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Chapter 1061 - The Ancient Ruins at Dragon Spine Mountain, Bodhi Tree?

In the end, Lin Zhanhan stayed behind at Yiye Tian's house. Previously, Qing Shui had already decided that he would not bring Lin Zhanhan into the Ancient Ruins, even if they were in a group. He had actually planned for the man to just wait at the Ancient Ruins for them. Now however, the best decision was to let Lin Zhanhan stay here for the time being. They would come back for him when they head for Lion King's Ridge. Most likely, Yiye Tian would also join them then.

Qing Shui and the others continued on their journey. To travel faster, they used the Nine Continents Steps Effect. The Ancient Ruins was at the northwestern edge of the Continent. As it was not the extreme northern tip, the weather was cold but not as extreme.

The Lion King's Ridge was at the northern tip of the Continent, more to the east.

The Ancient Ruins was located in a very desolate place. As they got closer, the weather became harsher and the place looked bleaker. Snow covered everything and the chilly wind was as sharp as blades. The blizzard was constant and there were even some rumbling avalanches. All they could see was a vast land of white snow. Every now and then, there would be a powerful wild beast that would appear. Occasionally they would spot one or two plants buried in snow.

The fourth time they landed using the Nine Continents Steps Effect, they reached a place where a normal person would freeze to death within two hours. The snowy ground also posed great danger.

The snow on the ground was as thick as a man's height in many areas. If one wasn't at least a Martial Saint, it would be difficult to survive in this place. Qing Shui looked around him and stomped on the ground, clearing a large area of snow. Next, he set up a Spirit Sealing Formation. This could block the wind, falling snow, and everything that could move. He and his companions then set up their tents within the formation.

"The Ancient Ruins is in a place with such a harsh environment. I wonder how many people will brave this sort of weather to get there. I am sure not anyone would actually go there." Di Qing commented as she sat beside Qing Shui.

"The Ancient Ruins is in a remote place, even though everyone knows that it is within Dragon Spine Mountain. I am sure only a few people can find this place and go back home safely. Such conditions are really a big deterrence," Qing Shui said as he looked at the howling blizzard just outside his formation...

They were in a very huge place. After using his Spirit Sealing Formation, he might be able to practice using his other techniques. Qing Shui excused himself and went out to explore the surroundings.

Qing Shui walked in mid-air using his Nine Palace Steps. He had time, so he walked around and observed the place. As he shuffled along, he realized that many Demonic Beasts lived here, most of which were white, just like the surrounding snow. There were Snow Beasts, Snow Hawks, and Snow Wolves, among other Demonic Beasts.

Arctic Hares...

Qing Shui knew that Arctic Hares were delicious, but they looked different from the pictures he had seen. For a few seconds, he even hesitated, somewhat unwilling to harm them. In the end, he still caught and brought a few of them back.

“Should we have these for dinner tonight?” Qing Shui placed five Arctic Hares, all about a foot long, on the ground.

“Ahh! No!” Hai Dongqing exclaimed instinctively and quickly went to carry one of them. The Arctic Hares were white as snow and their fur was smooth. Even though their bodies radiated heat and were warm to touch, that body heat was insufficient to melt the snow. Their two pale red eyes were exceptionally cute.

“Err... These hares can be kept as pets?” Qing Shui asked Hai Dongqing, puzzled. He didn’t expect Hai Dongqing to look so kind, holding an Arctic Hare in her hand. It was as if her aura changed, or she changed into another outfit. The Arctic Hare a great accessory on her, but Qing Shui’s focus was ultimately on her.

In the end, they did not eat those Arctic Hares. The women requested for him to release those little creatures, but he kept them in his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Even if he wasn’t going to eat them, they would add to the scenery in his realm.

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Qing Shui and his group were nearing Dragon Spine Mountain after traveling for half a month. At the moment, they were all looking at a map. The place they were at now was covered in snow, but some of the area was covered by ancient forests with extremely tall trees while others were barren, without even a hint of residual snow. Even the weather here wasn’t as cold.

“We should be there soon. We met a few people here on our way. They’re probably heading for the Ancient Ruins as well.” Qing Shui said as he brought his companions towards higher ground.

Even though they could just fly upwards, Qing Shui enjoyed walking up to a high vantage point to look at the surroundings. It was a feeling he liked and enjoyed. No wonder people always aimed for higher grounds...

“Remember, if you enter the Ancient Ruins, don’t get separated. With Jiange’s Seven-headed Crystal Beast as well as Luan Luan and her demonic beasts, we shouldn’t need to worry too much. Don’t try to be greedy about the treasures. Just take this as training. But if we happen to get any treasure by chance, then we should just keep it.” Qing Shui said seriously.

“Okay. If a treasure comes to me, I will throw it away. If I still get it back after three times, I will keep it.” Di Qing said as she nodded.

Everyone smiled but didn’t say anything.

Qing Shui began to hand out some necessities and Interspatial Silk Sachets to the women and Little Fatty. After that, he patted Little Fatty’s shoulder.

The wind here was mild. Compared to the place they were before, this was like heaven. Suddenly, a stronger wind blew at them, whipping Yu Ruyan’s hair. They could also smell a fragrance in the air.

“Smells good!” Yu Ruyan commented.

“That’s right. It’s your scent.” Qing Shui said casually.

Yu Ruyan pushed her hair away from her face. Thinking about what Qing Shui said, she blushed. The display of a youthful demeanor by a mature woman was exceptionally attractive.

“What nonsense... That fragrance is not from me.”

At that moment, Qing Shui knew that too. Tongue-in-cheek, he laughed and continued praising her. After that he looked to the left, where the wind was coming from. The fragrance was coming from that direction.

The surrounding ten thousand miles were covered in snow but there was still a possibility that a rare exotic flower was in bloom. Could he be that lucky?

To be able to discover something like this in such a vast place was some exceptional luck. Qing Shui thought to himself as he walked closer. He used his spiritual sense to its fullest extent, as he knew that there would always be a powerful guardian protecting anything rare.

After they turned around a corner, Qing Shui was stunned. From where they were, he could see an amazing sight happening under a gigantic rock. There was a pit that was around 3 meters wide. It looked like a normal pit, but it also felt special. What attracted Qing Shui’s attention was a colorful little tree in the middle of the pit. Qing Shui counted the number of colors.

It was six-colored!

One could tell the grade of many things in this world just by looking at how many colors they had. Items or living organisms with seven colors were generally of the highest grade. As with everything, there were exceptions: there were some things which could have up to nine or twelve colors. It could get even more complicated.

The others also spotted it. Finally, Little Fatty spoke.

“That is the legendary Bodhi Tree of Buddhist scripture. It looks exactly like it, but it is really too small...”

“Bodhi tree?” Qing Shui asked, bewildered. He had heard of the tree in his past life but it had always been a very mysterious thing. Qing Shui had never given it more thought.

Chapter 1062 - Bodhi Tree, Earth Jiao, Bodhi Fruit

The people in his previous life had a better understanding of the Bodhi Tree. For instance, the Buddha had only become enlightened after sitting under the Bodhi Tree. The Bodhi Tree was also known as the wisdom tree, the enlightening tree, and the awareness tree. In any case, it was indeed a mystical tree. It was even said that the relationship between the Bodhi Tree and Buddha was particularly deep.

“Are you sure that this is the Bodhi Tree?” Qing Shui looked at Little Fatty suspiciously, not knowing of the effects of this Bodhi Tree in the World of the Nine Continents.

“I’m certain. Although this Bodhi Tree is still small, it is one of the most precious Bodhi Trees.” The Little Fatty was particularly surprised.

“What is the use of this Bodhi Tree?” Hai Dongqing asked, her gaze was fixed on the little tree.

“Legend has it that the Bodhi Tree was bestowed upon by the Buddha a strong power of knowledge, and cultivating under the Bodhi Tree can increase the speed of cultivation of one’s spirit energy and techniques. What is even more praiseworthy is that it can greatly increase one’s probability of comprehending the perfection of those techniques.” The Little Fatty thought about it before saying.

“That strong?” Qing Shui knew the difficulty of cultivating spirit energy. At the later stages, it was absolutely necessary to cultivate spirit energy. Of course, this required a strong gift in cultivating spirit energy. Body refining was still the more mainstream method, and only a few could master the cultivation of spirit energy.

The Bodhi Tree is precious, and it is no less than any other sacred object. It is a pity that it is inflexible to new conditions. Thus, it cannot be moved or it will die. Therefore those who are lucky enough to meet this Bodhi Tree will have to stay behind. If not, they have to give it up.”

The Little Fatty actively replied. After saying that, he added on, “There will definitely be Guardian Beasts near the surroundings of the Bodhi Tree, and they will not be that easy to deal with.”

“Uncle Fatty, what kind of Guardian Beasts are they? Why have I not seen them before?” Luan Luan asked with great interest.

“That is something that I’ve only heard of. It seems that the Guardian Beasts of the Bodhi Tree are always the same. According to legend, they are all Earth Jiaos, a type of demonic beast that can be both flying and land-bound. They are much stronger than a regular Jiao and their bodies also contain the Dragon Bloodline,” the Little Fatty laughed.

“Earth Jiao?” Qing Shui was surprised. Although he had seen a few demonic beasts with the Dragon Bloodline before, he only had some cursory knowledge about the rumoured Dragon Bloodline. The dragon had all sorts of descendents and word was that the dragon was rather lewd. Therefore, there was a possibility in which demonic beasts would have possess the Dragon Bloodline. It was only that such a Dragon Bloodline would be very thin.

It was said that a python had to reach a certain realm in order to turn into a Jiao. However, that required a long time and a great opportunity would be needed for it to be able to transform into a Flood Dragon.

Moreover, it was also rumoured that the Flood Dragon had the form of a dragon. A horn similar to that of a dragon would grow from its head. That was why it was also known as a Horned Dragon. Although it was not considered a true dragon, the strength of it was still similarly scary.

“Little Fatty, are you saying that the Earth Jiao is in the ground?” Qing Shui pointed to the ground while looking at the Little Fatty.

“It should be, but I’m not sure. However, Brother Qing Shui, be careful. The Earth Jiao is rumoured to be very strong.” Little Fatty warned him nervously.

“I am aware. I will not fight with it for the time being, at least not today. We’ll run after we get the Bodhi Tree tomorrow.” Qing Shui thought for a moment before having this idea.

Just in the vicinity of the area, he found a spot to set up a formation for safety purposes. While everyone cultivated, Qing Shui sat there quietly looking at the bright Bodhi Tree. Although they had said that the tree could not be moved, he felt that his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal could keep it alive. If the transplant failed, he could only blame himself for not having any luck.

As Qing Shui stared blankly at the tree, a wave of strong aura stirred in his heart. Fortunately, he was in the formation and was relatively safe. He looked around for the source of the aura and found that it was precisely from the Bodhi Tree.

Could it be the Earth Jiao?

Qing Shui's interest was aroused and he looked closely at the Bodhi Tree. In that moment, he saw an unforgettable scene. Suddenly, about a hundred meters from the Bodhi Tree, the ground cracked. A huge malevolent head emerged from the depths: a Jiao head, with its horn similar to that of a deer.....

It really was the head of a dragon. Qing Shui had seen this drawing of a dragon head fifty times in his previous life, and this dragon head was brown in colour. The brownness reduced the grandeur of the head, but made it become much more sinister.

Its head was huge and about the size of a house. Within a moment of using its technique, its large brown body had churned out over fifty meters. However, this still wasn't its full length. It continued to spiral up towards the sky incessantly.

Qing Shui stared blankly as the leviathan completely rose up into the sky. Its thick and strong body was about two hundred meters long and as it rolled out, it scattered a boundless killing intent, making the Heaven and Earth appear gloomy.

Qing Shui had seen many things and been through many trials, but the scene of this leviathan bursting out of the ground still absolutely shocked him.

