

## Ancient ST 1461

### Chapter 1461 - Battle Technique, Terrifying Strength, They are here

There were many places in the continent that followed these customs. This item was something a mother would pass on to the daughter who would pass the item to the man she married in the future. However, this woman clearly didn't bother to explain the latter part.

Qing Shui stared at the necklace. This was something anhydrogenous, able to be worn by both males and females. Staring at her, he could see gentleness and a large amount of happiness in her gaze.

"What are you looking at? If you don't want it, I will just take it back." That woman placed her hand on the necklace and acted as though she was about to take it away as she spoke.

"No can do. Today, even if I leave my life behind, I have to have this necklace. Come help me. I can't wear this on my own, so help me put this on." Qing Shui stretched his neck outwards, lowering his head slightly as he laughed.

Although the woman wasn't as tall as Qing Shui, she could be considered pretty tall too. She was just a head shorter than him and helped Qing Shui wear the necklace.

Her movements were very slow yet very stable. Qing Shui could still sense that she felt a little ill at ease about this. It was her heart beat: sometimes it would be a beat quicker than normal.

Her fair hands slid across his neck, occasionally coming into contact. The initial movements of her cupping her hands around his neck and her fingers accidentally brushing his ears felt extremely warm-hearted. He would also lower his head to stare at her as she did that.

Tantai Lingyan calmly looked at him back in the air and continued helping him put on the necklace.

"Is it nice on me?" Qing Shui smiled.

"Not nice at all, it looks ugly." Tantai Lingyan impolitely spoke.

Qing Shui liked her precisely for her character. This was the change. Today, the things they did were something they never dared to imagine in the past. It had all become reality now. There would surely be returns if one put in the effort.

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In the royal palace, not only were Qing Shui and the others present, but also experts from the Great Sun and Great Yuan Dynasties had also arrived.

The Great Yuan Dynasty was also one of the three great dynasties of Soaring Dragon Continent. The Great Yuan Dynasty sent five people, all supreme experts that stood at the absolute peak.

Because the battle this time would result in either life or death, no mistakes could be tolerated. If they failed, the three dynasties would shift owners...

Among the experts from Great Sun Dynasty, the old man Qing Shui met before was here. However he wasn't the leader; an even more ancient-looking old man led their group. Other than sending four old

men, there was also a middle-aged man among the five experts from the Great Sun Dynasty. His aura felt incredible, even somewhat illusory and immeasurable.

After that, all of them sat down as they began their discussion.

“They challenged us to be at the public square when the sun is high in the sky.” Old Man Lu glanced at the surroundings as he spoke.

Old Man Li was exceedingly calm, like this was just a small matter. However, the atmosphere in the great hall was suddenly charged with tension.

“Senior Lu, do you have any good ideas?” At this moment, an old man from the Great Sun Dynasty asked.

“We will definitely have a battle, as there’s no way for us to retreat. We can only strive for victory or...everyone of you here knows what the consequences of losing would be.” Old Man Lu spoke heavily, to the point that everyone felt a stifling pressure press down upon them.

The consequences of defeat are that the royal clans of the dynasties will all be snuffed out. The pressure of this was naturally extraordinary.

“Senior Lu, tell us what should we do, and we will all listen to your arrangement.” Another old man directly spoke.

“Well I won’t be polite then. Our opponents sent five experts; each of the dynasty shall select one target to delay them. There are three more remaining. The Devil Lord will delay one, while Qing Shui, Yan Zhongyue and the other experts from Great Yan Dynasty will delay the other. Qing Shui has some special methods that can raise my strength. So, the plan of victory is simple: the longer you delay, the more time I can have to defeat the target I choose, opening up the path of victory for all of us.” Old Man Lu directly spoke.

The others were all silent for a while.

“Senior Lu, I want to know what is the chance of success for this idea?” An old man who had always been silent, suddenly asked.

“Old Zhao’s question is what I just wanted to explain. If everyone can delay them longer, our chances of victory will reach 50%.” Old Man Lu slowly spoke with a solemn manner.

50%. This was a big number to talk about. But even so, they still had a high chance of failure. Everyone had to put in effort and try their very best.

A moment later, another old man stood up, “This rate of success can be considered pretty high. Initially, I had believed there was only a 20% chance of success. I hope everyone will give their all and accomplish our objectives.”

“Yeah, it’s already at this point of time. We have to do this for ourselves and for our families. We can only use our lives to stake it all on the line, gambling for the chance of victory.” An old man from the Great Yuan Dynasty stood up and spoke.

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“Okay everyone must be confident. I can take the responsibility and tell everyone of you that the hope of us succeeding is pretty high.” Old Man Lu had a slight smile on his face.

The words he spoke caused the hearts of everyone else to burn with the fire of excitement. They knew this old man had many techniques and wasn't a braggart. His words naturally could be trusted. Since he said 50%, the truth was probably that they did really have a 50% chance of success.

“Also, please work together with each other and do your best to delay the time. It's the best if we can delay for the first 15 minutes. Once we do that, victory is not far off from us.”

“There shouldn't be any problem. We are all experienced in battle, so there's no problem for us to cooperate as after all, we've hung out for over a thousand years together.” An old man laughed.

From the start, Qing Shui didn't say anything. He only nodded when they mentioned him, but none of the old men dared to underestimate him. He was a man that could sit together with the Demon Lord. How can such a person be ordinary?

Old Man Lu didn't tell the rest about Qing Shui's true powers. He only told them Qing Shui inherited the inheritance of the Golden Battle God. Just this info was sufficient to cause all of them to be incomparably shocked. The Golden Battle God was absolutely one of the top three battle gods in the rankings.

After that, some of the old men went back to their rooms to rest.

“Qing Shui, are you nervous? This time the weakest among the five experts sent is undoubtedly the old monster from the Soaring Dragon Organization. His strength is only about 200 million sun while there are some with around 300 million sun, and two more with strength nearing 400 million sun. It's going to be a tough fight.” Old Man Lu bitterly smiled.

Could it be that even the heavens want the Great Yan Dynasty to vanish?

“Old man, don't be too worried. There might be opportunities to reverse the situation.” Qing Shui smiled. The old man was equipped with the equipment of the Dragon Sabre Battle God, and his strength was able to reach 250 million sun. Even if it wasn't sufficient, he wouldn't lack anything.

Their opponent had strength roughly reaching 400 million. There was no fear, as there was always a chance to reverse the situation, but it would be very difficult.

Qing Shui was having a headache now. After all, it was very tough for warriors of the same grade to determine victory and defeat swiftly in a battle. The three great dynasties couldn't afford to delay. If some accidents happened, the consequences would be too terrible even to imagine.

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On the second day, a group of people headed towards the public square of the Great Yan Dynasty. Qing Shui didn't really understand the battle format over here. Maybe it was all for fame, might and prestige.

The Great Yan Public Square was the largest public square in the capital, only reserved for royalty. It would usually not be opened to the public unless there was some unique circumstances. Today, however, it was flooded with people.

There are no walls that can block wind out and very swiftly, many of people knew that the Soaring Dragon Organization was going to come over to destroy the royal clans of the three great dynasties. To many people, this was a good thing. If the royal clans collapsed, there was a chance to become the new emperor. As for annihilating the city, nobody would do such a sickening thing. More accurately, they wouldn't be able to do so even if they wanted to. They were usually several top-class experts hidden in seclusion within the great dynasties. If they were angered, nobody would know who would be the truly unlucky party.

"Have you all heard the news? There's some people from the Soaring Dragon Organization coming to obliterate the three great dynasties. I heard that these people are all extremely powerful.

"I heard there are five experts being sent. Not only that, they even brag that they would be able to stand against the experts from the three great dynasties as long as the number doesn't exceed a hundred."

"In that case, these five experts are truly too powerful."

"Yeah they are. The strength of the old ancestor of the Great Yan Dynasty is almost 50% weaker than that of the other party. One must know that, among the old ancestors, the Lu Clan's ancestor is the most powerful of them all."

"We are over here. If the three dynasties lose this battle, would we be finished?"

"No idea..."

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There was still a while before the sun was high in the sky. There would be no judge in this battle, as it was a life-and-death one. There were no rules, so one could do anything and use any method he wanted.

Gradually, the sun rose up. The old ancestor, Qing Shui, the Demon Lord and the experts from the three great dynasties all soared into the air. Qing Shui directly took out some Heavenly Talismans and pasted them on the bodies of everyone.

When they saw Qing Shui's methods, all their eyes started to gleam with light.

Phoenix battle intent!

It could cause people in the surroundings to have their strength raised by 10%.

Qing Shui activated the Tiger Wing Halo, causing the combat strength of Old Man Lu to further increase by 25%.

The eyes of Old Man Lu flashed with divine light, "Qing Shui, you truly give me too many surprises. This time, I have enough confidence to fight with them now."

The eyes of the others who were affected by the influence of the Tiger Wing Halo also gleamed. The effects were too terrifying.

"Everyone remember my words, do your best and try everything you can to delay them. The longer you delay, the greater the chances of victory." Old Man Lu emphasized.

And at this moment, five figures appeared from afar. They soared through the air, moving a great distance with every step, appearing at a region about 300 metres away from Qing Shui and the rest after a short instant.

The figures were five old men, all ancient-looking with flowing snow-white hair and beards. Qing Shui had no idea which was the old monster from the Soaring Dragon Organization, but he could deduce it from sensing their strengths.

The one furthest right had a strength slightly weaker than the old man with the Dragon Sabre Battle God equipment. Also, with all the augmentation effects reaching roughly 50%, the old man's strength had already reached roughly about 370 million sun.

This was also Qing Shui's greatest ability. So what if their opponent had strength at 400 million sun? He could cause their strength to be nerfed, and at the very least, he could weaken them by 80 million worth of sun, so that the strength of Old Man Lu wouldn't be too far apart in comparison.

This was a battle they could fight, and the chances of winning could still be considered pretty high.

### **Chapter 1462 - One Wrong Step, Insta-killing One, Reversing the Situation**

Qing Shui's entire body was tensed up. Not only him, the other experts were also like this. But most likely, combat wouldn't start like that without any conversation.

Yan Zhongyue's eyes were filled with complexity as he stared at the old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization. Back then, it was this man who had saved his life. But right from the start, the old ancestor's motive was never pure. There was basically no gratitude to speak of, and now, the old ancestor even wanted to plunder himself.

"Old thing, you finally revealed your fox tail. The matter of plundering would surely incur heaven's wrath. If you wished to depend on plundering to steal the heavens, are you not afraid of the tribulation that would follow?" Old Man Lu spoke to the old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization.

"Twenty years and you didn't even noticed it. Have you finally noticed it now? I saved him so he owes me his life. There's nothing wrong with what I did. In fact, it was he who has forgot my kindness, actually repaying my gratitude with enmity." The old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization stared at Yan Zhongyue as he spoke.

"If you saved him for the sake of plundering, no one would be willing to be 'saved' at all. Old thing, your words truly disgust me. You being the representative of the force of justice is nothing but a shame." Old Man Lu spoke impolitely.

"Haha how could I be afraid if you want to curse at me? A while later, I will make you understand that no amount of cursing would be able to lift our hatred. The old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization spoke in disapproval.

"If you have the capabilities just fight one on one with us. What honor do you have by seeking the help of outsiders?" Old Man Lu angrily spoke.

"You want to fight one on one? Come on then. Do you really dare?" At this moment, another old man stepped out with a laugh.

This old man was one whose strength was approaching 300 million sun.

Old Man Lu's current strength has already surpassed him. It was just that the augmentation to his strength wasn't evident on the surface.

Old Man Lu stared at that skinny old man for a long time without saying anything.

"What? You don't even dare to fight one on one? Then what qualifications do you have then?" The old man laughed in disdain.

"Fine you are right. I shall fight you one on one today. I shall only go fight with that old thing after killing you." Old Man Lu acted like he was agitated. Even Qing Shui who was beside him could feel the tension in the air.

The older one was, the more cunning one would get. Qing Shui could be considered seeing these old foxes before now. Right now, things were off to a very good beginning.

Old Man Lu and that skinny old man was in the centre of the battlefield. This wasn't a group battle but everyone was position nicely, ready to act the instant the other side showed any intent on interfering.

"Let's get started, I'm going to make my move now." Old Man Lu spoke as he brandished the dragon sabre in his hand.

Dragon Form Steps!

Old Man Lu moved out with an unique rhythm, exuding a powerful sabre qi from his dragon sabre as he dashed towards the skinny old man.

With no augmentation, Old Man Lu's strength should be roughly around 250 millions sun but his opponent has around 290 million sun, almost reaching 300 million. A difference of 40 million sun was quite a huge different and, usually, the weaker party wouldn't be able to last for more than three blows before getting injured.

Right now, the strength of Old Man Lu has reached roughly around 370 million sun, already surpassing many of the enemies.

Peng! Peng!

After some exchange of blows, Old Man Lu was actually forced back.

"Such puny strength, and you want to obstruct us? I will show you the distance between our strength today."

Explosive Rain Pearflower Spear!

The spear in the old man's hand shone with a dazzling light. It was akin to a vigorous pearflower tree, yet also resembled a coiling ancient dragon.

Sure Kill Heavenly Technique!

Old Man Lu suddenly soared up as a brilliant screen of light appeared above the dragon, generating an explosion of a vast and powerful aura.

Sabre Dragon Anger Slash!

At this moment, Qing Shui silently activated Emperor's Qi.

Peng!

A thunderous sound echoed, the five elements dispersed into chaos but the entire world had fallen silent.

Insta-kill!

