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Chapter 1011 - Evolution, The Formidable Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant

Roar!

The blood colored mist on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's body dispersed. The scale armor covering its body had fully formed. It was different than the violet scale armor on the Berserk Dragon. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant's was golden in color and looked a little similar to the Berserk Dragon, only its body was a lot smaller in size.

It also looked very different now compared to before. It looked more bold and powerful, fully covered in shiny golden armor scales. The dragon head on it looked slightly ferocious, its four limbs and tail were thick and powerful.

If he hadn't seen all this with his own eyes, it would be very difficult for him to believe that this was the same Diamond Gigantic Elephant from earlier. Qing Shui was extremely happy right now. He was sensing the current strength of the 'Diamond Gigantic Elephant' as he looked at it with his Heavenly Vision Technique activated.

Its physical strength had reached to 800 stars. The gain of 500 stars in physical strength had rendered Qing Shui speechless. When he thought about how the Diamond Gigantic Elephant could be considered to have undergone a complete transformation this time, he no longer found it strange. He was clueless on what he should call it now. He didn't know if it could be considered a Dragon Elephant, so he decided to still call it the Diamond Gigantic Elephant for now since he was already used to it.

Dragon Elephant's Might, a passive battle technique. Permanent increase in physical strength by 70%.

Formidable was all Qing Shui could feel right now but it was still within his expectations. After all, the dragon's bloodline within its body was being thoroughly stimulated right now and the Origin Essence Soul Pearl's energy was also great enough.

This had immediately allowed the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's strength to reach to 6,400 stars. However, under the rules of Heaven and Earth, only the strength of 5,000 stars could be exhibited. Even so, it still had battle techniques that doubled its offensive power again. With these, it could exhibit about 5,800 stars.

Mighty Dragon Elephant's Recklessness, threefold attack. Ten targets at most.

It had doubled compared to before and the name had changed. This could allow the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's attacks to reach more than 19,000 stars. But due to the rules of Heaven and Earth, only a strength of 6,500 stars could be exhibited.

That was good enough. Qing Shui felt very content. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant could become his capable assistant once again and participate in battles. This had raised Qing Shui's confidence by quite a lot again.

Mighty Dragon Elephant Stomp, Grand Perfection Stage. Tenfold physical offensive power. A certain chance of paralyzing opponent's limbs, immobilizing them.

800 stars of physical strength, the name had also changed to Mighty Dragon Elephant Stomp. This meant that the Mighty Dragon Elephant Stomp was 8,000 stars of strength but what made him happy was the certain chance in paralyzing opponents at the end of the description. This had once again made the Mighty Dragon Elephant Stomp into a formidable technique.

Instantaneous Dragon Elephant Evasion: An instantaneous leap within a distance of 1,000 metres!

The powerful battle techniques were upgraded once again, by increasing their range.

Diamond Sword Qi: Spits out a wave of Core Qi to attack the opponent. Possesses great killing power. Able to reduce target's speed by 20%, effect lasts for one hour.

There was no change in this!

Vajra Subdues Demons: Lowers the strength of multiple targets by 10% within a radius of 1,000 metres after casting. Number of targets cannot exceed ten. Effect lasts for two hours!

Qing Shui smiled. This time, he had a feeling that the Vajra Subdues Demons technique was usable again. On top of that, it was even more useful than before. Although the distance seemed long enough, it wasn't really that long. Including the tail, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was almost 100 metres long.

Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack: Launches an attack at one target in an instant. Can raise offensive power threefold!

The Ferocious Diamond Attack had also changed into the Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack. The previous few battle techniques were also changed into Dragon Elephant battle techniques. Only some Diamond Gigantic Elephant battle techniques were kept. It seemed like it had really changed into a Dragon Elephant. Qing Shui looked at these battle techniques in surprise. With this, the Ferocious Dragon Elephant Attack seemed to have become the mightiest attack of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant now. It could reach to 25,600 stars of offensive power. Even under the rules of Heaven and Earth's effects, it could still exhibit 7,000 stars of offensive power.

Dark Infernal Flames: Dark Infernal Flames under the feet allows the Dragon Elephant's attack to possess a 20% armor breaking offensive power. At the same time, it doubles the Dragon Elephant's speed in the skies.

This had changed too. At least it was useful and was quite decent or maybe he could even say that it was extremely decent. It could increase speed and also had the ability to break through armor. All this time, Qing Shui had thought that this Dark Infernal Flames wasn't really useful.

Qing Shui was staring at the Diamond Gigantic Elephant that was standing in the skies, especially at the Dark Infernal Flames at the bottom of its feet. It looked just like a lotus flower.

Mighty Dragon Elephant Armor: Allows Dragon Elephant's defense to increase tremendously. A powerful physical body is the best ability of the Dragon Elephant.

Qing Shui wanted to let out a few loud roars very badly right now. The kind of happiness he felt could be described as a rapture. Qing Shui still felt extremely excited even though he had experienced countless surprises before.

He still had an Origin Essence Soul Pearl but Qing Shui knew that it couldn't be used within this short period of time. Even if he waited until it could be used again, it would increase strength very little. The tremendous increase in physical strength this time was mainly due to the transformation.

Looking at the shiny golden Dragon Elephant, Qing Shui decided that it was better for him to change its name. Since he was fully covered in golden scales, he might as well name it as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

The strength of Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant had increased by 500 stars. In addition to those from earlier, this could allow Qing Shui's physical strength to increase by more than 110 stars.

Qing Shui's purpose in coming to the Giant Beasts Mountains was to raise the strength of him and his demonic beasts. So right now, he was refining the energy that had been bestowed upon him by the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant without any hesitation.

Compared to using the Hallow Pill, he had taken a lot of time this time. It took him more than half a month to complete refining the energy. Over this period of time, Qing Shui's strength had also increased very rapidly, reaching 570 stars.

After holding the Big Dipper Sword in his hands, his strength immediately soared to 15,000 stars. This meant that he could unleash the strength of 6,000 stars. With Area Dominance, he could unleash a strength of 7,000 stars.

If he was met with a 20% chance of doubling damage, then he would be able to unleash a strength of 8,500 stars. He still had Descending Heavens Talisman and Emperor's Qi, as well as the current Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's Vajra Subdues Demons. He had a feeling that he had the capability to deal with some issues now. Still, he was cautious as he was afraid that powerful people might appear from outside.

Most importantly, Qing Shui's strength had risen. His spirit energy had increased along with it too. The might of Primordial Flame Whip had also slightly increased. Even though it wasn't enough to deal with the Berserk Dragon, Qing Shui was confident that he could smash the head of cultivators that had strength of slightly more than 10,000 stars like the Berserk Dragon with it. After all, the defense and body size of a human cultivator couldn't be compared with demonic beasts.

If he was using the Violet Star Thunder God, Qing Shui's strength could reach to almost 23,000 stars when he unleashed the Raging Blow. Under the rules of Heaven and Earth and Area Dominance, it would be 7,800 stars.

With Qing Shui's strength and weakening techniques like the Emperor's Qi, if he were to face the Berserk Dragon again now with this kind of strength, things should be different. At least he would be equally matched with his opponent in terms of power. But if he had to kill his opponent, a trump card was still needed.

Since the Gigantic Diamond Elephant had consumed the Origin Essence Soul Pearl from the Berserk Dragon, it wouldn't be able to consume another Origin Essence Soul Pearl again for a short period of time. If it consumed another Origin Essence Soul Pearl of lower grade again in the future, the effects would be lowered or it could even be ineffective.

There was a certain amount of time required between consuming the Origin Essence Soul Pearls. There was no way that things like medicinal pills origin Essence Soul Pearls and cores could keep raising demonic beasts by their full amounts.

Decompose!

In any case, the Origin Essence Soul Pearl that was most suitable to be consumed by the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant couldn't be consumed again for a period of time. High leveled Demonic Beast's Origin Essence Soul Pearls were usually only effective on their first consumption. Qing Shui was looking to see if there were any demonic beasts in his possession that could consume the Berserk Dragon's Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

He decided to decompose it even though it was somewhat of a pity. During the decomposing process, half of the energy would be lost. Not only that, there was no fixed amount of Origin Essence Soul Pearls that could be broken down either.

If only one pearl was decomposed, even when half of the energy was lost, it would still not be suitable for any of his demonic beasts. It wasn't right for Luan Luan's Golden Jiao King either. Although it was jiao, there was no dragon's bloodline within its body so it could only stop at being a Golden Jiao King.

"I'm going to gamble on this. It would only be a waste to save something this good right now. At such a crucial time, I should use all possible methods to increase my strength since I'm going to face the Buddha Sect and Demon Gate of the Central Continent very soon." Qing Shui was firm about his opinions when he thought up to this point.

Looking at the time, he decided that it was better for him to enter the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal tomorrow to perform the decomposition. He still had to ensure that there was enough time to perform it. So he continued cultivating within the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal, trying to adapt his body to his current energy.

The next day, they continued their search. Although there was quite a number of formidable demonic beasts, their instincts were very accurate. The Berserk Dragon had died at Qing Shui's hands because it was stronger than Qing Shui and didn't treat Qing Shui as an opponent. It had never even thought of escaping even when death was in its face.

Demonic beasts would usually escape, as was their instinct. When Luan Luan fought, if she didn't need anything on the demonic beast, then she would let it escape. She fought for the sake of increasing her experience in battles and also to solidify her current strength.

The strength of Luan Luan's ten Earth Devouring Mice had also increased tremendously, especially the one that led the pack. Although there was still quite a distance before it could break through to Early Martial Emperor, there was still a good chance of it happening. This thing's ability to devour was very powerful. It could devour Origin Essence Soul Pearls that were much stronger than it.

"Daddy, what is that?"

Luan Luan suddenly pointed at something up ahead.

There was cave. A hidden cave situated halfway up a mountain.

“Let’s go. We’re going to take a look in there!” Qing Shui smiled at Luan Luan. He couldn’t sense anything since it was too far so he could only go up there and have a look! There might be some treasures that were left behind in caves like these sometimes but the chances were very slim. Over these few days they had searched no less than ten caves but came up empty handed. Sometimes, they might even encounter demonic beasts.

As they were approaching the cave entrance, Qing Shui suddenly felt a wave of powerful pressure but then again it didn’t really feel like it. They were at the Giant Beasts Mountains. He wouldn’t be surprised if there was a formidable demonic beast in this cave and he didn’t dare to be reckless right now.

However, this aura didn’t feel like it belonged to a demonic beast. Yet it was intensely repelling.

Qing Shui summoned the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

Luan Luan cried out in alarm when the gigantic Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant appeared. The sudden appearance of such powerful and huge demonic beast had frightened her.

“Don’t be scared. This is that Gigantic Diamond Elephant from before. It has evolved into a Dragon Elephant,” Qing Shui hurriedly explained.

Luan Luan was surprised because this Dragon Elephant was too similar to the Berserk Dragon. The only difference between them was their colors. “This Dragon Elephant seems powerful.” She exclaimed happily after hearing Qing Shui’s explanation.

“Lass, you stay here. I’m going in to take a look.”

“Be careful, Daddy!”

Qing Shui nodded as he expanded his spiritual sense and went inside the cave. The pressure here was different than the shrines. It wasn’t as intense either. The moment he entered, he realized that there was a faint sacred and dignified aura here, causing one to feel deep veneration.

This appeared to be the hall of a temple. It wasn’t huge and there wasn’t any trace of wild or demonic beasts here. The dust on the floor was about half a foot thick. There were 16 small stone pillars that were scattered in groups of four.

Chapter 1012 - Sacred Item of the Heaven and Earth, Arhat Rosary Beads

Qing Shui saw the person in the central stone platform with a glance. More precisely, he saw the person whose skeleton was now a sitting pile of dried up bones. It was upright, with a tall stature and a position calm like an old monk.

That divine and dignified aura came from this set of bones. It was only after he had entered this place that the aura had felt even stronger. He now knew why no wild beasts or demonic beasts would come.

If Qing Shui was still in his previous life, he would definitely be scared to death upon seeing a set of bones like this. However, he didn’t feel anything right now. The closer he approached, the more strongly he could feel that near holy power. This power gave others the feeling of wanting to bow or kneel down to pay respects.

There was not a hint of dust on the set of snow white bones, which seemed very strange. After all, dust was everywhere in the surroundings, but in a three meter radius around the set of bones, there wasn't even a speck of dust.

"Ehh!"

It was only now that Qing Shui realized that there was a string of "Buddha prayer beads" on the skeleton's legs. It should be prayer beads. Part of it was on the skeleton's legs, while the rest was covered by the bones. The prayer beads seemed to be made from ancient sandalwood, at least on the surface. Each bead was about the size of a baby's fist, and the holy power came from this string of prayer beads.

Qing Shui took a few more steps forward and could sense that not only was there an ample amount of holy power, there also seemed to be a powerful spirit energy on the string. Such power would make one's soul feel threatened.

"What the hell is this?"

It was only when he got close that Qing Shui saw that the prayer beads were very large. With a glance, he estimated that there were just over 60 beads. With a more accurate look Qing Shui guessed there were 64 of them in total. If an adult were to hang it around his neck, it could drape down all the way to his ankle, or even the ground. Of course, one could also circle it twice or thrice around the neck.

Qing Shui took a few more steps forward and a powerful spiritual sense or intent materialized and surged towards Qing Shui. Qing Shui frowned and the Yin-Yang Image in his consciousness spun very quickly, fending it off.

It was no wonder that the place hadn't suffered any damage. For one, this place was very well-hidden. Moreover, the spiritual sense here was very weird. If it wasn't for Qing Shui's strong enough spirit energy and spiritual sense, he might have been turned into a fool right then and there.

Thankfully, he hadn't let Luan Luan come in. Qing Shui knew that the string of prayer beads was definitely something good, but most good items were destined for people who came prepared. In other words, only people who were strong enough could have them. For other items, only those who had an affinity with the item could have it.

