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### Chapter 611 - The Nine Palace Pendant, The Nine Continental Boots, The Village of Mo Clan below the Fire Plume Mountain

The old man did not feel ashamed after being brushed off by Qing Shui. He politely bowed and slowly retreated into the crowd, and all the while kept his focus on Qing Shui's hands.

"Well, I'll be! No wonder he looks familiar, he is the Martial Saint Alchemist from Ling Xi Country!"

"He's from the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan of the Ling Xi Country?"

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When the identity of the old man was revealed, the surrounding people began to gush their excitement around him. The Medicine Emperor Yi Clan of the Ling Xi Country was very well-known due to their connection to the top ten rankings of famous alchemists in the Central Continent.

A person might be able to become an alchemist under the circumstances that they were able to reveal their extraordinary ability without rousing jealousy from the public. After all, those with a little bit of power would easily have an affinity with medicinal pills. Moreover, if they were able to be familiar with a strong alchemist, then they would be able to accomplish twice as much with half the effort.

There was also the matter of medical ethics that was taken more seriously in the World of the Nine Continents. For example, if a person was facing imminent death, the alchemist can choose to save this person's life under the condition that no one else would object, and the alchemist can save the life without much effort. This was considered as one of the unwritten laws of being an alchemist.

Considering that, there was no guarantee that one may not encounter such a situation in their whole life. After all, was there such a thing as a martial warrior who would not suffer wounds or injuries in their path of cultivation? One of the reasons why alchemists were extremely popular was because they were able to meet with a lot of martial warriors who need medical attention most of the time. Ultimately, the alchemist clans have one of the highest survivability rate in the World of the Nine Continents.

Also, no one would go murder an alchemist out of the blue, not even if the target in question was an elementary level alchemist. Unless there were something wrong with the alchemist in question, then the alchemist would be completely isolated from all other alchemists. Isolation by a large group was a powerful thing that could lead to the potential harm of the said alchemist.

Qing Shui was one who did not fear rousing jealousy from the public by revealing his medical skills in front of a large amount of people. Alchemists were known to be bold when it came to their strength in a medical related situation. The glory they received from everyone was impeccable.

Qing Shui took out a Gold Needle and sterilized it with his Primordial Flames. It was an unnecessary procedure because the Gold Needle was known to be the best instrument for detoxification without the fear of being infected with poison and dirt. Even though he knew this, it was a habit of his to take extra precaution when dealing with medical concerns.

Furthermore, Qing Shui had also forged the 81 Golden Needles from the Gold Extract Essence he previously acquired from the Wolf King Hall. The sizes of these needles were a mixture of three-inch, five-inch, seven-inch, and nine-inch. He had also left a set of needles for the ladies and another set for his family.

The thickness and the length of the needle would be used to treat specific patients based on their gender and age. Qing Shui would be using a seven-inch Golden Needle to treat the old woman's grandchild. It was hard to tell the thickness of the seven-inch needle based on its appearance alone, but one would be able to tell that it was a bit slimmer compared to the nine-inch Golden Needle.

Liver Qi Stagnation!

Qing Shui slowly inserted the Golden Needle into the area of the little boy's liver!

Primal Chaotic Divine Needle Technique was the name of the acupuncture method that Qing Shui was currently cultivating. The cultivation could be divided into Reinforcing the Vital Essence and Strengthening the Primordial Qi, Five Elements Acupuncture, Impurities Cleansing, Bone and Spirit Cleansing, Acupuncture Clearing, and Meridians Strengthening...

Qing Shui was able to use the Five Elements Acupuncture, Reinforcing the Vital Essence and Strengthening the Primordial Qi, and Meridians Strengthening without any difficulty. Impurities Cleansing, Bone and Spirit Cleansing, and Acupuncture Clearing could be considered as the 'Small succession Paragons' because they could only be used for minor problems. Not only could these three techniques be used accordingly to the situation at hand, but they could also be used for detoxification and other miracle uses.

Qing Shui was currently using the Five Elements Acupuncture on the little boy. According to medical science, the five internal organs of a human body have a correspondence to the five elements, which were metal, wood, water, fire, and earth.

There was also the matter of the inter-promotion and inter-inhibitions of the five elements!

The liver would generate the heart as to how wood would produce fire, which meant that the liver would store blood to nourish the heart. While the heart would generate the spleen as to how a fire would generate the earth, which meant that the heat of the heart would warm the spleen. While the spleen would generate the lungs as to how the earth would generate the metal, which meant that the spleen would transform and distribute essence to replenish the lungs. The lungs would generate the kidney as to how metal would generate water, which meant that lungs would dredge the water passages to help the kidney. Lastly, the kidney would generate the liver as to how water would generate the wood, which meant that the vital essence of the kidney would nourish the liver, and so on.

Lungs were known to be associated with metal while the liver was known to be associated with the wood elemental. Therefore, the clearing of the lungs could restrict the hyperactivity of the Yang liver. The liver could smooth and regulate the stagnation of Qi in the spleen, and while the spleen was known to be associated with the element earth, wood would restrict earth. The spleen would transport nutrients and prevent the overflow of water of the kidney, so in this case, earth would restrict water; the ascension of the Yin kidney could prevent the fire-elemental Yang heart from hyperactivity. This was

why the water would restrict fire; the Yang heat of the heart could control the hyperactivity of the lungs; therefore fire would restrict metal.

Qing Shui applied the Five Elements inter-promotion theory to his treatment and used the Five Elements Acupuncture on top of his to stimulate the little boy's Qi of Life.

He would first need to stimulate the Qi of Life of a random organ which had tenacity in order to take advantage of the interrelationship of the five organs to promote the healing of the body. Initially, Qing Shui wanted to stimulate the heart, but he decided to tackle the liver first.

Wood corresponded to the spring season, fire corresponded to the summer season, earth corresponded to the long summers, metal corresponded to the autumn season, and water corresponded to the winter season.

The liver was known to be associated with the element of wood, plus it was currently the spring season, so he decided to start with the liver! Qing Shui's Sainly Hands had also infused a large amount of Qi of Life into the little boy's body before the procedure.

As time passed, Qing Shui had finally succeeded in reviving the liver. After that, he applied a large amount of Qi to shield the livers from further harm. The next vital part he would need to tackle was the heart, so he took a long time to build up his Qi because the heart was considered the most important organ of the human body. Moreover, he could not afford to make any mistakes when it came to the heart. Otherwise, it would end up creating a bigger mess than it was before and then everything he had done up until now would go to waste.

As they said, "Wood-element liver stores blood to 'nourish' the fires of the heart". Qing Shui took another Golden Needle and inserted it into the stomach area. Meanwhile, the Golden Needle around the liver area spun at a faster rate. The spinning of the needle gave out a slight buzzing noise as well.