Qing Shui could not sense the exact strength of the Earth Jiao, but he knew that he was not strong enough to deal with it. This made Qing Shui afraid about the strength that strong demonic beasts in the Five Continents could possess.

Only when the Earth Jiao disappeared did Qing Shui let out a sigh and turn back to see the others laughing and shaking their heads.

They had all seen the frightening scene. Fortunately they were in the formation. Otherwise, if the Earth Jiao had seen them, something terrible would have resulted. He had used up the Nine Continents Steps effect and if they were to run, they would not have anywhere to go.

"Little Fatty, if this Earth Jiao runs to a populated city, wouldn't it be a huge catastrophe?" Qing Shui asked.

"You don't have to worry about this. The Earth Jiao is unable to leave these ten million miles of ice and snow." the Little Fatty said very seriously.

Hearing this, Qing Shui was relieved. In this case, he did not need to care if it was dead or alive. There was still a chance he could take the Bodhi Tree and run away.

“Qing Shui, are you sure you want to kill the Earth Jiao and take away the Bodhi Tree?” Yiye Jiange looked at Qing Shui and said with surprise.

“Jiange is still the best. You think highly of your man, I like it. However, I am thinking of just taking the Bodhi Tree away, and not killing the Earth Jiao. I feel that I am weak compared to it.” Qing Shui held Yiye Jiange’s hands in his and said happily.

“I don’t know what to say about you.....” Yiye Jiange laughed as she shook her head.

“Rumours are that the Bodhi Tree can bear Bodhi Fruits, but there are no regular yearly pattern to the sprouting. Furthermore, the odds of it bearing fruit are rare.” The Little Fatty said while looking at the short Bodhi Tree.

“Oh, what is the use of a Bodhi Fruit?” Qing Shui had never thought that this type of tree could occasionally bear an unknown number of fruits. This made Qing Shui particularly curious.

“The Bodhi Fruit is also known as a Wisdom Fruit. A fool that consumed it would become wise. It was said that it could increase spirit energy as well as clear the meridians of the mind. Thus, it was considered a fairly precious fruit not commonly seen in the Main Continent,” the Little Fatty said yearningly as he mentioned the Bodhi Fruit. Could it be that he needed it?

“Little Fatty, is it possible for this Bodhi Tree to bear a Bodhi Fruit?”

Chapter 1063 - Qing Shui’s Miscalculation, Facing the Earth Jiao

“Little Fatty, can this Bodhi Tree bear Bodhi Fruits?”

“I am not sure, although it seems possible. What I remember is that the Bodhi Tree can bear fruits at any time. However, with that said, not many have seen it happen before.” Little Fatty raised his head before saying.

“Oh, it seems that there is not much hope then. Forget about it. After all, these things are rare anyway. Being able to get this Bodhi Tree is already something to rejoice about. As long as we are able to obtain the Bodhi Tree, there will be hope of getting Bodhi Fruits in the future.” Qing Shui laughed. He had not yet gotten the Bodhi Tree, but he was already daydreaming about it bearing some Bodhi Fruits.

“Brother Qing Shui, do you really want to transplant this Bodhi Tree? As long as it moves, it will wither very quickly. Even if you transplant it somewhere nearby, it will still die.” Little Fatty asked with surprise.

“I know, but it is of no use to us being here and I have a treasure that may be able to help it live, so we can try. Even if it fails, the Earth Jiao should still be restricted. The stronger these types of demonic beasts are, the more they do no good to humans.” Qing Shui found a justification that appeared righteous, because the demonic beasts were the biggest disaster in the World of the Nine Continents. Therefore, this reason was actually acceptable.

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The next day, Qing Shui told everyone not to wander about and to remain in the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation. This was the best location on the hilltop and he even reinforced the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation until he was satisfied with it.

The Earth Jiao had come back again last night before drilling into the ground. This made Qing Shui and everyone else tremble with fear. The aura of this demonic beast was just too strong. There was absolutely no way of directly fighting it.

Just as the sky brightened, Qing Shui woke everyone up. He was hesitant if he should attempt to take the plant in the morning or in the night. However, as he thought about being able to use Nine Continents Steps four times and travelling 1,600,000 li extremely quickly, his heart felt at ease.

Using his spiritual sense, he felt the surroundings for any sort of aura. Next, he took out his best black Formation Flag, and hesitated slightly before striking.

“Chi!” The Formation Flag was stuck in the ground. There were no movements. He then took out another Formation Flag and struck out.....

Qing Shui was very careful until the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation had been set. Of course it still required the Spirit Gathering Formation to function.

Although he was not in the formation because it had yet to be formed, Qing Shui could place the Spirit Gathering Formation right in the middle of the other formation from a distance.

Qing Shui’s heart stirred with both excitement and challenge as he held onto the final Formation Flag in his hands. He turned behind to look at those behind him, “Remember what I have said!”

“You must be careful!” Yu Ruyan said softly while the other women looked at him with worry.

“I know, I reassure all of you that nothing will happen to me. Remember that, regardless of what happens, you all should not come out of the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation.” Qing Shui had already thrown himself towards the formation as soon as he finished speaking. In that formation was the Bodhi Tree.

Qing Shui threw out his hand in mid air, causing the final Formation Flag to strike out.

It was because he felt the familiar sense of strong fluctuations that he knew the Earth Jiao had appeared. Hence he used the formation to resist the Jiao and hoped that he could use the time to transplant the Bodhi Tree and bring the people away to flee. He did not want to even think of battling it.

At the moment the final Formation Flag was inserted in the ground, the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation formed. Qing Shui landed in the formation and used the Nine Palace Steps to appear instantly at the Bodhi Tree.

As he circulated his strength to its peak, he held the Big Dipper Sword in his hands and wasted no time. His speed was almost at its peak and once he saw the Bodhi Tree, he rushed over.

The Big Dipper Sword was used like a steel drill to dig quickly.

Roar roar.....

A dragon-like roar sounded out loud, clear, and a little angry. This made Qing Shui speed up his movements. The Bodhi Tree was not overly large, but its roots seemed particularly well-developed. Fortunately, the hole that was dug up previously in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal for it was big enough.

The roar became even more clear and angry. Qing Shui was getting more and more nervous. He began to dig even more quickly and carefully, afraid he would break the roots.

Just as Qing Shui finished digging up the Bodhi Tree, he felt the entire Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation shake. He squeezed into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal without hesitation and felt depressed.

This had occurred because he had mistakenly placed the centre of the formation near the Bodhi Tree. He didn't think that the Bodhi Tree would absorb half the Spiritual Qi of the formation away. Now that the Bodhi Tree had been moved, it had caused the entire formation to become paralyzed and fall apart in a flash.....

Roar!

As soon as Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, the Earth Jiao let out a loud growl and appeared on the ground. Its angry eyes were as big as water jars, looking at the empty spot where the Bodhi Tree had been.

Roar!

Thrashing its huge tail around, the rock fragments nearby swirled up and filled the sky. At this moment, Qing Shui had already planted the Bodhi Tree in the realm and stared at the outside anxiously. Although he had confidence in the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation, he could only spend a limited time in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

The Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation had failed because of his miscalculation and been ruined. If not for that, he could have trapped the Jiao for a short while, and escape with the few ladies and Little Fatty. Now, he could only wait for a chance.

Roar!

Bang bang.....

The Jiao's gigantic body hit the surroundings incessantly, very quickly turning the land into ruins. It was also unconsciously getting closer to the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation where the ladies were standing.

Bang bang bang!

Very soon, the peak where the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation had been hidden collapsed. Many little formation flags were exposed in the air.

Qing Shui was startled and gripped the Big Dipper Sword even more tightly. How unlucky could he be that the Earth Jiao was facing the secret door to the formation? Since he was not in the formation, he could not change it. If the Earth Jiao was to get to the secret door, it could open the main door of the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation and appear at its center. If that happened, the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation would have difficulties stopping this strong demonic beast.

In this moment, Qing Shui's mood was in a mess. He could only dash out quickly, as the tail of the Earth Jiao had already swept over it.

Emperor's Qi!

Bang!

Roar!

At the same time, Qing Shui threw out two Coldsteel Beads that had been tempered with poison. He targeted the huge blood red eyeballs of the Earth Jiao, and followed up with the Nine Palace Steps!

Nine Palace Steps, Great Reversal!

Roar!

Once it discovered the presence of a human, the Earth Jiao was extremely furious and issued a heaven-shaking roar. A destructive shadow flew out and travelled through space, rushing at Qing Shui.

It was in this rush that Qing Shui felt the huge pressure of power from the Earth Jiao. Fortunately his mental strength was very strong and he would be completely affected by the scary presence of the Earth Jiao. Such pressure would only affect him by about 30%.

The Nine Palace Steps was miraculous. All of a sudden it seemed as though the universe had turned upside down. The two Coldsteel Beads had missed, but Qing Shui had already expected that to happen.

Roar!

When the huge Earth Jiao realised that Qing Shui was on its other side, it turned around. This movement that it did was shocking to Qing Shui's eyes. Dragon Form, Soaring Dragon.....

Chapter 1064 - Earth Essence, Dragon Spine Mountain, The Symbol of Lion King's Ridge

His speed didn't appear very fast, but it came over like a huge formless mountain range, giving off an extremely imposing feeling.

Sixth Wave of the Great Golden Buddha Palm!

Qing Shui didn't hold back and used the sixth wave of the Great Golden Buddha Palm!

Pa pa pa!

Consecutive explosions rang out as the Earth Jiao's body nimbly passed through those six golden buddle palms. Qing Shui performed the Nine Palace Steps and dodged once again before quickly activating the Demonic Beast Armor Manifestation!

Roar!

The faint gold colored image let out a growl and although the pressure it exuded wasn't as powerful as the Earth Jiao, it had a terrifying explosive prowess to it. This was the Earth Diamond Bear which was a legendary existence that was comparable to a dragon. It was a pity that it was currently only in the adolescent phase and was just a phantom image.

Buddha's True Eyes!

Primordial Double Dragon Dance!

Qing Shui quickly circulated his powers to its peak. He knew he was no match for his opponent, but still wished to give it a try as there weren't many chances like this. He didn't dare to call out his Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant as it was much weaker compared to this Earth Jiao. It wouldn't be able to stand up to the Earth Jiao and it would be a tremendous loss if it was killed instantly.

The two grey-colored dragons each the size of an adult's arm shot out, instantly tangling themselves with the Earth Jiao.

Roar!

The Earth Jiao looked at the grey-colored flame dragons that were closing in. It opened its big mouth and an earth colored gas encompassed the two grey-colored flame dragons, rapidly extinguishing the primordial flames.

Although fire wasn't weak to earth in the theory of the five elements, even water had a two-way restricting relationship with fire. For one side to be able to overcome the other, it must be more powerful. While water can extinguish fire, the prerequisite was that there must be enough water.

Earth could also extinguish fire. What the Jiao had spewed out was a type of "Earth Essence". Used by the Jiao, it was extremely powerful and terrifying. The Jiao was doted by the earth and its talent lied in its extremely strong defense. In this mountainous and rocky terrain, it had the absolute advantage and could do whatever it wished, be it to fly or to dig into the ground. Its huge body was its greatest weapon and its attack was many times more powerful. That was an attack using the force of the earth!

Qing Shui only felt that the "earth clouds" were nearing him and his primordial flame dragons were constantly being corroded. He suddenly felt extremely uneasy.

His first reflex action was to perform the Nine Palace Steps. However, he had just lifted up one of his foot when the huge Earth Jiao's tail suddenly appeared. Qing Shui's heart skipped a beat as he quickly slapped out with his other hand.

Pa!

He hadn't been able to dodge this completely. Qing Shui had just started to move when he was struck by the huge tail. He felt as if his bones had all come apart and was feeling hot in his throat. He couldn't help but spouted out a mouthful of blood.

This was the result Qing Shui had achieved after hitting against the Earth Jiao's body to accelerate and dodge the attack. Despite doing so, he was still hit by the force of the earth. In terms of physical strength, Qing Shui was far too weak in comparison to the Earth Jiao.