Qing Shui didn't know if he was the person with that affinity, but he would definitely think of a way to get his hands on the prayer beads. This was definitely something good. He took two more steps forward, and his spirit felt like it was being pierced by needles.

This must be a restriction this skeleton had left behind when he was still alive, a pressure combining resistance and spiritual attack. Each time Qing Shui took one more step forward, it became slightly stronger. This was a warning, to humans and demonic beasts alike.

Expert level Focused Concentration!

With his heavenly meridians cleared, his spirit energy circulated very quickly. Qing Shui walked within two meters of the skeleton, but he found it hard to progress any further. He was only one step away from being able to reach out his hand and grab it...

This was too big a joke...

Qing Shui was helpless. If it wasn't for the world's regulations, Qing Shui felt that he would be able to take this single step in a month, or at most three months. With the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he had this confidence.

However, with the pressure from the world, a millimeter difference felt like 1,000 li. It was extremely hard for Qing Shui to breakthrough this step. He stood there and stared at the powerful spirit "shackles", but wasn't able to lift his legs to take another step forward.

He thought of how his Gold Needles could stimulate others, but he had become strong too quickly recently and for now, there wasn't any way for him to stimulate even a little more potential.

This difference of a single step required one to be very strong. Moreover, one would need to break through the world's regulations. It was just as hard as if he had to take ten more steps forward as opposed to just one.

Qing Shui was drenched in his sweat and even his spirit energy was showing some signs of backlash. The deeper in, the more aggressive the spiritual pressure here was.

Qing Shui wouldn't be able to live with himself if he were to walk out empty-handed.

"Oh, the Berserk Dragon crystal card!"

Qing Shui recalled this item which could allow his strength to breakthrough the world's regulations by 500 stars. It would be sufficient for him to take this one step. However, Qing Shui was slightly hesitant, because he felt that it might be useful when he headed for the Demon Gate or the Buddha Sect.

However, encountering this situation put him at a loss. After all, this Berserk Dragon crystal card was very powerful, being able to ignore the pressure of 500 stars. It was a power one could unleash only after attaining a strength of 5,000 stars.

After taking one Vital Essence Pill, Qing Shui hesitated for a bit before he took out the precious card. Qing Shui had only one. He had made multiple attempts to refine more, but only one was successfully created. This showed how precious it was.

Steeling his determination!

Qing Shui slapped down the Berserk Dragon crystal card on himself and immediately a mysterious energy rose from within him. The pressure before him suddenly lightened by a lot. Qing Shui lifted his leg, and the step which he had found impossible to take earlier was now easily taken.

Qing Shui didn't reach out for the prayer beads immediately. Although it was very attractive to him, to the extent that he had used the crystal card, he had more than sufficient time and looked toward the skeleton once again.

The skeleton was very broad, and certainly must have belonged to a man. Judging from his sitting position, he might have been a monk. From the person's skeleton, Qing Shui had the feeling that when this person had died, he must've been very strong. However, his age at death was unknown.

Qing Shui willingly bowed toward the skeleton, and the moment he did so, he could see a row of words inscribed on the stone platform.

After receiving the prayer beads, leave the cave within the time it takes for one breath. Remember! Remember!

Mmm, Qing Shui knew that upon removing the prayer beads, there would be danger. Why had the person inscribed the words there? Earlier, Qing Shui had only felt a little pity for this guy to have died in the Giant Beasts Mountains, and had thus given a bow to him out of pity. After all, he was going to take away something that belonged to a dead person. He even had the thought of setting up a tomb for this person.

Qing Shui sent a message to Luan Luan, who was outside, asking her to stay a little further away, together with the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. After knowing that they kept their distance, Qing Shui moved once again and picked up the prayer beads. It was quite large and were close to two meters long. A cooling sensation entered his body and he quickly left the cave. The cave wasn't big and Qing Shui managed to get out within a single breath of time. After seeing Luan Luan and the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant in the distance, he made a few more leaps in a flash and reached their location.

Boom!

The mountain where the cave had been collapsed. This wasn't the most terrifying thing, but Qing Shui sensed that the explosion was caused by spirit energy. If he had remained in the cave and the impact of the spirit energy was thrown towards him, he didn't know if he would've been able to hang on.

In fact, when Qing Shui picked up this huge string of prayer beads, a spiritual sense from inside merged with his. The feeling was very weird but Qing Shui felt that this was something good. It was just that he hadn't the time to check it out.

"Father, what's going on? What is this you're holding?" Luan Luan looked at the huge "prayer beads" in his hands with great interest.

"This is something I found in the cave. I have no idea what use it has. Let me take a look." It was then that Qing Shui looked toward the huge "prayer beads".

Arhat Rosary Beads

Qing Shui was stunned. Arhats referred to legendary deities from his previous life, the highest level disciples of Buddhism could attain in their cultivation.

Arhats were free from human desires and passions, and they had broken free from all worries.

They had entered a state of nirvana, free from the cycle of life and death.

Stunned for a moment, Qing Shui continued to read on. The Heavenly Vision Technique was very amazing and had brought him huge benefits in the past. Otherwise, he would have to look for appraisers to check out his items. Appraising items was done to understand the effects of the items. At times, items could be used without being appraised, since there were also times when one could chance upon knowing an item's use.

Appraisers tended to have powerful spirit energies. Experience, powerful spirit energy, and spiritual sense could allow one to know the uses of different “things”, just like how it was for Qing Shui’s Heavenly Vision Technique.

Arhat Rosary Beads, a sacred item of the heaven and earth, only transferable to a new owner when the current one has passed away. It would recognize the first person to hold it as its owner, matching the person’s spiritual sense.

Qing Shui recalled the cooling sensation that had entered his body when he first picked up the Arhat Rosary Beads. It seemed as if he had merged with the Arhat Rosary Beads. Qing Shui saw the words, ‘sacred item’. Moreover, it was a sacred item of the heaven and earth.

Just these words alone made everything worth it, even if it had been at the expense of the Berserk Dragon crystal card.

The Arhat could increase its owner’s spirit energy by one fold, increase the rate of cultivation spirit energy by one fold, increase spiritual attack by one fold, spirit energy recovery by one fold, reduce spirit energy depletion, fend off half the damage of spirit energy attacks, ignore all pressure, effective only towards spirit energy.

Qing Shui’s hands were trembling. This was what was meant by sacred item. It came to him in a very timely manner. Although it was only effective towards spirit energy, it was sufficient. His Heart of Roc had reached the large success stage, his Yin-Yang Image and expert Focused Concentration were decent, and his spirit energy was very powerful. Moreover, he still had the Primordial Flames.

If this Arhat Rosary Beads was given to a person with weak spirit energy, it would be a waste. Qing Shui now felt that this was extremely suitable for his current situation. It would be even better if it could ignore pressure received through physical attacks. However, it wouldn’t be much use if he were to leave the Five Continents. After all, it increased one’s spirit energy and spirit energy attacks by one fold.

Spirit energy was the hardest to train and the Arhat Rosary Beads could double the user’s rate of cultivation of spirit energy. Just this alone would make alchemists and beast tamers jealous. Moreover, what made Qing Shui afraid the most was spirit energy attacks. It was just like how the lady in the crystal coffin had used Spiritual Confinement on him. It was a trauma to him and back then, it was all because his spirit energy hadn’t been strong enough.

Qing Shui’s spirit energy and spirit energy attacks had already been restricted by the world’s rules and back when he had picked up the Arhat Rosary Beads, he hadn’t paid much attention since he was fully focused on escaping from the cave. However, right now, he felt that the spirit energy in his consciousness was extremely strong and powerful.

Primordial Flames!

Qing Shui suddenly blasted out huge Primordial Flames from his palms, reaching out to a distance of over ten meters. It had the thickness of a water barrel and the depletion of spirit energy seemed to be lower than before.

He moved his hand and condensed the flames into a Primordial Flame Whip. The Primordial Flame Whip seemed to be even more condensed than before, with the thickness of a person's wrist. It exuded a fiery aura and was 50 meters long.

Pa pa pa...

Qing Shui trembled as a wonderful feeling surged through right down to his bones. Now, if he were to encounter another Berserk Dragon, he could just use this Primordial Flame Whip to kill it.

Not only was his spirit energy increased by another fold, attacks using spirit energy, such as the Primordial Flames, had also increased in prowess by another fold. His spirit energy recovery was now faster, his spirit energy depletion was reduced, and half of the opponent's spirit energy attacks would be fended off.

Right now, the most important thing to Qing Shui was to be able to ignore all sources of pressure. Although this was only effective towards spirit energy, it was enough. It could even increase the rate of his spirit energy cultivation.

Qing Shui tried to put the Arhat Rosary Beads into his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, since he didn't wish to put on such a long string of prayer beads. He put it in carefully and discovered that the increase in his spirit energy remained.

Chapter 1013 - Decomposing the Origin Essence Soul Pearl, Second Tier of Area Dominance

However, Qing Shui was still worried. The Arhat Rosary Beads was a Sacred Object of Heaven and Earth that could ignore any spiritual pressure. Regardless of what other people carried, it was a Sacred Object that could ignore the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth.

He quickly shook his head. Qing Shui knew that even on the other four continents Sacred Objects were rare. Moreover, Sacred Objects were also classified into good and bad ones. The Sacred Objects of Heaven and Earth were also above average when compared to normal Sacred Objects.

Among more than a hundred million, there would be one person with a Sacred Object and in ten million people, perhaps there would not even be one who was seen with a Sacred Object of Heaven and Earth. Sacred Objects of Heaven and Earth were the finest among all Sacred Objects.

As a Sacred Object that could speed up the process of cultivating, the Holy Bracelet was very precious. Although, it belonged to the lowest tier of Sacred Objects, a thing like this was rare and scarce.

Nobody would reveal anything about Sacred Objects. Even the use of the Sacred Objects were unknown. Thus, Qing Shui's fear of others owning a Sacred Object that could ignore the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth was completely groundless. The Main Continent might have objects that ignored the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth. However, Qing Shui was certain that it was rare for it to have effects comparable to Area Dominance.

Otherwise, it would not exist on the five continents that had a strength cap of 5,000 stars. Few people have managed to cultivate to 5,000 stars, the existence of Sacred Objects should be even fewer.

The effects of the Arhat Rosary Beads targeted spirit energy. Ignoring the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth was equivalent to ignoring the pressure from spirit energy attacks. While Qing Shui used the

Big Dipper Sword and the Violet Star Thunder God, his strength remained unchanged, but he was still under the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth.

Therefore, Qing Shui's current trump cards were the Primordial Flame Ball and Primordial Flame Whip. The power of Buddha's True Eyes had increased significantly. Despite its low realm, it could still be put to great use.

Since time was up and the sun was already half set in the west, Qing Shui smiled and said to Luan Luan, "We shall stop today, and get something to eat."

"Great!" Luan Luan happily replied.

The meal was quickly prepared. For safety purposes, Qing Shui set up a Spirit Sealing Formation to prevent the fragrance from dispersing. He did this to not attract strong demonic beasts. This made Qing Shui realize that the Spirit Sealing Minor Formation was of some use.

He looked at his daughter who had already matured into adulthood. Luan Luan's remaining lifespan was short. It was less than half of her natural born lifespan.

However, according to the legends, Luan Luan's lifespan could be considered high when compared to other individuals who possessed the Heart of Seven Orifices.

Qing Shui would work harder. In the future, there would be chances to increase her lifespan.

"Father, when are you going to marry Mother?" Luan Luan asked with a laugh while she ate.

"Naughty girl, you have asked so many times already, you really do want to know?" Qing Shui shook his head.

"Tell me. I know that Mother is not very happy now. Perhaps if Father married Mother, it would be different." Luan Luan chuckled.

"I am preparing the betrothal gift for your Mother," Qing Shui said softly after a while.

"By taking down Lion King's Ridge?" Luan Luan was astonished.

"Alright eat your food. I know that I cannot hide this from you, so practice well and I will bring you along. If not, you will have to stay at home."

"Hehe, I know. I will come along with Father when the time comes."

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Within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui spent some time looking at the Arhat Rosary Beads. Feeling the beads, he was uncertain what material it was made from. It did not look like metal or stone, yet it was also different from wood.....

The weight of the beads was not considered light, but it was tough. A Sacred Object of Heaven and Earth was considered a precious treasure. To be able to obtain anything within the Sacred Object class on the Nine Continents would usually result in many grand achievements in the future.

This Arhat Rosary Beads did not require any smelting since it could not get upgraded. The effects were fixed as well, but Qing Shui was satisfied. In the future, his spirit energy would increase by a lot. With the Arhat Rosary Beads, using spirit energy attacks on the five continents would not be subjected to the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth. For example, Primordial Flame type attacks were considered spirit energy attacks.

After cultivating for a bit, Qing Shui regained his peak state and started to decompose the remaining Berserk Dragon's Origin Essence Soul Pearl. The Berserk Dragon, which had the size of a small mountain, had originally decomposed into two Origin Essence Soul Pearls and a Crystal Berserk Dragon Card.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant had already evolved into Dragon Elephant through the use of one of the Soul Pearls. When the Arhat Rosary Beads were previously obtained, he had already used up the crystal card. The only thing that remained was the last Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

The process to decompose was more complicated than the process of refinement. This led Qing Shui to feel a bit hopeless. If he failed, it would then disappear. Even if he succeeded, he would lose half of the Essence's energy. It would be bad if he could only decompose it into one pellet; ideally he would be able to decompose as many as possible.

After his preparations, Qing Shui devoted all of his focus into it. His purpose for coming to the Giant Beasts Mountains this time had been accomplished. This trip had already exceeded his expectations because of the appearance of the Sacred Object of Heaven and Earth class Arhat Rosary Beads. He felt relaxed because he had originally planned to increase the strength of his demonic beasts and himself. Qing Shui hoped that the Spirited Snake Turtle's Area Dominance would increase a level. However, with the Arhat Rosary Beads now, it was not as urgent anymore. However, he knew that it was important for the Spirited Snake Turtle's Area Dominance to increase by a level.