Qing Shui tapped the acupuncture points around the area continuously with his other hand. A Golden Needle was also inserted into the heart area, but unlike the other areas, the needle was inserted in a shallow manner.

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This went on for about four hours until Qing Shui was done with inserting the Golden Needles into the little boy's body. He let out a sigh of relief as he stood up and stretched his body. As he did so, he noticed that he was surrounded by a horde of people observing the Golden Needles that poked into the little boy's body. Some of them were still focusing their eyes on the old man who came to speak with Qing Shui earlier.

Qing Shui could still remember what the crowd had mentioned, something along the lines of 'Ling Xi Country Medical Emperor Yi Clan'!

Even though the emaciated little boy was still closing his eyes, his complexion seemed to have improved a lot compared to before. His face was rosy in color, and the signs of vitality seemed good and strong.

The old woman kept glancing at her grandson until she wept for quite some time. She turned to look at Qing Shui and said: "You have saved my grandson. You are truly our savior. I may be old, but I still have some energy left. For the remaining of my days, I will follow you wherever you go."

The old woman was about to bend over to bow at Qing Shui when suddenly he stopped her by holding her up and said: "You don't need to do this, grandma. You are just going to shorten my life by doing so."

"No, I have to repay you..." The old woman was lost in deep thought as if she was thinking of ways she could repay Qing Shui.

"Grandma, I will take these as your gratitude to me. So I will not pay for these, how about that?" Qing Shui picked up a worn-out Nine Palace Pendant and showed it to the old woman.

When the old woman saw the worn-out Nine Palace Pendant in Qing Shui's hand, she was visibly stunned. But after a while, she reach into her pocket and took out another item. Before Qing Shui could take a good look at the item, he could already tell what it was from its shape. He froze when he saw the item in the old woman's hand.

She had an Interspatial Silk Sachet all this time.....

"Well, if you want it that way, I will give you another item. Also, if you have any troubles, feel free to go to the Village of the Mo Clan to find me. You will have no problem finding me as I had planned to never leave the Village of the Mo Clan for another 30 years." said the old woman as she handed the item she took from the sachet to Qing Shui.

"Village of the Mo Clan?" Qing Shui was extra careful around this old woman. He knew she was different when he noticed that she was in possession of an Interspatial Silk Sachet. And then something clicked in his mind; he finally knew why he had an obscure sense of her Xiantian strength - it was an illusion to cover her real strength.

"The Village of the Mo Clan below the Fire Plume Mountain." replied the old woman with a smile.

Qing Shui took the item from the old woman's hand and what he saw was a pair of boots!

The Nine Continent Boots.....

The boots were worn-out as well, probably from damages it had received during its prime. Despite its shabby appearance, Qing Shui could still recognize it as the Nine Continent Boots. When he thought about the possible connection to the World of the Nine Continents, he felt that the boots may be in possession of some mythical powers or skills.

Qing Shui received the boots and smiled at the old woman: "Thank you!"

"I should be the one thanking you. I must be on my way now. Remember, if you have any troubles, come find me. I might be able to help with your problems." The old woman reminded Qing Shui about what she had said earlier. Because of that, he was certain that she was genuinely a powerful woman masked beneath the illusion of a Xiantian.

However, he had no idea why she would 'set up a stall' around here. Based on her capabilities, she might have already searched for the best alchemist in the world. However, she might have difficulty in finding someone who would be willing to use a divine medicine that bring the dead back to life on someone they barely knew. This kind of medicine certainly does exist, but no one would be willing to part with it.

Qing Shui watched on as the old woman held the little boy in her arms while slowly disappearing into the crowd. As soon as she blended into the crowd, she vanished in an instant.

Around this time, the nearby old man from the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan approached Qing Shui and said: "Sir, can we talk for a while? Your medical skill is really unparalleled in this world. I have lived this long and cured many diseases for 200 years, but this is the first time I have seen such an extraordinary skill. Now I have seen everything."

The old man had a tone of a devout practitioner and a pair of blazing eyes full of admiration as he looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui casually put the two items he received from the old woman into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal before he turned to the old man with a smile and said: "What do you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I am a member of the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan from the Ling Xi Country. I was wondering if you are interested in working for our Medicine Emperor Yi Clan due to your highly-skilled medical skills. It would be a waste if you don't plan to join us." The old man said in a serious tone as he looked at Qing Shui with earnest eyes.

Qing Shui almost laughed when the old man told him to visit the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan. It turned out that the old man wanted to rope Qing Shui into his medical center as an employee. The Medicine Emperor Yi Clan must be famous judging by the old man's tone. Otherwise, he wouldn't be this confident in his attempt to hire Qing Shui on the spot. However, Qing Shui replied with a smile and shook his head: "Not interested!"

"Sir, please consider it again. Our Medicine Emperor Yi Clan is the top alchemist clan in the world. You will definitely further improve your medical skills and refining medicines abilities by working with us. Furthermore, we can satisfy all your requests and needs as long as we can fulfill them." The old man tried to persuade Qing Shui after his offer was swiftly rejected.

"Not interested. If there's nothing else, I shall take my leave." Qing Shui couldn't care less about the old man and his Medicine Emperor Yi Clan.

"Then if you feel like joining us one day, please feel free to do so. The Medicine Emperor Yi Clan will always welcome you!" The old man left his parting words when he realized he could not force someone like Qing Shui to join unwillingly.

The time had passed by again. Qing Shui and the ladies decided to head back.

"Miss Duanmu, is the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan powerful?" Qing Shui was curious about the Medicine Emperor clan because he saw the old man riding a Snow Lion on his way back home. Moreover, Snow Lions were typically Martial Saint level demonic beasts that only powerful warriors could tame.

"Medicine Emperor Yi Clan is a distinguished and influential clan in the Lingxi Country. Although they are not the most powerful clan there, they are certainly one of the top clans in the Lingxi Country. They also have saved countless people since their establishment, which means a lot of people owe them their life. All in all, the Yi Clan is a neutral clan that exists in the Lingxi Country, as well as in other countries." Duanmu Lingshuang had a faint smile in her charming eyes as she explained the Medicine Emperor Yi Clan to Qing Shui.

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At night, Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

First thing on his agenda was to examine the two items he had received from the old woman - the Nine Palace Pendant and the Nine Continent Boots!

The number 'nine' was highly esteemed and was considered as a auspicious number in the world of numerology. Qing Shui picked up the Nine Palace Pendant and observed its shabby condition. Despite being worn-out, Qing Shui could vaguely see the portrait of the Nine Palaces inscribed around the rim of the pendant. However, a corner of the pendant was slightly damaged.