This was an absolute insta-kill technique. When an opponent was using a sure-kill technique, the effect was instantaneous. Old Man Lu's strength was higher, but his opponent was under the misconception that he himself was stronger. Hence, Old Man Lu could only pretend to dodge when his opponent was using his sure-kill technique.

Silence was everywhere, and everyone was still in a daze. That old man used the entirety of his close to 300 million sun strength to activate the sure-kill technique, sparing nothing to use back for defence. And in the moment that he activated it, he was killed by Old Man Lu.

Qing Shui heaved a sigh of relief, one finally died.

That old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization was insignificant. He could be taken out anytime they wanted him to die.

"To think that you actually concealed your strength. Since you are so sinister, don't blame us for not being polite." The old man in the lead of the enemies were incomparably enraged.

Upon speaking, the remaining four rushed the Old Man Lu instantly. It seems like they wanted to finish Old Man Lu straight away.

Heavenly Talisman!

Emperor's Qi!

Nine Palace Steps: Universe Reversal!

Qing Shui directly changed the position of one 400 million sun old man. Poisoned needles then erupted forth from his hand, filling the sky with their shadows.

The Demon Lord and Hua Rumei and Lu Xin all directly joined forces and ganged up on the old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization. After all the augmentation, their strength could be comparable to Tantai Lingyan.

Old Man Lu naturally aimed for one of the stronger enemies. Qing Shui swap one out, and another of the enemy with 300 million sun strength only had 200 million + after the weakening effect. That person was then engaged by the people from the other two dynasties.

Although Qing Shui's poison needles didn't hit anyone, it managed to scatter the group. He was afraid that he himself might be insta-killed, and if that really happened, no tears would come out even if he wanted to cry.

The battle wasn't as tough as they had imagined. Luckily, with Battle God Halo, Old Man Lu could stand evenly against his opponent and even seemed to be at a slight advantage.

For people with over 300 million sun worth of strength, the Heavenly Talisman would have no more effect. Hence, Old Man Lu only had strength in the excess of roughly 50 million sun in comparison.

But at this moment, another powerful old man rushed over, the others failed to obstruct him.

"Watch out for the poison!"

Qing Shui shouted loudly, the ten-thousand coldsteel bead shot out as he executed Meteor Rush. Given his strength now, the power of his hidden weapons were naturally terrifying beyond comparison.

They had to continue delaying for a few moments more before they could achieve victory!

The people from the three great dynasties ceaselessly sacrificed themselves. They knew they had no choice but to persist on.

Old Man Lu actually still couldn't instantly defeat his opponent despite having a strength in the excess of 50 million sun.

This was the difference in the cultivation realms. Also, the sure-kill technique earlier had injured Old Man Lu slightly, causing Qing Shui to panic and release the Dragon Slaying Beast over. In that case if some accident happened to Old Man Lu, the ending wouldn't change.

Their opponents also saw the crucial point. This was why they did their very best to kill those who obstructed them, starting from the weakest. As long as they could rush out from the entrapment and joined forces with any of their companions, they would be able to win.

Right now they actually felt depressed, as they were too careless. If they hadn't gone ahead with the nonsense of one versus one, they would have at least 30% more chance at victory. However, right now they still had no idea what method Qing Shui and Old Man Lu used to defeat one of their members.

Anger burned in their eyes. Qing Shui had to delay one old man and still care for others. Right now, even the experts from the other two dynasties were fully aware of Qing Shui's abilities.

All of a sudden, Qing Shui shot out a Talisman towards the old man fighting with Old Man Lu, because that old man was activating his sure-kill technique.

"Poison Heart Talisman!"

The Heavenly Thunder Talisman wasn't suitable to use against such experts.

And in that moment, that old man paused as he started to struggle painfully. Pain, guilt, regret and hatred flashed on his face as his emotions went into chaos.

KILL!

Old Man Lu was already an extremely decisive man, let alone the fact that countless experts from the three dynasties were still sacrificing themselves.

Now that the two strongest old men had died, only three remained. The old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization gave them no pressure at all.

Old Man Lu rushed towards an enemy with only 200+ million sun strength.

“Qing Shui, persist for roughly about two breaths worth of time longer. I will settle him first.” Old Man Lu already arrived before his target as the sound of his voice faded.

That old man that was being targeted had terror on his face. He was actually injured from the combined efforts of the three dynasties. But even if he had been unharmed, he wouldn't be able to stand against Old Man Lu as well. Old Man Lu now brandished his dragon sabre and rushed him, leaving behind a series of after-images.

Dragon Sabre Three Anger Slash!

This was a heavenly sure-kill technique from Old Man Lu.

The enormous dragon sabre slashed out two intersecting lines while splitting them right from the middle. These three streams of sabre three were like coiling dragons, soaring towards his target.

Sealing Spiritual Sense!

He can only choose to evade, running away with speed faster than this attack. Either he last until the power of the attack was exhausted, or he find someone to take the attack that was meant for him.

In any case, the attack was too fast. The old man basically had no way to run from it. The draconic attacks devoured their target. There was no need to doubt Old Man Lu's strength as he was the successor of the Dragon Sabre Battle God.

Peng!

At this moment, Qing Shui was also blasted out. However, the paragon golden armor of Qing Shui automatically blocked the damage for him. Demon Lord and Hua Rumei wanted to help but was obstructed by the old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization. Moreover, the Demon Lord's arm had been injured in the conflict. If it hadn't been for her equipment, one of her jade-like arm would have already been broken beyond restoration.

Old Man Lu, as well as experts from the two other great dynasties, hurried over and began to fight against the old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization.

“How are you?” Qing Shui rushed to the side of Tantai Lingyan, propping up her injured arm.

“I'm fine. Are you okay?” Tantai Lingyan lightly spoke.

“Are you worried about me?”

“What...? No!”

“Saying things that differ from what you truly feel in your heart is a sign of a naughty child.” Qing Shui smiled and took out the strengthened golden sore ointment and applied it on her. An instant later, her wound was recovering at a speed visible to the naked eye.

This medical powder of Qing Shui was a very mystical thing.

Tantai Lingyan was speechless, she didn't say anything. She discovered that she would always be angry when interacting with this man but there was also a feeling that no matter what, her anger lacked fire and she wanted to laugh instead...

These words were all spoken during the time he applied the medicine. After applying the medicine, Qing Shui returned to combat. It wasn't time for him to start flirting now.

"Qing Shui, don't kill him straightaway. I want to ask him some questions." Tantai Lingyan called out.

"Okay, I will remember it." Qing Shui turned his head and smiled before returning to combat. It was still possible for them to take down the old ancestor from Soaring Dragon Organization with him, the Dragon Slaying Beast, as well as the other experts joining forces.

### **Chapter 1463 - Victory, Five Tigers Immortal Sect, The Fearsomeness of the Haohan Continent**

The combat was still ongoing. Now, however, there was no longer any pressure. Qing Shui had no idea who those old monsters who had opposed them were or where they had come from. However, their strength couldn't be doubted.

"Old man, in the past, other than those from the Soaring Dragon Organization, was it these people who attacked the Demon Lord Palace?" Qing Shui asked while he fought.

"Do you think I will tell you? Don't even dream about knowing the truth. Although we fumbled this attempt, don't dream that you will have an easy time in the future." The old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization hatefully spoke.

"You are already about to die, so why are you still afraid to tell us? Could it be you also feel that they won't be strong enough to be our opponents? You don't want them to take revenge for you?" Qing Shui slowly forced his way forward. The addition of him and the Dragon Slaying Beast to the battle had already allowed their allies to slowly gain control.

"Haha, that's funny. Do you really think that you guys are already invincible in the Soaring Dragon Continent? The power we displayed is not even 1% of our full strength. In fact, how many major powers have you seen before here in the Haohan Continent? In reality, those major powers can't even be bothered with you guys." The old ancestor mocked with disdain.

He was extremely reluctant to accept this ending. This had actually been such a huge mistake. He had imagined the possibilities of him dying while plundering, but he didn't expect he wouldn't even have the chance to plunder.

Qing Shui actually had some inkling on what's going on when he heard the words of the Soaring Dragon Organization old ancestor. Now that he heard this, he couldn't help but admit how narrow his suspicions were back then.

This world was simply too vast. Those things on the surface were not even 1%. For one person, even if he explored endlessly, his encounters would surely be limited. There were many powers hidden in the shadows.

“Since you are not afraid, why are you still not telling us?” Qing Shui and his allies continued their attacks unceasingly. Qing Shui dished out several methods, directly causing the old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization to be flustered as he attempted his best to defend.

“Old man, don’t kill him. We need to know their background.” Qing Shui stared at Old Man Lu, who was steadily inching towards victory against his opponent as he spoke.

One versus one, although it needed some time, it’s clear that Old Man Lu’s strength was at an advantage. Qing Shui used the Nine Palace Laws to obstruct his opponent, as well as the Seal of Xuantian. He was so fast that the old man couldn’t even match his speed.

“Tell us, who exactly are you guys? I’m puzzled as to why you all are so much stronger than the Soaring Dragon Organization, yet still choose to use it as a front.” Old Man Lu asked.

Although quite a few experts from the three great dynasties had died, everything was worth it for the sake of victory. This time, the Soaring Dragon Organization would finally disappear, and the strength of the dynasties would rise. It would be new golden age for the Great Yan Dynasty.

“Accident. It was truly an accident. However, although it’s an accident, I don’t even have time for regrets. Don’t question me any further; you guys won’t get the information you want.” The old man spoke in a tone of resolution.

“You don’t wish to talk? Fine, I can investigate myself. However, if my investigations bear any results, I will ensure none of the people in your organization will remain alive.” Old Man Lu coldly snorted. Since this old man didn’t dare to say anything, it must mean that the power backing them was so strong that it was inconceivable. They probably wouldn’t be able to resist those people’s strength.

“Why must you force us? I can only tell you that after the five of us die, there are no longer any threats to you all.” The old man sighed.

“Who is the power behind the Soaring Dragon Organization? Back then, who were the ones who allied with the Soaring Dragon Organization and mounted an attack on the Demon Lord Palace?” Old Man Lu spoke as he fought, intensifying the injuries of his opponent.

“It’s useless even if I tell you. Back then...everything happened because of a bad encounter.”

“Bad encounter? What do you mean? What relationship does the Five Tigers Immortal Sect has with you?” The old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization was already subdued as Qing Shui rushed over.

“You even know about this?” The old man exclaimed with astonishment, but he soon understood when he saw the dispirited and listless old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization.

“Forget it...” The old man sighed.

“We are people from the Five Tigers Immortal Sect, but merely a branch of it sent to the Soaring Dragon Continent. Back then, the young master of the Five Tigers Immortal Sect chanced upon the Demon Lord, causing the seeds of love to bloom in his heart. He wanted her for her beauty, so he told us what to do... which led to...” The old man was a little embarrassed after he spoke. The Five Tigers Immortal Sect was supposed to be a righteous sect in the Haohan Continent, yet their young master was a lawless and

horny fellow. He squandered his time on beauties and acted like a beast, only wanting them for their bodies.

“Oh, so this is the reason why there were so many casualties in the Demon Lord Palace.” Qing Shui spoke. After that, he turned to Tantai Lingyan. She was as cold as ever, but her entire body was shuddering. Nobody knew whether it was from anger or because she learned of the reason why this had all happened and that she finally had an identity for that mysterious power.

That old man mumbled. “We knew that we would die for sure today, but I urge you all to stop your revenge. Just let our deaths set your hearts at ease.”

“The Five Tigers Immortal Sect won’t avenge you?” Qing Shui asked curiously.

“Although we are from the Five Tigers Immortal Sect, we actually left it a very long time ago. That incident had already happened for so long... The Five Tigers Immortal Sect is a major power in the Haohan Continent. For powerful sects and clans in the Haohan Continent, they view our Soaring Dragon Continent the same way we view the Western Oxhe Continent.”

Qing Shui didn’t say anything. He knew the old man would continue speaking.

“When we were in the Five Tigers Immortal Sect, our strength wasn’t that strong. The Five Tigers Immortal Sect basically didn’t regard any other powers from the other continents as part of their strength. In fact, they probably didn’t know the events that happened here as, after all, the Haohan Continent is simply too big and those people from the inner regions would usually never leave the Haohan Continent.” The old man spoke. The combat had already stopped. With their current forces, Qing Shui and his allies weren’t afraid that this old man would suddenly mount a sneak attack.

The Haohan Continent was the most mysterious and largest continent among the nine continents. There were countless powerful sects, aristocrat clans and grand dynasties. Comparing the Soaring Dragon and Haohan Continents was like comparing a rural village to the capital city of a nation.

Without coming to the Haohan Continent, one truly wouldn’t have any idea how small, poor and weak the other continents are.

Qing Shui would keep in mind the Five Tigers Immortal Sect, and naturally, so would Tantai Lingyan. But as to what she thought of it in her heart, nobody had any idea. Based on Qing Shui’s understanding of her, Tantai Lingyan most likely wouldn’t spare the Five Tigers Immortal Sect.

“Is the Five Tigers Immortal Sect very strong?” Qing Shui asked the last question he had.

“It’s a sect that has two Divine Warriors. You tell me whether they are strong or not. These existences are a tier above False Gods. Naturally this is just a legend and we can’t be sure either. There are divine existences only in the Haohan Continent. This continent is the most powerful and most mysterious of all the continents in the world.” The old man slowly spoke.

“Thank you for the information. However, we can’t spare your life. Look out, I’m going to attack.” Qing Shui spoke.

The old man nodded and held his weapon tightly.

Qing Shui and his Dragon Slaying Beast joined forces, injuring their opponent. After sometime, that old man died, but he didn't suffer much before his death.