As time passed by, only the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron sounded loudly. Qing Shui closed his eyes and controlled the Primordial Flames in his hands. Thanks to the Arhat Rosary Beads, he felt he had an ample amount of spirit energy. The Primordial Flames were too strong, but it now depleted at a slower rate and would also recover quicker.

This was the first time Qing Shui broke down the Origin Essence Soul Pearl of a demonic beast. However, he was confident since the Arhat Rosary Bead strengthened his spiritual sense by onefold. Hence, decomposing it felt effortless but it required more time.

Ding!

This time, it produced a sharp and clear sound. Qing Shui happily stopped what he was doing, as his spiritual sense could tell that it had decomposed it into eight pieces. The remaining half of the energy within the original Berserk Dragon Origin Essence Soul Pearl was now evenly distributed into the eight pieces.

Opening up the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron, Qing Shui could see that the eight Origin Essence Soul Pearls were much more faded and had halved in size. He hurriedly retrieve porcelain bottles to store seven pieces.

A piece for each porcelain bottle!

As for the final piece, Qing Shui felt the fluctuation of its energy on its surface. The Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl had about 4,000 stars in strength, but the Berserk Dragon's was better. Even if it increased the same amount of strength, the quality was different. It could accelerate the growth of the demonic beasts and could even make the bloodline superior.

Qing Shui summoned the Spirited Snake Turtle. This demonic beast was still a Spiritual Beast. Now that the energy in the Origin Essence Soul Pearl had been reduced to about 10%, he could test the reaction of the Spirited Snake Turtle.

Using telepathic communication, he found out that it could be used.

The formidability of the Hallow Pill was due to the fact that there was no adaptation period. There was not much of a grace period after consuming the Hallow Pill. Other pills could be consumed after consuming the Hallow Pill, it did not contain any drug resistance.

The Berserk Dragon's Origin Essence Soul Pearl was like an elixir for demonic beasts that possess the Dragon Bloodline. Thus, Diamond Gigantic Elephant's breakthrough, was like receiving the blessing of destiny. For Qing Shui and other demonic beasts that did not carry the Dragon Bloodline, the Hallow Pill was far superior. The Hallow Fruit could be refined into 99 Hallow Pills and if the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent consumed the Hallow Fruit, how much strength could it gain?

10,000 stars

Since he possessed the Nine Continents Boots and the Nine Continents Steps, and the Hallow Fruit ended up in his possession. This made Qing Shui feel good. However, the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent would be furious.

The Spirited Snake Turtle now was a Martial Emperor demonic beast. The Berserk Dragon's Origin Essence Soul Pearl was formidable, but only two were ever refined. This Demonic Beast Origin Essence Pearl was only a tenth of one piece. Moreover, the Spirited Snake Turtle said in its telepathic communication that it could be used in tempering.

Still, the Spirited Snake Turtle was a strong demonic beast in terms of the vitality of its spirit. This time, he was not too worried, but he quietly waited for the Spirited Snake Turtle to transform.

Very quickly, an oppressive aura emitted causing Qing Shui to be surprised. The aura was strong and the turtle's figure had changed a little. Qing Shui had felt that the Spirited Snake Turtle was a combination of a snake and a turtle. Its head and tail were that of a snake and its body was that of a turtle's. Its current form was just about the same, but the snake head had become sinister. It was more sinister than a python. Its eyes were bone-chilling and its body scattered a dreary killer aura. The most eye-catching part of it all was its tail. It was thick and strong and it was covered in small scales.

The scale on its tail was not as big as the scales on the Dragon Elephant. From the look of it, it was not as strong and the size of their tails differed by a whole lot.

Qing Shui looked at the head of the sinister Spirited Snake Turtle which led him to think of a legend in the World of the Nine Continents. There were rumors that a Dragon Turtle existed in the deep sea that was not inferior to the Sea Dragon. However, according to the historical records, Qing Shui had not heard of anyone who had seen it with their own eyes. Looking at his own demonic beasts, he already

had them all. The Dragon Turtle of the Nine Continents was nothing to be surprised about. Be it a Dragon Turtle, Sea Dragon, Sea Jiao or a Sea Python. It was just a strong demonic beast. It was made into a legend because it was too formidable. It was just like how a few strong people would be worshiped by many.

That moment, Qing Shui felt an odd feeling from the transformation of the Spirited Snake Turtle, he could not help but rush to check up on the Spirited Snake Turtle. He could already feel that the Spirited Snake Turtle's strength had increased by 50 stars and was almost saturated. In a short period of time, it would be difficult for it to increase its strength again.

The strength of the Spirited Snake Turtle was now about 440 stars and it formerly had 340 stars.

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

It increased a little, not bad. It seemed that the Spirited Snake Turtle was naturally strong.

Turtle Spiritual Armor: All of its defense increases by a fold, passive skill, zero consumption!

Now there was another skill. It was even a strong defensive skill. Qing Shui felt that the Spirited Snake Turtle was favored by nature. Sadly, it moved slowly and its speed was not great.

Area Dominance: Second tier, within a kilometer, it negates the Spiritual Pressure of Heaven and Earth, atmospheric pressure, deterrence, seal, toxic venom would be negatedthe effect was directly related to the master's strength.

"Haha, it is finally at its second tier."

All of a sudden, Qing Shui felt that the Area Dominance was related to the strength of the Spirited Snake Turtle. At 1,000 stars, the first tier of Area Dominance was unlocked. Now, with 2,000 stars, the second tier of Area Dominance was unlocked. However, the strength of the Spirited Snake Turtle increased slowly, this could be due to the longevity of the turtle species.

That feeling previously was most likely due to the power up of Area Dominance, or maybe it was caused by something else. Regardless, Qing Shui was satisfied and gave the Fire Bird, Thunderous Beast, and Five-Headed Demonic Spider each one pellet.

As for the remaining four pieces, he kept them aside for Luan Luan.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant would not need it. The strength of the Fire Bird and the Five-Headed Demonic Spider had increased its strength by 50 to 70 stars. Generally, they could not consume the Origin Essence Soul Pearl for a period of time.

Chapter 1014 - Mutation, Dragon Devouring Mouse, It's Time to Head for Demon Gate

The Fire Bird's physical strength was now at 310 stars and the Five-Headed Demonic Spider was at 380 stars. The Thunderous Beast had increased the most and now its physical strength had barely reached 300 stars. The other demonic beasts had improved too, but were just relatively weaker.

In the future, he could only let them slowly improve by themselves or to let them take part in actual battles to grow stronger. Actually, demonic beasts would also be able to gradually take in Spiritual Qi to

grow stronger as time passed. As long as they were demonic beasts, they would be able to grow stronger gradually and they could even rely on their blood lineage and might end up not having to cultivate much at all.

It seemed that all demonic beasts basically didn't have to cultivate. They would at most just eat spiritual herbs or battle.

Having an increase in physical strength by over 50 stars was not considered little. After cultivating his other skills, when time was almost up, he left the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

It was already bright outside and Luan Luan was already up and going through her morning practice in a distance. Morning practice was very important to cultivators and cultivators in this world would all use the time in the morning to go about with their practice, since training during this period would be twice as effective and it would also be easy for one to gain breakthroughs or new comprehensions.

After breakfast, Qing Shui gave the four Origin Essence Soul Pearls to Luan Luan, saying, "Let them take these. It can make them a little stronger."

Luan Luan smiled and received them without standing on ceremony. She then called out the Spirit Deer, Mystic-Armored Ice Ox, Golden Jiao King, and the strongest Earth Devouring Mouse.

"Father, do you think the Earth Devouring Mouse would be in any danger if it were to eat this?" Luan Luan asked after a slight hesitation.

Qing Shui told Luan Luan to let her Earth Devouring Mouse take one, and thus she called it out. However, she was still a little worried. These few Earth Devouring Mice had helped her a lot and even if she now had several powerful demonic beasts, she still treasured those ten little creatures a lot.

"I feel that this little creature has extremely powerful vitality. The Earth Devouring Mice isn't an ordinary spiritual creature, so there shouldn't be any problems. Let's just see if the little creature has any confidence." Qing Shui smiled and said to Luan Luan.

"Mm!" Luan Luan seemed to have been enlightened and she fed three of the pills to the other three beasts before walking up to the Earth Devouring Mouse.

Qing Shui had always hated mice the most. However, it wasn't the same for the Earth Devouring Mouse. Although it had the word 'mouse' in its name, it wasn't like a mouse at all. It was more like the extremely cute squirrel from his previous life.

Luan Luan put out the Origin Essence Soul Pearl right before the Earth Devouring Mouse, making a weird sound with her mouth. Qing Shui didn't understand, but could see that the Earth Devouring Mouse was hesitating and struggling. However, in the end, it looked at the Origin Essence Soul Pearl hopefully.

"Father, it feels that it might not be able to take it well, but can't bear to miss it. It wants to give it a try." Luan Luan looked at Qing Shui and said helplessly.

"Then just give it a go, it'll be fine!" Qing Shui smiled and said.

Right now, his spiritual sense was very strong and he could clearly sense how powerful the Earth Devouring Mouse was. Although it might be a little hard on the Earth Devouring Mouse for it to accept

the Origin Essence Soul Pearl, it would definitely not be in any life-threatening situations. In the end, it would still receive great benefits.

When Luan Luan heard Qing Shui's words, she happily fed the Earth Devouring Mouse the Origin Essence Soul Pearl.

No long later, the other three demonic beasts had an increase in their strengths by over 50 stars, which was about the same as what Qing Shui had experienced. Although there weren't any major differences, the improvements to their battle techniques were on different scales, which meant that in fact, the amount of power they had gain were all different.

Very quickly, a faint violet color appeared on the Earth Devouring Mouse. Qing Shui had checked out the other three demonic beasts and didn't see any physical changes to them. The Spirit Deer had just assimilated the additional power completely. This also let Qing Shui understood that amongst all of Luan Luan's demonic beasts, the Spirit Deer was the one with the greatest room to grow.

Chi chi!

Very quickly, the Earth Devouring Mouse cried out, the violet light getting increasingly stronger. Qing Shui observed with his spiritual sense, and saw that this little creature's body was really strong.

"Mmm, its body is starting to change."

Although there was strong violet light on the Earth Devouring Mouse, he could still clearly see the transformation to its body.

This was the strongest one out of all ten Earth Devouring Mice. It had only grown stronger after having taken the precious "Crimson Pellet" and other medicinal pills. This time around, it had grown a lot stronger and its head now seemed even more metallic, its forehead very round. However, right in the middle of the forehead, a violet colored spiral horn that was about a foot long grew out.

Its four claws also looked sharper now. Right now, the Earth Devouring Mouse still wasn't very big. It was only slightly bigger than a cow from Qing Shui's previous life, but the sharpness and strength of its claws were not to be undermined.

Chi chi...

The Earth Devouring Mouse's cries grew increasingly agitated and Luan Luan looked at it with unease. She occasionally glanced at Qing Shui, who appeared to be very calm. After about 15 minutes, the Earth Devouring Mouse gradually quietened down.

Luan Luan knew that it was alright now. The violet light also gradually dissipated. When Qing Shui and Luan Luan saw the Earth Devouring Mouse, they were both astonished.

It was because the Earth Devouring Mouse had completely changed in appearance. It now had a violet colored scale armor which couldn't be seen earlier due to the presence of the violet light. However, they could now see it clearly. Its upper body looked like a violet colored lion with a scale armor, but its four limbs were very short yet extremely thick and sharp. The scale armor on its entire body made it appear very magnificent.

Right now, it looked like a small diamond beast. When Qing Shui saw the current Earth Devouring Mouse, he smiled, "Luan Luan, you're really lucky. It has gone through a mutation."

"Mmm, to think that it actually became a Dragon Devouring Mouse."

Luan Luan found it unbelievable as well, and her expression reflected huge surprise. The Chance of such a situation occurring was very low and the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had only gone through a mutation previously because it had dragon's blood in it and thus it wasn't strange.

It was a bit dangerous for one without dragon's lineage to use the Berserk Dragon's Origin Essence Soul Pearl. Of course, it could also cause dragon's lineage to appear in one's body, but the chance of that occurring was extremely low. The success rate was even slimmer.

Some mouse-typed beasts in the world of the nine continents had dragon's lineage. For example, the Fire Dragon Mouse and the Heavenly Dragon Mouse. However, these were only rumors.

Therefore, he had to say that Luan Luan was truly lucky. Another thing was that the Earth Devouring Mice's spiritual type was also very powerful. To think that it could successfully undergo mutation with a dragon's lineage.

This time around, the mutation caused the Earth Devouring Mouse, or rather, the Dragon Devouring Mouse, to have its physical strength increased to 200 stars. Qing Shui was astonished at how powerful it had become with the mutation and looked at it with his Heavenly Vision Technique in great interest.

Dragon Bloodforce: Increases physical strength by four times, passive battle technique, zero depletion.

Powerful, as expected of one of the dragon's lineage. Its soaring growth made even Qing Shui jealous and this was even before it had used a Hallow Pill.

Incisive: The Dragon Devouring Mouse's incisive attack. Its powerful teeth and claws could easily breakthrough existences which were many times more powerful than itself, its attacking prowess increased by multiple folds.

It had inherited the incisiveness of the Earth Devouring Mouse. Just this ability alone was extremely powerful, and it could let the attacking prowess be increased.

Rapid Shadows: When performed, it increases speed by three folds, and attacking prowess when attacking under high speed is increased.

When Qing Shui saw this, he gasped. Its speed was amazingly fast to begin with, and if it were to perform Rapid Shadows, and with speed being a strong factor of power...

Penetration: Attacks hold powerful penetration force, attacking prowess increases.

Laceration: Attacks hold powerful lacerating force, attacking prowess increases.

Violet Armor and Violet Horn: Strong physical defense, horn extremely sharp.