Qing Shui was unsure of the materials used to make the pendant. But he decided to go ahead and use the Quad-color of his Ancient Rainbow Art of Forging to fix it.

It would require a bit of material to fix the Nine Palace Pendant, but not the common natural materials that could be found anywhere in the world. The materials were crucial because, for the most parts, Qing Shui wanted to 'change the color' of the pendant the most. After a long period of time deciding which material he wanted to use, he finally went with the violet jade that he received as a reward from the upgrade of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

And then he started quenching the pendant!

Qing Shui used his hand to hold the Nine Palace Pendant and continuously used his godly force to wash the surface. He was careful to wash along the lines of the texture that revealed the portrait of the Nine Palaces so that it would not be harshly damaged. After all, he had some knowledge of the nine palaces through research and study, which was why he was brave enough to attempt the repair of the pendant. Otherwise, if he didn't know what to do, he would never be able to fix the pendant, or he would damage the pendant further by carelessly using his godly force to wash the surface.

After a while, the Nine Palace Pendant gradually released a faint odor that smelled old and ancient. The odor was released from the constant washing of the dirt on the pendant. Moreover, after the pendant was washed, the original color of the surface was finally revealed. It was gray, but it was a sparkling kind of gray. The pendant was now cleaner and more dignified than before.

After that, Qing Shui picked up the violet jade!

### **Chapter 612 Nine Palace Art, 'Nine Continents Steps', Shrinking A Foot Into An Inch**

Qing Shui picked up the violet jade!

It's impurities started to be cleaned after he started smelting it into liquid. He then added in the tempered Nine Palace Pendant and smelt it with primordial flames.

Not only did Qing Shui need to smelt, but he would also need to use the violet jade as replacement for materials in the damaged parts of the Nine Palace Pendant. Thank goodness that the prints were not important. Otherwise, with Qing Shui's understanding of the "Nine Palace Art", it would be hard for him to repair it.

The violet jade was slowly melted onto the surface of the Nine Palace Pendant, and the damaged portions slowly recovered under Qing Shui's work. The process was extremely slow.

A soft sound rang out, one which was like friction from placing mismatched parts together. Qing Shui let out a long exhale. He felt very happy looking at the Nine Palace Pendant with a completely new appearance.

Qing Shui then took out the small hammer which he specially forged with the flaming metal. This was what he had for forging especially small items or setting precious stones, and this happened to be one of those occasions.

The small hammer was a fiery red color, its was from the fire element. When Qing Shui had forged this back then, he noticed that it had only one attribute; which was to increase of one's forging ability by ten percent.

Ten percent was quite a lot, thus Qing Shui was very satisfied. In the area of forging, he already had sufficient strength, he could easily seek materials, and he could just train his mastery since he had time. Thus for now, the only thing he was concerned with was the success rate and the quality of the items which he forged.

The ten percent increase in forging ability also included strengthening the effect on the item forged and an increase in the success rate by ten percent.

The small fiery hammer continuously knocked on the Nine Palace Pendant, which was now a purple color . Qing Shui gradually felt the process was getting quite smooth, as if it were just some flames burning up as it wished.

Ding!

A crisp sound accompanied by the appearance of a dazzling violet gleam caused Qing Shui a need to squint his eyes. He then looked at the successfully tempered Nine Palace Pendant. It was as if he'd woken up from a great dream.

The dreamy violet color was warm like jade. It's appearance was not only beautiful, but also carried a hint of elegance. The faint glow and spiritual aura it exuded was extremely strong. However, that glow was gradually absorbed back in, it wouldn't show up unless he were to channel in Qi of Xiantian.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Nine Palace Pendant: Nine Palace has many hidden mysteries and can pass through all disasters. Violet Jade contains protection from evil spirits. The one who wears it will have his body's physical defence, spirit energy and endurance increase by fifty percent. It has the effect of removing and beautifying poison.

Defensive battle technique: Nine Palace Art!

Nine Palace Art: Channeling Qi of Xiantian through the specified method by the Nine Palace Art can temporarily increase one's overall defence by twofold and be sustained for an hour. It can be used once a day and cannot be used concurrently with other items of similar effects.

Nine Palace Art circulation method: ...

Powerful!

Qing Shui looked at it in a daze, "This is good stuff!"

Qing Shui fondled it lovingly and felt a bit awkward since he, a male, was holding and looking at this beautiful violet Nine Palace Pendant. He put it down and turned his gaze toward the Nine Continent Boots.

The Nine Continent Boots looked much nicer than the Nine Palace Pendant before it was tempered. It was just that it now looked just like a piece of junk in comparison. However, Qing Shui knew that this Nine Continent Boots wasn't any inferior to the Nine Palace Pendant. It could only be superior.

Qing Shui liked these boots even more. His previous one was already done for, it wouldn't be able to withstand his Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique, which was at the sixth Heavenly Layer.

As for the ones he could use, he was only left with the Silk Shirt of the Moon Silkworm, the Violet Gold Divine Shield, and the Big Dipper Sword. Now, there was the Nine Palace Pendant as well. However, Qing Shui hadn't decided who to give it to. He was now extremely hopeful toward this Nine Continent Boots.

It was due to there being 'nine continents' in its name.

Smelting and purifying...Qing Shui didn't add in that violet jade this time around, but merely purified it. There was some damage to the Nine Palace Pendant previously, thus Qing Shui was forced to add in some of the violet jade.

Although, that majestic and rustic looking grey was also quite a presentable color. But now, the Nine Continent Boots was slowly turning into the purest silvery grey color, thus Qing Shui wouldn't be adding in any other colors.

Smelting furnace!

Qing Shui used his Spiritual Sense to sense the transformations of the Nine Continent Boots. It was only after smelting it did Qing Shui realize that its internal structure was extremely complex. Thank goodness that there wasn't any damage. However, Qing Shui still tried his best to remember the internal structure. He could now barely pass off as being capable in retaining whatever information he sees. Moreover, he was also very bright. Qing Shui decided just remember it for now and only study it in more detail whenever he is free.

The skeleton to this Nine Continent Boots was made from a special type of metal, one which Qing Shui hasn't seen before. He felt the exterior was made from something like a beast's hide, tendons or bones, but he wasn't exactly sure. Qing Shui just knew that it was very valuable from its spiritual aura.

He spent more time on the Nine Palace Pendant this time around. He was only able to hear that familiar sound of friction after about half a day, he then started to temper it.

Qing Shui was getting more and more familiar as he was doing this. Most importantly, it was a kind of peaceful mentality. The red hammer continued to land down creating crisp sounds one after another.