Counting the old ancestor from the Soaring Dragon Organization, there were five tigers of the Soaring Dragon Continent. However, nobody knew their names.

They won; it was a victory! They all were able to survive. The experts from all three dynasties were all incredibly excited. It felt like they had just passed a calamity. This was something they didn't dare to imagine before. To think that they would achieve victory with such a small sacrifice.

The majority of them are people who had lived a long life and were now in the twilight of their years. Their eyes all filled with tears of joy and surprises.

Very swiftly, the news of the Soaring Dragon Organization's defeat soon circulated around. The old ancestor of the Soaring Dragon Organization died, and the victory caused the people living in the three dynasties all to heave a sigh of relief.

One must know that there would have surely been a bloodbath if the three dynasties had changed masters. This was especially true for those major powers who were loyal to the dynasties. They only had two choices. One was victory. The second choice was that they could flee. However, the chances of them being able to escape was very low and hence, they chose to fight and share in the same fate of either life or death.

Yan Zhongyue also heaved a sigh of relief. This time around, it could be considered that he had finally escaped the clutches of the Soaring Dragon Organization. Since the old ancestor was already dead, there would be no more cases of plundering.

Naturally, the news of the plundering would never be circulated out. After all, Yan Zhongyue himself was a treasure. For many ancient monsters whose lifespans were reaching their end, they would still be willing to try it.

Hence, it would be for the best if the number of people who knew this secret was limited. Now, there was only three who knew. These three were the closest kin of Yan Zhongyue and would never harm him.

After they went back that day, a grand banquet was held by those of the three dynasties. Qing Shui initially didn't intend to participate but he couldn't refuse the earnest invitations. In the end, he went together with Tantai Lingyan.

This banquet lasted for an entire day. However, Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan left early. Tantai Lingyan was injured, hence nobody said anything. Even if she wasn't injured, no one would feel that it was strange if she left early. In fact, many all felt that the reason she left early was surely because of Qing Shui.

So was it because of Qing Shui? Nobody knew. Even Qing Shui himself couldn't be sure.

After returning to the Devil Lord Palace of the Great Yan Dynasty, Qing Shui sent her to her room.

"How's your arm?" Qing Shui directly held on to her wrist after he spoke, slowly rolling up her sleeves.

Tantai Lingyan stared at this somewhat tyrannical man, not knowing how she felt. She didn't reject his advances, merely staring at him as he studied her injuries. This battle went so smoothly all because of Qing Shui. Being able to know about the Five Tigers Immortal Sect was also because of Qing Shui.

Ever since she had met him, Tantai Lingyan discovered that her life was undergoing a gigantic transformation. There were many things in her life that were being pushed forward, some by at least 20 years.

She was staring at this man who was seriously studying her injuries. She herself didn't discover that her expression had grown more and more gentle. Only now did she realize how close the two of them were. It wasn't the close feeling of distance, but rather that of emotional closeness.

"Qing Shui, thank you!" Tantai Lingyan spoke in a light voice.

"What's the matter? No matter what, we can be considered very good friends now. If you say thanks, wouldn't that be undermining our relationship?" Qing Shui inclined his head and stared at Tantai Lingyan. It seemed that he saw something from her expression but then again, it also seemed like the something he saw was nothing more than his own imagination.

#### **Chapter 1464 - How time flies! Qing Zun and Qing Yin's coming of age ceremony**

Qing Shui's words were really warm. While looking at him, Tantai Lingyan once again revealed a faint smile on her face. It's as if her beauty wasn't something from this world. Her beauty was a kind of stunning beauty, the beauty which words couldn't describe, it felt just like when a cactus which rarely blossomed with flowers bloomed for once.

Facing her smile, Qing Shui couldn't help but froze in shock. His eyes looked as if he has been intoxicated by something and at the same time, they also seemed really fired-up. Despite this, he didn't really do anything about it. He only continued to hold her wrist with his hand. The longer he held it, the smoother he felt her hand was.

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Tantai Lingyan extended her hand and knocked his head lightly.

Qing Shui revealed an awkward smile. In any case, it was a bit impolite of him to keep staring at a woman like this. In any case, for now, they have yet to share any relationships with each other. Even if they have had close interactions backthen, they were still yet to be in any official relationships as of now. Hence, they could only be considered as close friends.

While rubbing the part of his head knocked by her, he lowered down his head only to see the necklace which she gave him. He felt a sense of warmth in his heart. Similarly, Tantai Lingyan also saw the necklace he gave to the man on his neck. She didn't know how she felt about it. It was her first time giving something to a man. Furthermore, it's something which she loved alot and had a special meaning for her. It was considered to be a remnant which her mother left for her.

"Seems everything seems fine with my injury, don't you think that it's time you let go of my hands?" Tantai Lingyan slightly raised her arm which Qing Shui was holding.

Qing Shui reluctantly let go of her hands. He never hoped to get together with this woman within a short amount of time. No, it's not that he never hoped for it, it's that he was well aware that it wouldn't be easy to do so. Despite this, he has had the most advantages out of every man she came across. Furthermore, he has already made a huge progress with the amount of efforts he has been putting in for so long. This kind of progress was something which he would never dare to think about in the past.

"Lingyan, what's your next plan? The incident regarding Immortal Five Tiger Sect?" Qing Shui took up the teapot and prepared her a cup of tea.

Tantai Lingyan was a bit speechless about it. There was only a teacup and a teapot here. Furthermore, they were the ones she used very regularly.

"The Immortal Five Tiger Sect is located within Haohan Continent. It is also very powerful. They have mentioned before that there are Divine Daos within the sect. If we are to head there now, we will just be like tiny ants with no power to them. There is no hope for us to win. I am already really satisfied being able to destroy Soaring Dragon Organization, at least for now. Once my family members saw it when they were in heaven, they would finally be able to find peace!" Tantai Lingyan said it really slowly. She also sounded more relaxed when she was saying it.

"It's good that you can think about it this way. Once we're stronger in the future, it will still be possible for us to head off to Immortal Five Tiger Sect. There is also a possibility for us to tap into Divine Dao. By then, we will certainly not be any weaker than them." Qing Shui might be comforting her, but the things which he said were all true.

"We will just go with the flow. For now, we can finally relax for a while. The next thing we should do is to let Demon Lord Palace initiate its attack and get its vengeance from the people who took part in the event at that time." Tantai Lingyan felt complicated when she was saying this. It's normal, after all, she has been holding it in herself for so long.

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For the following two months, the Demon Lord Palace made their move to get their vengeance back from the people who were involved in the event back then. Other than the people who escaped, they didn't let go of even a single person who played a main part in it. However, they also didn't go that far as to totally annihilate them. After all, the majority of them were just motley crowds. They wouldn't really have the ability to cause any ruckus. With the current strength Demon Lord Palace possessed, they also wouldn't fear it even if they really did plan to cause chaos.

After all of these were done, Tantai Lingyan made up her mind to head back to cultivate in secret. Because of this, Qing Shui got a bit upset. Where should he head off to next? Could it be that he would have to follow her back to Demon Lord Palace?

He would certainly go back there eventually. It's just that before that, there were still things he needed to do.

It's to let his mother meet the woman from Lu Clan. What happened has happened, it's best to let them talk about it among themselves.

Qing Shui didn't plan to move houses anymore. He has decided to settle down in Dancing Phoenix Continent to develop his strength. Once he became powerful, he would be able to do anything freely everywhere. It would be easy for him to survive.

How time flew! Without noticing, a special day has befallen upon Qing Clan.

Today, Qing Zun and Qing Yin were going to celebrate their coming of age ceremony.

Without noticing, they were already sixteen year old. The fourth generation of Qing Clan was slowly beginning to represent their clan. For example, Luan Luan and Yu Chang, the both of them were already really grown up. Unlike his previous incarnation, where given their age, they should have been considered to be really old, across the World of the Nine Continents, they still looked really, really young.

The World of the Nine Continents was a very strange world. Despite the fact that the people here having really long lives, they still matured very quickly. A sixteen year old in this world was already comparable to that of a twenty-two year old from his previous incarnation. This might have to do with the fact that this world was a world where martial art ruled. Since young, they have already possessed great determination, which was what led to them becoming mature so soon. Regardless of whether they were children from aristocratic clans, whether they were children from a rich or a poor background, they still matured faster than those from his previous incarnation. The other factor which might contribute to this was due to the fact that often, most of them would fight for the status in their clan.

Tantai Lingyan has been in seclusion for a long time. There wasn't any news from Yiye Jiange either. Di Chen, Tantai Xuan, Yu Ruyan, the Eldest Princess and Qing Sha were settling down really smoothly in Western Oxhe Continent. Their strength was improving at an unusually fast pace. In fact, they have already conquered the entire Western Oxhe Continent. Of course, this was only how it seemed from the surface. No one knew if there were any forces in hiding which might be even stronger than them. Since they have already decided to hide themselves, they would surely try to act more humbly and try not to provoke any enemies. They wouldn't bother about the things happening across the world.

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Qing Zun and Qing Yin were considered to have only started their life journey. However, there weren't many people in Qing Clan, added on that many of them have yet to form their own families, Qing Clan was still yet to be considered a large clan. Qing Zi's eldest son, Qing Changfeng has already celebrated his coming of age ceremony since a long time ago.

Qing Luo and Yan Zhongqiu, Qing Yi, Lu Xing, Yan Qingchang as well as Yan Qingting were also there. Today was quite a lively day for Qing Clan. People from other aristocratic clans and also Dancing Phoenix Organization also came for the ceremony.

At 16, both Qing Zun and Qing Yin already looked really matured for their age. They got their outstanding genes from both of their parents. Qing Zun had a tall and sturdy figure. He also looked quite handsome. As for Qing Yin, she looked a bit similar to Canghai Mingyue. Now, she could already be considered as one of the finest looking women.

Qing Yin embraced Qing Shui's arm and was feeling unusually happy. Canghai Mingyue stood on one side, while Qing Zun stood on the other. Qing Yu and Qing Yan were also already quite big, but their

personality hadn't changed much. Qing Shui has been enjoying himself this entire time accompanying them to cultivate.

Qing Ming was only a year younger. Despite so, he was almost as tall as Qing Zun in terms of height. In fact, he was already really close to reaching Qing Shui's height. He has a tall and thin figure. His handsome face made him look a bit bewitching. Those attractive eyes of his made people think that he was a very mature person. He didn't talk much, yet he was particularly good at flirting with girls.

He was accused by Mingyue Gelou for this. Actually, he hadn't really done anything to the girls. It was mainly the girls that kept on clinging onto him. But until now, Qing Shui was already able to tell that ordinary women would have no hope in letting this brat stay loyal.

Hence, Qing Shui didn't try to stop him. He only told him that as a man, he must be responsible for the things he did. If he really didn't feel like staying together with the girl, he mustn't toy around with the girl's feelings.

Qing Ming really admired his father. Until now, he still listened to the things which Qing Shui said. The many things which Qing Shui has done, Qing Ming and the others had all found out about it. Now, each and everyone of them placed their father as their heroes in their heart.

The coming of age ceremony was over. It was quite plain and simple. The family had dinner together and entertained the guests who attended the ceremony.

Many people had the intention to arrange marriages with Qing Clan when they saw the disciples in it. But none of them has dared to speak up about it. Deep down, they felt that they were trying to claim connections with people in higher social classes than themselves. Though Qing Shui might not distinguish people based on their social classes, he actually cared more about his children's own decisions on their marriage, he still wouldn't let them to get married too early. He would prefer to wait for them to grow up and become more mature first. By then, they would be more aware of what they wanted.

Just as she wished, Yehuang Guwu has finally given birth. A few years passed since then, Qing Jun was already all grown up. The little brat had no idea that he was adopted. He treated both Qing Shui and Yehuang Guwu like his own blood-related parents.

Of course, both Qing Shui and Yehuang Guwu would also treat her like she was their own child. In fact, they showed even more love to them than anyone. For example, Luan Luan, Yu Chang and the current Qing Jun.

The Unnamed Cultivation Technique was very unusual. Even his women had begun learning it. As a result, their strength increased significantly. Most importantly, their body physique also went through slight changes.

Other than that, the Nine Stances of Ancient Divine Battle Technique has become the inheritance for Qing Clan. It was also added on with a few techniques, For example, the Nine Palace Step, Phoenix Fingers. They were all things that must be learnt.

During this time, the two old men watching after the gate to Qing Clan has also experienced significant increase in strength. It was really unexpected for both of the old men. Originally, they thought that they

have reached the maximum potential of their strength. Never would they have expected for it to break through once again. Though it still couldn't be compared to Zhan Yu's and Hua Rumei's level, they were still confirmed to be the top existences within Dancing phoenix Continent.

Luan Luan was the most powerful one among her generations. She has thoroughly shaken off the entire three generations behind her and moved forward on her own. Compared to Qing Shui's women, she would only be either equal or stronger than them. It was mainly due to her having enormous demonic beasts and her Divine Beast Possession.

Luan Luan's Divine Beast Possession was just a ancient mutated species. A devouring beast.

Not only did it increase Luan Luan's strength by a few times, this kind of demonic beast was also able to swallow everything. Technically speaking, it was even able to consume the target's essence, qi and spirit. On top of that, it also has got formidable strength.

It even made Qing Shui felt like cultivating the Divine Beast Possession. He didn't know if he would be able to do so. Cultivating was a very risky thing. If it wasn't for this, everyone would have tried out any techniques which they wanted to cultivate. Distant benefits often came with a cost. It was only different in the case of Luan Luan and the Lu Brothers in which the techniques which they cultivated were made precisely for them.