Mouse King Commandment: Can command all mouse-typed demonic beasts to listen to its command.

What Qing Shui had read up until now made him feel that this Dragon Devouring Mouse was simply an assassin and was extremely terrifying. Whoever was to have it as their opponent would have a terrible

headache. It could only perform simple physical attacks, but the prowess of its physical attacks could be increased by up to four folds. This should be in order to make up for the fact that it could only perform simple physical attacks. Qing Shui felt that it was very terrifying, and at the same time, was very sure of the Dragon Devouring Mouse's lineage.

Moreover, it could command other mouse-typed demonic beasts in battles. Luan Luan could make use of the Dragon Devouring Mouse to form up a team of mouse-typed demonic beasts. It would definitely be a very terrifying sight.

Qing Shui was also very happy and let Luan Luan feed it a Hallow Pill.

Qing Shui had given her quite a number of Hallow Pills, and Luan Luan fed it excitedly. Two Hallow Pills immediately let the Dragon Devouring Mouse's power explosively escalated to 400 stars.

Most importantly, the second time it took the Hallow Pill, the Dragon Bloodforce changed to increase physical strength by five folds, passive battle technique, zero depletion.

Right now, the Dragon Devouring Mouse's power was very terrifying and under the effect of the Dragon Bloodforce, its strength increased to 2,400 stars. The other battle techniques allowed the prowess of its physical attacks to be increased by four folds, allowing the Dragon Devouring Mouse's power to reach 12,000 stars.

Qing Shui's original intention was to let Luan Luan have another Martial Emperor demonic beast, and the Martial Emperor level Earth Devouring Mouse was very powerful. However, he hadn't expected it to mutate into a Dragon Devouring Mouse with its escalating powers to be extremely astonishing. However, under the world's rules, it would only be able to unleash a power of 6,700 stars.

Everyone in the five continents were restricted by the world's rules, and thus right now, the Dragon Devouring Mouse was one of the existences at the peak of the five continents. It wouldn't lose out even when compared to the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

"Luan Luan, are you happy?" Qing Shui smiled and watched as Luan Luan stroke the Dragon Devouring Mouse with smiles on her face.

"Happy, I'm very happy. Father, it can now help you to fight in battles." Luan Luan said excitedly.

Qing Shui smiled and pet Luan Luan on the head. He knew that this daughter had always wanted to help him in his fights.

Luan Luan had always been putting in great effort in her cultivation, only to realize that each time Qing Shui was in battles, she could only watch from the sides. Right now, as a Martial Emperor, she knew that her Dragon Devouring Mouse could be used in battles.

What followed was for them to constantly gain battle experience in the Giant Beasts Mountains. Qing Shui would also refine demons or collect demonic beasts' materials and medicinal herbs. They explored many caves and such as well, but didn't come across any other good items.

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In the blink of an eye, two months passed. Both Qing Shui and Luan Luan had gone through tremendous changes and their demonic beasts had become much stronger than before. As for the other Earth Devouring Mice, they won't be able to power up within such a short period of time.

However, Qing Shui's Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable had surprisingly become stronger. This was something which had happened ten days ago. The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable swallowed the Core of a Black Flames Poisonous Armored Beast. As a result, it powered up tremendously and its physical strength increased to become 18 stars.

Five Colored Poison Passive: Increases physical strength and venomous nature by two times, passive battle technique, zero depletion.

Five Colored Poison: Venomous Five Colored Poison would be released together during attacks.

Agile: Increases speed by two times, passive battle technique, zero depletion.

To think that it had two passive battle techniques. Seemed like there was plenty of room for future growth.

Qing Shui was surprised. This was also an unexpected stroke of luck. In the past, the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable had been Qing Shui's trump card and when he went to the Southern Viewing Continent, it was the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable which had given him great confidence. Later on, the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable ended up not being able to provide him with support in battles, but to think that it can now join him in his fights again. He looked forward to seeing his poison beast in action.

The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable wasn't that strong yet since it couldn't use the Hallow Pill. It had just taken a demonic beast's Core and thus couldn't use the Origin Essence Soul Pearl either. Moreover, there wasn't much time left. Qing Shui decided to head back. It was time for them to head for Demon Gate.

Chapter 1015 - Capability, Qing Residence, Arriving at the Central Continent

Before or after they arrived at Qing Residence, it was possible for the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable to make a breakthrough. Since it was a poison beast, letting it consume a Hallow Pill would help it to prepare for battle.

"Luan Luan, we should head back soon," Qing Shui told Luan Luan in the morning.

"Ah, it's time to go back," Luan Luan replied. Qing Shui could tell that she had more to say.

"What's wrong, you can't bear to leave this place?" Qing Shui smiled.

"It's not that I can't bear to leave this place but it's great here. Besides, we've left for so long, it's time to go back." Luan Luan looked around and replied with a smile.

"Let's go then, I still have a couple of things to tell you on the way back." Qing Shui summoned the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and helped Luan Luan climb up the elephant. After that, they flew off in the direction of their home.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant had a much greater flying speed than the Fire Bird. Even though there were the laws of heaven and earth, the Dark Infernal Flames would still increase the speed of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. Hence, it was safe to say that besides being faster than the Fire Bird, the enormous power of the Dragon Elephant made it possible for it to move around as it pleased, like a fish in water.

Furthermore, in the Giant Beasts Mountains, traveling on the Golden Scale Dragon Elephant would save them from unnecessary trouble. Its noble bloodline would even be able to deter other beasts of similar strength.

The Golden Scale Dragon Elephant flew towards the Hundred Miles City. Qing Shui wanted to see if there was a chance to meet Wenren Wu-shuang.

“What’s the matter, dad?” Luan Luan looked at Qing Shui with curiosity.

While traveling on the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, Qing Shui explained the situation between Huoyun Liu-li and the Demon Gate. His daughter had grown up, at least she she was able to handle her own. Perhaps she would be able to assist in the difficulties and tribulations he faced.

“Sure. Let’s go, we must find aunty’s parents,” Luan Luan said after she heard about Liu Li’s past.

“Please behave according to the situation and remember to listen. Your aunt and her child will still need to rely on your care,” Qing Shui said seriously after some thoughts.

“Yes dad, please rest assured. The Dragon Devouring Mice will be present. Not only that, but I also have more mice, taking care of myself is definitely not a problem,” Luan Luan gleefully replied.

“I understand but still remember to be wary. You are not aware of the might of Demon Gate and Buddha Sect. Please remember to listen and behave. Oh yes, how’s your Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear?” Qing Shui suddenly recalled the demonic beast he had given Luan Luan.

“It is now barely a Martial Emperor. It has thick skin and a shocking defense but its speed and attack power are still lacking. If dad did not mention it, I would have forgotten about it,” replied Luan Luan after thinking for awhile. The appearance of the Dragon Devouring Mice has caused her to forget some things.

“I’ll give you a Crimson Pellet, allow the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear to consume it first before taking the Hallow Pill. The Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear is bound to become more powerful in the future,” Qing Shui replied with a smile.

“Yes, I relied a lot on this bear before the appearance of my Dragon Devouring Mice. The heavenly fire-armored rock bear could improve its skills swiftly. It is just that I’ve not used it for so long that I almost forgot about it.” Luan Luan happily laughed.

Qing Shui knew that the bear was huge and was very warm. The children in Qing Residence did not engage in battles. Hence, they would think the Dragon Devouring Mice were cute and fun to play with, bringing them out often. In addition, the children had obtained even more powerful beasts in the Sacred Land of Panacea, therefore, the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear had been forgotten.

This bear was really pitiful at the moment.

Luckily, it wasn't too late yet. Furthermore, this bear was still powerful, since it had occasionally consumed some spirit fruits and medicine.

After loitering around Hundred Miles City for a day, they still could not find Wenren Wu-shuang. Even though Wenren Wu-shuang had skills, Qing Shui was still worried about her.

Qing Shui and Luan Luan did not linger and instead took the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and made their way towards Heavenly Palace. They had to go back and gather more people to look for news about Wenren W-shuang, allowing her to wander alone was definitely worrisome.

Qing Shui taught Luan Luan the meditation skill, the spirit energy of a beast tamer was very important, or rather, the mental strength of mankind was important. There weren't many ways to cultivate spirit energy, you need talent, a fortuitous meeting, and perseverance. These factors could increase one's spirit energy.

The improvement of one's skills would improve their spirit energy as well. However, improving one's skills would not lead to a proportionate increase in spirit energy - there were people with great skills but weak spirit energy.

With strong spirit energy, there would be better flexibility, allowing breakthroughs in one's skills. Hence, powerful and skilled people would usually have immense spirit energy, this was the effect of the improvement of skills. Of course, this cannot be compared with people who specialized in cultivating spirit energy.

The meditation skill that Qing Shui had taught Luan Luan was relatively useful, Qing Shui's spirit energy played a great role in benefiting him. In addition, this skill was convenient to practice, it could be practiced anytime, in any posture, whether one was lying down or sitting upright. Qing Shui's great spirit energy came from his recollection of the Yin-Yang Image.

With the Arhat Rosary Beads, Qing Shui's current journey towards the Central Continent Demon Gate was not as apprehensive as before. In addition, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant has recently evolved into the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and the Spirited Snake Turtle had also made a breakthrough to the second level of Area Dominance. It now has the ability to break the laws of heaven and earth by 2,000 stars.

Qing Shui's has the abilities of 570 stars, and with the Big Dipper Sword it would be increased to the abilities of 6,000 stars. When combined with the Area Dominance technique's 2,000 stars, his abilities would total up to 8,000 stars. Furthermore, if he was achieved the conditions for his attacking strength to multiply,, he would be able to achieve more than 9,000 stars.

In order to achieve such a potential in the five continents , one would require 50,000 stars. Additionally, Qing Shui still had the immense ability to weaken skills, as well as a spirit energy attack skill, together with the results that the Arhat Rosary Beads and the Spirited Snake Turtle can bring about. These were some of Qing Shui's trump cards.

He can go, there's nothing to worry about anymore.

The time taken to head back home was short and he completed the journey within a month. However, Qing Shui has been out for about four months, Qing Long was also a few months old already. They were bound to be many asking Qing Shui how the journey was.

In order to allow his family to feel reassured, Qing Shui had already told his family everything that had to be told. However, Qing Shui had decided to leave again soon. This time, Qing Shui changed his decision, he decided to bring along Huoyun Liu-Li, Luan Luan and Qing Yu. The more times Qing Shui left, the more chances the Qing clan members would gain to go and experience the world. It was time for them to head outside and make a breakthrough.

The Golden Scaled Dragon elephant was big enough to allow many people to sit and travel on it. The Qing Clan all came and even though they won't have to be separated, he couldn't help but feel helpless.

Qing Shui had told them everything about the four continents that were not part of the five continents, telling them about the conditions that they had to adhere to go to the other four states. It was generally impossible for his grandfather, mother and most of the Qing clan to adhere to the conditions set, hence Qing Shui predicted only a few would follow.

For his own children, although they had the required level of talents, they still needed more time. Hence, even if some of his women had the ability to achieve the conditions he had set, they would most likely still have to stay behind. This was good news to him, with them staying back, he would be more reassured.

After thinking about the issues, Qing Shui could only sigh. Besides, thinking about these things now was still a bit early. Even if there was such a day, he could still go back and meet them. Before leaving, he had to help them gain a powerful standing in these five states. He needed to do this in order to feel relieved.

At the current moment, it was still best to think about ways to settle Liu-Li's and Jiange's issues. Yiye Jiange was the same as Lin Zhanhan they were all victims of the Lion King's Ridge.

After confirming the people who were going to embark on the journey together, the whole family went along and Cang Wuya followed as well. Fei Wuji remained in the Heavenly Palace and Elder Ge stayed back to oversee the situation. This formation was a skill that every disciple of the Heavenly Palace had to learn, as well as the Tiger Form and Nine Palace Steps.

"Qing Shui, I'm still worried, Demon Gate and Buddha Sect are so powerful. If any of the Qing Clan gets injured, how will I be able to let have a peace of mind?" Huoyun Liuli said.

"Don't worry, things are probably not as difficult as it seems. We're not going to attack them, we're just there to meet people." Qing Shui had already thought about it, he would not allow Qing family to get involved. This matter had to be settled by him and his Demonic Beasts. The ideal situation would be one where they did not have to fight.

Not resorting to violence seemed impossible as Demon Gate and Buddha Sect would usually not let others influence them. If Qing Shui wanted to request to meet someone or try to resolve the issues between them, people would definitely think that he's out of his mind.

Besides, Qing Shui never had the intentions to change the relationship between them. He just wanted to help accomplish Liu-Li's dream. Anybody would want to look for their biological parents, see how they look like and understand why they chose to abandon them at that time.

Qingqing and Guo Polu were now back in the Guo Residence thanks to Qing Shui's wishes. With the Four-eared Macaque, as well as things left behind for the Guo clan, the Guo family would be able to become part of the feudal vessels in Greencloud Continent.

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Central Continent!

Qing Shui and his group took two months to travel to the Central Continent alone, this time forging forwards with a high profile. Traveling by a beast in the air and the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant would make anyone astonished when they saw such a view. When it moved, a strong aura would cause many people of great power in the Central Continent to feel unsettled.

Luan Luan's Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear had consumed the Hallow Pill during this period of time and had also taken the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl once. However, the origin essence soul pearl did not belong to the Berserk Dragon King, his soul pearl had already been used up.

The Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear only had abilities of 270 stars, The passive battle technique it had in the past turned into the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock, increasing its original potential by three times. Passive battle skills did not consume energy.

Thick Skin: Doubles the defense of the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear, passive battle skill, zero energy consumption.

It's previous unique aspects did not change, thus it had two powerful passive battle techniques.

Flame of the Great Earth: The Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear's powerful fire attack resulted in tripling the power of the fire attack.

Berserk: Physical attacks under the state of berserk will triple in power, the attacks will have a lacerating effect.