Qing Shui showed no hesitation and entered the formation, tossing out a formation flag which was destroyed and replacing it with a new one. His face was pale as he looked at the people who were worried for him.

"Erm, I've overestimated myself... Let's leave this place quickly!" Qing Shui rubbed his nose and said with a bitter smile hanging on his pale face.

The women's hearts were aching, but they were also reproachful toward him. The few of them then stood together, destroying the eye of the formation just as the Nine Continents Steps was activated, disappearing from their spot amidst the Earth Jiao's furious roar.

The Nine Continent Steps was the final trick Qing Shui had up his sleeves. If he were to fight head-on with the Earth Jiao, he basically won't have much chances of winning. Within the Five continents, the Earth Jiao was a top notch existence and was known as the beast of the earth.

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A few days later, Qing Shui and the others could already see Dragon Spine Mountain and was gazing at it from afar. It was a mountain range, its rising peaks and falling troughs resembled the skeleton of a huge dragon. From afar, they could sense a faint pressure similar to an ancient aura, giving off a desolate and impressive feeling.

Dragon Spine Mountain, this was Dragon Spine Mountain!

While they were there, they could occasionally see flying demonic beasts flying in from various directions as well as those that were flying out. There were no interactions between both sides, but those who could come here were all dominating and influential characters.

Qing Shui called out the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and flew toward the Dragon Spine Mountain. This time around, there was still some time before they could enter the Ancient Ruins. Although they only traveled by using the Nine Continents Steps, they still arrived about 20 days earlier.

Qing Shui had long since recovered from his wounds. Not only had he recovered, he was also stronger than before. When they walked up to the Dragon Spine Mountain, they discovered a huge mountain range that was inclining toward the northeast. That was the beginning of this stretch of mountain, which was also the dragon's head.

Currently, there were quite a few people scarcely scattered around. It might be because they had plenty of time that some of them were going around the area on their demonic beasts or looking for some medicinal herbs. There were also some who stayed in their tents and those who stayed outside and talked.

All these people originated from different places. There were many people, at least several tens of thousands of them. Of course, many of them came along as accompaniment and those who could actually enter were much lesser in numbers. It would still depend on how weak the seal turned out to be.

The people who had come were all top influences and the strongest people within the five continents. Many of them had a strong arrogance which rejected everything else. Of course, there were also some people who were wearing warm smiles and would nod and even greet the people they came across.

There were people of varying strengths, yet many of them had the strength of 5,000 stars. Under normal circumstances, it would be hard for one to encounter anyone of such a level, but there were too many of them here. After all, this was where all the strongest cultivators in the five continents who could make it would come. Entering the Ancient Ruins was a very good opportunity and if they were lucky,

they might be able to achieve great progress. Thus, it would be worth it even if they were to risk their lives.

The auras here were all mixed together, but there were some faint auras which were extremely powerful. Qing Shui suddenly felt that Yiye Jiange's aura was in a state of disorder. He was stunned and quickly looked toward her.

What greeted him was Yiye Jiange wearing a complicated expression as she looked into the far distance, feeling pained yet helpless. There was indescribable pain and fury in her gaze, and when Qing Shui saw this, he could guess what was wrong.

"Did you see someone from Lion King's Ridge?" Qing Shui held one of Yiye Jiange's hands as he asked out of concerned.

Qing Shui saw a spread of tents, each of them having the image of an impressive blue-colored male lion. Its azure blue fur was like an armor, its blue colored eyes showing off a gleam that was piercingly cold.

Qing Shui knew that Yiye Jiange must have become so pained and furious after seeing this symbol. He knew how she felt and grabbed her hand tightly while whispering, "It'll be very soon. I'll soon bring you there and have your revenge. As for the people here, if you wish, I'll make sure that all of them will remain here!"

"Qing Shui, I'm worried!"

"Don't worry, aren't I around? You should at least trust in the guy you chose!" Qing Shui smiled and said.

"I'm not worried about myself, I'm worried for you. If something were to happen to you, I won't be able to forgive myself even if I were to die. Do you understand my feelings?" Yiye Jiange held Qing Shui's face, making him look at her.

Chapter 1065 - Live Because of You, Die Because of You, Violet Dragon Mountain

This wasn't the first time that Yiye Jiange told Qing Shui this. This showed how concerned she was and Qing Shui understood that as well. He even thought of how he could never allow anything to happen to himself. Yiye Jiange said that if something were to happen to him, she wouldn't be able to forgive herself even if she die. Actually, he was the one with the problem. He was the one who wouldn't be able to forgive himself if he died.

Therefore, he wouldn't allow himself to fail, there must not be any mishaps. Right now, the Qing Clan had already become stronger and gained reputation but without him, misfortune would still befall on them.

Right now, Qing Shui was very confident on his own abilities but it doesn't that he was invincible in the five continents. It was just like how it was with that beast of the earth, the 地蛟龙 Earth Jiao. That powerful existence wasn't something that he could handle at the moment, and thus, he hoped that he would be able to gain more progress in this Ancient Ruins. The Lion King's Ridge was his last stop in the five continents. If anything were to happen, all of his hard work from before would all go to waste.

“Jiange, trust me. If something were to happen to me, even I won’t be able to forgive myself even if I were to die. Alright, just bear with it for a little longer. As for these people, I’ll let them stay forever in the Ancient Ruins.” Qing Shui looked at Yiye Jiange warmly, his eyes full of love and pity.

“You must remember, only do what are within your abilities. I’ve already waited for so many years and wouldn’t mind waiting for a little longer. You are not by yourself. Many people live because of you and would die because of you. Qing Shui, do you understand?” Yiye Jiange calmed down and said softly.

“Live because of you, die because of you!”

This line cut into Qing Shui’s heart like a sharp blade. It wasn’t painful but more of a feeling as if something was tearing inside. It was an indescribable feeling. One of blissfulness and agitation. It was a tearing feeling that was extremely strong, yet he found it impossible to describe.

“You foolish woman. In the future, you’re not allowed to say something like this. Even if something were to happen, you must live on. There’re still many things you have to do. For example, by then, we should already have kids of our own. You’ll need to bring up our children...”

“Why are you still spouting such rubbish at this time? Alright, I know you have your own thinking. Our Qing Shui is also very strong but you still must think through carefully before you take any action.” Yiye Jiange smiled. The hand that was touching his face now started to pinch it.

The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was already kept, while the others had found an empty spot and stood there. Qing Shui scanned the surroundings, looking for familiar people.

“Mmm! Demon Gate!”

Qing Shui saw the place the Demon Gate was at a distance away. He felt very warm inside. The person who led the team was the Demon Gate’s old man, Mo Hongluo’s father. Mo Zitong was around as well.

Qing Shui looked again. He discovered that there were really other people he knew. Sky City’s label was around but he didn’t see Qin Zongheng and Weng Xue. He didn’t know if they had come.

Qing Shui didn’t see Yu He either. He didn’t know if it was because she hadn’t come or was just hidden amongst the crowd. After he finished scanning around, he drew back his gaze.

As they had to stay here for up to 20 days, they decided to set up their tents outside before meeting other people like the Demon Gate. After all, they were relatives and this was the Northern Sacred Lu Continent.

Although the ladies covered up their faces with face veils, the disposition and expressions they exuded, as well as their wonderful figures still attracted many pairs of eyes. These people were mostly young men who were known as geniuses as well as men who didn’t seem very old.

Qing Shui’s spiritual sense was very sharp and even if some people hid it well, they weren’t able to sneak past him. It didn’t matter if they were just admiring, since there were four to five ladies with graceful dispositions paired with great figures that appeared at the same time, it would definitely be hard not to attract any attention.

Qing Shui observed his surroundings without saying anything. All the people here had set up their own tents and of course, many of them came in big groups. They would group up as people from the same continents or from the same country. This was a sense of belonging which they had.

After setting up their tents, the few of them headed to the Demon Gate. Halfway there, the people from the Demon Gate had also noticed the Qing Clan. The Demon Gate's Old Ancestor didn't find it strange when he saw Qing Shui and the old man just came over happily. A few other old men and Mo Zitong joined him as well.

"Qing Shui, I knew that you would come." The old man said.

His voice wasn't very loud but many people in the surroundings could hear him very clearly. It was as if these words had created an explosion since the name 'Qing Shui' had already spread very wide out amongst those in power.

"Qing Shui? He is Qing Shui?"

"The young man who had eradicated the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan?"

"Even the Central Continent's Buddha Sect wasn't a match for him?"

"This is what a genius is. This is what a demon is..."

In but a short moment, commotion broke out. The people here all had great power and when a clan reached a certain level of power, they would have their scouts in various continents to collect information and news about those major influences. This would prevent them from being in the passive stand and thus the things that Qing Shui had done in a continent would be known once it was spread out.

Even if Qing Shui wasn't in the center of attention back then, the powers which he had eradicated were. Therefore, he quickly became a person who everyone paid great attention to.

"Sir, you guys have come as well. That's great." Qing Shui went up to shake the old man's hand and said happily.

"Brother Qing Shui!" Mo Zitong also said happily.

Qing Shui smiled and greeted Mo Zitong. This future successor of the Demon Gate had already put down a lot of his pride, at least before him. Or it could be said that he was already changing. What had changed him was Qing Shui and the people around him.

Pride was a necessity but not when in an excessive amount. In the World of the Nine Continents, if one wanted to be respected, one must have power. Those without power could only remain as an insignificant ant without any pride at all. It was because no one would want to talk about pride with a weakling.

The few of them found an empty space, laid down a thick rug made of beast's hide and chatted while they sat together...

"Sir, this time around, are majority of the people of that level in the five continents here?" Qing Shui looked around as he took out some wine and passed it to everyone.

“These people are just the tip of the iceberg in the five continents. There are many who don’t reveal themselves and stayed hidden in the dark. Although there are restrictions in the World of the Nine Continents, when there are more people, anything could be possible. There are too many people in this world. Do you understand?” The old man received Qing Shui’s wine and took a sip.

“Great wine, this is really great wine. This is the best wine I’ve ever drank.” The old man couldn’t help but praise.

“I understand. It’s good that you like it. I still have some of these.” Qing Shui lifted up his cup slightly and took a sip as well. He understood what the old man had said. With an immeasurable population, many experts could appear as long as one was strong enough to be able to come into contact with them.

“Sir, do you know a lot about this Ancient Ruins? Are there anything to take note of inside?”

“I’ve only entered the Ancient Ruins once despite living such a long life. I didn’t go too deep inside either. The Ancient Ruins is like a paradise but it’s extremely dangerous. The ancient beasts and ferocious beasts come in huge numbers and the natural disasters are very powerful as well. Even strong cultivators might feel helpless and weak at times. The dangers inside would catch people unaware. It would be relatively safe if one were to not go too deeply inside. Otherwise, you would have to face the threat of large numbers of powerful demonic beasts, as well as the terrifying natural disasters.”

Qing Shui had the few ladies joined him while he asked the Demon Gate’s Old Ancestor. He was worried and wanted them to have a better understanding so that they could be more prepared.

“Who’s Qing Shui?”

Just then, an abrupt voice rang out. It was clear and penetrating. The voice sounded neither young nor old, as it sounded gender neutral as well. It was not a bad voice and it left a very deep impression.

Qing Shui didn’t stand up but just looked into the distance. There were over ten people which were heading in his direction and the person leading them was the one who spoke. He seemed to be middle-aged at most and the violet long robe he was wearing was extremely fitting on him.

He looked very handsome and the violet dragon jade pendant at his waist stood out a lot. On one look, one could tell that it was no ordinary jade pendant. His slightly leisurely gaze gave him an indescribable charm and attraction. By now, he had already walked up to be just a short distance away from Qing Shui, clearly knowing who he was.

There were both old and young people behind him, all of them had a very leisure expression, as if they were extremely outstanding and were looking down on the rest of the world.