During these years, Qing Shui has forged quite a lot of stuff. Some of them were even weapons at legendary grade. However, not everyone needed the weapons. Despite this, there were still too many people but too little goods for him to give to everyone.

For now, the fourth generation of Qing Clan was yet to be able to fully utilize the weapons. As for Luan Luan, Qing Shui has purposely left behind a sword for her. It was the Beast King Sword.

It could increase her strength by 7x, and had an effect of intimidating demonic beasts, allowing her taming rate to increase by a fold. Because she had the Heart of Seven Orifices, the loyalty of beasts she tamed would never be erased.

There was also the Interspatial Beast King Medallion. The Interspatial Beast King Medallion which Qing Shui gave her at that time has now turn out to be really powerful.

According to normal logic, Luan Luan should already retire many of those demonic beasts which she tamed earlier as her strength now was incomparable to the past. The demonic beasts she tamed in the past, all had limits on their talent and strength. Other than the few she accidentally killed, she made the rest remain. Luckily she had the Heart of Seven Orifices and it wouldn't sap too much of her spiritual strength to tame the demonic beasts.

Standing beside Qing Shui and looking at her own children, Canghai Mingyue felt particularly happy. Qing Shui was also holding her hand. It has always been said that a woman who was blessed with love was the most beautiful woman in the world. Like now, Canghai Mingyue was the most beautiful woman in the world.

"Without us noticing, our children have grown to be fine adults. Mingyue, do you still remember the first time when we meet?" Qing Shui asked smiling.

“Back then, you’re nothing but only a naughty boy. Never have I ever expected for this day to come.” Canghai Mingyue said, feeling really blessed.

“What’s wrong? Are you regretting it?” Qing Shui asked with a smile across his face.

“I have never regretted it. In fact, I feel that I have really good eyes. Backthen, when you were still just a naughty boy, I was already able to tell that you will turn out to be a good man in the future.” Canghai Mingyue smiled.

“The god has been really good to me. Even I myself feel as if I am dreaming to have a woman as outstanding as you to be my wife. Little Yueyue, can you tell me something motivating to wash off the sense of inferiority your husband has towards you?” Qing Shui smiled and looked at Canghai Mingyue.

“Dear husband, you are really strong. I really like it.”

“Which part of me is strong?” Qing Shui revealed a flirtatious look on his face.

“You are strong in everything, that body part of yours in particular.” Canghai Mingyue blushed as she said this. For a magnanimous and elegant woman to have a side like this, it really made Qing Shui all fired-up. Everytime when he talked to her, he would feel the same kind of strong sense of urge.

#### **Chapter 1465 - Without noticing, he has already done so much**

Qing Shui was the only person who was able to understand Canghai Mingyue’s words. He got really fired up just by listening to it. Even the strongest man in the world would want to hear from the person whom he loved most that he was the strongest in the world, especially when it was related to doing that.

This was just like how a successful man enjoyed sharing with the person they loved the story of their success. If a person was successful but didn’t have someone to share with, they would only get to enjoy half the happiness as someone who has had another person to share with.

Canghai Mingyue smiled when she saw Qing Shui in a daze. Sometimes, a few words and expressions from a woman would be able to cause men to be infatuated and fall head over heels in love.

A few years time was nothing special to ordinary people, but to Qing Shui, it meant a lot. Considering the heaven-defying Violet Jade Immortal Realm he had, he could use the same amount of time to improve albeit the fact that the improvements were small. Right now, his strength has already reached 120 million sun. Naturally, this didn’t include the heavenly talisman, phoenix battle intent, battle god halo, etc.

A year to Qing Shui was equivalent to a hundred years for other people. Given the amount of time he has, it’s normal for him to raise this much strength. In fact, he was already considered to be making decent progresses. The majority of Qing Shui’s breakthrough consisted of small breakthroughs followed up with a short span of time to stabilize his power.

Despite having not made any significant breakthrough, these minor and steady breakthroughs were very important. It has helped Qing Shui progress really far from his current state. This could also be considered an unexpected gain. Initially, his plan was only to perfect his foundation even more.

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The Soaring Dragon Organization already disappeared. As for the three great dynasties, they were gradually growing and have also received quite a lot of resources. The reason why aristocratic clans, sects and dynasties fought against each other was precisely in order to get their hand on precious resources.

The most precious thing across the World of the Nine Continents was its resources, its Heavenly and Earthly Treasure, its herbs and treasures. Some of the places which produced precious and unusual herbs were owned by powerful forces. With enough resources, they would be able to pull away their gap in strength with other people.

This was also why large forces with powerful resources were able to develop so quickly. Slowly, they would thoroughly shake themselves away from a lot of the forces for a few hundred years.

Qing Shui has also received quite a few decent stuffs. They mainly centred around medicinal herbs. Furthermore, he found quite a few ingredients for Nine Revolution Golden Pellet and Fortune Golden Pellet. Once he got his hand on the Nine Revolution Golden Pellet, he would definitely experience a significant raise in strength.

That was why Qing Shui spent a lot of his time on building a good foundation. No, that's what most of the people around him has been doing as well. As a matter of fact, he has already helped built good foundations for them for more than two times to raise the maximum potential and talents of his body.

If outsiders were to find out that Qing Shui had this kind of strength, they were bound to drop their jaw. Actually, Qing Shui's ability wasn't all that unusual. It wasn't capable of turning an ordinary person into a top-notch genius. The extent to which the person's would improve had a large part to do with their talent. The more talent a person had, the more they would benefit from it. As for people who came short in talent, it might seem that they benefit greatly from it, in the long-run, the increase in strength they experienced was really insignificant.

The Soaring Dragon Continent seemed to have stabled down from the surface. The three great dynasties became the head of the continent. Certainly, the areas covered by the three great dynasties were also quite limited. After all, the Soaring Dragon Continent was too large. All of these happened at the places within Soaring Dragon Continent nearing Haohan and Dancing Phoenix Continent.

Of course, this area was also the place where the most active forces were at. There was also another theory to it. It's that deep within Soaring Dragon Continent lied a hidden and mysterious being. Legend has it that deep down within Soaring Dragon Continent, both the Haohan Continent and Dancing Phoenix Continent were connected.

Yan Zhongyue's strength was also improving at a really fast pace. Prior to this, he hasn't really used any of the things which Qing Shui gave him. Throughout these few years, he has already achieved great height in his strength which made him almost as strong as Qing Shui.

Though he might not be as strong as Old Man Lu, his current strength was already considered to be really terrifying. With him and the old man here, Qing Shui felt really safe. Besides, the strength of each of the members of Qing Clan was also going through tremendous changes.

Originally, Qing Clan was only a large clan in a village. It could already be considered that they have already achieved an instant success to be able to accomplish so much today. The people from the main

branch of Qing Clan was already at least at Martial Saint level. From here onwards, it's hard for them to further raise their strength. They would need time to slowly accumulate their strength. In fact, it was supposed to be accumulated over time with medicinal pills to begin with. If it wasn't because of Qing Shui's formidable medical expertise, they wouldn't have been able to even absorb it.

Naturally, Qing Yi was under Qing Shui's care. She managed to break through to Martial Saint Realm just not long ago. Yan Zhongyue has actually played a huge part in it. She even took out some unusual stuff to aid her in breaking through. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been able to do it so quickly.

The strength of both Qing Qing and the Four-eyed Macaque went up by multiple folds. However, Guo Polv was still a lot more powerful than Qing Qing in terms of strength. Qing Shui treated him like a brother of his own. He was his sister's husband. If he was well, his sister would be happy.

Both Qing Luo and Lin Zhanhan looked even younger than before. They have got even healthier mind now than before. The same went for their strength. Now, the strength of all of the people around Qing Shui was experiencing significant boost.

This was one of the longest times Qing Shui has remained at home since he left Qing Clan. Halfway through, he travelled to Demon Lord Palace quite often. He also visited Western Oxhe Continent and the other five continents only to find no news about Yiye Jiange. Despite all of that, he still insisted to stay there from time to time. He really hoped to relive that familiar moment.

After such a long time, Qing Shui was very delighted that his Coiled Dragon Stone, Spirit Gathering Lamp and Heaven-shaking Drum had once again gone up by yet another grade. Thus causing the strength of his demonic beasts to be doubled once again. Those were only for its defensive and offensive prowess. As for their speed, not much changes occurred for it.

All along, Qing Shui has yet to receive any treasures which boosted his demonic beast's speed. This has made him really upset. The main feature regarding the Dragon Slaying Beast was its speed. He really hoped that he could find it someday. The strength of the Dragon Slaying Beast wasn't particularly high, its minimum requirement for the grade of the treasure was unlikely to be that high,

The Formation Eye Stone had similarly gone up by one grade, causing the Nine Palace Steps and Laws to experience raise in power as much as three times. Unlike increase in strength, this three times increase wasn't something which could be estimated with numbers alone, for instance, the gravitation force of Nine Palace Laws has tripled in its base power. Similarly, the speed at which Qing Shui's energy would be consumed was also tripled. Hence, in a way, this power was still somehow very terrifying, especially when it was used in a battle for endurance.

Also, Qing Shui was happy to find out that there were no clashes between Battle God Halo and his formations. This was an ability Qing Shui just acquired recently after he broke through his Battle God Halo. He used to need to arrange the using order of these techniques just like his formations. But now, this was no longer necessary. It's just like his normal techniques, he would only need to use it and change its position with his consciousness. Hence, it wouldn't affect him from setting up his formations.

This was more normal. If he couldn't set up formations while using the Battle God Halo, then he could only use it only for himself. After all, in terms of power, the formations outclassed the Battle God Halo by a lot. The only thing was that it consumed a terrifying amount of his energy. Hence, normally, once

Qing Shui activated his formations, the only thing left for him to do to make his opponents suffer would be to stack it up with his Nine Palace Laws.

The Battle God Halo was an inherited mutated battle technique. He was the only person capable of using it. For this kind of thing, one would only be able to acquire it either through inheritance or through their own luck. It wasn't something which could be simply learnt.

This was also considered a very, very huge improvement. It's only like this would he be able to unleash Phoenix's Battle Intent, Battle God Halo, Formations, the Formation Eye Stone and Nine Palace Laws perfectly without any flaws.

Qing Shui has kept a huge amount of things with him and they were really messy altogether. That was when it was from an outsider's perspective. From Qing Shui's perspective, there were only a few of them and he could distinguish them clearly. The battle techniques he used to have a long, long time ago had been replaced by him. He also perfected some of the techniques so that he would be able to pass them on to his clan members.

Qing Shui didn't abandon the Blue Lotus Art. He practiced it to its maximum potential after he altered some of the techniques and achieved the 9th Lotus Manifestation Stage with it. However, as he became more and more powerful, he didn't find it any particularly formidable. Furthermore, it also wasn't as useful as the Nine Continents Mountain. Hence, Qing Shui would cultivate it from time to time when he was free. But he hardly ever used it.

Qing Luo arrived at Qing Village. He didn't really mention about where he came from, the only thing known was that he came from one of the family branches. But considering that he also hadn't heard of any existing powerful Qing Clan, Qing Shui decided to not think about it.

Initially, he still thought that the main branch of Qing Clan would either be an aristocratic clan or the conqueror of the entire continent, but when Qing Shui was standing at the highest point in Greencloud Continent, he still didn't manage to hear any news about Qing Clan. From there, Qing Shui was already able to tell that he was thinking too much.

It has been so many years, Qing Shui's, as well as the entire Qing Clan's strength as a whole has gone through tremendous changes. If there were to be unusual events happening in Qing Clan, Qing Luo was bound to say it. As a matter of fact, he would have said it a long time ago. If he hadn't mentioned anything until now, it's surely he has thought too much. It's not likely for there to be so many contrived incidents across the world.

After leaving behind some of the necessary things, Qing Shui took a temporary leave ten days after Qing Zun and Qing Yin's coming of age ceremony. Yan Zhongyue remained in Qing Clan. As for Lu Xin, she left for Great Yan Dynasty along with her other children.

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Things were slowly progressing more and more smoothly. Seeing that, Qing Shui felt a sense of relief. The problems concerning his parents have been settled. Even though halfway through, Lu Xin appeared as an accident, things were still considered to have been settled nicely. The worry that she has harbored for so many years has finally been solved.

Other than that, it was the problem regarding Yiye Jiange, it, too, has been settled. It's just that Qing Shui currently didn't know about her whereabouts.

The problem concerning Qing Sha has also been settled. Not only so, she has even gotten to find her own blood-related sister. This was a good thing. It could keep her from being too lonely.

Yehuang Guwu, Yu Ruyan, Hai Dongqing, Yun Duan, Mu Qing.....

Hence, for now, the current problems at hand could basically be considered to have been solved. The only thing concerning Qing Shui was that he really wanted to settle his problem with Tantai Lingyan, which was definitely not something which could be achieved easily. It has been a really, really long time since she secluded herself. Even Qing Shui himself had no idea whether she had come out of her seclusion.

Entering a meditation state wasn't the only way of seclusion across the World of the Nine Continents. There were some who chose to forcibly seclude themselves. For example, when a person set himself a rule to never come out of his seclusion and interact with anything from the outside world until he reached a particular level of strength. This was to ensure that his mind was always kept at its most calmest state.

Qing Shui was unsure on which seclusion Tantai Lingyan went for. He hoped that she could come out of her seclusion by the time he reached Demon Lord Palace. He was also uncertain on whether her seclusion this time would affect their relationship and would feel uneasy everytime he thought about it.