This way, the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear could have up to 3,000 stars in attack power. It was already very powerful and this beast had greater potential and capability when compared to other beasts at the same level.

The Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable had finally evolved to become one of his greatest and most powerful poison beast after consumption of the Hallow Pill. It achieved the abilities of 250 stars.

Five Colored Poison: Increase the abilities of the physical body and potency of poison by four times. Passive battle technique, zero energy consumption.

Qing Shui felt happy watching the sable consume the Hallow Pill twice and watching its passive battle technique evolve twice. This time, the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable could once again become a fearful existence. Even if the effect of this sable could not be compared to Luan Luan's Dragon Devouring Mouse, the sable was still a fearful existence because it was also a formidable poison beast.

Five Colored Poison: Attack includes five colored toxic.

Spiritual Sensitivity: Increase speed by three times, passive attack skill, zero energy consumption.

Indeed, after consuming the second Hallow Fruit and improving his ability, Qing Shui felt that the trip to the Sacred Land of Panacea was worth it. What's most worth was mastering the Nine Continents Steps effects.

Having arrived at the Central Continent, the first stop was to head to the Demon Gate. Qing Shui felt that the Demon Gate was the start of a breakthrough and he recalled that the son of the demon still had an elder. At that time, he gave a chance to the Demon gate because of Huoyun Liu-Li.

Chapter 1016 - Purchasing A Manor, Deep Waters of the Central Continent, Ming Clan

Coming to the Central Continent this time around, Qing Shui had a strange feeling. First he would set foot on the Central Continent, then find a place to purchase a manor and take it to be the home for the Qing Clan on the Central Continent in the future.

Qing Shui was not in need of money and could come and go at ease around the Five Continents with Flying Beast or Demonic Beasts. However, many people around him did not have a Flying Beast, especially some from the Qing Clan.

Yiye Jiange, Canghai Mingyue and Di Qing had one. Luan Luan could ride on the Golden Jiao King, she even had "Bai Bai" but it was a little slow in speed now.

Qing Bei's Flying Beast was even weaker. However, With their strength and their Flying Beast's strength, Canghai Mingyue and Mingyue Gelou would generally not leave the Qing Clan. Liu-Li also had the Golden Winged Thunder Condor. Hence, Qing Shui need not worry.

The most important thing now was to select a location on the Central Continent. Qing Shui had already thought of it when he came. The location could not be too far from Cold Ice City, Duanmu City or Cloud Adventurer Guild.

It could not be too far nor too near as it had to be as near to the Demon Gate as possible. Therefore, Qing Shui had set the location at Qingfeng City. He thought for a long time before settling on it.

Solving the problem of Huoyun Liu-Li is not something that could be done within half a day. This was a guess that Qing Shui made, yet he hoped that it would be solved earlier.

When selecting Qingfeng City, aside from it being a good location, it was also because of its name. There were a few cities around the area but when he heard of Qingfeng City, he decided to purchase a manor here.

With money, it was easier to handle things. Qing Shui was able to find a manor very quickly which was in the heart of Qingfeng City. Right in the front of it was one of the few famous streets of Qingfeng City with flourishing commerce. It was indeed a good location.

The manor was pretty good and was even brand new. Qing Shui did not know the reason why it had not sold yet. The one who introduced him to it was a middle-aged man the coachman took him to, when he asked to go somewhere that he could find a property agent.

The coachman brought him straight to the middle-aged man who looked about forty years old and was a Xiantian cultivator. However, he gave off a sense of culture and astuteness.

With a look, one could easily tell that he probably managed the commerce or was some person in charge. His name was Dai Ze and he handled things as an intermediary like how agents in his previous life functioned. He also functioned like an auction hall that did not conduct auctions.

After talking to Dai Ze, he then knew that the manor in the area was the property of the Ming Clan. The manor was not for sale for money. Instead, it could only be exchanged for an item of equal value.

“Mr Qing, how is it? If you would like this and feel that you can exchange something of equal value, I can make the arrangements for you.” Dai Ze smiled at Qing Shui

In this area, if people wished to sell an item, they could either head to the auction hall or register at Dai Ze’s. It was because Dai Ze’s Dai Clan Chamber of Commerce was very popular. People who wished to purchase things would tend to come to the Dai Clan Chamber of Commerce. The seller would list out their items and their prices.

The Dai Clan Chamber of Commerce would draw a commission.

“Mr Dai, I shall have to trouble you to help me contact the Ming Clan,” Qing Shui said. He looked up the requirements of the price and found that it should be a Medicinal Pill, a stone, or something that could help in treating an illness or an injury. The seller had a patient and if that person could be treated, there would be other rewards aside from the manor.

This interested Qing Shui. There were various ways, but they had nothing to do with money. It seemed that the Ming Clan was not short of money. For Qing Shui to take out an item the value of the manor would be an easy task.

For the time being, Qing Shui had the Qing Clan stay at a nearby inn. However, he headed to the Ming Clan with Dai Ze, traveling on a beast carriage.

The Ming Clan was not far away and was on a street. However, this street was too wide and long, probably tens of kilometers wide. Such streets were not common in Qing Shui’s previous life... Streets over a hundred or even a few hundred meters wide could be easily seen in the Nine Continents. Along the side of the street stood manors, a Chamber of Commerce and shops. On the streets were also an unending flow of all sorts of people.

The manor of Ming Clan looked similar to the one he saw previously. However, it was more lavish here, the previous manor he saw was brand new.

There were four guards at the gate of the Ming Clan. Seeing Dai Ze, they all came up to him respectfully, “Mr Dai!”

“Is the Head of the Ming Clan around?”

“Yes, I will bring you to him,” a guard who was about thirty years old quickly replied.

The guard did not ask who Qing Shui was. It seemed that Dai Ze was very respected by the Ming Clan and he could bring anybody here.

The new manor that Qing Shui saw briefly had the same features in the courtyard as the Ming Clan manor he was seeing now. A fake mountain, a lake and a stone bridge. It only lacked a tablet at the gate as well as other decorations. Usually, those who stayed here would then decorate the place with such things.

Very quickly they reached the hall of the front courtyard. There were not many people in the Ming Clan. However, Qing Shui felt a great number of strong auras. Especially one which had reached the peak of Grade 1 Martial Emperor.

It was almost a thousand stars of strength.

Ming Clan, the strongest clan of Qingfeng City apparently had the existence of a Martial Emperor. Although Qing Shui felt that the thousand star strength Martial Emperor would be unable to withstand a single blow, that was not an issue. The Martial Emperors of the Main Continent could not be seen easily anyway.

The Central Continent was a place where the good and bad were mixed together... It was considered the most flourishing and sophisticated of the Main Continent. There were many hidden talents here, he never expected he would meet a Martial Emperor on his first day here.

Now Qing Shui felt that the waters of the Main Continent were very deep. If he did not have the strength he had, he would not have known of the existence of the Martial Emperor at the Ming Clan. Just like how the nobody in the Ming Clan knew about the martial user with over five thousand stars strength that was in their home.

Qing Shui did not know what the feeling was. The more powerful he became, the more he felt inadequate and in danger, the more he felt that the Main Continent was very scary. Thinking about how he could overcome all the dangers back at the Central Continent with his former strength. If someone like the Martial Emperor of the Ming Clan showed up, he could easily have no hope of reprieve.

"Ah, it's brother Dai. Come on in, take a seat inside."

Another middle-aged man walked over and said amiably.

"Brother Ming, after becoming the Clan Head, we brothers have not had any time to drink," Dai Ze laughed.

"How could it be? Hmm, who is this?" the man asked curiously after seeing Qing Shui.

"Oh, this is Mr Qing. He would like to buy your manor," Dai ze quickly replied.

"Oh, come. Please come in, we shall talk inside." The man indicated at the hall not far away to them.

Qing Shui laughed while greeting the Head of Ming Clan and headed towards the house. He did not expect the Head of the Ming Clan would be so young. He probably had a strength over ten stars and that was considered pretty good after all Qingfeng City is not well known.

The hall was very big and spacious with expensive tables and chairs. Yet there was calligraphy on the walls, giving a luxurious feel with the scrolls.

"Come, come. Sit, sit!"

Very quickly, someone brought tea over.

“Mr Qing, since you are interested in purchasing the manor, I believe that you know our criteria,” the man said gently, giving an amiable feeling.

Qing Shui had wanted to exchange the Medicinal Pill or other items directly. However, when he thought of living at Qingfeng City, the strength of the Ming Clan should be strong. Although it would not seem like anything to the Qing Clan now, he was still an outsider and he knew that it would be hard to deal with. Sometimes, one would not only need to look up but would also need the support of the others below.

“Clan Head Ming, I have the Medicinal Pill, Treasured Stone, and some other items with me. However, I heard that someone in the Ming Clan is sick and coincidentally, I happen to be a physician. I consider myself to be quite competent. Clan Head Ming, please decide which would you like... I could satisfy you anytime,” Qing Shui replied calmly

Hearing what Qing Shui said, Ming Chen was stunned. Seeing the younger man before him, there was nothing out of the ordinary. From the start, the young man gave a very steady feeling. There were no big changes to his mood and to be able to purchase the manor, he should be an aristocrat’s son.

However, hearing that Qing Shui could treat illness, Ming Chen shook his head slightly. Too young. There were so many physicians that came claiming that they were very strong. Yet, they were unable to do anything about it and could not even treat the illness unless they found the rumored Panacea. However, the Ming Clan did not have the means of purchasing it or exchanging for it.

Just as he was about to reject the offer, Dai Ze chuckled, “Old Master has had so many physicians see him, why not let Mr. Qing here try. If not, we could always try other methods.”

Ming Chen shuddered. He knew that Dai Ze’s strength was not strong however he had a very strong insights. Moreover, the Dai Clan was a big clan in Qingfeng City. Perhaps this young man was exceptional

“I would have to thank you for the trouble brother Qing,” Ming Chen immediately addressed him differently.

“Hehe, no worries. I am here for the manor. Everyone has something they need. Clan Head Ming, please bring me to see the patient. I would like to move in earlier as my family is still at an inn.” Qing Shui stood up laughing.

The three of them then walked towards the backyard. Qing Shui heard that it was an Old Master, the Old Master of the Ming Clan and they were headed to where he sensed the strongest aura.

Could he be the expert?

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“Grandfather!”

Turning a bend, they walked right into a smaller courtyard. An old man was sitting leisurely at a table while drinking his tea and reading. Hearing the voice, he lifted his head.

“Greetings, Old Master!”

Dai Ze bowed towards the old man to greet him.

However, the old man looked at Qing Shui. His eyes shone with an extraordinary splendor however it was gone in the next moment. However, Qing Shui saw it but did not know the reason for it.

“Litte Ze, you are here. Chen Er, this is?” the old man stood up slowly and asked.

“This is Mr Qing and he is here to check on your your injury. He has strong medical expertise.” Ming Chen replied quickly.

Qing Shui did not think that Ming Chen would say that. Ming Chen did not know how good Qing Shui’s medical expertise was. However, Qing Shui believed that he had had many physicians see him before and it was all futile. He reckoned that the old man had already rejected seeing physicians. If not, Ming Chen would not have said that.

Seeing that the two of them looked up to the old man with such adoration and respect, he looked over to the old man and could very quickly tell that the injury of the old man.

While practicing, one of the important Meridians broke and it stopped him at the peak of Grade 1 Martial Emperor.

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“This is the youngest physician who has come. Chen`er, you guys can take your leave first. Let Mister Qing see if I can still be cured.” The old man seemed to be very happy.

Ming Chen and Dai Ze both bowed and left with a puzzled look on their faces. They had initially thought that they would need to go through a long persuasion before the old man would be willing to be seen by a physician. They hadn’t expected things to go so smoothly.

“Mister Qing, I find you very familiar.” The old man looked at Qing Shui warmly and smiled.

Qing Shui knew that the old man might have recognized him. He wouldn’t find it weird since back then, he had caused quite a huge ruckus with Demon Gate and Marionette Sect. With his cultivation level, it wouldn’t be hard to recognize him.

“Sir, don’t you think that you might have mistaken me for the wrong person?” Qing Shui smiled and walked over.

“Across the entire Nine Continents, there are not many who are your match at this age. How could I have made a mistake?” The old man smiled and indicated for Qing Shui to sit down.

“The damage to your meridian channels are not light.” Qing Shui said casually.

“Sigh, I was too anxious back then and thus landed in this state now. Why have you come to Fair Wind City and why have you come to treat my condition?” The old man seemed to be especially curious.

“I plan to settle down in Fair Wind City and purchase a manor. I didn’t expect that the manor which I took an interest in belongs to you.” Qing Shui also found it quite strange, the old man and Qing Shui seemed to have an affinity of sorts.

Qing Shui didn't find it to be very surprising, since he had come across too many surprising and amazing things in this world. The old man had seen Qing Shui before and thus had found him familiar. Primarily, it was because this young man was a demonic level existence.

"Oh, that manor? I'll give it to you. If you were to settle down in Fair Wind City, it would also be a blessing for our city." The old man said happily. He wasn't trying to intentionally bootlick, but seemed to be truly happy from the bottom of his heart.

They say as people grow old they become shrewd. Qing Shui felt that this was the case for the old man before him. However, he still felt very happy and said, smilingly, "Thank you for your kind intentions. I think it'd be best to look at your condition first. If I can heal you, then it won't be too late for you to give it to me then."

"If you don't mind, you can just address me as Elder Brother," the old man smiled and said.

"Elder Brother, then I shan't stand on ceremony."

"Haha, alright, alright!" The old man smiled jubilantly.

"Younger Brother, I know that you're very capable. Can my injury be cured?" The old man asked slightly hesitantly.

"Don't worry, since I dare say this, it means that I have the confidence of curing you," Qing Shui said firmly.

The time taken for the treatment wasn't long. Qing Shui was quite good in the healing of meridian channels. He took two hours, using his Gold Needles to continue strengthening the old man's foundation. However, the latter would still need some time to quietly recuperate.