“They are people from the Violet Dragon Mountain!” Someone gasped.

“Violet Dragon Mountain? What’s that?” Someone asked.

“Brother, be careful. If they were to hear you, your background won’t be enough for them to even pick their teeth.” The old man from earlier said softly.

“Uncle Gang, quickly tell us what kind of existence this Violet Dragon Mountain is,” The man who seemed to be a lot younger quickly said.

“The Violet Dragon Mountain is known as a reclusive aristocrat clan. They tend not to ask about the things in the outside world and only enjoy freedom, adventure, and treasure hunting. You’ll only have the opportunity to see them in such an occasion. They are even stronger than some of the Guardian Clans.” The old man said slowly and many people had gathered around him. It was clear that many of them didn’t really know the Violet Dragon Mountain.

“Uncle Gang, do you know why these people from the Violet Dragon Mountain are looking for Qing Shui?” Someone asked.

“This, I wouldn’t know. Qing Shui has been making a name for himself of late, having eradicated two Guardian Clans from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. The Violet Dragon Mountain is also from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. I guessed that someone from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent would deal with Qing Shui but I didn’t expected it to be the Violet Dragon Mountain. Of course, it’s still hard to say whether they’ll do anything to Qing Shui.” The old man shook his head and said, indicating that he knew nothing more.

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“You’re looking for me?” Qing Shui took a sip of wine before he slowly stood up and said to the extremely dignified man. His tone was very nonchalant.

This was how Qing Shui always did things. He couldn’t stand this kind of arrogance and superiority, and thus, when he encountered such people, the best solution is to be even more arrogant. This was something that these people couldn’t stand the most.

“You were the one who had wiped out the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan?” The man frowned, his expression quite serious.

Qing Shui saw how the man was acting. If it wasn’t because he had overheard the discussions about the Violet Dragon Mountain, he wouldn’t know who they were. Right now, he still wasn’t clear why this man had came to look for him. Was he related to the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan? Or did he just want to stand up for them.

Chapter 1066 - Meeting Yu He And Wenren Wu-shuang, Another Challenge

“Just say what you want to say. Don’t show such attitude deliberately. Can’t you see I’m busy?” Qing Shui said softly as he focused on the wine in his hand.

His words may have sounded nonchalant to the average person, but to this man, these words had rubbed him the wrong way. He wasn’t the type to be angered easily by Qing Shui. Even if he was angry, he wouldn’t show it in his face. Either way, he had already made his decision: he was determined to make Qing Shui pay the hefty price of looking down on him.

“The Violet Dragon Mountain, the Beiming Clan, and the Wan Clan are on good terms with each other. Also, the third daughter of the Beiming Clan is my wife. Do you get what I’m getting at now?” The man was calm on the surface as he continued to talk to Qing Shui with a passive voice that contained a bit of coldness in its tone.

Those who had known him for years could tell that he was actually infuriated. A lot of people in the Northern Sacred Lu Continent felt pity for Qing Shui, despite him being an extraordinary cultivator who

had annihilated the Beiming Clan and Wan Clan. However, it seemed like this would be the end of the line for Qing Shui, as he would be faced against the formidable Violet Dragon Mountain soon.

There were three forces in the Northern Sacred Lu Continent that travellers from other continents feared because they were the three foremost types of powers within this continent. The first was the Lion King's Ridge that represented the existence of a great sect. The second was the Clan of the Sacred Region that represented the existence of an aristocratic clan. The last was the Violet Dragon Mountain, representing the existence of a reclusive power.

In the Northern Sacred Lu Continent, they were the three strongest forces in existence- the embodiment of the sects, the aristocratic clans, and the reclusive forces. Their influences were immensely powerful, which was why most people felt pity for Qing Shui. No one in the Five Continents had been able to go against a powerful clan like the Violet Dragon Mountain.

"Oh, that means people who are friends with you or have good relationships with you can kill innocents without repercussions. Are you trying to tell me that?" Qing Shui said as he cocked his head upwards to look at the man in violet robes.

"You you..... Having a sharp tongue doesn't mean anything." This man didn't expect Qing Shui to reply with such sharp words in front of the crowd. Even worse, he wasn't able to immediately refute Qing Shui's words.

"They came all the way from the Northern Sacred Lu Continent to the Greencloud Continent, acting like overlords and using their identity as martial cultivators to rule over inns and hurt innocent people. Hundreds or even thousands of them came. Could it be that the Violet Dragon Mountain is going to charge towards me because you support their behavior, associating yourself with such despicable practices? Are you seriously going to stoop that low?" Qing Shui didn't speak with a loud voice, but the crowd around him was able to listen to each of his words clearly and distinctively.

Many among the crowd were people from the other continents. Even though the Northern Sacred Lu Continent was quite populated, the other continents had a combined population that surpassed that of the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. In actuality, most people were uncomfortable with the behavior of the Northern Sacred Lu Continent's overlord. After listening to what Qing Shui had to say, the others began to start discussions of their own, spurring speculation and opinions towards one another.

"The Violet Dragon Mountain is so powerful. How could a righteous clan become friends with such despicable like the Beiming Clan and Wan Clan?"

"That's not surprising. There are a lot of two-faced people in the world. The same thing goes for sects as well."

"This is the Northern Sacred Lu Continent, after all. It's better to walk off with their tails between their legs in other people's territory, otherwise they will be easily killed if they act recklessly."

"Annihilation of clans will only incite bad blood. There's no right or wrong in this place anymore. It's foolish to blindly listen to the words said by someone from other continents, but who is to say that he is right or wrong? Power is everything, after all."

There would always be those who liked to nitpick about everything without the fear of causing themselves trouble in this world. These people would only listen to things, without a clear understanding of the situation. No one would know which side they were on - whether they supported the Northern Sacred Lu Clan or the other continents - based on the way they talked.

“Don’t place yourself on such a high pedestal. You don’t even have proof of those things you’ve said. I only know one fact: you have killed the Beiming Clan and Wan Clan, and that’s enough proof for me. Do you not have the gall to admit to your wrongdoings?” The man in violet robes stared at Qing Shui fiercely as he spoke out firmly.

“I did kill some people, but only those who fell into the category of trashes and hooligans. As for the Beiming Clan and Wan Clan, I have never heard of them. Perhaps you are talking about the two Guardian Clans of the Northern Sacred Lu Continent? Why did they go to the Greencloud Continent in the first place? That’s not the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. Did the Guardian Clans all die in the Greencloud Continent?”

Everyone knew that the Greencloud Continent was the weakest continent of all. Qing Shui was trying to give the man in violet robe a bad name. The Guardian Clans were known to be among the strongest of forces in a continent. If that man admitted that the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan were the Guardian Clans of the Northern Sacred Lu Continent, then he would also admit that the Greencloud Continent was superior to the Northern Sacred Lu Continent.

“Are you implying that the Northern Sacred Lu Continent is no better than the Greencloud Continent?” said the man as he looked at Qing Shui with a wrinkled frown.

“I didn’t say that. Don’t push your blame on someone else. I’m just a minor character who came here to enjoy the thrilling excitement of the atmosphere and to test my luck in other continents. Perhaps you’re trying to pick on us foreigners from other continents as targets to bully?” Qing Shui felt like he had contended with a lot of people using words as his primary weapon.

“Young one, elder sister will back you up. Let’s see if anyone will bully you after that.”

Just as the man in the violet robe was about to speak, a pleasant feminine voice rang out and cut through their conversation.

Before Qing Shui could see who that was, he was already smiling. This voice was all too familiar to his ears. He turned to look at a group coming towards them, and the leader of this group was none other than Yu He.

As he laid his gaze on her, he couldn’t help but reminisce about the first time he had seen her in the Hundred Miles City. That was also the time the Qing family went to Yu He Inn to have a meal. The sensation he had now was similar to the feeling he had when he had first met her.

Yu He had a voluptuous figure, with the right degree of firmness in the right places. Her body was well-developed but not exaggerated. Her legs were long and slender, and her buttocks were round and firm without being too corpulent. Her waist was dainty and slim - a prime example of a woman with a great figure: slender with ample bosoms and buttocks.

Her bosoms were firm and round, without a hint of droopiness of an aged woman. Her neck was slender and delicately white, which was exceptionally sexy and alluring. She has a beautiful face that could entice the soul of any man. Most importantly, Qing Shui was most attracted by her dignified demeanor, her deep black eyes, her dainty nose, and her alluring and perky red lips.

Qing Shui felt at ease after seeing Yu He again, but when he saw the woman behind her, he was stunned. This woman who walked out from behind Yu He was the one who had been the cause of Qing Shui's concern and worry for a long time.

Wenren Wu-shuang!

Seeing her again made him feel as if he had recovered something he had lost for a long period of time. He even felt like he had been reborn again. Qing Shui had felt afraid that he would never be able to find her again. He stood up and walked towards the direction of Yu He and Wenren Wu-shuang.

"You can't leave without settling this matter properly!"

An old man behind the man in violet robe stepped forward and blocked Qing Shui's path.

"I have something to attend to now. I don't have time to waste on you." Qing Shui shook his head, extending the qi of the State as Immovable as Mountains in an instant. An invisible force pushed away the old man immediately, opening a path for Qing Shui to proceed.

"Impudence!"

The old man felt gloomy when he was brushed away by Qing Shui's aura. He extended his hand in mid-air to claw at Qing Shui's shoulder, followed up by a trail of ghastly apparitions as he shouted in a screeching voice.

Qing Shui shifted his body nonchalantly and evaded the old man's palms. He then said: "This will be the first time. I don't want another attempt like this. Even if I don't bully other people, that doesn't mean I will allow others to bully me."

"How arrogant. I will force you to stay." As soon as the old man was done talking, he leapt towards Qing Shui.

Taichi Cloud Hands!

Single Whip!

Clack!

Ka-chak!

It was all too fast. All anyone could hear was a distinct sound, followed by a dull growl. There wasn't even a change in Qing Shui's footstep, too. The combination of the prowess of the Nine Palace Steps and his proficiency in Taichi was able to break the old man's arm with dexterity and ease.

When the others were about to make their moves, the man in the violet robe extended his arm and stopped them from doing so. He then turned his gaze at Qing Shui, who was making his way towards Yu He and Wenren Wu-shuang.

Qing Shui didn't care about the number of people around him and immediately grabbed onto Wenren Wu-shuang's hand tightly. Still, there were people watching them, so he didn't do anything excessive, other than holding her hand. He didn't care about the opinions of others, but he still needed to think about the ladies and restrain his actions.

Wenren Wu-shuang was a bit dumbfounded. When she had initially left the Qing Clan, she had intended to go back to the Hundred Miles City to burn an incense stick for her elder sister. However, she didn't go back to Qing Residence after stopping by for a few days, but went towards the Northern Sacred Lu Continent instead.

She didn't know exactly why she had come to this place, but she had never thought of intentionally leaving Qing Shui's side. Wenren Wu-shuang felt extremely empty in her heart. Even though suicide was the last thing in her mind, she couldn't seem to find joy in living despite having already exacted revenge for her elder sister.

Her elder sister would be watching her from the heavens, and she had decided that she must find happiness on her own accord. If she could do that, her sister would be happy and finally rest in peace.

Watching Qing Shui gripping her hand tightly, she could tell that he was afraid that she would disappear from his life again. He didn't even ask her why she had left in the first place, and he didn't blame her for saying her goodbyes either. She felt warm looking at the man who truly cared for her. This was a subtle kind of familial affection that she was feeling in her heart.

Yu He was filled with envy looking at Qing Shui's worried expression and how much he cared for Wenren Wu-shuang. She kept her composure naturally as she smiled at both Qing Shui and Wenren Wu-shuang.

Suddenly, Qing Shui's other hand grabbed onto Yu He's tightly. She struggled for a bit, but did not shake off his touch. Yu He lowered her head in embarrassment, but felt warmed by his gesture. However, she still felt a bit unnatural due to the mass of gazes from the crowd.