Qing Shui was already so familiar with the Demon Lord Palace that it was like his own house now. He had his own pavilion here. When he was back there, he greeted the old monster and was surprised to find out that Tantai Lingyan has already come out of her seclusion three days ago.

Qing Shui immediately bid the old monster farewell and headed towards the pavilion where Tantai Lingyan lived in. It had been about two years since they last met. She has secluded herself for about two years. Qing Shui couldn't wait to see her.

#### **Chapter 1466 - Tantai Lingyan exited seclusion. Is being pretty useful?**

As soon as Qing Shui entered Tantai Lingyan's courtyard, he could already see Tantai Lingyan standing in her pavilion. Coincidentally, when Qing Shui was looking at her, she happened to be looking back in this direction. She revealed a pleasant expression at the moment when she saw Qing Shui.

In return, Qing Shui showed her a delightful smile. He felt more at ease now. Prior to this, he was really worried that the woman would turn cold after two years of secluding herself from the world. But now, he realized that not only has she not turned back to how cold she used to be, she seemed to have even thought through a lot of things.

Qing Shui walked towards the pavilion and began examining her entire body in an exaggerated manner. Indeed, she was a heavenly beauty whose beauty was to the extent that it could cause a person to skip one heartbeat. Her skin looked pale like that of a jade and smooth like snow, making her looked unusually attractive.

"Congratulations for finishing your seclusion.

“What’s there to congratulate about. To think that two years passed. How have you been?”Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui and gently asked.

Like usual, her voice still sounded really cold. But Qing Shui could clearly hear the gentle tone in it.

“How did it go? How strong are you now?” Qing Shui smiled and asked.

“It’s good. I have managed to increase about one third of my strength.”Tantai Lingyan said in a relaxed tone.

Actually, Qing Shui was able to sense Tantai Lingyan’s strength. It was currently worth around one billion fifty million sun. She was benefited greatly from her seclusion this time. The reason for the seclusion was due to her significant power increase while she was in the Ancient Ruins. Added on that she has reached a bottleneck, she needed the time to seclude herself to stabilize her strength. Speaking of stabilization, not only did she manage to build an even sturdier foundation, she has also managed to greatly improve her strength. This could already be considered a significant improvement.

“I saw an entire area of Camphorwood forest nearby. Not only does the place have a nice scenery, there is a unusually large amount of flowers and trees there as well. You just came out of your seclusion, why not we go take a look at the scenery there?” Qing Shui asked.

Tantai Lingyan stunned. Even though she was a girl, not knowing since when, she has started to lose this kind of emotion, nor did she ever get to experience it again. At the moment when Qing Shui talked to her about it, she stunned.

Qing Shui stared at her stunned expression. He who was very experienced at this kind of field was sure that she would agree to it. It’s just that she would need time to reminisce about it.

“Alright, I also haven’t relaxed myself like this in a long time, it’s not like I have had the time to do so.” Tantai Lingyan said gently.

“Lingyan, did you notice that you have changed?” Qing Shui smiled. The woman has changed a lot.

“Change? What change?” Tantai Lingyan was aware of what Qing Shui was saying. Despite that, she still asked him the question.

“You talk more often than you used to. You also sound more natural and less cold than before.” Qing Shui smiled and looked at her.

“Is that so?” Tantai Lingyan wasn’t really sure herself. The only thing she was aware of was that she has gone through slight changes.

“Yes, it’s really obvious! Alright, let’s go! I will lead you the way!”

At the moment when he finished speaking, regardless of whether Tantai Lingyan has agreed to it, Qing Shui immediately grabbed on both of her hands and unleashed the Nine Continents Steps Effects.

In just an instant, they appeared at the valley where the Camphorwood Forest was located at. The forest itself was only ten meters away from the valley.

Before this, when Qing Shui grabbed her hand, it made the woman felt a bit powerless. Qing Shui could be really naughty at times. And at other times, he would also play the serious role. Sometimes, he could be really warm, whereas, sometimes, he would show his manliness. Sometimes, he was a bit of a scoundrel, yet sometimes, he was really pure in thought. She couldn't bring herself to deny him.

Just like now, when she saw his pure and excited eyes. The excitement didn't actually come out from himself, in fact, he actually hoped to see her most earnest heart. She was aware of that, which was why she was reluctant to push his hands away.

There wasn't even the slightest wind on the valley. The air was filled with fragrance. Below their feet was lush and luxuriant verdure. The thick grassland was a lot more superior to the fields which he saw from his previous incarnation. Though this might be natural grass, it looked even better than those man-made ones.

The Camphorwood forest here was covered entirely in fiery red color. When looked from far away, it looked like an entire burning cloud. Sweet and abundant fragrance was emitted from it. This kind of trees wasn't actually that tall. It's standard size was approximately ten meters tall. Each of the trees was very far away from each other, leaving a huge gap in between. Despite this, it still gave people the feeling that they were in a forest.

It's unknown whether Qing Shui was purposely doing it or he has truly forgotten about it. He grabbed on Tantai Lingyan's hand and walked towards the Camphorwood forest together with her.

Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui and seemed like she wanted to say something. But in the end, she chose to keep it to herself. She let the man held her hand as he pleased. Suddenly, she realized that it wasn't really uncomfortable to be held by a man.

But if it had been another men, she would definitely have rejected them without even the slightest hesitation. As of now, if someone other than Qing Shui dared to walk up to her and grabbed her hand, she would most likely kill that person.

"Lingyan, this is a really nice place, isn't it?" Qing Shui walked into the Camphorwood Forest and asked happily.

"Yes, it is a really nice place."

Qing Shui moved his eyes to the corner and grabbed the woman's hand. As he did so, a faint smile was revealed at the corner of his mouth.

Tantai Lingyan happened to see Qing Shui's smile. One thing which confused her was why she would feel happy seeing this kind of smile from Qing Shui? To have this man holding her hand and feeling good about it, it's a feeling she found unable to depict in words.

For her to allow Qing Shui to hold her hand, adding on the things which happened between them, she already knew what happened to her deep down. If she was to entrust herself to a man, it would definitely be the man beside her right now. If one day, this man was to disappear, no matter through what method, she would never have looked for another men.

Hence, for now, she wouldn't really resist certain close interactions with this man. The only problem was that he was too good of taking advantage of the situation. Given her personality, it's already an exception that he was able to do this.

"Do you really think that I wouldn't know? This is your reward, don't get too happy about it." Tantai Lingyan slightly swayed her hand that was being grabbed on by him.

Qing Shui stunned. He turned around to look at the ice-cold beauty who was having a faint smile across her face and said in an upset tone, "Why must you tell me about it? I would have felt happier if you hadn't done so."

The main reason why Qing Shui was stunned before was mainly due to the things which she has said, not that she has managed to see through his thought.

"I can tell you are trying to be really careful. Won't you feel awkward?"

"Hehe, Lingyan, you are actually feeling sorry for me. Alright then, let's go stroll around the area." Qing Shui said shamelessly. After that, he proceeded to hold her hand even tighter. It's as if he was really scared that she would disappear.

Tantai Lingyan wasn't angry when she heard Qing Shui's words. She immediately turned silent. She felt a bit strange at the moment when she heard what Qing Shui said. In fact, she has even begun to notice that her heart was beating faster.

Was this the feeling of being in love?

While thinking about these matters, Tantai Lingyan blushed. It might seem really shallow, her beauty was already enough to take away one's soul. Standing on one side, Qing Shui looked at the woman who was a bit distracted only to find his heart beating faster and faster.

It's as if Tantai Lingyan was able to sense Qing Shui's passionate eyes. She turned around and looked at Qing Shui. Like usual, her eyes still looked ice-cold. The close-distance gaze they shared with each other made Qing Shui felt as if he just got splashed by a pail of cold-water. Deep down, he felt really pleased. For women like her, he mustn't go hard with her. No matter how things turned out last time, it has left her with a haunting experience.

"You look really beautiful!" Qing Shui smiled and said.

The woman turned to the side and ignored him. But her ears could be seen turning pink. Both of them looked really bright and attractive.

The woman held Qing Shui's hand and walked towards a spot with flowers on a higher ground. This was a plain filled with cluster of flowers. The flowers, together in different colors, had a kind of beauty which words couldn't describe.

In the middle of the clusters of flowers, Tantai Lingyan looked warmer than ever before. She has got a slender figure. Both of her upright breasts have got the most beautiful shape one can ever have. The round and upraised butt of hers was capable of even taking away one's soul. Her slightly loose-fitting cloth was unable to hide her attractive body.

"Am I that good to look at?" The woman asked Qing Shui when she saw him distracted,

“Yes!” Qing Shui responded in a decisive tone.

“Tell me, is being pretty useful?”

“A lot!” Qing Shui answered after a few thoughts.

“What do you mean a lot?” Tantai Lingyan continued to question Qing Shui.

“There are way too many benefits with looking good. For instance, looking beautiful has the ability to warm others hearts and eyes when being looked at. Just like a beautiful scenery, a beautiful person is also capable of doing that. Once that happens, it will help make that person in a good mood. With a good state of mind will mean faster cultivation speed and lower risk of going crazy as a result. Not only will minor ailments not appear, it can also keep a person young. As the saying says, a smile prolongs life. Once a person heart is warmed, he will naturally feel happy. The way he is going to express his happiness will be to smile.

Tantai Lingyan stared at Qing Shui. She never expected for him to say so much. To think that he would relate looking good to cultivating. Furthermore, the things which he also mentioned about keeping a person who cultivated from going crazy and preventing ailments also completely made her helpless on how she should respond to him. What Qing Shui said might have been true. However, in no way would it be as dramatic as how he said it.

“Do you not believe me?” Qing Shui smiled and asked.

“I do.....”

Qing Shui smiled when he heard her response. He held her hand and stopped discussing about the previous topic. Instead, they begun to talk about something more relaxing. The majority of the conversations was mainly done by Qing Shui. Tantai Lingyan sat at the side and listened to what he has to say.

Without noticing, almost half a day passed. The sun has already set now. The remaining light from the sunset shone on the land, causing the entire place to be covered in red. After roaming around the area together for a while, the two of them immediately unleashed the Nine Continents Steps Effect to return to Demon Lord Palace.

When Qing Shui was about to bid his farewell, he got stopped by Tantai Lingyan. After hesitating for a long time, she opened her mouth and said, “Let’s have dinner together. I will prepare the meal.”

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Before this, Qing shui was really agitated. Her look when she was hesitating just now has made Qing Shui thought a lot. He thought she was going to say something serious. But then, as he thought seriously about it, it was quite normal for the woman to say something like this. In fact, if it was the other way around, it would have been really strange.

This word has caused Qing Shui to reach his limit. This was the first time the woman ever invited him for a dinner, naturally, he would agree to it. When the woman said that she wanted to prepare the meals on her own, Qing Shui didn’t intend to stop her. Instead, he decided to go with her to act as a supportive role for her.

The size of the kitchen was considered average. Qing Shui saw different types of vegetables and meat while he was in the kitchen. To his surprise, not only did the woman not seem incompatible with the kitchen, it only gave him even stronger urges to look at her.

The woman looked really skillful when she was preparing the meal. According to her, she practiced it when she secluded herself. She didn't add the flavorings which Qing Shui gave her this time. Despite this, it still tasted unusually good. Qing Shui wondered if it was just an illusion.

"Is today a special day?" Qing Shui asked.

Tantai Lingyan shook. After that, she gently replied, "No, it's just a usual day."

They really enjoyed their meal today. This somehow had to do with their mood today. Qing Shui was in an unusually good mood today. This could be considered as another kind of breakthrough and improvement. Naturally, considering that he received such a huge surprise just on the first time they met after her seclusion, it's not surprising that he would feel so happy.

To Qing Shui, it's as if Tantai Lingyan has gone through a complete change in personality. However, that was only to Qing Shui. From other's perspective, she was still the usual cold and beautiful Demon Lord.

They spent almost an hour to finish their meal. By now, the entire sky was already dark.

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"Qing Shui, the sky is turning dark."

"Can I please stay behind to help you keep watch of the living room?"

"No." Tantai Lingyan didn't get angry over the things which Qing Shui said.

"Well then, am I allowed to occasionally come here to get some rice in the future?" Qing Shui smiled and asked.

#### **Chapter 1467 - Not happy, yet not too sad. The Five Yang Pill is concocted**

That was the point of the entire sentence - if it had been in the past, Qing Shui would never have dared to joke about it.

Naturally, Tantai Lingyan was able to see through it. The man was a professional at taking advantage of a situation, but she also felt a bit reluctant to reject him. Hence, she nodded her head.

"Sure, but only occasionally."

If neither made an effort to crack an occasional joke, their life would have just been about two people trying to pass time together.

At her response, Qing Shui revealed a happy smile, "Sure, I will come to collect some rice once a day at most. I guarantee it won't be more than that."

The woman was rendered speechless at how serious Qing Shui sounded when he spoke, and chose to stay silent. She knew that much of what he said was just a joke so, naturally, she wouldn't take it too seriously.

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Qing Shui returned to his own courtyard. As it turned out, he lived quite near Tantai Lingyan; in fact, they were only two blocks away from each other, and if they both looked out the window at the same time they would be able to see each other.

He felt he had gained a lot from his experience this time. The moment when the woman put the necklace around his neck he was already aware of how she felt for him. But the woman still had another option in mind: to spend her entire life alone.

He needed to work hard to change this. His aim was to get her to marry someone, and if she was to marry anyone it would be none other than him. Now, all he needed to do was get her to feel like getting married to him.

At first glance it seemed to be straight forward... When growing up, every man should look for a wife and every woman should find a husband. Left alone, everyone was a human being with emotions, and so under normal circumstances the path of marriage was one everyone must take.