Qing Shui was very clear minded this time around and also remembered the number of times he had hammered; It was a total of five-thousand three-hundred and twenty-eight times. Qing Shui knew that this was the highest number of times he had hammered, so he was very excited.



Looking at the majestic and rustic looking Nine Continent Boots, he felt that its splendid appearance was another type of beauty in itself. It attracted attention just as equally.

He used his Heavenly Vision Technique on the Nine Continent Boots. Only now was Qing Shui feeling a little excited. Earlier, he was only able to see the names of the Nine Palace Pendant and Nine Continent Boots. Their damage level and effects were unknown.

However, they were completely restored under Qing Shui's 4-color graded Art of Forging. Qing Shui had performed splendidly and even managed to exceed over five thousand hammers.

The words that entered into his eyes were 'Nine Continent Boots'. He continued to read on. It was forged from the Astral Fragments and fantastic beasts in the World of the Nine Continents. It had unfathomable powers.

Increasing speed by a factor of two and reducing energy consumption by half. Those of Martial Emperor level or lower would find it hard to damage it in the least. It also had an additional battle skill called the Nine Continent Steps.

Nine Continent Steps: Activating the Nine Continent Boots and Nine Continent Steps will make the user travel 100,000 li instantly. Currently at the basic first level and can only be used once daily.

Prerequisite: Martial Saint level!

To appear instantaneously 100,000 li away...Qing Shui did a brief calculation on this. The Fire Bird could now travel at about twice the speed of sound, which would only be capable of travelling 116,000 li after a full day's travel without breaks. Just one use of the Nine Continent Steps would be about a day's worth of journeying on the Fire Bird. It was a pity that it could only be used once per day.

This was already quite perverse. The abilities he had already gained was doubling his speed and having his energy depletion cut by half, both of which were considered extremely powerful.

When martial arts practitioner had displays their full speed, the amount of energy they consume would be two times or even multiple times more than what they would usually use. This was especially the case if they were making an escape or unleashing a sudden outburst. Therefore, having their energy depletion reduced by half was considered quite a heaven defying feat.

In the World of the Nine Continents, speed was considered to be the hardest to increase, it was even more important than strength. Having speed was the equivalent to having strength. If one had sufficient speed, they would be able to control the battle, and could choose to attack or defend easier.

Then there was the Nine Continent Steps, which was currently only at the first level. This meant that its level could be increased and its effects would be brought to greater heights...

Both of these were treasures, but it was a pity that the Nine Palace Pendant conflicted with the Big Dipper Sword. Although they could be equipped concurrently, they couldn't be used at the same time.

Qing Shui put on the Nine Continent Boots. He noticed the boots went quite well with the Silk Shirt of the Moon Silkworm which he was wearing. When he put it on, he could feel a faint cooling effect enter his feet. It felt very comfortable and light.

He lifted his foot, but there was no reaction. Qing Shui tried again, but deliberately channeled in a small amount of Qi of into it. With just a shake, he'd already moved several steps forward.

Qing Shui was stunned. The same thing happened when he tried lifting his foot again. Qing Shui attempted to increase the flow of Qi of little by little. Eventually, he was zooming about in the air inside the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Shrinking a foot into an inch!

When the flow of the Qi of reached a certain level, it actually brought about the effect of shrinking a foot into an inch. The Nine Continent Boots was meant to travel across the nine continents, but it was a pity that its speed was still not up to it at the moment.

However, having the 'Nine Continent Steps' still made Qing Shui quite happy. He would be able to travel two days worth in just a single day, saving twice the time. In the future, if Nine Continent Steps could level up, he might be able to cross millions of li each time, allowing him to move across the nine continents easily. However, that was all just talk, Qing Shui didn't really believe that it was possible. If it were, then wouldn't it be the same as that legendary Shrinking Ruler?

He wondered if it was possible to bring along people with him when he used the 'Nine Continent Steps'. Qing Shui decided to test it out when he had the time.

Thinking of how it required one to be of the Martial Saint level before it could be used, Qing Shui felt that it was due to the speed one experienced when Nine Continent Steps was used. It would probably be too difficult for those under the Martial Saint to withstand the resistance.

After coming to a stop, Qing Shui took a break to casually walk around the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and have some food. Now, Qing Shui's fish soup would be made using the rainbow trout fish. There was just too much of it. Not only Qing Shui, but even the Thunderous Beast, Fire Bird and Diamond Gigantic Elephant could eat them as well.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant didn't eat every day, it would eat about once a week even though it had grown quite big. It would eat about fifty black fish, which were about one foot long, and also fifty rainbow trout fish.

Although the Crystal Lion was small, it was very flexible in the water. It would take a rest at the sides when it was tired. After all, Qing Shui wouldn't allow the other beasts, which could possibly eat it, to do so.

"Hmmm?"

That small blade of grass which was like a flame had again grown taller since the last time Qing Shui saw it, which quite a while ago. It was now five inches tall, and the red grass looked as if it was full of vitality. He just didn't know what it was.

Qing Shui collected the things from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal once again. Looking at the items which had accumulated to quite a pile, Qing Shui felt very much at ease. Even if he were to share them all with his friends and family, he would still have enough to use for his alchemy.

The Golden Medicinal Turtle was now already over 6,500 years old, the 1000-Year Clam was now 2,500 years old, and the Golden Flesh LingZhi had grown from 5,000 years to 6,500 years.

A thousand plus years meant a great difference in medicinal herbs and spiritual items. Each 1,000 years would be an additional level. The other medicinal herbs in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal were also all 1,500 years. Qing Shui was especially excited to see these.

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The next morning, Qing Shui woke up for his morning practice as usual. Both Qing Shui and Di Chen stayed in an independent courtyard located close to Madam Duanmu and Duanmu Lingshuang.

There was only Qing Shui and Di Chen in the small and quiet courtyard. This time around, the two of them did not stay on different storeys. The residences here were all elegant looking two-storey pavilions with the main hall on the first level and the sleeping quarters on the second. Therefore, their rooms were right next to each other.

Flowers started blooming during the warm spring when the new year began. Qing Shui faced the rising morning sun as he practiced his Taichi. He felt that the nature energy in his body was increasing very rapidly.

The Nature Energy which hadn't attained any breakthroughs for a while, now started showing some signs of it. Qing Shui focused his thoughts as he gradually practiced each Taichi move.

Di Chen came out a short while later. When she saw Qing Shui, she smiled.

Qing Shui decided to stop, since his practice for the day had concluded. He casually greeted her when he recalled that Nine Palace Pendant.