Many people were looking at Qing Shui with admiration and shock. He had already come with a couple of women by his side earlier on, and everyone knew they were women of unrivalled beauty, even though their faces were covered by veils.

Now, he was leading two more women without veils along with him. Wenren Wu-shuang was strikingly beautiful, whereas Yu He had a certain charm about her that could incite the fantasies of many men. She was mature, elegant, and graceful. Moreover, she had the most dignified matureness and modesty of any woman they had ever seen. That was part of her charisma as well.

"Let's go over there. Sister Yu, we've meet again. Wu-shuang, I didn't take good care of you....." Qing Shui was a bit agonized and couldn't finish his words. He looked at Wenren Wu-shuang with a pained expression.

"Qing Shui, it's my fault....."

"It's alright, Wu-shuang. Let's go. They are still waiting for us over there." Qing Shui held her hands and led the two ladies back to the others.

The group of people with the man in violet robe had become background characters in the current situation. Mostly everyone had already forgotten about them, but only remembered them when they saw the group again. The focus of attention was again on the man in violet robe and Qing Shui's group.

"Qing Shui, let's fight. Let's use this fight as a form of communication. What do you think?" The man in the violet robe called out to Qing Shui in the distance.

Everyone was surprised when they heard the man in violet robe speaking out to Qing Shui.

"I've already said this, there will be no next time with the Violet Dragon Mountain. I see now that the message was not well received. I don't know who you are in the Violet Dragon Mountain, but are you able to shoulder the responsibility of the words you have said in front of the mighty martial cultivators here?" Qing Shui said without looking at the man in the violet robe. He paced towards the beast leather carpet as he uttered those words at him.

"Everyone should know each other by now. I don't need to make introductions then." Qing Shui said with a smile.

"Wu-shuang, why did you leave without saying anything? He was close to going crazy because of you. He's been looking for you a bunch of times, and he even came to Hundred Miles City just for you." Di Qing held onto Wenren Wu-shuang as she spoke to her with a light giggle.

Yiye Jiange, on the other hand, held onto Yu He. The members of the Demon Gate only gave Qing Shui a smile as they watched on from afar.

Chapter 1067 - A Promised Fight, Mixture, A Complicated Wenren Wu-shuang

Many onlookers were filled with envy when they saw Qing Shui being surrounded by beautiful women. They wanted to switch position with Qing Shui so badly, even the man in the violet robe was unconvinced about what he had seen. He felt that Qing Shui's status was suddenly boosted after being surrounded by these women, he didn't feel that way before when he first met him. However, with the sudden change of Qing Shui's whole demeanor, the man in the violet robe felt that his opponent was more than capable of retaliating his demands in an instant.

"You don't need to know my status in the Violet Dragon Mountain. I am more than able to represent the Violet Dragon Mountain. I don't know if you're brave enough to accept the duel of life and death against me." The man in the violet robe said in a clear voice.

Qing Shui knew that he could not evade the topic any longer because this man had mentioned before that his wife was the third daughter of the Beiming Clan. From the moment the man in the violet robe decided to stand out in the public, this matter could no longer be settled pleasantly.

"Battle against you? Sure, I will accept. But I'm busy at the moment. Let's make it this way, after we've come out of the Ancient Ruins, we will begin our battle of life and death once and for all. How about it?" Qing Shui said with a grin.

After he listened to what Qing Shui had to say, the man in the violet robe smiled and said: "Good. Then that's settled. After coming out from the Ancient Ruins, we will have a battle until one of us dies."

Qing Shui practically stole what the man in the violet robe had yearned to say. However, this man was the one who had issued the challenge first, so if Qing Shui accepted his challenge, then Qing Shui would be the one to decide the location and time of the battle. This was one of those unwritten rules commonly practiced in the world of martial arts.

The man in the violet robe took away his men and left. His expression wasn't pleasant because he was unsatisfied after he saw the smug look on Qing Shui's face. He felt that Qing Shui had everything under control, as if this challenge didn't bother him at all.

The man preferred for him to be the smug one rather than his opponents having the confidence he desired. This challenge meant everything to him as this was the biggest battle and breakthrough he would be able to achieve. Everything he did had something to do with his position in the Violet Dragon Mountain in the future.

Qing Shui went ahead then greeted the members of the Demon Gate before he took the ladies and Little Fatty toward the tents he had already set up. The surrounding area around the tents had the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation performed on them earlier by Qing Shui himself.

Wenren Wu-shuang's power had been advancing quite swiftly. Despite so, she still couldn't reach a breakthrough to Martial Emperor. She was very close to achieving that, yet she couldn't do it. This was one of the concerns Qing Shui had with her. If only she had the power as strong as Yu He, no one would be able to change her mind that easily.

However, Qing Shui finally found the power she needed. Moreover, in a place like this, gaining a bit of power would ensure her safeguard from those who wished to harm her. In any case, he took Wenren Wu-shuang along with him and left their tents immediately with the Nine Continents Steps.

Besides, they were going to take a short while outside the formation. Even if someone wanted to do anything bad to them, the formation would cause the perpetrator to think twice about their actions. Moreover, the ladies were not weak to begin with. Their knowledge on formations had expanded further and stronger at this point.

The relationship between Qing Shui and Wenren Wu-shuang was quite mysterious. He had already treated her as his woman and she also had never thought of marrying to someone else. They almost copulated once, but even so they only had to take one more step to reach a higher level of their relationship. Her body had been touched by him and he had also kissed her before. However, it was the last key point of their relationship that she pushed him away out of fear.

Qing Shui knew that she had her reasons but decided against asking her about it. If she wanted to tell him, she would do it eventually. If she didn't want to tell her reasons, forcing her would be meaningless. He never had that kind of intention against her. Everyone has secrets, including himself.

For this course of acupuncture, she had to be completely naked in front of him. She was extremely shy to the point she had no place to hide her shame. Qing Shui only took a bit of advantage of her but that was about it. Because of the last incident, he managed to constrain himself from going overboard. He felt that she still need time to open herself to him completely.

After that, everything went smoothly. The medicinal pills and Hallow Pellet allowed Wenren Wu-shuang to fire up her body constitution which had increased her power exponentially. Qing Shui had already prepared weapons and medicinal pills for her as soon as her powers had been upgraded.

Wenren Wu-shuang's training had allowed her powers and cultivation realm to increase in a tremendous amount. Despite so, she didn't think that she would break through to Martial Emperor in just half a day's time. Her powers as a Martial Emperor had also shoot up in an abrupt amount as well.

This was only possible because of this man. She stared at him, who seemed like a stranger to her, yet also someone who had left a deep scar in her heart. She tried to remember everything about him and everything flashed into her mind as if she was reliving the past.

She had given him the permission to pursue her a long time ago. As long as he was able to defeat her in a battle, he could pursue her as he pleased. After that, she promised him that she would give herself five years before she would agree to marry him.

That five years had already passed a long time ago. He never forced her to give him an answer because he said that he would rather wait until she was ready to become his wife willingly. Qing Shui had fulfilled every condition she had asked him. Most importantly, he was able to avenge her elder sister by killing the man who had caused her death.

They were now in a lone mountain, their surrounding was covered in ice and snow. Even though this was a lone mountain, it wasn't filled with a single drop of snow within the 500 hundred meters proximity. Because of that, the lonely mountain seemed lonelier and quieter than before.

She could feel a stream of powerful Qi circulating in her body, a sensation that she had felt before in the Hundred Miles City. She used to be one of the most powerful existences in the Hundred Miles City, right now, the same sensation slowly flowed back to her mind. At that moment, her aura had undergone a slight miraculous change that she hadn't expected of or dreamt about.

"Qing Shui, I'm now a Martial Emperor." Wenren Wu-shuang excitedly squeezed Qing Shui's hand as she said in a happy voice.

"I see. Young miss is indeed unparalleled in this world. You must dominate the other four continents in the future. A small Martial Emperor was an effortless feat for a lady such as you." Qing Shui congratulated her while making a joke. Wenren Wu-shuang was one of the women in the Portraits of Beauty. Breaking through to Martial Emperor was destined to happen sooner or later.

"Qing Shui, are you still going to the other four continents?" Wenren Wu-shuang could tell that he had some other intentions, as she listened to his words carefully.

"Not only am I going, I want everyone to go as well." Qing Shui smiled while he locked his hands with hers.

"Qing Shui, I'm still far from qualified to go now. It seems that the chances of me going to the other continents is getting slimmer." There was an indescribable sincerity in Wenren Wu-shuang's eyes as she looked at him. He couldn't tell what she was thinking either.

"Wu-shuang, promise me. If you ever want to go somewhere, please tell me. I was really worried about you." Qing Shui released his grasp on her hands and embraced her from her waist.

Qing Shui couldn't help but sniffled when a subtle scent of fragrance traveled to his nose: "Smells nice!"

"What smells nice?" Wenren Wu-shuang asked as she held onto his shoulders. However, she quickly lowered her head when she realized what he meant by his remarks. She was too quick to ask him that question.

"My Wushuang smells nice. Let me have a bite!" Qing Shui chuckled closely to her ears.

"How are you going to take that bite?" Wenren Wu-shuang's heart was beating fast. Perhaps it was because she could finally see Qing Shui or perhaps there were other reasons that caused her to ask that in an impulse.

Qing Shui was shocked and felt his blood flushing to his face. He looked at Wenren Wu-shuang, whose cheeks were flushed with rosy red as well. Without hesitation, he leaned closer and said softly: "Let me take a bite here. I've yearned for these."

While he whispered those words in her ears, his hands were already touching her perky bosoms. He had kissed and tasted those bosoms before but that was a long time ago.

"Ah, don't move around..." Wenren Wu-shuang was a virgin after all. Her hands held onto Qing Shui's neck, as she cried out in surprise.

"I won't move around. I'll just move here, I will not touch anything else." Qing Shui bit her earlobes gently, as he whispered into her ears.

Wenren Wu-shuang was too embarrassed to speak, so she firmly held onto Qing Shui in silence. She could feel the warmth of his touch as his hands fondled her breasts, which caused her breathing to accelerate and heart to beat fast. Despite that, her expression became more and more desolated when she thought about herself.

Because of her situation, she felt increasingly grieved the more she thought about it. But she could not tell Qing Shui anything, at least not for the time being.

"Are you done touching yet?" Exclaimed Wenren Wu-shuang as she halted Qing Shui's hands from creeping into her clothes.

"Not yet. It will never be enough. Why don't you let me take a bite or two?" said Qing Shui as he tilted her jaw to get a good look at this woman with rosy cheeks.

"You are a bastard, so don't even think about it. Come on, let's go back. Look, the sun's already going down." said Wenren Wu-shuang as she gave him a deep glare.

Qing Shui only said it without any other intentions because he couldn't forget that fateful day with her. Under that circumstance, he couldn't make her his woman, so he didn't force her back then, even today. He believed that she would personally tell him everything one day.

He used the Nine Continents Steps and returned to everyone. The others could already make out what had happened with one look at Qing Shui and Wenren Wu-shuang. However, Yu He was particularly shocked when she noticed that Wenren Wu-shuang had changed drastically after just a brief moment apart. The change was so drastic that she couldn't accept that it was true.

“Sister Yu, come. I know what you wanted to say but you’ll understand a bit later.” Qing Shui greeted the others before he took Yu He away. He could still use the Nine Continents Steps two more times.

This time, he took her to the same place, but the sky was already dark. There wasn’t much time left and he still needed to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal later on. It wasn’t that long after he had consumed the Hallow Pellet, which was why he was being impatient and in a hurry.

Time was short, but Yu He’s power could still manage to surge dramatically. The benefit of that was extensive because in this place, any power surged would be unlimited.

Currently, Qing Shui wasn’t sure about Yu He’s exact power, but he could tell that she was definitely powerful. He was still quite curious about her Hundred Flowers Secret Techniques due to its immense strength and he was beginning to wonder if she has the rare Hundred Flowers Body. One could say that her cultivation of the Hundred Flowers Secret Techniques had a tremendous advancement pace.