The only problem was that Tantai Lingyan was no ordinary person.

Today, he got to hold her hand for half a day. It felt as though both of their hearts had grown closer. Her heart, originally frozen in ice, seemed to be melting gradually. Qing Shui could tell just by looking at her expression.

In spite of this, he simply could not understand what the woman wanted. As a matter of fact, he wondered whether she even had emotions at all.

He entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and started his cultivation like usual, where he was finally able to relax entirely. Here there was less weighing on his mind, while before his countless troubles were like a huge mountain constantly putting pressure on him.

Now that a lot of his troubles had been solved, even if just for a moment, he was more relaxed. Instantly Qing Shui felt as though both his body and mind had strengthened vigorously.

As the saying goes: “drop the butcher’s knife and immediately become a buddha”. This was exactly how Qing Shui felt right now. As he finally let off the burdens in his heart, his entire body felt lighter. For a moment, his essence, qi and spirit were released and combined together as one, his state of mind boosted once more.

It was the same as how a poor person, once tight and stingy with money, becomes incredibly generous after suddenly coming into great wealth. Although, perhaps that wasn’t quite right. It would be tough for a poor person to keep going if they weren’t conservative, but a totally different story once they became rich when there was no longer a need to haggle over every penny. This wasn’t being wasteful, it was just a way of thought.

It was also a kind of pressure. Pressure was a motivational tool, but the moment that pressure disappears one feels a sense of relief, relaxing their state of mind. It is normal for a poor person to be stressed; they have to fight their entire life just to ensure they have warm clothes to wear and good food to eat. Everyday they live their life in anxiety, worrying about suddenly losing their source of

income. But once they no longer have to worry about clothes and food, that pressure is gone and they feel their life has become easier. For an instant, they would feel relieved.

Usually this situation comes in two forms. The first is when a person loses their past enthusiasm to work hard, because once they felt their life had gotten easier, even for a moment, they became lazy. Once that ambition is gone it becomes difficult for them to make any more breakthroughs. Akin to the saying "a beauty's nest was home to the heroes," any enthusiasm they once had for their great ambition has now trickled away.

The second form of situation appears when a person decides to undertake the tough path to reach even greater heights. Just like his past incarnation - the impoverished who suddenly became a millionaire - however he still is not content with what he has. His life is easy, without needing to worry about their clothes or putting food on the table. But this time, they could be thinking about becoming a billionaire, or even a zillionaire...

To best describe the first case scenario, in a kinder way, that person was simply content with what he had. To be harsher, that person was lazy and reluctant to make anymore progress. The same stands for the second scenario - you could say that the person was very enthusiastic and strived to continue improving themselves, or you could say they were not content with what they had and completely sunk themselves in desire for money. Despite being rich, they were under such heavy pressure that they were exhausted everyday. Would there be any fun in their life?

Qing Shui was pondering over his own situation when suddenly he felt a bit lost. Should he find himself in the first or second scenario? As a person who has lived twice, he has seen and heard a lot, but each had suffered in tragedies in the end. Even the World of the Nine Continents was no exception. For example, when a person failed to break through from Third Grade False God to Fourth Grade False God, forcing their soul from their body. From many a perspective, this was not worth it. There was bound to be those who would criticize him for not knowing his limit, not being content with what he had.

The problem was not the criticism. If that person were alive, what would they have thought? Many people regret their decision once it was made, feel that they didn't appreciate what they had at the time. If given another chance, they would definitely chose not to break through instead.

But there were those who would still choose to attempt to break through the Fourth Realm even after they survived it.

This was the kind of decision Qing Shui was facing now. Before this, Tantai Lingyan had it was likely she would stop here, with no intentions of going to look for Immortal Five Sects. After all, they were in Haohan Continent.

If that was the case, for the time being, Qing Shui no longer had anything of great importance at hand. With that in mind, should he be content with what he already had, or should he strive to climb to higher heights?

While in the realm, Qing Shui pondered over a few matters. It wasn't that he was dissatisfied with what he had, it was that he had no intention of making progress. This was easier said than done, or so anyone would think - the degree of self-control one needed for this was not so easily achieved.

Qing Shui was currently constantly improving his strength, but would never be satisfied with his progress. He must not let go of this golden opportunity and drown himself in the desire for power, a situation which would come to be known as a martial idiot and martial fanatics.

'Cleanse your mind and cultivate your spirit'. These words suddenly popped into Qing Shui's head, and he remembered the Taoist school of teaching from his previous incarnation. Deep within one's innermost being was a world, and one must keep this world in balance. It was not a difficult task, nor would it be easy; if it were, there would not have been so many cases of people driven mad with desire, leaving tragedies in their wake.

He felt neutral about it.

Qing Shui decided to put the matter aside for now. In order to find a balance, you had to set yourself a goal first - it was very easy to lose your way when you had nothing to do.

For now, Qing Shui still had his goals in sight. One: to become stronger than Tantai Lingyan and make her his woman, and to do that, he must surpass her. Two: find Yiye Jiange and make Putuo Mountain, Heaven Secrets Academy and Lotus Sect stronger.

Qing Shui had a sharper awareness of dangerous situations than ordinary people. If one day a force like the Immortal Five Tiger Sect was to appear again in the Soaring Dragon, Dancing Phoenix or Western Oxhe Continent, it would be very easy for tragedies to happen. If they wanted a better life they must not be allowed to weaken.

Haohan Continent, a place which Qing Shui really looked forward to going. It's likely that he would go visit that place. But for now, or for a long while, he has made his mind that he wouldn't leave this place.

Five Yang Pills!

Qing Shui began the preparation for the Five Yang Pills. Usually this would not be enough for him to refine the pills, but he had the Grade Eight Spiritual Medicinal Beast, the Dragon Slaying Beast, and the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi within the realm, as well as the Flower of Life and other Heavenly and Earthly Treasures to help shorten the time. Furthermore, he also mixed some of the Spring of Life and Buddha Stone in water to pour over it.

With the medicinal herbs in his possession, he was ready to refine the Five Yang Pills. Qing Shui calmed down his mind and to prepare for the process. Since he had experience refining the Four Yang Pills, he was relatively more confident at preparing them now.

Qing Shui followed the instructions and prepared all the precious medicinal herbs accordingly. After that, he began refining them. Thanks to his increased strength, Qing Shui was able to execute all of the instructions smoothly.

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It failed!

Qing Shui looked at the powder covering the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron and shook his head before continuing to refine the pills. It took him a few days to refine just one pill, so he was devastated everytime it failed - all that time and effort was for naught.

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Failed again. The sun had risen on the sixth day since starting the process, yet still he failed. At this stage Qing Shui no longer felt as upset as he used to. After a short rest he continued his efforts at refining more pills. Alas, another six days passed. Usually the process took seven to nine days, so he was confident that success was not far from reach.

Ding!

After hearing the sound of failures so many times Qing Shui felt elated at the sound of success.

It worked. The Five Yang Pill was finally finished. Qing Shui could not still the anxiety rising within him. How exactly would the Five Yang Pill be stronger than the Four Yang Pill? Certainly it would be a world away from the difference between the Three and Four Yang Pills, but it was sure to be even bigger than the gap between the Three and Two Yang Pills.

Qing Shui quickly opened the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron and looked at it with his Heavenly Vision Technique.

Five Yang Pill!

Effect: Significantly improves a person's physique, raising either three sun of the user's raw strength or three hundred sun of their overall strength. It also has the ability to toughen up the user's Dantian, meridians and organs.

Everyone is only allowed to consume one per year, and a maximum of ten pills in their entire lifetime. On the plus side, the One, Two, Three and Four Yang Pills don't clash with each other.

Condition to use it: Warrior's strength must be worth a minimum of a hundred sun.

The effect of the Five Yang Pills was exactly what Qing Shui expected. He was not particularly pleased, but he was not overly dissatisfied with it either - he was simply not surprised by its effect.

Nevertheless, Qing Shui still found the Four Yang Pill to be quite a decent medicine. Now that he possessed the Quadruple Portion Alchemy Recipe, he could increase his raw strength by another one hundred and twenty sun - already considered to be quite formidable - but it would take some time to consume forty of them.

From that moment on, Qing Shui dedicated all of his focus into refining medicines.

He immediately took four of the pills. With the Quadruple Portion Alchemy Recipe he was able to consume four times as many medicinal pills as before, increasing by forty-five Five Yang Pills.

Increasing his strength by more than ten sun might seem insignificant to others, but to Qing Shui it was a luxury.

Usually he could refine only one pill at a time; however once, halfway through the process, two popped up instead of one. Even Qing Shui could not explain how it had happened. But it only happened once.

Suddenly it felt as though any process Qing Shui had made in refining medicines had come to a halt. It had been two years, yet what experience had he gained? Qing Shui could not understand what was wrong. Perhaps there was a specific timing for it, but whatever the trigger was he had yet to find it.

The next day he gave Tantai Lingyan a few of the pills. Now Qing Shui didn't really have many left - understandably, considering it took him seven days to just refine one, not to mention that when he first started he failed a few times.

As for Hua Rumei, Qing Shui intended to give her some in a couple of days. Qing Shui didn't have any of the pills left now, with just enough for two people to take. This was to be expected, once you take into account that the process took fifty six days to refine eight pills, plus the occasional rest, not to mention all the times he failed.

The effect upon swallowing these few pills weren't really significant. But after a while, he would find his strength increasing significantly. By then, his overall abilities would have taken yet another step forward.

### **Chapter 1468 - Qing Shui's strength, the Demonic Beast's Sure-Kill Heavenly Technique**

After slightly longer than a month, Qing Shui had consumed all of his Five Yang Pills and increased his raw strength by 120 sun. As of now, Qing Shui's raw strength was over 3100 sun, almost 3200 sun. As for his Spirit Energy, it had increased by about four million sun.

Under the effect of the Quadruple Portion Medicine, a Five Yang Pill could increase the user's strength by four million sun. This might not mean much for Qing Shui, but this sum was definitely something worth up to a hundred years of hard work under regular conditions.

Some of Qing Shui's battle techniques didn't undergo any changes. The Paragon Heavenly Technique was one of them. The Paragon Golden Armor, however, helped boost Qing Shui's physical defense to a terrifying level.

Even when up against the people from the Five Tiger Immortal Sect, Qing Shui would be able to withstand their attacks, as long as they didn't use their Paragon Heavenly Technique.

For the time being, Qing Shui found it extremely difficult for him to improve his strength further. Though Tantai Lingyan might be progressing a bit faster than Qing Shui, she felt that the speed of her progression was no longer as fast as before. Despite this, the speed at which they progressed could already be considered godly when compared to ordinary people.

For someone who made it this far in terms of cultivation, in order to see further improvement in their strength, he must slowly accumulate his training. It would take time for them to do so. The reason why Qing Shui was able to get this strong at this age was due to the fact that he had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Tantai Lingyan must also have valuable accessories of her own that were equally strong. It's even possible that she might have more than one of the weapons.

Thanks to the Spirit Gathering Lamp, the Heaven Shaking Drum and the Coiled Dragon Statue, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix now possessed strength worth more than a billion sun. The Dragon Slaying Beast was an exceptional case. Its strength couldn't be defined with merely raw strength.

Now, Qing Shui could simultaneously use three formidable demonic beasts to battle at the same time. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was a battle beast. It possessed strength which was worth a billion sun and had formidable defensive abilities and resistance towards attacks. Furthermore, its battle techniques were also really powerful. It was capable of controlling the tide of battles. Its ability to instantaneously evade attacks made it a better survivor in battles. Its ability which was capable of weakening its opponents made it able to suppress its opponents.

The Thunderous Beast wasn't at all inferior to the elephant. Even though it might be a control type beast and had formidable innate talents, it still needed a long time to improve. Even with the realm supporting it, there was still quite a huge gap between its strength compared to the Hellfire Phoenix and the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant.

The Seven-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider, on the other hand, had managed to catch up. Though it was yet to be as strong as the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix, no beast with strength less than five million sun could rival it. Similarly, the Spirit Gathering Lamp had also helped raise its strength by one time.

Ever since the Spirit Gathering Lamp and his other treasures had broken through, Qing Shui no longer only used the Dragon Slaying Beast in battles. He would feel really good every time he thought about it. There were also certain formations, innate skills, and techniques which helped significantly boost the strength of his demonic beasts.

One of the more unique pieces of equipment that Qing Shui had was the Thunder Battle Halo. Not only did it help raise the user's offensive and defensive prowess in certain locations, it even helped boost the beast's strength.

Taking all of these into account, the strength of the demonic beasts had increased significantly. The other thing which Qing Shui was delighted about was that the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant, Hellfire Phoenix, Thunderous Beast, Seven-Headed Demonic Beast and Dragon Slaying Beast were now all equipped with Sure-kill Heavenly Techniques. The Seven-Headed Demonic Spider was equipped with two of them.

The Dragon Slaying Beast possessed the Sure-kill Heavenly Technique Rapid Shadows.

Rapid Shadows doubles the user's speed. The user's ability to break its opponent's defence is also doubled. There is a five percent chance that the user will launch an attack which the opponent won't be able to avoid, leaving him with only the option to block. Passive skill. Consumes zero energy.

Now, Qing Shui viewed the tiny beast as a heaven-defying existence. Not only had its speed been doubled, the same thing had also happened with its ability to bite and tear things apart. Its most formidable feature was its passive Sure-kill Heavenly Technique. It was similar to Qing Shui's Paragon Golden Armor. This was his most precious Sure-kill Heavenly Technique.

The Sure-kill Heavenly Technique of the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was also a passive technique. The Spirit Mark!