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"Younger Brother, this is really too good, it's unbelievable..."

"Elder Brother, I'll go make arrangements to settle down my family."

"I'll go with you!"

The manor became Qing Clan's residence and when people from Ming Clan realized that the Qing Clan had cured their Old Ancestor, they were extremely happy. The reason Ming Clan were where they are today was all thanks to this old man.

Creating signboards and stuff like that were all done very quickly and the Qing Clan moved into this great manor. Qing Shui was also very happy to see this. In the future, this would be Qing Clan's residence in the Central Continent.

With that, settling in Central Continent was decided by Qing Shui. As it was situated in the center of the Central Continent, it was relatively convenient if they wish to travel to Greencloud Continent, Northern Sacred Lu Continent, Eastern Victory Divine Continent, and Southern Viewing Continent. Moreover, there were a few of his women in Central Continent, namely Hai Dongqing, Lady Duanmu, and Yun Duan. This was also home to Di Chen and Di Qing.

And right now, Qing Shui was having a chat with Ming Clan's old man. Since there was such a suitable person present, Qing Shui planned to ask some questions.

"Elder Brother, you're more familiar with this area, so I'll need your help to tell me some things," Qing Shui said casually.

"Oh, if you have any questions, just go ahead and ask. If I were to know them, I'll tell you in detail." Ming Xian immediately replied.

The old man's name was Ming Xian, and he was the Ming Clan's pillar, grandfather to the current head of the Ming Clan, Ming Chen. In Fair Wind City, they were considered quite a big clan, but they tended to keep a low profile.

"I'd like to know some news about Demon Gate." Qing Shui paused before saying slowly.

"Demon Gate?" Ming Xian's countenance fell.

"Mmm, what's wrong? Are you feeling troubled? Don't worry, I won't get anyone from the Ming Clan involved."

"Sigh, brother, it's not that I'm not willing to say, but I really don't know anything. Our Ming Clan isn't even able to get a connection to that level." Ming Xian let out a sigh and said.

Qing Shui was stunned. He hadn't expected this. He had thought that the Ming Xian might know some information. However, after giving it some thought, he felt that it made sense. The difference between the two clans was huge.

"Brother, Demon Gate is extremely strong. Elder Brother doesn't know what issue you have with them, but you mustn't be reckless. You're extremely talented and sometimes, there are things that we have to learn to tolerate," Ming Xian said seriously and very sincerely.

"I understand. Oh right, Elder Brother, you should know of Demon Gate's location, right?" Qing Shui smiled and said.

"This I know. It's at the top of the Heavenly Demon Cliff," Ming Xian said. He knew that what Qing Shui wanted to do wasn't something he could stop and thus he could only offer his words of advice.

After finding out Heavenly Demon Cliff's location, Qing Shui sent Ming Xian off, informed his family, and headed out. Right now with Luan Luan and the others around, there was no need for him to worry.

This time around, he had only headed out to take a look and wasn't planning on doing anything.

The Heavenly Demon Cliff was situated on a steep mountain range in the city. Like the Sky City of the past, Demon Gate was situated on the Heavenly Demon Cliff; this was a need. Most sects and aristocratic clans would set up their headquarters on mountains, especially those with extremely strong Spiritual Qi, and it would be even better if there were Spiritual Qi underground.

Demon City!

Heavenly Demon Cliff was in Demon City which had a massive mountainous region in the central of the city. Demon Gate was situated on the Heavenly Demon Cliff in this mountain range. It was said to be the tallest and most dangerous point in this particular mountain range.

Qing Shui rode the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and flew toward Demon City. From high up in the air, he wasn't able to see many people, but the flying beasts and demonic beasts he had passed by in the air or faced would all let out a cry or even stop to let Qing Shui's Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant pass through before they continued on their way.

The cultivators on those rides would also turn pale, because strong cultivators would instantly kill some other cultivators in their way or even turn them into ashes in the blink of an eye. Qing Shui, on the other hand, wasn't one with urges to kill recklessly without a care.

Demon City was situated on the borders of the Central Continent City. Dragon Emperor Mountain, Tang Manor, Buddha Sect, and other influences also had many bases, both in Central Continent City and in the cities surrounding the Central Continent City as well.

It was to the extent that this whole area was also called Central Continent City. There were many names.

Buddha Sect had many branches, and it was rumored that the Demon Gate wasn't as big as the Buddha Sect in comparison. However, the Demon Gate's members were more on the elitist level. They weren't great in numbers, but each of them was extremely strong. Demon Gate was more inclined toward dismissing members who were inferior, unlike how Buddha Sect operated. The latter still had an immense number of external disciples in addition to the elite internal disciples they had. However, even though they appeared to be very big, only the internal disciples were truly considered to be a member of the Buddha Sect.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant speed was very fast, and in less than half a day, Qing Shui had already arrived at Demon City using the Nine Continents Steps and the terrifying speed of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

Demon City was only about half a day's journey from Central Continent City. Right now, Qing Shui could sense the benefits of a powerful beast ride. It was also very important to have a home in Central Continent.

After arriving at Central Continent, he had yet to go visit his women here. He planned to wait until things had settled down before he went to look for them and let his family meet them as well.

Qing Shui stopped a beast carriage. Since Demon Gate was a great influential sect, no matter how well hidden they were, there should be people who were headed there. Therefore, he stopped a beast carriage and told the driver to head for Demon Gate.

"Sir, to Demon Gate please."

Qing Shui said to the man driving the beast carriage.

The man was stunned for a moment before he said, "My carriage can't reach Demon Gate. How about this, I can send you to a place where you can head for Demon Gate. What do you think?"

Qing Shui wasn't surprised by this. If he were to be heading for Buddha Sect, any random beast carriage would be able to bring him there. However, it might not be the base of the Buddha Sect.

He nodded, "Then I'll have to trouble you to do so."

Qing Shui wasn't stingy in paying the driver and very soon, it stopped before a large manor. The manor wasn't luxurious, but it was very tall and big, much more so than the surrounding buildings.

"We've arrived. This place will make arrangements for people to head to Demon Gate, but it seems to be very difficult to get through." The man pointed to the manor and said to Qing Shui.

"Thank you!"

Qing Shui looked at the signboard on the manor's entrance. The words 'Demon Gate' were written on it. He didn't know what style of writing it was in, but it was a bit similar to cursive script. Just from looking at the words alone, Qing Shui was given a feeling that they were proud and overbearing, with a faint hint of a fierce aura.

There were ten people standing at the door wearing simple cultivator clothes. When they saw Qing Shui walking up the stone steps, the young man in the lead walked up and said, "Sir, please hold on!"

The person was very polite and Qing Shui lifted his head, smiled, and looked at the young man who had stopped him.

"Sir, could I have a look at your invitation?"

Qing Shui was stunned, but he soon understood that the people who came here must receive a recommendation letter from someone familiar with Demon Gate. Strangers wouldn't be allowed entry. Qing Shui smiled and said, "I don't have an invitation, but you can go in and tell the person-in-charge that Qing Shui is here."

The reason Qing Shui said this was because he felt that he should have left a lasting impression on Demon Gate. If he were to come, they should allow him in.

"Qing Shui... Ah, you're that Qing Shui!?" The young man seemed to be especially astonished and anxious.

The young man then threw a look to the people behind him and another young man immediately ran off. The young man before Qing Shui then looked at him uneasily, "Sir, please wait a moment. I've already sent someone to inform Elder Zhou."

Very soon, an old man walked out. This should be the Elder Zhou who had been mentioned. He was only a Peak Martial Saint and his ranking was very low. However, it was considered quite good for him to be able to stay here and take charge of the people heading toward Demon Gate. With the powerful Demon Gate as his backing, no one would dare to create trouble here.

The old man had white hair and beard, and he seemed to be burdened with old age. His black clothes together with his white hair and beard made him stand out. Other than that, the old man actually looked very ordinary.

“You’re Qing Shui?” The old man was a little astonished when he saw Qing Shui. Although he hadn’t met him before, he had seen his portrait. It was true that this person looked like the person he had seen in the portrait.

“Do you think that there’ll be someone who would dare claim to be me?” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“That’s true. Oh, right. What matters do you have here today?” Elder Zhou was very puzzled. He would never have expected Qing Shui to come. It was already good that Demon Gate hadn’t gone to look for him, but why was he coming to knock on their doors?

Back then Demon Gate had originally wanted to hunt down Qing Shui, but they were stopped by Mo Zitong. He wanted to defeat Qing Shui himself. This was also the reason why Qing Shui had been able to enjoy some peace. It could be said that Mo Zitong had done Qing Shui a great favor.

Chapter 1018 - Meeting Mo Zitong Again

“That’s true. Oh, right. What matters do you have here today?”

Qing Shui looked at the curious Elder Zhou and smiled. “I want to see someone from the Demon Gate that has the power to speak. It would be best if I can meet your clan’s head.”

Elder Zhou frowned. The clan head of Demon Gate wasn’t someone that could be met by just anyone. However, he could only silently admire Qing Shui when he saw his calm demeanor. So he nodded at him with a smile. “I shall bring you to meet someone who has the power to speak for Demon Gate.”

There was a reason behind Elder Zhou’s immediate agreement. Mo Zitong had specially informed him about this before. If Qing Shui came to the Demon Gate, bring Qing Shui to him.

Qing Shui was also surprised that he had agreed so easily like this. He initially thought that he would have to go through a lot of troubles, or even had to lift a finger when needed to force the other party’s important member to show himself.

Since this could be settled peacefully then it would be for the best. After all, the problem between the Demon Gate and Buddha Sect wasn’t something that could easily be solved. It was basically impossible for both parties to come to a reconciliation with each other. Hence, it was not strange at all for things to turn out the way it did for Huoyun Peng and Mo Hongluo.

Perhaps they had already expected such an ending. However, people couldn’t care so much once such feelings between two parties were conceived. In the end, this didn’t only make them suffer but also their daughter, Huoyun Liu-Li.

“Then I shall thank you for your trouble, Elder Zhou.” Qing Shui said courteously and smiled.

“Let us make a move now then!”

As soon as Elder Zhou finished his sentence, a black crow appeared. Elder Zhou signaled for Qing Shui to get on the black crow. He promptly soared into the air and landed on the back of the black crow. This was Demon Gate’s flying beast. However, this black was much inferior to the ones used by Mo Zitong, Elder Wu and the rest.

The black crow flew towards a distant place. Qing Shui stood by Elder Zhou's side. He didn't say anything since he was going to meet someone slightly reputable from the Demon Gate. It wouldn't be too late to speak until then.

"Does Mister Qing have any business with the Demon Gate?" Elder Zhou said casually. He sounded so absent-minded that it didn't even sound like a question. It was more like something he had casually said.

"I've come to the Demon Gate to see someone," Qing Shui said slowly after thinking for a moment.

"See someone? If you don't mind, you can tell me. I might know that someone," Elder Zhou seemed to be very interested in the person that Qing Shui wanted to meet.

"Are you sure you want to know?" Qing Shui asked while smiling.

Elder Zhou's heart jumped when he saw Qing Shui's smile and he didn't know why. He started to hesitate now, unsure of how to respond to that question.

"Do you know Mo Hongluo?" Qing Shui wasn't afraid to expose this. He might find out about something else.

"Mo Hongluo? The name sounds like someone from the Demon Gate, but why have I never heard of him?" Elder Zhou looked at Qing Shui doubtfully.

Thoughts were running through Elder Zhou's head very rapidly. People with the surname Mo were all important figures from the Demon Gate. On top of that, people with the surname Mo were very rare and they were mostly from the Demon Gate.

Qing Shui didn't say anything else. He didn't need to explain further if Elder Zhou couldn't even recognize the name. Besides, Huoyun Liu-Li was all grown up now and was in her thirties. This meant that Mo Hongluo had been imprisoned for more than 30 years. He reckoned that only a few people in the Demon Gate currently would know of this.

While they were talking, they had entered a large mountainous region. After flying for about another one hour, a winding flight of stone steps appeared beneath them. Elder Zhou stopped the black crow for a landing.

Qing Shui checked his surroundings without saying anything else. The stone steps here weren't huge and winded upwards. Manors were seen on either side of the stone steps and they extended up the slope. The manors here were unique and had a distinctive style. They could withstand mountain flash flood and rain. Moreover, they were actually close to the summit so the area around them was more level. On top of that, the mountain rocks were more stable than the land, so there was no need to worry about any landslides.

As they made their way up to the summit, he could see the manors populating around the region here and they were well spaced. Although the buildings weren't arranged neatly and were of different heights, they made a peculiarly beautiful scenery.

When they arrived on the mountain, they met a lot of people. Most of them were dressed in black and many of them greeted Elder Zhou when they saw him. Some also greeted Qing Shui and many of them recognized him.

They were all very surprised. After all, Qing Shui didn't really leave a good impression on Demon Gate. Mo Zitong, who was number one among the younger generation of Demon Gate, was pushed down and could only be beaten by this youth. Even Elder Wu was injured by him and he had also warned Demon Gate not to act blindly without thinking.

He was the only person who dared to do such thing in the World of the Nine Continents. Although his warning wasn't heeded by the Demon Gate at all, Mo Zitong stopped Demon Gate from taking action on Qing Shui. He wished to defeat Qing Shui with his own hands and find his honor back.

Hence, Demon Gate didn't take any action since Qing Shui's existence could encourage Mo Zitong to constantly improve. He had an objective that continuously motivated him. Qing Shui could be considered his rival.

Regardless of everything, it was important to have a rival. One would be able to improve very rapidly if they had a rival, at least faster than usual.

Some people were even worked up and wanted to fight Qing Shui on the spot. But they behaved as soon as Elder Zhou told them that Mo Zitong wanted to meet Qing Shui. They had only done that earlier to intimidate Qing Shui. This was Demon Gate, they reckoned that not even Qing Shui dared to be impudent here. Little did they know that Qing Shui could actually kill all of them without batting an eye.