### **Chapter 613 - Incomprehensible Thoughts**

Qing Shui had intended on giving it to Huoyun Liu-Li initially, but this item has a stronger impact on someone who was at the Martial Saint level. Amongst those around him, Di Chen was stronger. Moreover, she was on the cusp of a breakthrough to the Martial Saint level, thus Qing Shui was waiting for that to happen. Huoyun Liu-Li liked the color purple. He could use the violet jade to forge some accessories for her. When his Ancient Art of Forging once again attains a breakthrough, Qing Shui planned to forge some armor and accessories he had been devising for quite a while.

"I'm giving you something!" Qing Shui smiled and took out the Nine Palace Pendant. This should be the second time that he was giving her something. The first time was the 'Silver Moon Wolf Earrings' from the Wolf King Hall, which she has been wearing all along...

Hearing Qing Shui's words, Di Chen saw the Nine Palace Pendant he was holding. It was a beautiful and magnificent pendant. She looked at Qing Shui, puzzled, as if she was asking why he was gifting it to her.

"Why aren't you taking it..." Qing Shui smiled and looked at Di Chen who had fallen into a slight daze.

"Why have you thought of giving me an accessory today? I've already bought quite a few pieces yesterday." Di Chen must have thought that Qing Shui had especially bought the pendant for her.

“We’re husband and wife... Isn’t it perfectly normal for me to give you a present? Shall I put it on for you?” Qing Shui smiled at her. At present, Qing Shui could somewhat be at ease, but it was still a bit uncomfortable for him to speak such intimate words to her.

Di Chen did not rebut what Qing Shui said and received the Nine Palace Pendant from Qing Shui. Although she appeared very calm, her thoughts were not as much. Both times she received his presents, her feelings were of an extreme.

When he gave her the ‘Silver Moon Wolf Earrings’, he only had a day of his life left. Despite so, he still did not forget that he was supposed to gift her with a pair of earrings.

Back then, her heart was as if it was pierced harshly. It might be then when he truly entered her heart. Although she did not know what feelings she had toward him, she knew that she would not forget him in this life.

However, he still could not let himself go before her. He did not have enough confidence and needed her to give him an additional push to let him mature quickly. When that time comes, maybe he would find her cute.

Upon putting it on, Di Chen’s deep eyes were now filled with astonishment. It was because she could feel the effects from this Nine Palace Pendant. The feeling of having her abilities raised was very good, especially in the area of her spirit energy.

“Chen`er, I’ll impart to you the Nine Palace Art circulation technique. You can try it out later.”

Qing Shui went through the “Nine Palace Art” battle technique, which came with the Nine Palace Pendant, with Di Chen once. Afterwards he then explained to her that it could only be used when she was wearing the Nine Palace Pendant.

With Di Chen’s talent, she picked it up very quickly. When she used it, the Nine Palace Pendant before her chest exuded a faint purple glow. When she looked at Qing Shui, her eyes appeared very dreamy.

Just as the two of them were locked in each other’s gaze, Duanmu Lingshuang walked in. She could only see Di Chen’s backview, but she saw Qing Shui’s smiling gaze when he was looking at Di Chen. That gaze gave her an indescribable feeling, making her feel a little envious. In that instant, she had a strange feeling. It was not pain, but something along the lines of stuffy.

Qing Shui naturally saw Duanmu Lingshuang. He casually spoke, “Miss Duanmu, you’re here!”

Duanmu Lingshuang, who usually did not think much about it, now felt that the address ‘Miss Duanmu’ was especially uncomfortable. It did not even sound better than when she was called ‘woman’ back when they were on Flowerfruit Mountain.

From young till now, the man whom she was closest to was her father. However, he left her long ago. From then on, she had not been willing to accept any man’s attention and gifts. This persisted until she was at Flowerfruit Mountain, when she was forced to accept everything given to her by Qing Shui.

For a woman, even a cold one, once her heart was slightly opened up by a man, even if it was just a minute gap, she would inevitably fall.

Duanmu Lingshuang knew that she should not be letting her imagination run wild at this point in time. However, when she recalled the few days back on Flowerfruit Mountain, the thought of the time she had spent together with Qing Shui, now made her feel as though she had lost something, something that seemed to be very important...

“Let’s go have our food, it’s all prepared!” Duanmu Lingshuang went up to hold Di Chen’s hand as she looked to Qing Shui and said.

It was then that Duanmu Lingshuang saw the Nine Palace Pendant on Di Chen’s chest. After awakening from her short stupor, she went to the hall with Di Chen and Qing Shui to have their meal. However, this was the first time she had felt a throb in her heart.

She was feeling both a bit anxious and slightly at a loss!

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When they were having their meal, Qing Shui noticed that Duanmu Lingshuang was not herself. She kept looking toward the Nine Palace Pendant Di Chen was wearing, and then occasionally at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was very slow when it came to matters of love and tended to be very passive most of the time. Even though he saw how Duanmu Lingshuang seemed to be very interested in the pendant, he did not have another one on hand to give to her. During this time, she had been spending a lot of time together with Di Chen, and now that he had given Di Chen a gift, she had noticed it as well. But now, if he were to give her some kind of accessory, it would not be as nice as the one he gave Di Chen, which would probably make Duanmu Lingshuang even more unhappy.

Finally, Qing Shui decided to gift her with a “Beauty Pellet”. It was in women’s nature to love beauty, regardless of their age or if they were pretty or ugly. No woman would mind becoming a little prettier.

“Madam, Miss Duanmu, I have something to gift the two of you. I hope that both of you beautiful looks will be long-lasting and that you’ll forever appear youthful.” Qing Shui placed two bottles of Beauty Pellets before Madam Duanmu and Duanmu Lingshuang.

“This is?” Madam Duanmu smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

“Beauty Pellet. It can retain one’s youth for thirty years as well as increase one’s cultivation by a little.” Qing Shui explained the Beauty Pellets’ effects.

“I forgot that you’re an outstanding alchemist. I can’t hold back from such good stuff. I’ll accept it then.” Madam Duanmu smiled and said.

Duanmu Lingshuang took it as well, as if she had made up her mind after much effort!

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Unknowingly, Qing Shui had stayed at Duanmu’s residence for a month and had gradually gotten familiar with the place. Duanmu City’s Duanmu Clan was undoubtedly the strongest clan.

Other than the Duanmu Clan, there were also a few other reputable clans and sects. However, they were no match for the Duanmu Clan. They were respectively the Jin Clan, the Sword Sect, the Xiao Clan, the Chen Clan, and the Dongguo Clan.

The Jin Clan was considered the strongest clan in Duanmu City after the Duanmu Clan. It was the clan Jin Shang, the person he had met previously, belonged to. The Sword Sect was a small sect which seemed very mysterious. Many people, including Duanmu Lingshuang, were not very clear about it, but Madam Duanmu had mentioned for them not to create trouble at the Sword Sect. Although Madam Duanmu had warned them against causing trouble in multiple places, Duanmu Lingshuang felt that it was slightly different when she brought up the Sword Sect.

