since things have already become like this, if Greencloud Continent had concealed strength they would have already appeared. If they do not appear now, they probably will not appear," Wan Shang said as though it did not matter.

"Well, let's not think about it anymore. Drink, if the sky is about to fall, there are several elders that will hold it up."

"Yes, we can think like that. Drink!"

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"Old Wan, I feel as though I can't find a peace of mind," a white haired old man with a healthy complexion said to the other elderly man with white hair and a blushed face.

"Haha, what is there to fear? As if there was anyone stronger than us in Greencloud Continent. In these five continents, are there any that surpass us in strength?" the elderly man with a blushed face said.

The two elderly men who were past their seventies were emitting a strong vitality and their whole bodies gave off a restrained aura. It was like a normal elderly person that had not trained in martial arts kind. It was like they were without an edge, like a smoothly rounded pebble.

"Old Wan, don't let them kill the innocent blindly. We are at such an age, there are some things we have seen through," the white haired old man with a healthy complexion said while sighing.

"Old, really getting old. Back then killing people was like blinking our eyes. For matters like this, we should only kill several people. Killing a couple as a warning would reduce our troubles later on," the elderly man called Old Wan said calmly.

The other elderly person sighed.

However, at this time, a voice had reached their ears.

“You killing one person as a warning could ruin an entire family, how about I kill one of you as a warning?”