They entered into a less eye-catching manor. This manor was very huge. There seemed to be a few more smaller courtyards around. Two guards stood at the entrance. "Is the young lord around?" Elder Zhou went up and asked politely.

"Yes, he is. Do you have any business with him, Elder Zhou?" The tall and strong man on the left asked. He appeared to only be in his thirties.

"Can you please inform the young lord that Qing Shui has come?"

"Alright, I shall go at once!"

News of Qing Shui coming to Demon Gate spread like wildfire here. Qing Shui's name was especially famous around Demon Gate. Most people seemed to know about him.

"The young lord has extended his invitation to Mister Qing alone." The man from earlier came back and informed Elder Zhou.

"Qing Shui, I'm leaving first. The young lord is definitely one of the reputable people among Demon Gate." Elder Zhou smiled at Qing Shui.

"You have my gratitude, Elder Zhou." Qing Shui said with a smile. Despite everything, Elder Zhou was the one who had brought him here.

Back then, Qing Shui had shown mercy on Mo Zitong and Elder Wu because they were from Demon Gate. When he later found out that Huoyun Liu-Li's mother was Mo Hongluo, he knew that he had probably done the right thing in going easy on them.

He knew that Demon Gate actually had no other choice but to imprison Mo Hongluo. They could only blame it on this ill-fated relationship between them as the Buddha Sect had similarly imprisoned Huoyun Peng. Great aristocrat clans could afford to lose anything but face. They couldn't yield at any cost.

Besides, some things weren't going to be solved even if one party yielded. This was why it had led to the current situation.

Qing Shui went into the manor. The moment he went in, he sensed two powerful auras that were similar to Ji Yunlang. There was also another aura that was about 2,000 stars. This should be Mo Zitong's aura. Those other two were probably the people who were guarding Mo Zitong. Demon Gate was indeed powerful.

There weren't too many people in the manor. Qing Shui made his way towards the rear courtyard because the guards at the gate had told Qing Shui that Mo Zitong was at the rear courtyard. That aura of 2,000 stars strength also came from the rear courtyard. It was most likely Mo Zitong.

The rear courtyard was vast, just like a small sized public square. He could already see Mo Zitong who was fully dressed in black looking in his direction from a distance. There was some beauty in his handsomeness. He watched Qing Shui with battle intent surging in his eyes right at this moment.

He was number one among the younger generation of Demon Gate. There were no other disciples of the same age from any other aristocrat clans or great sect who could suppress him and beat him. Yet this youth was able to do it. He had completely suppressed him and easily defeated him.

Mo Zitong strength had increased tremendously again by now. Although he wasn't fully confident, he still wished to battle with Qing Shui once again.

Qing Shui walked over while smiling.

"So we meet again," Qing Shui chuckled at Mo Zitong. The tone of his voice was very relaxed, imperceptibly dissolving Mo Zitong's intense battle intention.

This greatly astonished Mo Zitong. It was important to know that one would be in a very dangerous situation when their resolution was dissolved by another; though he knew that Qing Shui had no intention of killing him. Otherwise, he wouldn't have gone easy on him last time.

"I want to fight with you again once more!" Mo Zitong tried his best to raise his battle intention. But things didn't go quite as well as he hoped it would be.

"You can't even bring your battle intent together anymore. You're not my match and I don't wish to attack your will to fight. Otherwise, it will be difficult for you to raise your strength again in the future." Qing Shui advised gently.

"I want to fight with you again, even if I am going to lose!" Mo Zitong said coolly.

Qing Shui was going to reject at first, but he smiled instead after thinking for a moment. "Sure. But if you lose, you'll have to agree to my condition."

Mo Zitong frowned. Agree to his condition? Could he agree to his condition if he wanted to take over Demon Gate? He was having second thoughts about this now, but then he inwardly sighed. He was sighing about how he was already thinking he would lose before he even fought with him.

"I'm not going to agree to any conditions." Mo Zitong replied very flatly.

This was a great surprise to Qing Shui. He had thought that he would ask him about the condition. Little did he expect he'd immediately refuse.

"Don't you want to know why have I come here today?" Qing Shui looked at Mo Zitong who had pretty much lost all his battle intention. Perhaps he had known that he wasn't his opponent because his current strength was even a little inferior to Qing Shui's strength back at that time.

"You're going to tell me anyway." Mo Zitong laughed. He seemed to be very confident about that.

Qing Shui laughed too. He was right about that. Mo Zitong wasn't going to let him talk about any conditions with him. Furthermore, Qing Shui wasn't only here to only talk about conditions. He wanted to see someone. If they wouldn't let him, he'd fight. It would be easier to talk about conditions when he had beaten the hell out of someone.

This was the most effective method when it came to dealing with a big sect. The best way to deal with them was to suppress them through force. As for whether it would work, he'd know if he tried.

"I wish to see someone," Qing Shui directly told Mo Zitong.

Yet it was during this moment Mo Zitong suddenly moved. "You'll have to beat me first before we talk about this!"

Mo Zitong's figure dashed towards Qing Shui rapidly. He raised the Qi aura of his entire body tremendously and suppressed Qing Shui. His footwork was complex and strange.

Mo Zitong's strength had improved considerably over this period of time. Although he felt that he was still somewhat inferior to the past Qing Shui, he still didn't want to give up. He wanted to give it another try. During this period of time, he spent most of his time cultivating his speed.

During the last time, he felt that his speed was completely suppressed. Now that he felt that his speed and footwork had increased tremendously, he should at least be able to persevere a little longer this time.

Qing Shui was taken aback. He didn't expect that Mo Zitong would still be unwilling to give up until the end. Qing Shui had to sigh in amazement at Mo Zitong's powerful talent as he watched him dashing towards himself. His fighting strength had improved by a lot ever since that time. It was a pity that the current Qing Shui was also as different as the Heaven and Earth compared to back then.

Chapter 1019 - No One Can Stop Me From Meeting Mo Hongluo, The Head of Demon Gate

Qing Shui watched Mo Zitong who was dashing towards him. For his strength, Qing Shui would be able to settle this by lifting only his pinkie. He humbly took a step forward as he struck out with his hands. His movement seemed slow, yet it was actually fast and it was accompanied by a tiger's roar.

A gigantic white tiger was seen unleashed from Qing Shui's palms, as it immediately leapt towards Mo Zitong. The strength he had unleashed was far beyond Mo Zitong's. It was at least 4,000 stars of offensive power, but he knew nothing serious would happen.

The gigantic white tiger silhouette leaped towards Mo Zitong with an intense killing intention. Even the Heavens and Earth changed colors. The powerful aura immobilized Mo Zitong. Mo Zitong turned pale

with fright right at this exact moment. He was already aware of the disparity between Qing Shui and himself, but he now realized that there was no way he could evade.

Qing Shui smiled at Mo Zitong, who was already frightened and shocked. But just then, two waves of powerful auras appeared at Mo Zitong's side in a flash. They extended their arms and shattered the white tiger that Qing Shui unleashed.

Before this, the Tiger form that Qing Shui unleashed was always a huge tiger claw. But now, he was able to unleash a full form. Its might had also been tremendously increased. Although it was still inferior to using a weapon, Tiger Form had its own advantage.

Qing Shui didn't make another move. He only silently watched Mo Zitong who was still in a daze. He knew that he had shocked Mo Zitong too greatly this time, but he knew that Mo Zitong was unharmed. Only a person with unswerving determination could achieve the accomplishments that Mo Zitong had today. The more he experienced things like these, the more his hidden potential and will to fight would be stirred.

Qing Shui was looking at the two old men by Mo Zitong's side right at this moment. The two old men were dressed in black clothes, but their hair was a mixture of black and white instead. Both of them had a perfectly straight figure. There weren't any beard or deep wrinkles on their faces. People who were unfamiliar with them would probably think that both of them were very young.

However, Qing Shui knew that the age of these two old men wasn't that young anymore. Both of them were also looking at Qing Shui in astonishment. They had no choice but to appear earlier, but this youth was aware of their presence. It was evident that this youth wasn't weaker than them at all.

"Young man, you are simply astounding." The person on the left with dashing eyebrows sighed in amazement at Qing Shui.

"Thank you for the compliment, Old Man!" Qing Shui replied courteously. He was waiting for Mo Zitong to recover from this.

"Speak. Who is it that you want to meet? Tell us." The old man on the right spoke up. This old man had a very sharp nose, and he had a sharper pair of eyes.

Qing Shui hesitated for a moment before he spoke slowly, "Mo Hongluo!"

He watched how the other party didn't blink their eyes at all ever since he uttered Mo Hongluo's name.

The two old men were staring at Qing Shui strangely. Mo Zitong, who had snapped back to reality, looked at Qing Shui in surprise. "You wanted to meet Young Aunt?"

Qing Shui wasn't too surprised either. After all, Mo Hongluo was the daughter of Demon Gate's clan head. Mo Zitong seemed to be about his age, so Huoyun Liu-Li should also be around the same age as Mo Zitong.

"She hasn't been around for many years now," Mo Zitong only replied slowly after a while.

"She's dead?"

Qing Shui was taken aback. Although he had thought of this possibility, he was still surprised. He kept staring into Mo Zitong eyes right at this moment, trying not to miss a trace of anything. When he thought back to what had happened just now and also Mo Zitong's age, he felt that something fishy was going on.

"I have come all the way here knowing she is still around." Qing Shui's gave Mo Zitong a pointed look with his sharp gaze, as his powerful spirit energy bore down upon him.

"Impudent!"

The two old men summoned the Qi aura in their entire body and suppressed Qing Shui when they saw Qing Shui pressuring Mo Zitong with his spirit energy. At the same time, they took a step forward protectively to the front of Mo Zitong.

Roc's Might!

Qing Shui suppressed the two old men with his enormous pressure. With the Arhat Rosary Beads, the old men's spirit energy attack was halved. The Spirited Snake Turtle also had the effect of reducing opponent's spirit energy attack by 20%.

With these, the spirit energy of the two old men, which were already pitiful enough to Qing Shui, became even more pathetic...

To be competing with Qing Shui on spirit energy attacks was basically courting death itself. The two old men's faces immediately paled, as they unconsciously retreated a few steps backward. Furthermore, this was when Qing Shui was already showing mercy on them.

"My woman wants to meet Mo Hongluo. If she wasn't a relative of yours, I wouldn't be showing any mercy. I have no ill intention. My condition stays the same. I want to see Mo Hongluo," Qing Shui said firmly while staring dead at Mo Zitong.

Mo Zitong also understood why his opponent had gone easy on him last time. Even the two people by his side from the Elder Association were defeated so easily. Just how strong was he? Was Qing Shui showing mercy on him because his woman and Young Aunt were related? If she was related to Young Aunt, then didn't that mean that she was his relative too? Who could she be?

Mo Zitong was currently extremely conflicted. It seemed like this Qing Shui wasn't going to return without meeting Young Aunt. On top of that, Qing Shui didn't seem to believe the news that Young Aunt wasn't here too. What should he do?

Just when he was being indecisive, the aura around him surged. Soon enough, about a dozen elderly men appeared and their strengths were actually around 5,000 stars. One of them actually had the strength of 5,700 stars...

Demon Gate was indeed a supreme sect. Not even the formidable Buddha Sect from the Central Continent dared to act recklessly around them due to their rich background. It was important to know that in the battle between powerful sects, whatever progress was made in the last few centuries would be regressed regardless of who won or who lost.

Qing Shui looked at these old men who had appeared, without much change in his expression. He was looking at Mo Zitong. He wasn't sure if Mo Zitong could make a decision, but he still wished that he could make a decision.

"Qing Shui, Young Aunt is really not around anymore..."

"You're lying. Do you think that my spirit energy from earlier is only for show?" Qing Shui laughed coldly at Mo Zitong.

"Young man, your impudence will not be tolerated here!" A leading elderly man suddenly shouted at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui lifted his leg and immediately reappeared in the air. He stared at that elderly man. "Try telling me that again!"

Qing Shui turned to Mo Zitong again without waiting for the old man to speak. "I have been very patient. I only have something to tell Mo Hongluo. I sincerely hope that you will make the right decision. No one can stop me from meeting Mo Hongluo. You have to know that some sacrifices are unnecessary."

Qing Shui had been emitting a threatening atmosphere as he was speaking. The sudden release of powerful spiritual pressure had caused the old man from earlier to open his mouth, but he wasn't able to say anything. He was looking at Qing Shui with his eyes that were as sharp as a knife, as if he had seen a ghost...

"All of you, go down at once!"

Right at this moment, a voice rang out from afar. Qing Shui looked grave too when he sensed the other party's aura. It was powerful and the aura seemed to have been masked. It was only 5,000 stars, but Qing Shui knew that it wasn't as simple as merely 5,000 stars.

"Clan Head!"

"Clan Head!"

"Grandfather!"

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Qing Shui was watching the old man who had appeared at a distance. The old man was only slightly older. He wasn't particularly tall, but he had an intangible imposing aura. It was the aura of a leading man and his strength. Although his hair was white, the wrinkles on his face were very fine. There was a hint of a smile in his wise eyes.

The old man waved his hand. Everyone including Mo Zitong left. Qing Shui looked at him. He didn't expect the head of Demon Gate to actually be an old man who appeared to be particularly friendly.

"Young man, you have really opened this old man's eyes today. Why don't you accompany me for some tea?" The old man invited Qing Shui with a smile.

"That's all I could ever wish for. Please lead the way!"

Qing Shui didn't expect to be able to meet the head of Demon Gate so soon. Perhaps it was due to how he had intentionally expanded his Qi aura earlier. Qing Shui followed the old man and flew to somewhere further.

They were at a manor that was slightly more remote than the others. It was very peaceful and quiet here, without any other manors situated within its radius of 100 meters. The terrain was also higher here, so the other manors around here were visible.