More importantly, during these days, Qing Shui noticed that the people from the Sword Sect all had a very low profile and it was even hard to come across anyone of them. It was the Jin Clan, the Xiao Clan, the Chen Clan and the Dongguo Clan who were more active.

The Duanmu Clan was strong, the Sword Sect was low profile, and the remaining four clans also jointly had the control over half of Duanmu City. Of course, on the surface, everyone appeared to be as if they were on good terms.

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“Qing Shui, let’s go over there to take a look!”

This day, Di Chen and Qing Shui were taking a casual stroll outside. This time around, Duanmu Lingshuang had something to attend to and thus had not join them.

Qing Shui followed Di Chen’s gaze and saw that there were many people gathering around. It was a battle arena on the streets. However, it appeared to be unusually lively.

Such street battle arenas were commonly seen since martial arts prevailed in this world. Therefore, regardless if they knew each other or not, many people would first have a spar in the arena.

As the population was very big, there were always battles in the street arenas. Next to them, there would be people setting up gambling stalls to liven things up. And no matter if the banker won or lost, the side who lost would give 30% of the profits to the winner of the battle.

The people who would compete in such arenas tended to come from varying backgrounds, but there would also occasional be some extremely strong challenges, albeit very few.

Currently, there was a tall and muscular looking young man against a skinny young man. Both of them were fighting with their bare fists. The tall and muscular looking young man had a height of almost two meters and had the built similar to an ape. Each time he swung out his fists, a strong and powerful force would bring about a series of explosions.

His lower body was very well trained, and each step he took was very stable, causing many people from the crowd to cheer for him.

In comparison, the skinny young man was about one head shorter, and his figure was only about half the size of his opponent. He appeared slightly feeble, but was able to dodge his opponent’s fists every single time.

“Come and place your bets! The minimum bet is one hundred Liang, and there’s no upper limit! This gambling stall is managed by the Dongguo Clan, and our integrity is assured. The odds for the fatty is 1 to 1.12, and the odds for the skinny one is 1 is to 2...”

“Dongguo Si, do you know anything else other than running?” Many people from the crowd were shouting out.

By then, Qing Shui and Di Chen had both joined the crowd. The scene was very lively, and the atmosphere was blood-boiling.

15 minutes passed!

Qing Shui felt that the two in the arena were merely having a tussle. The one with the big build was attacking endlessly. While, on the other hand, the skinny one by the name of Dongguo Si was only dodging and shuttling around, occasionally attacking the fatty’s weak spots strongly and viciously, forcing him back and causing him to yell out in a fury before launching into another series of maniacal attacks.

“Chen`er, who do you think will win this?” Qing Shui looked toward Di Chen s he smiled and asked Di Chen.

The skinny young man in the arena was like a fleeting boat on a massive ocean, appearing as if he could lose his life at any moment amidst his opponent’s attacks.

“The skinny man will win!” Di Chen took a look then smiled and said.

“Actually, the skinny man can’t win, but he’ll still have to win in the end.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Why?” Di Chen looked at Qing Shui, obviously not understanding what this meant.

“Look over there!” Qing Shui pointed to a gambling stall. Di Chen looked over, then looked back at Qing Shui, “You mean everything is rigged by the Dongguo Clan?”

“Come and place your bets! The minimum bet is one hundred Liang, and there’s no upper limit! This gambling stall is managed by the Dongguo Clan, and our integrity is assured. The odds for the fatty is 1 to 1.12, and the odds for the skinny one is 1 is to 2...”

“See that? Although the payout for those who bet on the skinny man is high, most people will choose to bet on the fatty.” After saying that, Qing Shui shot out a small rock in his hand.

Pfft!

Just as the skinny man was avoiding the fatty’s incoming punch, he suddenly felt that his body had turned numb all over as a huge fist landed on his head.

Dongguo Si, who had just regained his senses, was knocked out completely.

The fatty looked at Dongguo Si in a daze. Although he had won, he did not feel happy in the least. However, the crowd went wild!

“Finally won one...”

“I was still thinking that the Dongguo Clan was manipulating this, offering such a high payout rate but yet such an unexpected thing had occurred. The Dongguo Clan will have to pay out quite a large sum of money. I was wrong, I shouldn’t have doubted the Dongguo Clan...”

If the people from Dongguo Clan were to hear this, they would probably not know whether to cry or laugh.

Suddenly, Qing Shui sensed the powerful aura of an expert and slowly turned. It was an old man who seemed to be in his sixties, looking at Qing Shui coldly.

Qing Shui was surprised, but he looked at this tall elderly without any change to his expression. Concurrently, he pulled Di Chen behind him.

“Lad, although you did it secretly, this old man’s eyes has yet to blur. Do you know how foolish you are for doing so?”

Qing Shui smiled. The old man did not have any proof and thus did not speak out in a loud voice since there was nothing he could do if Qing Shui were to deny it. It would only make the Dongguo Clan appear as if they were bullying others.

“I don’t really understand what you’re talking about.” Qing Shui looked at the old man with a perplexed look, but his voice was quite loud.

#### **Chapter 614 - Dongguo Clan, Grade Four Nature Energy**

“I don’t understand what you’re saying,” Qing Shui looked at the old man, perplexed. His voice was quite loud.

Di Chen watched Qing Shui very calmly from the side, with a small smile gracing her lips.

The people around them instantly glanced over here in mild confusion. All they saw was a smiling youth and an old man who wasn’t able to wipe the sinister look off his face in time.

“Isn’t that the Third Master of the Dongguo Clan?” Someone was able to quickly determine the old man’s identity.

“That old geezer isn’t an honorable person and likes to use underhanded tactics. This young man is going to be very unlucky,” another old man pitifully said.

“This old geezer can get anything he wants in the Duanmu City, just relying on the Dongguo Clan’s name and his powerful cultivation. Why would he still want to do something as evil as this? Tell me what kind of evil deeds he hasn’t done yet? It’s not wrong for him to marry another wife at his old age, but why does he have to snatch someone else’s wife.....?” A man said soullessly.

“My brother, you just don’t get it, do you? The wife of another man is always the best!” A man with a very fair face said slyly.

“GET LOST!” The dazed man turned his head around and bellowed as if he had lost his mind.

The fair-faced man left dejectedly with his head lowered!

“Here in the Duanmu City no one dares to mess with me, the Third Master of Dongguo Clan yet. You think you can get away with messing with me? I don’t even need a reason to strangle you to death if I wish to,” Third Master Dongguo suddenly raised his voice as he looked at Qing Shui as if he was an idiot.