“This medicinal pellet is very powerful. Thank you Qing Shui.” Yu He held tightly onto Qing Shui’s hand happily. Their relationship had reached an unknown stage after their last parting with each other in the Central Continent.

In the past, Qing Shui had allowed Yu He to follow him, but he felt that he was being insincere at that time. Yu He would never want a relationship built from pity, which was why they were able to become friends in the early stage of their lives for nearly 20 years. Yet, they could only be considered as confidants to each other.

“Sister Yu, is your attack based mainly on the usage of spiritual energy?” Qing Shui asked after he pondered for a while.

“My strongest move is a psychic-based attack or you can say that it is related to the physics of things.” Yu He replied. She felt an indescribable emotion in her chest as she watched Qing Shui hold onto her hand tightly.

“Sister Yu, do you still remember those days in the Hundred Miles City?” Qing Shui asked, as he led Yu He by hand and walked around nonchalantly in this barren mountain.

“I will never ever forget about that. Those days were the most precious memories in my mind. I have to think about the times in the Hundred Miles City just so I could sleep every day. I miss those days, but they will never come back.” Yu He looked into the distance while she spoke with a mature yet pleasant voice.

Qing Shui’s heart throbbed and his hands were shaking, which caused him to unconsciously apply a bit more force on his grip. Yu He did mention that she wouldn’t marry anyone else. With her current qualification after all these years, she could find any men if she wanted to. He already had a few women by his side, yet she remained faithful to her determination and waited for him patiently to return her feelings.

Chapter 1068 - The Opening of the Ancient Ruins’ Gate, Entering

“Sister Yu, I feel that God is treating me very well. Back then, I was too narrow-minded and turned down your kindness. I wonder if I still have the right to win Sister Yu’s favor?” Qing Shui stopped and said while holding her hand.

This time, it was Yu He who couldn't help but be moved. Her heart stirred as she squeezed Qing Shui's hand with all her might. "I have never considered anyone else since the moment you held my hand in the Hundred Miles City. Regardless of how you change in the future, for better or worse, you will forever be that person in my heart."

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Qing Shui and Yu He returned to the tents. There were still many people out and about. Of course, most of the women stayed inside the tents since it was a little chaotic outside.

Yiye Jiange and the rest were also inside the huge main tent. The few ladies were all in there too. Qing Shui greeted everyone after he entered. Wenren Wu-shuang also recounted her experience over this period of time.

Wenren Wu-shuang had actually arrived at the Northern Sacred Lu Continent after a daunting experience that fortunately passed without any major mishaps. She had only briefly mentioned about it during the journey, but Qing Shui still feared for her after thinking about her level of cultivation and the area between the two continents. She'd be quite safe traveling in between the Greencloud Continent and the Central Continent. However, it would be too dangerous for her if she was traveling between the Central Continent and the Northern Sacred Lu Continent.

Staying at the Northern Sacred Lu Continent alone was just like going on a sightseeing tour. Although her cultivation wasn't extremely powerful, she was a Peak Martial Saint, which still constituted a strong cultivator. Cultivators of the Martial Emperor level weren't that easily encountered, so nothing of that sort had happened.

Even so, staying out there alone was still lonely. She had always possessed an apathetic personality and very gloomy mood, so she had rejected everyone. For someone with her circumstances, it was inevitable that she would be targeted by people with some sort of ill intentions.

Wenren Wu-shuang had defeated many hoodlums and men who approached her with ill intentions. After all, these people were no match against Wenren Wu-shuang even if they used their entire clan's strength against her. They were all either crippled or beaten to their death for trying to make a move on her. Wenren Wu-shuang didn't really take it too seriously.

Just like that, she journeyed on and took a break every once in awhile for about three months. Because of her peerless beauty, she had been bothered by a young master from a reclusive clan. At first, he was well-behaved around Wenren Wu-shuang, trying to approach her normally. However, Wenren Wu-shuang didn't give him any opportunity at all.

He was the eldest son from the Longtai Clan, the prodigy of his clan. The Longtai Clan of the Heaven Pavilion was a formidable clan. Longtai Xiang was already an Early Martial Emperor in his mere forties. He was the great hope of the clan. Although he wasn't the most powerful person in the younger generation of the clan, he had the biggest chance of taking over the Longtai Clan.

Just like this, Longtai Xiang had followed Wenren Wu-shuang around for about a month. Even so, the relationship between them didn't improve even a little and, not only that, he didn't manage even a word with her either. To the Young Lord of Longtai Clan who had never had any problem with getting

what he had wanted, this was a great challenge. He even felt that the women he had conquered in the past were all nothing but mere mortals.

In the end, there was still a limit to Longtai Xiang's patience after all. For someone of his caliber, it had always been very easy for him to obtain everything he desired. He was the privileged one. With his outstanding talent, there were simply too many people who wanted to win his favor. If he desired anything, all he had to do was to only say what he desired. Sometimes, he didn't even have to say anything at all.

He pursued Wenren Wu-shuang not only for her peerless beauty, but also her steadfast refusal in acknowledging him. This was his passion towards a fresh experience. The more unattainable something was, the more one would desire and cherish it. This was the mentality of most people.

In fewer than two months, Longtai Xiang's patience had worn out. When he wanted to catch Wenren Wu-shuang off guard, she instead caught him red-handed, as she had never let her guard down around him. So without any hesitation, she drew her sword against him.

Although there was quite a difference between the strength of Wenren Wu-shuang and Longtai Xiang, it wasn't to the extent that Longtai Xiang couldn't retaliate. Wenren Wu-shuang's sword dance's footwork was very special and she had managed to stab Longtai Xiang, who was unarmed.

It was also out of Longtai Xiang's expectation that Wenren Wu-shuang would kill him without any hesitation. Even though he had managed to protect the vital parts of his body, he had still suffered some minor injuries. Wenren Wu-shuang, on the other hand, had escaped.

Although Longtai Xiang wasn't tolerant, he wasn't petty either. For someone like him who had always been well respected, he simply couldn't put up with something like this. He could only blame himself for already treating Wenren Wu-shuang as his own. Wenren Wu-shuang raising her hand against him drove him mad. Over this period of time, his patience had long worn out.

She wondered if good things happened to good people, or if God had bestowed a favor upon her. Over these two months, Longtai Xiang hadn't made any other move on her. Just when he finally did make a move on her that day and was about to succeed, she met Yu He...

Although Qing Shui knew that Wenren Wu-shuang was unharmed, he couldn't help but fear for her after pondering for a moment. After all, Wenren Wu-shuang's strength at that time was still too weak. Now, Wenren Wu-shuang's strength had increased tremendously. If she met that Longtai Xiang again now, killing him would just be like crushing an ant. Her strength was no longer on the same level as his.

At that time, Yu He was leaving the Central Continent for the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. She hadn't expected something like this to happen. He raised his head and looked at Yu He, who had a small smile on her face. He was relieved and grateful towards her. If something happened to Wenren Wu-shuang again, Qing Shui was even prepared to die. Hence, Qing Shui had already kept the Longtai Clan in the back of his mind.

"Wu-shuang, let me take care of that Longtai Xiang. He must be courting death for daring to make a move on my woman." Qing Shui huffed angrily, seemingly really furious about it.

"He has been crippled by Sister Yu." Wenren Wu-shuang told him in a soft voice.

“He’s dead?” Qing Shui asked uncertainly.

“No, but he will never be a man again.....” Yu He answered in a soft voice.

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When Qing Shui heard Yu He’s soft voice, he couldn’t help but shiver. His reaction caused Yu He to laugh. “Don’t worry. I’m not going to do anything to you even if you do something.” She whispered to him in his ear.

Yu He’s face quickly turned red as well after she finished her sentence. Her previous statement was very ambiguous. It made Qing Shui’s heart race. It was very obvious that she was telling Qing Shui that he was allowed to do anything he wanted to her...

Perhaps this was also a kind of confession towards Qing Shui. Qing Shui whispered something back into her ear that made Yu He even more embarrassed, before excusing himself from everyone and returning to his own tent.

He entered the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. Although the tent made good cover, Qing Shui didn’t want to get intimate with his women here, since there were many people around and many experts hidden among them.

The Realm of Violet Jade Immortal!

Qing Shui took a look at the Bodhi Tree that he had transplanted. The Realm of Violet Jade Immortal’s greatness was indescribable. The Bodhi Tree was not only unaffected, it thrived in here. It was a pity that it was still too small for Qing Shui to cultivate his spirit energy under its leaves. However, meditating within three meters of the Bodhi Tree would allow spirit energy to increase. The effects were quite decent too.

Many of Qing Shui’s techniques had reached a bottleneck. It was unfortunate that they weren’t able to breakthrough. He wasn’t particularly panicked about it though. Nothing good would come from panic. Sometimes it would be better to just focus on cultivating until the right moment came. Then success would follow naturally and everything would be as easily solved as bamboo splitting under a sharp knife’s blade.

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Half a month passed in just a flash. The seal on the Ancient Ruins would be weakened in less than three days. More and more people were gathered and the number seemed to still be rising. The scene here was spectacular. The human crowds and formidable demonic beasts stretched as far as the eyes could see

During this period of time, Qing Shui also saw the people from the Lion King’s Ridge coming. There were actually only 30 people. The Lion King’s Ridge was a beast taming sect, so even the 30 people here made a powerful force. After all, every single person among the 30 was an extremely powerful cultivator. Each was equivalent to five demonic beasts put together; that was how powerful they were.

The Lion King’s Ridge had drooled over the beast taming secret technique of the Yiye Clan back then. This didn’t imply that the beast taming technique of the Lion King’s Ridge was inferior to that of the Yiye

Clan. Perhaps each had its own specialty. They were probably just drooling over it in hopes of perfecting their own way of beast taming. Besides, the young lord from the main clan of the Lion King's Ridge had some intentions towards Yiye Jiange. In the end, the Yiye Clan's head had destroyed the secret book of their beast taming technique rather than letting it fall into the hands of the Lion King's Ridge.

Even after attaining his current strength, Qing Shui couldn't sense the other party's exact strength. It wasn't that his spiritual sense wasn't powerful enough. Perhaps it was the other party's cultivation technique, or some items they carried that could conceal themselves others' spiritual sense detection.

Qing Shui memorized these people in his brain. When they entered the Ancient Ruins, he was going to make them stay there forever, as a gift to Yiye Jiange to set her mind at ease.

During this period of time, Qing Shui had been explaining how formations coordinated to the few ladies, as well as how to set up formations and the Nine Palace Steps. They tried their best to raise their strength as much as possible. The dangers lurking in the Ancient Ruins were too many. They not only would have to defend themselves from demonic beasts and natural storms, but also from the ill intentions of some people around them.

Yiye Jiange and Luan Luan now owned a Seven-Headed Crystal Beast and a Six-Headed Winfire Wolf. Even if Qing Shui wasn't together with them in the Ancient Ruins, he wasn't too worried. The united strength of the few ladies shouldn't be underestimated.

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The Dragon Spine Mountain was located at the dragon's head, which was right in front of the mountain summit. An Energy Gate of about 100 meters tall and wide appeared there. It looked just like the Sacred Land of Panacea's entrance, except that it was a lot more vast here and it would only open at a specific time.

The Ancient Ruins' opening wasn't like the Sacred Land of Panacea. Although the seal of the Energy Gate here in the Ancient Ruins was weakened, it wouldn't disappear. Hence, whether one could enter was dependent on his own strength.

When the Energy Gate appeared, an uproar broke out.

"The gate to the Ancient Ruins has appeared!"

"I wonder how many people can enter?"

"Hopefully Martial Saint grade cultivators can enter."

"For a mere Martial Saint to want to enter, keep dreaming!"

"Someone should try and see if it's possible to go in."