As soon as they entered a room, the old man smiled and gestured for Qing Shui to take a seat. In fact, the moment Qing Shui entered here, he could feel a wave of faint spirit energy around here. It was an indescribable sensation.

"Daddy!"

Just right after Qing Shui and the old man had taken a seat, a woman came in holding a teapot. She was tall, thin and had a pair of gorgeous phoenix-like eyes.

Her nose was straight and sharp and her skin appeared to be smooth and silky. The loose clothes on her brought out her charm. She was also startled when she saw Qing Shui.

"Lass, this is Qing Shui. Come have a seat and talk. It's rare to have someone to talk to." The old man chuckled.

"Qing Shui, this is my daughter, Hongxiu!" The old man laughed.

Although Qing Shui thought that the woman's eyes were very similar to Huoyun Liu-Li's, he had a feeling that Demon Gate wouldn't let him meet Mo Hongluo so easily. Besides, even Mo Zitong said that Mo Hongluo wasn't around anymore, though he wasn't going to buy that.

"How do you do, Mister Qing!" The woman greeted Qing Shui with a smile.

"Hello, Miss Hongxiu!" Qing Shui greeted her politely then looked at the old man.

"Old man, I am sure you've heard about what had happened between Demon Gate and I. It isn't my intention to make enemies with anyone. I am only here today because I want to meet someone. To fulfill my wife's wish." Qing Shui went straight to the point.

"You wish to see Hongluo?" The old man asked Qing Shui after contemplating for a moment.

Qing Shui saw how this woman by the name of Hongxiu looked at him in surprise when she heard the old man's words. However, she was only surprised but didn't say anything else.

"Old Man, I must meet Mo Hongluo." Qing Shui stated firmly and decisively.

"You know about Hongluo?" The old man sighed.

"I know some, but not into details."

"It was an ill-fated relationship. Why don't you share with me your purpose of coming? Why do you want to see Hongluo? If you have a strong enough reason, I will let you see her." The old man gave Qing Shui a smile.

The old man was also a little puzzled. Qing Shui was trying to fulfill his wife's wish. What relation did his woman have with Hongluo? It had been more than 30 years. This youth seemed to only be in his thirties too.

"Although Huoyun Peng and Mo Hongluo were taken back by the Buddha Sect and Demon Gate 36 years ago, they left their daughter out there. Unfortunately, she is my wife now." Qing Shui explained to the old man, but his gaze was locked on that woman by the name of Hongxiu all this time.

Qing Shui didn't know how many daughters this old man had, but he felt that something was off through the words of the old man from earlier. Especially how he had said that 'it was rare to have someone to talk to'.

That woman called Hongxiu appeared to be surprised, happy and nostalgic, yet she was biting down on her lips. She was trying her best to keep herself from making any noises and stop the tears in her eyes from falling.

"You are Mo Hongluo, Huoyun Liu-Li's mother!" Qing Shui immediately exclaimed while looking at that woman called Hongxiu. The tone of his voice was firm, as he slightly pressured her with his spirit energy.

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As soon as Qing Shui finished his sentence, his spirit energy bore down upon the woman. But just then, the old man spoke up.

"Qing Shui, you don't have to probe any further. She is indeed my daughter, Hongluo!" The old man shook his head and stopped Qing Shui's probing with his spirit energy. The woman started sobbing right at that instant.

Qing Shui felt relieved in his heart too after knowing that this woman was indeed Mo Hongluo. Things would be easier if he had found the woman. Tears were cascading down the woman's cheeks like small streams right now. Qing Shui was surprised by how much tears a woman could hold.

"Qing Shui, has Liu-Li been well?" Mo Hongluo asked Qing Shui while quivering.

"Liu-Li has been very well. The family that you had given Liu-Li to treated her as their own daughter. They didn't have any children either, only Liu-Li alone and she is like the pearl on their palms." Qing Shui told the woman with a smile.

"And you are Liu-Li's husband?" Mo Hongluo looked at Qing Shui with her reddened eyes.

"Yes. We already have an adorable daughter of our own." Qing Shui had a blissful look on his face when he was talking about Qing Yu too.

When the woman saw Qing Shui's expression, she felt warm in her heart too. After all, she was a woman and she knew what was most important to a woman. So when she saw the look on Qing Shui's face when he talked about Liu-Li's daughter, she calmed down a little too. However, the eagerness of wanting to see her daughter in her heart grew more intense. So much that she felt ill at ease. She wished to see her daughter right away.

Back then, she had no choice but to give the little lass away to someone else. The grief she felt in her heart was still as fresh as yesterday. She had been trying her best to not think about her all these years. But now that she had caught wind of her daughter, she was suddenly losing her control.

The old man stayed silent at one side. He hadn't spoken a word ever since he revealed that the woman was indeed Mo Hongluo. He had a very conflicted look on his face. He was the head of Demon Gate, but he believed that he was a good father. He would accept whoever his daughter loved, even if she was really going to marry someone from the Buddha Sect. He wouldn't mind as long as his daughter was happy.

However, his daughter really loved someone from the Buddha Sect. There was no way the Buddha Sect would approve of this, even if he was going to try his best to make it happen. So he could only bear the pain and reluctantly ground his daughter at home.

The Demon Gate's impression on the others was slightly more negative, or perhaps it was better to say that the Buddha Sect had a better impression on the others. In the World of the Nine Continents, the powerful figures were honored as the leader of a region. There was nothing such as good or bad. However, the Buddha Sect was still very influential. There was no way they would relate themselves with a sect like the Demon Gate through marriage. After all, the Buddha Sect's reputation exceeded the Demon Gate by far on the surface.

The old man couldn't do anything in this situation either, so he could only let his daughter suffer. Qing Shui glanced at the old man then at the woman. He felt that this woman had suffered a lot. She was experiencing the same thing that his own mother did back then.

"Daddy, I wish to see the lass." Mo Hongluo looked at the old man apprehensively after a long while.

Mo Hongluo had considered escaping with Huoyun Peng, but that was more than 30 years ago. They were now aware of the wide gap that existed between them. Unless one of them could rise above the two powerful existences, the situation would remain hopeless.

Qing Shui actually wasn't confident in coming here. That was because even the deepest affection couldn't withstand the ordeal of time. It might be lost in history. Not only that, they had also left Huoyun Liu-Li behind.

Qing Shui wasn't certain if both Huoyun Peng and Mo Hongluo had been wedded. From the look of things right now, it seemed like Mo Hongluo hadn't. It was just Qing Shui's hunch. He wasn't entirely sure. However, her yearning towards her daughter right at this moment was real.

"Qing Shui, it has been more than 30 years. I didn't know Hongluo have a daughter out there. To be honest, I have also been wishing for Hongluo to be able to find a man that she loves to marry all these years and forget about the past. After all, it's hopeless between her and Huoyun Peng. But then again this lass would rather stay alone until old age and refuse to marry anyone." The old man sighed at Qing Shui while looking at his apprehensive daughter.

When Qing Shui thought about how Mo Hongluo had never married anyone else and had persevered more than 30 years, he wasn't sure if her perseverance was for Liu-Li's sake or for Huoyun Peng's sake. Regardless of who it was, Qing Shui was very impressed.

“Aunt, your emotions, and perseverance have greatly moved me. Do you have any wish?” Qing Shui asked Mo Hongluo earnestly.

“I miss my daughter very much and also him. I really wish that all of us can be together. I’d be content even if it’s only for a day.” Mo Hongluo sighed. But she smiled wryly and shook her head as soon as she finished speaking.

The old man let out a sigh once again. “Qing Shui. Although I don’t see myself as a good or kind person, I love my children and family dearly. I have my own friends too and I empathize with them too. Demon Gate isn’t any inferior to those sects with a good reputation and we don’t commit as many sins as they do, at least during the time when Demon Gate’s clan was the senior I knew. But I know that the chances of this lass’ wish coming true are zero. No matter how much the Buddha Sect emphasized on benevolence, I know that Huoyun old fellow’s heart is harder than mine, at least when it comes to dealing with his children. Perhaps that’s because he has many children or because he doesn’t have the freedom to act as how he wants to.”

Qing Shui understood what the old man was trying to convey. He was saying that it was futile, even if Demon Gate gave their blessing to his daughter and Huoyun Peng. So Qing Shui now knew that the greatest stopping force wasn’t Demon Gate, but rather the Buddha Sect.

This was a great surprise to him. But this was a good thing too, as he had saved quite a lot of troubles. Things would be easier if Demon Gate could help him when the time had come.

“Aunt, Liu-Li is my wife. I will fulfill your wish. I am going to fulfill any wishes you have.” Qing Shui stated firmly at Mo Hongluo.

“Qing Shui, do not be hasty. The Buddha Sect isn’t as simple as you think. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have let Hongluo end up in such situation. It isn’t easy for me to see her going through this as a father either.” The old man didn’t want Qing Shui to rekindle the heart of his daughter that had finally dulled with much difficulty, because if he couldn’t do this it would only add up to his daughter’s pain.

After Mo Hongluo heard her father’s words, her face that was scarlet in excitement cooled down. She gave Qing Shui an agonized smile. “Thank you, Qing Shui. I wish for you to treat Liu-Li well. It has been so many years, I have already grown used to this.”

“Aunt, how about I bring Liu-Li to visit you next time?” Qing Shui offered with a smile.

“Really? Where is Liu-Li now?” Mo Hongluo looked at Qing Shui in surprise and anticipation.

“If you were to depart now, you’ll be able to meet Liu-Li in half a day.” Qing Shui smiled.

“She has come to the Central Continent too?” Mo Hongluo was so worked up that her body trembled in excitement.

Qing Shui nodded his head while smiling.

Mo Hongluo turned around to look at the old man. “Daddy, can I go see her? It has been so many years. I really miss her. Very, very much. I have failed her back then and made her suffer.”

"I will return as soon as I see Liu-Li. Don't worry Daddy, your daughter is a grown-up. I know how difficult this is for Daddy too and know what I should do. It's been so many years, do you still worry about your daughter?" Mo Hongluo looked at the old man with tears streaming down her face.

The corners of the old man's eyes were a little moist too. He nodded and looked at Qing Shui. "Qing Shui, this is a reminder from me. Liu-Li will be in danger if the Buddha Sect discovered her identity. Do you understand that? They won't allow Liu-Li to live."

Qing Shui was startled. The Qi aura in his entire body suddenly surged. "No one is allowed to harm Liu-Li. Not even the Buddha Sect. If they dared to do anything, I shall personally exterminate the Buddha Sect with my own hands."

Qing Shui's tone of voice was very calm. The Qi aura in his body was fleeting, yet it stunned the old man. Just what was his strength? It was so powerful that it was sinister. Even Zitong, the number one expert among the younger generation of Demon Gate, was nothing compared to him. The strength that he exuded after injuring the two elders had shocked him. But the aura that Qing Shui had exuded this time was terrifying, even for him.

Mo Hongluo was also stunned, but a happy smile appeared on her face.

"Aunt, I'm going to bring Liu-Li here tomorrow!" Qing Shui told Mo Hongluo with a smile.

"I'm going there today. I can't wait any longer." Mo Hongluo believed Qing Shui the moment he mentioned Huoyun Liu-Li's name. That was because this was the name that she had named her daughter with Huoyun Peng together.

"Go then!"

The old man told Mo Hongluo with a smile when he saw the anticipation in her.

"Qing Shui, please wait for a moment while I prepare!"

"Sure!"

Mo Hongluo left quickly, leaving Qing Shui and the old man behind. Qing Shui paused for a moment before speaking. "Old man, are there many people from your Demon Gate in the other four continents?"

The old man lifted his head up to look at Qing Shui. "Not many. The ones in the other four continents didn't amount to much, but they are not willing to return either." He replied slowly after a moment had passed.

"What about the Buddha Sect? How are they in the other four continents?" Qing Shui continued asking in great interest.

"It's the same for them too. The Buddha Sect is about the same as Demon Gate. Otherwise, such situations where one couldn't do anything about the other wouldn't happen in the first place. The waters of the other four continents are profound. Qing Shui, the strength of Buddha Sect among the five continents must not be underestimated. Do not be reckless." The old man seemed to have seen through Qing Shui's intention.

“I understand, Old Man. I wish to know the strength that can be exhibited by the most powerful person in the Buddha Sect of the five continents.” Qing Shui inquired after hesitating for a moment.

When the old man heard Qing Shui’s question, he looked at Qing Shui pensively and shook his head. “To be honest, I am not too sure either. Many years ago, the strongest from the Buddha Sect could unleash the strength of 8,000 stars. I’m not too sure about now.”

So it was 8,000 stars of strength back in many years ago. He wondered if that person had gone to the other four continents or was still around in the five continents. However, Qing Shui wasn’t too worried about this 8,000 stars of strength. It would be exceptionally difficult for a cultivator with 8,000 stars to remain here and improve. There must’ve been some reasons if there was anyone with the strength of 8,000 stars who still stayed in the five continents. Perhaps it was because their strength could no longer be improved, or because they had commitments here. Otherwise, they would have definitely gone to the other four continents.

Just then, Mo Hongluo came out. She had changed her clothes. “Daddy, then I shall leave with Qing Shui now.” She informed the old man with a smile.

The old man nodded his head. “Be safe on your journey!”

“Don’t worry, Old Man. Liu-Li and I shall visit you again later.” Qing Shui said with a smile.

“Sure. You better remember your own words.” The old man laughed happily.

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Qing Shui rode on the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and made their way towards Fair Wind City. He didn’t expect things to go this smoothly this time. Not only did he settle the matter with Demon Gate, they were also willing to lend him a hand when necessary. However, he had decided to rely on himself in the end. He couldn’t rely on anyone else on this matter. Otherwise, Mo Hongluo wouldn’t have been in such pain.

Mo Hongluo stared at the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant then turned around to look at Qing Shui. She was also a cultivator, a quite decent one too. She was a Peak Martial Saint. In a sect like Demon Gate and as the daughter of Demon Gate’s head, her strength was only considered as normal and nothing too special.