Spirit Mark: increases the intensity of the user's battle techniques by two times while simultaneously reducing its energy consumption by 20%. The time span between when each battle techniques is

unleashed reduced by 20%. The success rate of each battle techniques unleashed also increases by 20%. Once successful, its lasting effect would also increase by 20%. Passive skill. Consumes zero energy.

Qing Shui smiled. This battle technique would be a very useful technique for the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. The Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant was a battle beast. Furthermore, it was also an all-around battle beast. The Diamond Sword Qi lowered the target's speed by 20%. Vajra Subdues Demon lowered the target's strength by 10% whereas the Mighty Elephant Stomp, in addition to being a normal attack, also had a chance of confusing the target.

That was when the ability of Spirit Mark came into play. It increased the success rate and the duration of the attacks by 20%. This was already considered to be really powerful. When this technique was combined with the Dragon Slaying Beast, it would certainly be a formidable combination. If both the Vajra Subdues Demon and the Diamond Sword Qi also worked, Qing Shui might even want to battle against warriors of similar level to those from Five Tigers Immortal Sect.

The Sure-kill Heavenly Technique of the Hellfire Phoenix was an active skill. However, it was a skill which increased the user's overall stats. The main aspect which the Hellfire Phoenix relied on was its wounding power. The skill was called the Nine Phantoms Slaughter.

Nine Phantom Slaughter: Double the user's wounding prowess for fifteen minutes. When the user was under the effect of Nine Phantoms Slaughter, its energy consumption increased by ten times. It could only be used once per day.

The Hellfire Phoenix was indeed worthy of its title. However, the energy which it consumed was equally terrifying. Fifteen minutes was already quite a long time. This extent of energy consumption was something which it could barely take. In exchange, it got to double its wounding prowess.

The Sure-kill Heavenly Technique of the Thunderous Beast was also a passive skill: Thunder Punishment.

Thunder Punishment: Increase every aspect of the user's ability. Passive. Consumes zero energy.

Qing Shui had experimented with it before. The "every aspect" which was mentioned included the user's strength, speed, the intensity of the speed of Thunderous Strike and Violet Lightning Strike. However, there were some battle techniques which didn't get to share the boost as well. Despite this, the majority of the user's skills were doubled.

This was also one of Qing Shui's most formidable Sure-kill Heavenly Technique among his demonic beasts. Furthermore, it was a passive skill.

Qing Shui was a bit puzzled with the Seven-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider. It actually gained two Sure-kill Heavenly Techniques. The first one was the passive Sure-kill Heavenly Technique, Demon Binding Force.

Demon Binding Force: A web silk binding ability which doubles the overall basic abilities of the spider. A passive ability, it consumes zero energy.

The Seven-headed Demonic Dragon Spider relied mainly on its spiderwebs. However, this didn't mean that its physical body wasn't powerful. Considering that it functioned mainly as a control type beast, its passive Sure-kill Heavenly Technique was still considerably powerful. A notable feature about the Seven-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider was that its spider silk was already very powerful to begin with.

The second one was Gale.

Gale: raises the user speed by two times upon usage. The effect is also for fifteen minutes. It can only be used once everyday.

All in all, Qing Shui was satisfied with his progress. However, despite having two Sure-kill Heavenly Techniques, the Seven-Headed Demonic Dragon Spider was not a match for the Thunderous Beast. Certainly, it couldn't be compared to the Hellfire Phoenix or the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant. Still, Qing Shui was already satisfied with its overall progress.

Originally, the thing which Qing Shui used to be upset with was that his demonic beasts never had Sure-kill Heavenly Technique of their own. Now, they had finally gotten them, but it wasn't like how the legends had described it to be. Ten million sun worth of strength didn't necessarily mean that the beasts would obtain yet another Sure-kill Heavenly Technique.

It's only after that did Tantai Lingyan come to notice that it was just the principle that a person with ten million sun worth of strength would obtain a Sure-kill Heavenly Technique. As a matter of fact, these were also the strongest humans and beasts to ever be recorded in history through encyclopedias. However, other than merely gaining it, they would have to master it as well. It wasn't that a Sure-kill Heavenly Technique would just pop up out of nowhere when that particular strength was achieved.

The Sure-kill Heavenly Technique which one mastered would usually be the one which he thought best suited his situation. This applied to both demonic beasts as well as humans.

This reminded Qing Shui of a long time ago, when he used to survive by relying on the demonic beasts. As time passed, his demonic beasts had become less and less useful. Now, Qing Shui was no longer inferior to his demonic beasts. Of course, there would be some gap between their strength compared to Qing Shui's, as he was equipped with his Golden Battle Halberd and other techniques such as the Battle God Inheritance. By now, Qing Shui was even capable of battling warriors with strength two times his own.

But no matter what, under his support, his demonic beasts were also able to achieve a terrifying power, particularly the Hellfire phoenix. Under the state of Nine Phantoms Slaughter, its wounding prowess immediately went up to three billion sun.

If he were to combine it with his ability to weaken his opponents and run into the people from the Immortal Five Tiger Immortal Sect and battle like before again, he would definitely be able to manage them a lot more easily.

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"What? The Divine Beast Sect has set their sight on the Divine Sound Sect?" Qing Shui looked at Tantai Lingyan. He was wondering if he had heard things wrongly.

"Yes, the Divine Sound Sect is already seeking help from us." Tantai Lingyan answered Qing Shui.

The thing which Qing Shui was glad about was that she was willing to talk to him about this matter. It's likely that she wanted to discuss with him about what they should do.

Somehow, Qing Shui had always had the feeling that he was bound to come across the Divine Beast Sect again. The only thing was that he had never expected for it to be so soon. Back then, before he departed from the Ancient Ruins, he didn't inform the Lu brothers about anything. After being in hibernation for these few years, they had yet again set their sight at Divine Sound Sect.

During this time, the Demon Lord Palace's reputation had further improved. Thanks to that, the Divine Sound Sect had also managed to gain a good reputation. There were already a lot of people who no longer viewed the Demon Lord Palace and Divine Sound Sect as some evil forces like how they used to.

It seemed like the Divine Beast Sect's intention was to kick both the Divine Sound Sect and the Demon Lord Palace out of this desolate area. It's also possible that they planned to eliminate Divine Sound Sect. Taking into account that the Divine Sound Sect was composed of beautiful women, could it be that their real intention was to turn the Divine Sound Sect into their harem kingdom?

Qing Shui felt that his thought was a bit sinister...

"The Divine Sound Sect is an ally of Demon Lord Palace. From that aspect, I feel that we should lend them a helping hand. What do you think?" Qing Shui asked with a smile.

"Is it because you are concerned about that friend of yours? I heard that she has come looking for you for a number of times." Tantai Lingyan said this in a way which sounded like she was joking. But since the changes in her facial expression weren't really obvious, it could only be felt from her tone when she was saying it.

During the time she had secluded herself, it was indeed true that Shen Ling had come to look for him twice. Qing Shui had a feeling that Hua Rumei was the one who told her about it. But the fact that she was able to spell it out made Qing Shui felt particularly happy. He smiled and responded, "Lingyan, if you don't like me being friends with her, I will cut off my ties with her immediately."

"I can't be bothered about your problems." Tantai Lingyan turned her head to the side, feeling a bit embarrassed. She only realized that the things which she had said sounded a bit like a woman who was striving for favour after she spoke.

Qing Shui originally intended to say something, but he was immediately interrupted by Tantai Lingyan, "Let's put this question aside for now. We are heading off to Divine Sound Sect tomorrow."

"Alright, we will listen to the advice from my Lingyan." Qing Shui smiled and responded.

Tantai Lingyan was speechless. When they had first started to know each other, Qing Shui used to only address her as the Demon Lord. Then as their relationship slowly progressed, he started to address her as Lingyan. And now, 'my Lingyan' has become the way he mentioned her. This was precisely what Qing Shui had always been doing, taking advantage of a situation. What name was he going to give her next?

"Lingyan, since the Divine Beast Sect has dared to lay their hands upon the Divine Sound Sect, does that mean that they are actually not concerned that we will do something to them?" Actually, Qing Shui knew very little about Divine Beast Sect.

"Since they dared to make their move, I am going to assume that they don't fear us."

"But do we fear them instead?"

“Why fear them? I think both of the sides may have underestimated each other's' strength.” Tantai Lingyan said in a light tone.

### **Chapter 1469 - Challenge Letter, Accept or Not?**

Qing Shui naturally wouldn't fear the Beast God Sect, and he also felt the last sentence spoken by the woman was absolutely right. He and his companions had no idea of the Beast God Sect's strength. Truly, they had never seen them in a terrifying light before, which had resulted in their underestimation of the Beast God Sect's strength.

It was also normal for their opponents to underestimate the strength of their group. They are able to boost their strength to a terrifying degree, even without considering their trump cards.

“Mhm, as it should be. In that case, Lingyan, how strong do you feel our opponents' strength are?” Qing Shui smiled as he asked.

Tantai Lingyan had already gotten used to how Qing Shui addressed her. Even if she hadn't gotten used to it, there was nothing she could do either...

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The Demon Lord Palace wasn't that far away from the Divine Sound Sect. However, it wasn't very near either. But with powerful flying mounts, the distance couldn't be considered too bad. During the second day, Qing Shui, Tantai Lingyan, Hua Rumei, Zhan Yu and the Battle Pavilion all headed out towards the Divine Sound Sect.

“Not only is the Beast God Sect participating, there might be other forces too.” Qing Shui and Tantai Lingyan were mounted upon Qing Shui's Hellfire Phoenix. Hua Rumei and Yu Zhan naturally sat on the Ancient Fire Snake.

“Even the Wild Ghost Valley is participating?” Qing Shui stared at Tantai Lingyan in bewilderment.

“Did you not know?” Tantai Lingyan looked at Qing Shui.

“Since you put it like that, I guess it's true. In any case, the Wild Ghost Valley should also be a power that is part of the demon king inheritance right? How many inheritances does the demon king have in the Nine Continents?” Qing Shui was very curious.

“The world is too vast, so nobody has the exact numbers. I guess the number shouldn't be fewer than four figures. Since you managed to obtain the Battle God Inheritance, you should also know some stuff about this right?”

“Yeah. The Battle God of that era had thousands of inheritances. Even if some were lost in the river of time, there would still be plenty of them remaining.” Qing Shui instantly thought of the wealthy families from his past life. There were some who were destined to be extraordinary from the moment of their birth. They didn't need to contend for things. Sometimes, just being born would grant them things others failed to obtain after fighting for their entire lives.

“The Wild Ghost Valley is precisely an inheritance from the Devil King. The four powers were determined by everyone else to be evil simply because of one reason: they were sects formed from inheritances of the Devil King.” Tantai Lingyan stared at Qing Shui and said an answer which astonished him.

“That’s truly surprising. Seems like everyone of them likes to keep a low profile, causing us to underestimate them.” Qing Shui laughed.

“Just see the situation then. The Divine Sound Sect isn’t so simple. Back then, the Sound Demon Lord was extremely terrifying and no one dared to offend him.” Tantai Lingyan stated.

When Qing Shui and the others saw the Divine Sound Sect, Qing Shui was taken aback.

The Divine Sound Sect was located at the top of a misty mountain. From afar, its beauty was simply breathtaking, exuding a faint sense of immortality.

Green peaks and flowing water could be seen everywhere, and the vegetation here was lush and thick. There was a powerful force of vitality in the area accompanied by the melodious chirpings from the birds which caused one to feel tranquility. The sounds intermingled with the flowing water and the rustling of leaves, constituting the beautiful sound of nature.

Qing Shui’s talent in sound could be considered above average. Listening to the tranquil voice of nature would truly calm one’s heart down. For ordinary people, even a mass murderer would feel the impulse to lay down his butcher knife if he could hear this wondrous music of nature.

There were no sounds of combat, and no people from the Beast God Sect and the Wild Ghost Valley. Very quickly, several women could be seen in the distance ahead.

Upon seeing the people of Demon Lord Palace coming, the woman in the lead happily welcomed them with a smile, “You guys are here.”

“Sect Leader Shen, why don’t we see those people from the Beast God Sect and Wild Ghost Valley here?” Hua Rumei smiled as she asked.

“They are already camping at the boundary 300 miles away. This time, the situation isn’t optimistic for us. They are waiting for the old monsters from their sects before they act.” The woman in the lead spoke in a worried tone.

“Do you know that the Divine Sound Sect also has their own reserves? If we join forces, we need not be afraid of them.” Hua Rumei spoke in a relaxed tone.

The group of them rested at the foot of the mountain where the Divine Sound Sect was situated. There had never been a man to climb this mountain, according to their customs. There were several peaks nearby which were used specially for men to stay.

Tantai Lingyan and Hua Rumei initially could go into the Divine Sound Sect but they chose not to go.

Qing Shui was very relaxed. He, Zhan Yu and the experts from the Battle Pavilion chatted their time away. Among them, there were quite a few who had hidden illnesses and chose this time to bring them up. Qing Shui didn’t put on any airs and helped them to cure the illnesses easily.

Qing Shui was the closest to people from the Demon Lord Palace. Now, he was already a pavilion chief of the Medical Pavilion. The old monster has passed him the position around half a year ago.

The social connections of physicians were all extremely good. For those doctors with weaker skills, they would have good social connections in low-level social circles. For those with stronger skills, they would have good social connections in higher-level social circles.

Qing Shui originally was a doctor and was also a Devil Chief from the Twelve Earthly Branch of the Demon Lord Palace. In addition to that, there are some vague feelings between him and the Demon Lord. Now, there were many in the Demon Lord Palace who already sensed something between them, although they wouldn't say anything.