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Qing Shui and the few ladies didn't go anywhere near it. It could be said that the Gate of the Ancient Ruins wasn't too small. It was 100 meters in height and width, 10,000 square meters in area. However, no one made any attempts to enter right now.

Qing Shui could sense that the energy on the Grand Energy Gate was gradually decreasing. Its faint oppressive aura and repelling force were spreading out. Although the surroundings were growing chaotic, most people were staring at that Energy Circle.

Just then, three elderly men soared into the sky. The moment they soared, another few dozen silhouettes flew and charged rapidly towards the Energy Gate without any particular order.

Within a flash, a few dozens people all entered. Subsequently, more people got up and made their way into the Energy Gate. Everything was chaotic down there. Every time they got up, there were up to a hundred people flying towards the Ancient Ruins.

Bam!

A couple of people were repelled out and were confused. Qing Shui tried to sense the people who went in over this period of time. After one of the Peak Martial Saint cultivators entered the gate, he signaled for the few ladies and Little Fatty to be ready.

The person who had been repelled earlier was a Grade Five Martial Saint cultivator.....

Qing Shui signaled the few ladies with his eyes and waited for them to nod before soaring into the sky. The rest of them followed behind him as they flew towards the Ancient Ruins' Energy Gate.

Chapter 1069 - Ancient Ruins, the Place Not Influenced by the Laws of Heaven and Earth

The closer Qing Shui, the girls, and Little Fatty were to the Grand Energy Gate, the more they were able to feel the repulsive force emitted from it. Nevertheless, this kind of repulsive force didn't really prove much of a challenge to them.

The instant they entered the gate, the pressure felt as though it was squeezing them on both sides. Qing Shui was constantly observing the surroundings with his Spiritual Sense. At the instant he entered the gate, Little Fatty also appeared beside him, alongside with the girls. He waited until only this moment to swiftly analyze the surroundings. There were already a lot of silhouettes in the distance. They were all advancing even further ahead.

This was a vast and boundless land. The air was fresh but, at the same time, mixed with vivid smell of smoke. The mountains and forests in the distance had no bounds. To his surprise, the Laws of Heaven and Earth didn't apply in this place.

Back when he was at Sacred Land of Panacea, that place also wasn't restricted by laws from heaven and earth. Now, a similar thing happened at the Ancient Ruin. He wasn't sure if this was a good or bad thing.

Under the effect of Arhat Rosary Beads, his spiritual energy was capable of neglecting the Laws of Heaven and Earth. Hence, this situation would most likely be unfavorable to him. However, he managed to get quite a significant boost to his physical strength. It was just that his strongest attack was based on his spiritual energy.

Right now, Qing Shui had a bad omen. He expected that there would definitely be people who had set their sights on him. Without the Laws of Heaven and Earth, there would most likely be a few people who were capable of beating him. For example, the elder of the Wen Clan who had returned to live his life in retirement. If he appeared here, there would be a huge gap in strength between him and Qing Shui.

Qing Shui put his hand on his chest. He felt more at ease with the Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm in the Central Palace. Then, he turned around and looked towards Yiye Jiange. Her Seven-Headed Crystal Beast should prove to be a really formidable weapon.

When they arrived at a quiet place, Qing Shui made Yiye Jiange summon the Seven-headed Crystal Beast. In just a short while, an earth-shattering aura was emitted into the surroundings. It was comparable to the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent from the Sacred Land of Panacea.

Even Yiye Jiange herself was shocked by it. Except for Yu He, none of the girls had strength which exceeded five thousand stars. As a result, they had yet to experience the Laws of Heavens and Earth.

Though they didn't feel the strength that had been capped by the Laws of Heaven and Earth However, the terrifying aura of the Seven-headed Crystal Beast which had appeared out of nowhere left them dumbstruck instead.

Even, Qing Shui, as joyful as he was, was a bit stunned. If it had been him running into a Seven-headed Crystal Beast, the only thing he could do was run away.

"Jiange, remember to not spread out too far. When you guys run into danger, coordinate with the formation and do your best. You guys can only rely on yourselves here." Qing Shui said this for a reason.

Not long after, when he would leave the five continents, this place's fate would be up to them. Qing Shui had helped the Qing Clan establish their position by teaching them formations and the Nine Palace Steps. As long as they mastered these skills, they should not have issues protecting themselves. The girls were actually really strong and more importantly, they were improving at a really fast rate.

"I know, don't worry. You too, please be careful. We all hope that you will be fine. As long as that's the case, we can deal with whatever happens in the meantime." Yiye Jiange said in concern. She remembered that Qing Shui had mentioned that he wanted to take action against the Lion King's Ridge.

"There's a one month time limit for the Ancient Ruins. Remember to come out by then. I will leave this little fella to you guys. As long as I'm not too far away, I will be able to sense where you guys are." Qing Shui said, leaving the Ten Thousand Poisonous Violet Sable behind.

Yiye Jiange originally intended on saying something, but eventually, she decided to keep it to herself. Qing Shui went towards her and embraced her.

"I also want one!"

Luan Luan immediately hugged Qing Shui as soon as she finished speaking.

"Little brat, there is a formidable Demonic Beast here. Now that you have the foundation and capabilities, you can try taming the Demonic Beast yourself. Just do only what you can." Qing Shui happily embraced Luan Luan.

He was able to feel the changes in his daughter. It somewhat had to do with her biological parents. Having her biological parents with her made her felt less lonely. Furthermore, the relationship between Yiye Jiange and Qing Shui had finally been firmly established. Both Luan Luan and Qing Shui were as if they had gone back to their previous father daughter relationship.

“Daddy, I know, you are the best daddy!” Luan Luan put her hands around Qing Shui’s neck like a koala and said in a shy voice.

Next, Qing Shui went on to hug the others including Yu Ruyan. He hugged Little Fattie last, “Fattie, please make sure you stick with them and help me look after them.”

“Big Brother Qing Shui, don’t worry. So long as I’m alive, I won’t let any one of them be in danger.” His voice could be heard clearly and loudly.

Qing Shui left behind a few Heavenly Talismans and Gale Pellets. As long as the Heavenly Talismans already had Qing Shui’s drawings on it, they would be able to utilize it. Hence, he gave each of them quite a few. Simultaneously, he also reminded them to be careful while using the talismans, especially to be wary about being attacked from the blindside when they used the talismans.

Qing Shui had made them test a few of the Heavenly Talismans that weakened their opponents before. However, either the speed at which they had casted the talisman wasn’t fast enough, or they had not accurate enough in terms of tossing it. With that being the case, it was a bit tough for them to defeat their opponents. If they were to accidentally injure one of their allies, things would just take an even worse turn. Qing Shui only gave them a few Heart Toxin and Descending Heavens Talisman. They were both considered for only life-saving use. These two talismans were said to have a hundred percent accuracy. Moreover, he had also made them practice using talismans during this period of time. After all, it was considered one of the formidable killer moves.

The Ancient Ruins would be open for a month. During this time, people could come in and out of it as they pleased. But if they were still in thereafter a month, they would be stuck and would have to wait for the next time it opened to come out. It was unlike the Sacred Land of Panacea, that had a fixed time when it reopened. The Ancient Ruins opening was more like a volcano erupting. It could become an extinct volcano where it would only open once and become unlikely to erupt again. Many Ancient Ruins would only open once.

Qing Shui waved his hand at the girls and Fattie. At the moment when he was about to leave, the people from Demon Gate approached him. There were around twenty of them. As Qing Shui saw them, he thought to himself that the people from Buddha Sect and other sects should also already be here. It’s just that he wasn’t able to see them yet. It might have been because they weren’t able to make it in time.

“Old man!”

Qing Shui approached the old man from the Demon Gate with a smile.

Only at this moment did Qing Shui have a clear view of how strong the old man from Demon Gate was. Without the restriction of the Laws of Heaven and Earth, the majority of the people were able to instantaneously become a lot more powerful. This made Qing Shui aware that although there may not be many people who could kill him in the outside world, the same thing could not be said within the Ancient Ruins.

After all, one with an actual strength of three hundred thousand stars could at most bring out thirty five thousand stars worth of their strength. With the addition of some treasures, their strength would be at

most around forty to sixty thousand stars. Hence, here, it was if they were horses that just had their reins cut loose. This made Qing Shui feel a bit nervous.

This was what he thought. Nevertheless, Qing Shui was aware that people that had reached this kind of level in their cultivation would normally have their own cards up their sleeves. For example, something that could help neglect Laws of Heaven and Earth. Since they had already made up their mind to stay behind on the Five Continents, it would be a wiser choice for them to look for a treasure that could help neglect the laws rather than cultivate more at a reduced effect.

In fact, Qing Shui had only seen one person with three hundred thousand stars of strength so far. There were far more people with strength from ten to a hundred thousand stars.

The old man from Demon Gate, on the other hand, was a lot stronger than Qing Shui here. Nevertheless, it didn't necessarily mean that Qing Shui would lose in a fight.

"Qing Shui, you have to be careful when you're here. It's different from the outside world." The old man from Demon Gate knew that Qing Shui understood what he meant, so he only gave him a reminder.

"I know, old man, you too should stay alert. If the chance arises, I hope you can help me look after them for a while." Qing Shui said with a smile.

"I knew that you would eventually part with them, but with the Seven-Headed Crystal Beast here, no one will dare provoke them." The old man looked at the mighty Seven-Headed Crystal Beast with admiration.

Qing Shui smiled and stopped saying anything. Previously, he had greeted the old man not just out of politeness. This old man had a wealth of experience and in any case greeting him would still be a wise choice in improving the old man's opinion of him.

After bidding his farewell to the group, Qing Shui summoned the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and flew far away into the distance. The weather within a hundred li was sunny and warm like the Spring. This made Qing Shui feel that the Ancient Ruin should be located somewhere in the continent. By constantly flying forward, where would he possibly end up?

The sky outside the initial hundred li was gloomy and covered up with dark clouds. Soon, a faint spiritual pressure arose. Qing Shui's strength wasn't actually weakened by it, nonetheless the spiritual pressure was still really strong.

Luckily, Qing Shui was able to ignore the spiritual pressure. The spiritual pressure didn't necessarily weaken one's ability right away. Instead, it influenced the abilities itself. It might not directly weaken one's strength, but it would make people that could feel the spiritual pressure think that there were disruptions in their strength, so that they might not even be able to draw out ten percent of their original strength. They wouldn't be able to do anything, despite having their strength within them.

Qing Shui remembered his Roc's Might. This was also a technique to cultivate spiritual pressure. It was just that it was only at the small success stage. Hence, it wouldn't be helpful when used against people stronger than himself.

There were mountains, water, ancient caves, temples and altars in the Ancient Ruins.

However, the last few were a bit rare. If one was to encounter any one of them, they would definitely earn a fortune. Of course, there was also possibilities of the areas being run down and emptied, as there was more than one entrance which led to the Ancient Ruins. It's possible that the ancient temple that one discovered had been looted by previous visitors. With that being the case, things would turn out to be disappointing.

Nine Continents Step!

Qing Shui headed deeper within the Ancient Ruins by using his Nine Continents Step. He wanted to catch up with the people in front of him. The best things in the Ancient Ruins were likely to be deep inside the ruin itself, as no one could be sure if it was the first time the Ancient Ruins opened. Adding on that there was a time limit, people would usually choose to not go too far into the ruin.

Qing Shui didn't advance forward immediately after using his Nine Continents Steps. He had traveled 400,000 li in distance. This place wasn't as gloomy as the previous area. Instead, the spiritual pressure that could be felt was even stronger. Qing Shui was able to neglect the spiritual pressure and not become influenced by it. Nevertheless, he was still able to feel its existence.

He had very good vision, but unfortunately, with so many mountains and forests in the distance, Qing Shui was unable to determine if there was any ancient temple or altar with a single glance. Qing Shui decided to explore the surrounding area a bit, at the same time he would catch up to others and see where they were.

As Qing Shui began his search, he ended up having a headache. As if looking for small temples, altars and caves in a vast and boundless land would be such an easy task!