After hearing the old man's words, some bystanders had some discussions among themselves but no one really made a big commotion.

"It's just like what I've said, this young man is going to be really unlucky. Of all the people who could target him, he just had to be targeted by this old man. I think it must be because this old man is attracted to the woman beside the him," a middle-aged man told the other middle-aged man with a long beard beside him.

"This old thing is bloodthirsty and perverted, especially the latter. So many women in the Duanmu City have been defiled by him. Other than a few limited clans and powerful figures, other people can only remain silent as they swallow their anger. So many people wished that this old fellow would drop dead or at least, for the lower half of his body to rot," a middle-aged man beside him seethed with great hatred.

"The Duongguo Clan is big and powerful, us little commoners can never compare with you. With your cultivation, I'm sure you can hear the discussion going on around us. Do you, sir, feel very accomplished? Do you feel like you bring pride to the Dongguo Clan?" Qing Shui gave this old geezer a spurious smile.

"Third Master, he is a guest of the Duanmu Clan." Right at this moment, a middle-aged man who seemed like a scholar approached Third Master Dongguo and whispered softly.

Third Master Dongguo was startled before quickly changing the expression on his face and chuckled. "When the world is vast and there are too many people, it's hard to identify a friend accurately. The Dongguo Clan and Duanmu Clan have a good relationship. So a friend of Duanmu Clan's is naturally a friend of the Dongguo Clan. This old man is a little blurred in his vision today. Come, let us go enjoy some tea at the 'Fragrance Court'."

Qing Shui watched as the big smile widened on Third Master Dongguo's face with apparent evil intentions. On top of that, there were flames that secretly burned behind that smile in his eyes.

"There's no need for that!" Qing Shui outright rejected his offer.

'Fragrance Court' was the best brothel in Duanmu City. Every single woman there was remarkably gorgeous and was very skillful in musical arts. They were proficient in singing and all sorts of musical instruments. Third Master Dongguo was a regular there.

"Well then, this old man shall invite you again another time," Third Master Dongguo watched Qing Shui as he tried to be more humble. The smile on his face was also becoming more friendly.

This kind of person was Qing Shui's worst nightmare. They could kill without spilling a drop of blood and were best at playing dirty. Anyone would be afraid of being stabbed in the back when they least expected it.

"Qing Shui, let's go. This is getting ugly," Di Chen pulled Qing Shui's sleeve and walked away from the scene.

Third Master Dongguo was watching Di Chen as if he wanted to devour her whole very badly. As a man who had been swimming among the sea of beauties for more than two hundred years, his judgement of

women was very on point. He could see how perfect Di Chen's body was and could clearly feel her grace. She was definitely of the highest grade among all women.

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In the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui was practicing his Taichi Fists in a slow yet vigorous motion. A wave of unstable but powerful qi force was wildly fluctuating within his body.

Nature Energy!

He had persisted like this the whole day. His entire body was exuding an aura of righteousness. He felt like he was close to a breakthrough so he was practicing very patiently as he fumbled around, trying to slowly search for the slightest opportunity that could cause a breakthrough.

A faint yellow gas was released with his every strike. His punches were unsophisticated yet powerful. As time dragged on, Qing Shui who had only been thinking about breaking through, gradually immersed himself within this feeling. It was just like having sex with a woman. Being slow and gentle gave a different feeling compared to being rough and wild, even though both were equally wonderful.

Half a day passed and by now, Qing Shui had completely forgotten that he was trying to breakthrough. He didn't even remember he was practicing his Taichi fists. All he knew was that he was searching for a type of feeling.

Thump~!

Qing Shui was startled awake. He could feel the Nature Energy within his body had automatically activated within that instant. It felt way stronger than it had been compared to before.

It was a breakthrough!

Grade Four Nature Energy!

Qing Shui slowly sensed. Breakthroughs were always unintentional. This must be what they meant by "haste does not bring success". He continued to sense the changes in his body carefully and discovered that he had gained a forty percent increase in his physical strength.

Qing Shui was still quite happy about the breakthrough of Nature Energy. After all, it was an extraordinary cultivation art. As long as this most righteous qi between heaven and earth was great enough, it could dispel all evil in the world and also even detoxify unusual poisons. Some evil 'techniques' would also be rendered useless. On top of that, it also allowed Qing Shui to not be suppressed by his opponent's might when faced with powerful cultivators.

After the 'Nature Energy' broke through, Qing Shui could gain an additional ten percent of strength and the intensity of Nature Energy had also become even stronger. The strength raised by good cultivation arts was enormous at later stage. An increase of ten percent strength was not a small amount to him. It was equivalent to consuming a few different medicinal pills of peak King Grade.

Diamond Crossing Rivers had already attained the Small Success Stage. Fiery Golden Eyes on the other hand, was progressing very slowly. It hadn't even attained the Small Success Stage yet. Qing Shui however, was not worried. Nothing would come of worrying so he'd rather focus on his cultivation. Effort would undoubtedly lead to success.

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“Lady and Miss Duanmu. We have bothered you for a long time so we should leave.” After staying for almost another month, Qing Shui bid his farewell to Yu Ruyan and Duanmu Lingshuang.

“Qing Shui, where are you all going? Do you not feel at home here?” Duanmu smiled at him.

“Oh no. It’s been a great pleasure staying here. I have had a great time here thanks to you. We are planning to go to the Seven Stars Country,” Qing Shui replied after thinking for a moment. Perhaps he could find out something about the Seven Stars Country from Lady Duanmu.

“The Seven Stars Country? Alright, I won’t stop you. I’ll tell you something about the Seven Stars Country so at least you’ll be prepared when you get there,” Lady Duanmu said with a frown.

Qing Shui who was about to stand up and take his leave could only sit down again to hear what Lady Duanmu had to say. It might be something that would be useful to him, so even if he was in a hurry he should stay.

“The Residence of Sky Tyrant Lord of the Seven Stars has already disappeared and it is the weakest among the Seven Stars. They are on extremely good terms with the Di Clan and have a strong bond, although they didn’t seem to take much action this time,” Lady Duanmu was looking at Di Chen as she spoke.

“But this doesn’t mean that nothing happened. The situation between big clans are very complex. So when you are at the Seven Stars Country, you should still be wary of the Di Clan,” Lady Duanmu slightly shifted her tone of voice and laughed.

“Alright, thank you. I will do that,” Qing Shui replied in a serious voice.