Tantai Lingyan still had a very good reputation in the Demon Lord Palace no matter what. There were many people who treated her like a goddess. The reason for their existence was all because of her. This woman was the pillar of the Demon Lord Palace.

"Brother, come and take a look at my formation and tell me what you think." Zhan Yu suddenly spoke with excitement.

The Battle Blood Formation had been modified by Qing Shui. Now, it had been several years since that point. It seemed like there must have been some results or Zhan Yu wouldn't have spoken like this.

"Okay, get the brothers to set up the formation then." Qing Shui smiled.

A few hundred members from the Divine Battle Hall of the Battle Pavilion directly set up the formation. A towering killing qi rose up the sky, as sharp as the edge of blades even before the modifications he had made. However, Qing Shui did make an addition of the dao of combination into this formation. Now, it was much stronger than before. The might it could generate had explosively increased several fold.

At this moment, Tantai Lingyan and Hua Rumei walked over. Hua Rumei's eyes twinkled with laughter as they chatted while Tantai Lingyan nodded as she listened. From the start until the end, Tantai Lingyan's expression was always cool and collected.

"This must be the challenge letter sent by the Beast God Sect. You guys can take a look." Hua Rumei directly passed the challenge letter to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui wasn't courteous. He read the challenge letter first before passing it over to Zhan Yu.

The contents were very simple. Since they knew the Demon Lord Palace was participating, they wished to have a competition that was split into five rounds. The first four rounds would be solo battles while the last round would be a group battle. However, the people participating cannot exceed fifteen. If these terms were agreeable, they could accept them. But if they are not, the opponent would directly launch an attack.

Tantai Lingyan and Hua Rumei came here because they wanted to discuss the terms with Qing Shui and the others. Before this, the Divine Sound Sect had already discussed matters with her and Hua Rumei. No matter what, they still had to discuss with Qing Shui first before they made any decisions.

### **Chapter 1470 - Losing a round, Old Man Moxiang**

After Zhan Yu finished reading it, he put down the war challenge and the group started sharing gazes with each other. Eventually, they all settled their sights on Tantai Lingyan.

Tantai Lingyan looked at both Qing Shui and Zhan Yu and said, "Do you guys not have anything you'd like to ask?"

After a moment of thought, Qing Shui responded, "What does the Divine Sound Sect have to say about this? They are the landowner. We are only here to help. I think it will be better if we let them decide instead."

"We may be here to help, but they have made up their mind to pass the authority to us. They are allowed up to two contestants for the match, but only one is guaranteed to win. As for the other one, I don't have much confidence that she will win."

"Five matches. Out of these five matches, four are one-on-one battles. If the Divine Sound Sect can guarantee one victory, there is still a chance that we will win. The only thing we are not certain about is what effect the outcome of the battle will bring upon." Qing Shui said with a smile.

"The victor will be allowed to request something reasonable from the losing side. If the loser doesn't agree to it, the victor will launch their attack." Tantai Lingyan explained to Qing Shui while staring at him.

"We will accept the challenge. So long as the Divine Sound Sect is able to win one of the matches, we will be able to win." Qing Shui said after a moment of thought.

"Qing Shui, we mustn't act recklessly. Putting the last battle royale aside, I am sure that the people who the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley have elected for the four battles will be expert warriors." Tantai Lingyan said, looking a bit concerned.

"As long as Divine Sound Sect is able to win one of the matches, then it shouldn't be a problem for us. By then, I plan to go out for one of the matches. If I win, we will immediately forfeit the remaining two matches and settle everything in the battle royale." Qing Shui said after thinking for a while. Somehow, he was very confident that they would emerge victorious in the battle royale.

Though Qing Shui might be really confident, considering that his opponents were the Divine Beast Sect and that it was a battle royale, up to fifteen people from their side would take part in the battle royale. The amount of demonic beasts they could summon out would be huge. Furthermore, they would definitely be formidable demonic beasts as well.

However, Qing Shui thought that he could counter them with the Soulshake Bell in his hand. Added on to that, the Golden Scaled Dragon Elephant and Hellfire Phoenix could also help him suppress the other beasts, Qing Shui wasn't really worried. It's likely that the beasts were the only thing which the Divine Beast Sect relied on.

After a moment of thought, Tantai Lingyan nodded, "Alright, I believe in you, but please be careful. When the Divine Sound Sect comes back later, come and meet their experts as well. We will discuss how to work together."

After about an hour, three people from the Divine Sound Sect showed up. One of them was the charming and innocent-looking Sect Lord Shen, whereas the other two were old grannies. One of them seemed as strong as Old Man Lu. In her hand was a coiled dragon staff. The peaceful and compassionate

aura which she emitted didn't give people even the slightest clue of the enormous energy within her. Though that might be the case, Qing Shui was certain that the granny was sure to win the match.

After greeting each other, everyone sat down. The granny was the sect lord of the Divine Sound Sect. She now no longer involved herself in the affairs of Divine Sound Sect. Instead, she was now the Supreme Elder of Divine Sound Sect,

The other granny on the other hand, was the Grand Elder of Divine Sound Sect. She took charge and made decisions for a lot of things for Divine Sound Sect.

Since things were already decided, they responded back to the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley, telling them that they accepted their challenge. As to how each participant was going to be allocated in each of the matches, they decided they would only deal with it right before the matches.

In the afternoon, the group ran into people from the Wild Ghost Valley and Divine Beast Sect at a spot about three hundred li away from themselves. There were about five thousand people from the opposing side who came. As for Demon Lord Palace and Divine Sound Sect, there were only about three thousand people in total.

Qing Shui's Spiritual Sense was really formidable. As he neared his opponents, he sensed quite a few formidable auras among them, which were not at all inferior to the elderlies from Divine Sound Sect. In fact, theirs might even be stronger.

As it seemed, the sects with inheritances indeed had rich heritages. The Battle God and Demon Lord were both at the same level. Every single person with either the Battle God or Demon Lord inheritance were formidable figures. Even if they didn't manage to completely inherit either one of those heritages, there was no way they would be weak.

Both parties were about two or three thousand meters away from each other. Given that this place was really empty, they could see each other very clearly. It was fairly easy for them to converse with each other as well.

The middle-aged man had a back which resembled that of a tiger and the waist of an ape. He had a tall and upright figure. The wild aura emitted from his body was unusually strong. Both of his eyes looked as sharp as those of wild beasts. Despite this being the case, they still looked really good and unusually attractive.

"We are from the Divine Beast Sect. I have come here as a representative of both the Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley to talk to you guys. Since you guys have accepted our challenge, I will tell you the rules now." The man smiled as he gazed Qing Shui and the rest of the group.

"Go ahead." Qing Shui got pushed to the front by Hua Rumei as a representative for the Demon Lord Palace and Divine Sound Sect.

"Young man, is your pubic hair even fully grown yet? Are you sure you are ready to represent both the Demon Lord Palace and Divine Sound Sect?" The man was shocked when he saw Qing Shui. Soon after, he started laughing.

“About that, I don’t really care whether it’s fully grown or not. But I am sure that yours hasn’t. But if you dare to check right now in front of all of us and can prove that it is fully grown, I will take it as our loss.” Qing Shui smiled.

Though Qing Shui may be a Physician, his medical expertise hadn’t reached the level where he could see whether one’s hair was fully grown. The Heavenly Vision Technique only allowed him to detect the person’s internal organs. It wasn’t meant for going through the surface of one’s body. If that was really the case, Qing Shui would have been able to see the art of human bodies.

However, Qing Shui was sure that this man would never take off his pants in front of the crowd.

Right away, Tantai Lingyan pretended like she didn’t hear anything. Hua Rumei, on the other hand, looked at Qing Shui in a funny way. Qing Shui didn’t turn his head. In fact, he didn’t have a choice. He didn’t like people verbally insulting him, thus, he had no choice but to suppress the opponent.

The man didn’t seem really mad, but it’s obvious that he didn’t feel comfortable with it. He revealed a grumpy smile, “Since you are able to represent the two sects, it is for the best. Well then, I will go through the rules with you. We are going to send out one person at the same time. If any of the sides intentionally slow down on sending out their representative, the match will be considered to be their loss. Five matches, the side that manages to win three of them emerges victorious. Do you have any opinion about it?”

“It’s fine. Alright then. Later on, we will count to three together. By the time we count to three, the representatives from each side must appear on their specific spot.” The man went back to discuss with the other members after he was done explaining the rules while waiting for Demon Lord Palace to gesture the count.

Qing Shui also went back to discuss with his allies. He had already made up his mind on who to go for the matches before he came. The only thing he had to do now was to arrange the order of the matches. Somehow, this felt a bit like Tianji racing against his own horse, where he was willing to accept one loss in order to ensure two wins.

Though the first match was really important, it’s not a match in which victory must be secured. Once a side won the first match, the side who lost would start being more cautious. Losing the first match would cause influence the team’s morale. It’s the same as losing the initiative in a match. Good thing was that ,at the same time, it would cause the opponent to be indulgent in their victory and as a result, let down their guard. Thus, it had its advantage as well as its disadvantage.

“Grand Elder, I will put you in charge of this match. It doesn’t matter whether you win or not, the only thing you must make sure is to not get hurt.” Qing Shui said to the old woman.

Though the granny was a bit puzzled, she nodded. Initially, she thought that Qing Shui would expect her to try her best to claim the victory. She never expected for him to say something like this.

Qing Shui passed the message to the opponents and together, after counting to three, two human figures appeared on their respective specified spots, almost at the same time.

At the moment when Qing Shui saw the opponent on the opposing side, the first thing which came into his mind was that they had lost this match. The faint aura emitted from the opponent made even Qing Shui feel surprised. Most importantly, the old man was from the Wild Ghost Valley.

The old man had a very skinny figure. He wore a loose-fitting cloth which seemed like it was hanging on his body. Red light could be seen flowing across both of the old man's sharp eyes. Even when Qing Shui was far away from him, he could feel the dangerous aura from the old man.

The match was considered to have started the moment the warriors stepped onto the stage. There was no referee for the match, meaning the warriors were responsible for their own lives.

"I hope you have a great match."

"The same goes for you too."

The voice of the old man from the Wild Ghost Valley sounded deep and rough. From far away, however, Qing Shui didn't see the old man open his mouth. This voice was coming through his throat.

The granny's weapon was a golden rod. At the tip of the rod were three spheres the size of three fists.

Divine Rod of Heaven and Earth! First Style, Heaven and Earth Shock!

As the granny's figure moved, she thrust out the long rod in her hand. The rod formed an afterimage in the air as it pressed towards the opponent.

Ji-gu-cha!

An ear-piercing noise came through. It almost felt as if eardrums were going to be pierced by it. Following on, a black wolf fang sword appeared in the hands of the old man.

Beng-beng.....

A series of explosions were heard. For a moment, it disrupted the five elements in the air. The granny was totally suppressed by the opponent in terms of speed, strength, as well as battle techniques.

Heaven and Earth Soul Shaking Rod!

At the moment when the granny swung the long golden rod in her hand, it turned into an enormous rod almost the size of a mountain.

"Such an insignificant trick!"

Ghost King Devours the Sun!

The Wolf Fang Sword within the old man's hand released an enormous Ghost King which was even bigger than the mountain. It opened its gigantic mouth and swallowed the golden rod.

I admit defeat!

Seeing as the opponent was once again charging towards her and was about to use another of his sure-kill moves, the granny thought about Qing Shui's words and said reluctantly.

Hearing that, the old man opposite her stopped. In a battle, everyone needed to be responsible for his very own life. However, the warriors also had the option to admit defeat.

The granny returned and let out a sigh, "For me to lose a match, I am truly a worthless old woman.

"Granny, please don't blame yourself for this. It is normal to lose a match. In fact, I am still going to need your aid in a while." Qing Shui smiled as he comforted the old woman.

"Alright, when it is my turn to battle again, I will definitely give it my all, even if it means losing my own life." The old woman said.

The Divine Beast Sect and Wild Ghost Valley who had won a match cheered in joy. As for the Demon Lord Palace and Divine Sound Sect, they remained in silent.

"Shall we make some preparations first or start the second match right away?" The voice of the man from Divine Beast Sect came through.

"Let's begin!" Qing Shui smiled and said.

"Granny, fight him with all you have got and try your best to win this match." Qing Shui said in a patient tone. If she was to lose this match, they would be put under a passive situation.

"Worry not. I am absolutely sure that I will win." The wise old woman said in a confident tone.

Qing Shui wasn't sure why the granny could be so confident. As a matter of fact, her strength hadn't reached the extent where people would fear her. Could it be that combat wise, she had a formidable Sure-kill Heavenly Technique?

Even if her Sure-kill Heavenly Technique was a passive skill, it was something which couldn't be noticed from the outside. Qing Shui's Paragon Golden Armor would be a great example of this. It was constantly boosting his defensive prowess, yet no one was able to notice it.

At the moment when both participants counted to three, they both arrived at their respective spots which they were supposed to be at.

This time, the opposing team sent out a tall and sturdy old man. He resembled an enormous lion. Figure-wise, he was about two and a half meters tall. He was born with an unusual look. The aura circulating his body felt really warm and thick. He seemed to be a dignified and sharp man, causing people to feel pressured around him.

Old Man Moxiang!

The graceful Sect Lord Shen yelled out.

Throughout the whole time, Qing Shui kept feeling that the old woman was no simple figure. The only problem was that he was unable to tell what about her was powerful. Her expression hadn't changed the whole time. Could it be that she had something really powerful which she could rely on? Or was it solely because she had strong willpower?