Spiritual Sense?

Qing Shui had hoped for there to be either formidable spiritual fluctuations or strong Demonic Beasts to protect the treasures. This way, it would at least be relatively easier for him to search for them. Suddenly, an intense spiritual pressure appeared. There was a really dangerous feeling.

Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui avoided it with his reflexes.

Bang!

The only thing that appeared in Qing Shui's sight was lightning a few meters wide striking right in front of the spot where he had been standing on.

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"Crap! What have I done....." Qing Shui lifted up his head and looked into the sky. He couldn't help but start cursing. The sky might have been covered up with black clouds, but the lightning still struck without any warning. Furthermore, it had struck right at the spot where he had been standing at.

Nature was indeed dreadful!

Bang bang!

Yet another two rumbling noises resounded, except that this time, the noise came from a distant mountain. Considering that the mountain was a distance away from here, Qing Shui was only able to see a bit of it. He had long since summoned the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and began to fly towards the enormous mountain far away.

Bang bang...

Chapter 1070 -Thunder Mountain, Violet Lightning, Thunderous Beast's Evolution, Formidable

Bang bang!

Immense thunder resounded endlessly. The smallest lightning strike had the thickness of a tank and was also violet in color.

Qing Shui, who had just hurried here, discovered the giant Thunder Mountain. Violet Lightning endlessly struck the mountain, the rocks on the surface were blackened by the strikes.

Thunderstone...

Qing Shui observed the Thunderstones that shone brightly in the darkness. How much time had pass before the lightning could refine the stones into its current form? If the Thunderstones here were used to forge weapons, it would result in a formidable product with special effects. These effects could include collision, attack debuff, etc.

However, no one had been able to retrieve the Thunderstones that were unparalleled in hardness. Qing Shui stood at a distance as he observed the roaring Violet Lightning strikes that scattered all over the place. To see something that valuable but could not be retrieved made him felt depressed.

There were many uses for Thunderstones but unfortunately, it was impossible to retrieve. Not only could he not get it, he also felt horrified by its destructive power. There were not many who could withstand that kind of strike.

Just when he was about to leave, the Thunderous Beast's spiritual sense was transmitted over from within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal as it wanted to come out. This made Qing Shui curious, but he quickly thought of why.

Qing Shui released the Thunderous Beast and asked what it wanted to do by communicating with it telepathically. The answer he received made him shocked. The Thunderous Beast replied that it wanted to absorb some Violet Lightning. This way it could cultivate and increase its own strength.

Qing Shui had a headache as he thought about this. The Thunderous Beast's name had the word 'thunder' and its attacks were 'Thunderbolt', 'Violet Lightning Strike', etc., its resistance to lightning was undoubtedly strong. However, the lightning here was unlike any other. Even Qing Shui, who possessed the Arhat Rosary Beads and Area Dominance, did not dare to attempt to receive the power of the thunder and lightning strikes.

Qing Shui inquired several times. Soon afterward, he had a better understanding of the Thunderous Beast.

The Thunderous Beast had originally been 300 stars in strength. With the Violet Thunder Protection, its strength was close to 2000 stars. With that kind of strength, if one came into direct contact with the thunder and lightning, they would be annihilated. However, this was a Thunderous Beast.

With unease in his heart, Qing Shui watched as the Thunderous Beast flew towards the Thunder Mountain. Not even 200 meters flight in, a Violet Lightning strike, with the width of a tank, struck the Thunderous Beast's body.

The loud bang and screams of pain which Qing Shui expected never occurred. The giant Violet Lightning strike seemed to have been absorbed by the Thunderous Beast's body. Soon afterward, the Thunderous Beast fired a Thunderbolt.

The Thunderous Beast continued to fire. Its body emitted a luminous violet glow under the effects of the Violet Lightning. Within the heaven and earth, coupled with the giant thunder and lightning that spread everywhere, the Thunderous Beast was like a sprite that traveled in between.

Violet Lightning would strike the Thunderous Beast continuously, some would disappear but some would let off a crackling sound. The Thunderous Beast did not head to the center of the Thunder Mountain, instead, it headed near the perimeter of the lightning field.

Qing Shui was in tremendous shock as he watched the Thunderous Beast traveled back and forth in the Violet Lightning. The dark space did not swallow the Thunder Beast. Its body seemed to have grown a bit, as its strength also grew. Its violet body seemed to have gained a violet aura.

The Violet Lightning field was rare around this area. Even if an explanation as to why the Violet Lightning field appeared was asked, it could not be answered. Most people would come to observe the marvel and lament a little. At most, some would drool at the Thunderstones, as they felt the pity of being unable to retrieve them.

Even beasts that were of the Thunder type would not be able to withstand the Violet Lightning strike. The result would be annihilation. The Thunderous Beast grew up in the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, it was the Emperor amongst the Thunder-type beasts. In this situation, even if it did not have complete immunity to thunder and lightning, the thunder and lightning attack received would not be greater than 10%.

This was a perfect opportunity for Violet Lightning Tempering. To the Thunderous Beast, Violet Lightning was a like top quality wine. Each Thunderous Beast had one chance to use Violet Lightning Tempering, thus a typical Thunderous Beast would search for a Violet Lightning when it became mature enough. That was because a Thunderous Beast would truly become a real Thunderous Beast after Violet Lightning Tempering.

If a normal Thunderous Beast encountered one Violet Lightning occurrence within a couple hundred or thousand years, it was considered fortunate. However, the Thunderous Beast had inherited memory. Inherited memory would lead them to locations with Violet Lightning for cultivation when they were mature enough.

To encounter a Violet Lightning here was the Thunderous Beast's fortune. Locations that had a Violet Lightning before did not have it periodically. Once every several ten or hundred years was the norm. So,

for such a large amount of Violet Lightning to occur here was extremely invigorating. Qing Shui knew about this information only after he communicated telepathically with the Thunderous Beast.

Qing Shui could feel the Thunderous Beast's change and he was full of anticipation. The utility of the Thunder Beast after it powered up was a defiance to the natural order. It could, without a doubt, challenge existence that were many times greater than itself.

Two hours have passed!

Qing Shui was ecstatic because Violet Lightning Tempering was better the longer it was. A typical Thunderous Beast would be able to temper itself for seven and a half minutes, maybe even a bit longer. In a normal situation, being able to absorb one Violet Lightning strike was already enough. Not that they were not able to absorb more but there were not that many Violet Lightning strikes to absorb.

So, the Thunderous Beast's maximum absorption of Violet Lightning was an uncertainty. Not only it absorbed the Violet Lightning, it also used the Violet Lightning to temper and cultivate itself. However, there were not many Thunderous Beasts that could use the Violet Lightning to temper to this degree.

Qing Shui was aware that he had made a huge profit but he was not certain to what extent was the Thunderous Beast's growth.

The first day at Ancient Ruins started off with a success. One Nine Continents Steps landed Qing Shui nearby the Thunder Mountain.

Bang!

The Thunderous Beast roared into the air, the sound was like an explosion of mines. Its body was laminated with a Violet Lightning aura as if it was a surreal illusion. A strong pressure was emitted from its body as a silhouette blinked out of the Violet Lightning. Instantly, it had arrived at Qing Shui's side. It gave off a vigorous and active feeling.

Without communicating telepathically, Qing Shui could feel that the Thunderous Beast's current strength changed from its original 300 stars to 800 stars.

After almost four hours had passed, the Thunderous Beasts growth was terrifying. It would seem that the Violet Lightning was like a miracle pill for the Thunderous Beast. Its original strength had risen by almost three folds.

Qing Shui could not resist using Heavenly Vision Technique to see.

Violet Thunder Protection: The Thunderous Beast's unique ability that activates automatically to septuple its strength with zero energy consumption. When the Thunderous Beast is under physical attack, it has a chance to paralyze the enemy. At the same time, it can reduce the enemy's attack by 20%.

Qing Shui was stunned. The ability was just like the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant's Dragon Elephant Force. Even its original strength was similar to that of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. It would seem that the current Violet Lightning Tempering was a similar to how the Diamond Gigantic Elephant had awakened its Dragon Bloodline to evolve into a Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

It had not even been six hours since he entered the Ancient Ruins and Qing Shui had already profited substantially. If he had gotten anything else in his remaining time here, the trip to the Ancient Ruins was already worth it.

Thunderbolt: A thunder attack emitted from the beast's core, with a 1500-meter attack range. The attack causes a slight Paralysis effect as well as Deceleration and Reaction Delay debuffs. These effects are stackable.

The distance had been increased by almost a fold. However, the attack only had slight paralysis, deceleration and reaction delay effects. Although Qing Shui felt that these effects should have been strengthened by a little, it probably would not be too much, given how these effects were stackable.

Violet Lightning Strike: Harnesses the core's power and releases a powerful lightning strike to disable the opponent, resulting in a three-fold strength attack. It has a one hundred percent chance to paralyze the enemy, with the length of the paralysis depending on the opponent's abilities. This skill can be used twice every twenty-four hours.

Violet Lightning Strike's attack was raised by a multiplier of three, not additional of three folds. Furthermore, the skill can be used twice every 24 hours. This made Qing Shui curious whether it was able to use Violet Lightning Strike once every 12 hours or if it was able to use it twice sporadically within a 24-hour window. It could even be two consecutive uses.

This was a crucial point that Qing Shui decided to experiment with. Overall, he was happy or considerably happy. Adding the effects of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, it would be more powerful. Qing Shui already had the answer but he was not certain.

Lightning Recovery: The Thunderous Beast grew up in the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, harnessing an extremely powerful self-recovery ability. Using Lightning Recovery, the Thunderous Beast can immediately heal 70% of the injuries on its body. Its natural restoration speed will also increase by tenfold for an hour. After two uses, the cooldown time will be two hours.

There was no change to this ability and Qing Shui was not surprised as Lightning Recovery was already strong. It becoming any stronger could not be justified. However, he was ecstatic since the Thunderous Beast had several new skills.

Violet Lightning Armor: Battle Armor formed from condensed Violet Lightning. Can withstand 30% of physical and spiritual attacks!

Qing Shui was speechless. The Thunderous Beast belong to the crowd control class, so it needed to prioritize its survivability. Today, a formidable battle skill had appeared. Violet Lightning Armor was super defiant to the natural order. In addition to Violet Thunder Protection's 20% reduction, the result was a total of 50% reduction in damage.

With the current formidability of the Thunderous Beast, it would already have a huge impact due to its ability to control. If something was dragged by the Thunderous Beast, the result would be death.

Violet Thunder Chain Lightning: Launch a formidable Violet Lightning chain to attack an area. A successful attack has a chance of paralyzing the opponent!

Qing Shui wants to laugh. Violet Lightning Strike was strong but it was mainly used to paralyze the opponent. The damage was caused by its own strength. The Thunderous Beast could use it even without the Violet Lightning Tempering since it was an innate ability. However, Violet Thunder Chain Lightning was different. This ability was a result of the Violet Lightning Tempering. It was either an absorbed, awakened or evolved ability.

This Violet Thunder Chain Lightning could not be as terrifying as the Violet Lightning that occurs in nature. The space of the Thunder Mountain's in mid-air was covered in darkness and the center was the Violet Lightning. The Thunder Mountain was made up of a special rock. Otherwise, it would not be able to withstand the Violet Lightning strikes, nor would it be able to produce Thunderstones as a result of the strikes.

Qing Shui looked at the last ability while being perfectly content.

Thunder Flash: Passive ability, permanently increase speed by five-folds.

After Qing Shui recovered from his shock, he looked at the cheerful Thunderous Beast right in front of him. When it had gotten the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus, its size was about one meter. Now, it had grown to about the same size of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. The pure purple made it look especially noble.

The Thunderous Beast's current speed was by far faster than both the Fire Bird and the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. Qing Shui finally realized he had been cycling his mounts, from the Fire Bird to the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and now to the Thunderous Beast.