“You are welcome. I shall briefly tell you about the ‘Seven Stars’ of the Seven Stars Country. I happen to know a little about them. Sometimes you shouldn’t just listen to names on the World of the Nine Continents. Things like reputation can be harmful. There are many experts hidden among the bustling crowd. The consequence of being arrogant is meeting a bad end. Remain vigilant at all times and use all of your strength even when you are dealing with the most simple and insignificant issues. Failing when you least expect to is the worst death in this world.”

“Please enlighten me!” This time Qing Shui really felt the importance of her words. The Qing Shui from the past understood this, but he’d still get cocky sometimes and thus get himself into bad situations.

“The Medicine Sect is the biggest sect in the Seven Stars Country that is established on medicinal pills. So if you are planning to stay long in that country, you can make friends with them. It shouldn’t be too difficult with your alchemy skills. Most importantly, the Medicine Sect is quite a powerful sect and their people are also decent.” It seemed like Lady Duanmu had quite a positive opinion towards the ‘Medicine Sect’.

Qing Shui nodded his head with a smile, indicating to her that he would keep her words in mind.

“Although the Phoenix Manor is classified as the Seventh Star of the Seven Stars Country, it is a more unique existence. The Phoenix Manor is situated on the Phoenix Mountain of the Seven Stars Country and is also the most mysterious among all the Seven Stars. Most people have only heard of the Phoenix

Manor. Mysterious beings exist with mysterious things. It's always best to steer clear of them," Lady Duanmu said with a shallow smile.

"Mother, are these people deliberately trying to be mysterious?" Duamu Lingshuang interrupted with a question.

"It's better to believe some things than not believe. You only have one life, what are you going to do if you lose it?" Lady Duanmu joked.

"Then what about the Valley of Joy?" Qing Shui only felt awkward after he had said it. But it was too late to take his words back.

Duanmu Lingshuang seem to be throwing Qing Shui a disapproving look with her uncovered beautiful eyes while Di Chen didn't look at anyone, she was just trying to distract herself.

Lady Duanmu also seemed to be a little uncomfortable. Her mature and gorgeous countenance was slightly tinged red and an unnatural look clouded over her eyes that were looking at him. Qing Shui could only hurriedly avert his gaze.

This woman's charm was even greater than her daughter.....

"The Valley of Joy is a sect that can be described in many ways in the Seven Stars Country. The sect is located at the Valley of Joy, and the Valley of Joy is at the 'Night Mist City'. This is a powerful duo cultivation sect. There are males and females in the sect and they basically come and go in pairs," Lady Duanmu didn't go into details. She had only briefly highlighted the sect's interests and their characteristics.

Qing Shui didn't further inquire about it to avoid any embarrassments.

"The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect is a fearsome sect in the Seven Stars Country. The members are usually more violent and their bodies are covered with highly toxic substances. Even the demonic beasts with them are poison beasts. The other sects and aristocratic clans will usually choose to avoid them. To get involved a poison user of the same level is a worse nightmare than getting involved with a cultivator that is stronger than yourself."

"Lady Duanmu, is the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect located in the Seven Stars City or somewhere else?" Qing Shui wasn't afraid of poison. Perhaps he could even pay a visit to the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect. It would also be useful to his 'Poison Scriptures' cultivation.

"The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect is within the Ten Thousand Poisons Forest of the Fire City! Qing Shui, you may be an alchemist, but the members of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect are usually more ruthless. You must be a little more on guard when you are interacting with them."

"Sure, I will."

"The last one is the Village of Longevity on the Mountain of Longevity. This village is considered one of the prestigious places in the entire Main Continent. The rich and abundant spiritual qi there can not only prolong the lifespan of the people, but also greatly enhance their cultivation. It is a truly valuable land in a favorable geographic location. There are not only a lot of rare herbs, but also a lot of rare beasts. Some

treasures and divine objects will even also appear from time to time. The strength of the Village of Longevity is definitely terrifying, not even the Duanmu Clan can compare with them.

Qing Shui was well aware of that last sentence's importance - the Duanmu Clan couldn't compare with the Village of Longevity!

### **Chapter 615 - Towards the Seven Stars Country Once Again, Golden Light Eagle**

Qing Shui was well aware of the importance which the last sentence held - the Duanmu Clan couldn't compare with the Village of Longevity!

He had originally thought that the Seven Stars Country was not a very powerful existence. Now it seemed like the trip to Di Clan might not be that smooth of a ride. No matter for what reason it was, for the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord to be eliminated by Qing Shui was a disgrace in itself. Since it was one of the Seven Stars,

Lady Duanmu nodded with a smile when she saw Qing Shui's expression. She didn't really say anything else, but the look of admiration in her eyes was visible.

"Thank you, senior!" Qing Shui expressed his sincere gratitude to Lady Duanmu.

"You're welcome. If we were going to be courteous, I would have to thank you every single day. It's late now, so you should leave tomorrow instead. Remember to send a letter to the Duanmu Clan if anything happens." Yu Ruyan told Qing Shui with a smile.

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In the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui was drawing the 'Hundred Forms of the Tiger'. He was still currently at the level of 'drawing flesh and blood', but he had been making progressive improvements.

He had spent a lot of time observing the manner of the portrayed Tiger Form. He felt like he had gained a new insight to his Tiger Form cultivation without even realizing it. Although, to have any breakthroughs on Tiger Form now, was as difficult as ascending the heavens.

He didn't make much progress on talisman drawing either, so he figured he might as well stop learning to draw new talismans. Other than spending most of his time on drawing the 'Hundred Forms of the Tiger', he spent the rest of his time drawing random talismans.

He felt that he'd already reached a bottleneck at Grade Four Heavenly Talismans. He currently placed his hopes on drawing this 'Hundred Forms of the Tiger'. He had a feeling that breaking through the level of drawing flesh and blood should be able to bring his talisman drawing to another level as well.

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"Be careful on your journey, and remember what I've told you," Lady Duanmu and Yu Ruyan reminded Qing Shui.

"Take care of yourself, Sister Chen!"

"You too!"

Duanmu Lingshuang bided farewell to Di Chen and Qing Shui.

“Take care of yourself senior.” Qing Shui chuckled. He then climbed on Fire Bird with Di Chen, waved goodbye, and quickly disappeared out of their sight.

“Lingshuang, he’s gone.” Yu Ruyan murmured softly to her daughter.

“Yes.” Duanmu Lingshuang looked at Yu Ruyan.

“Are you sad?”

“Why do I have to be sad?” Duanmu Lingshuang asked while looking at Yu Ruyan.

“Haven’t you noticed how much you’ve changed? Lass, perhaps you haven’t realized it, but you will very soon. When that time comes, you must tell mother if you wish to discuss about it with me.” Yu Ruyan held Duanmu Lingshuang’s hand as they started walking back.

“If that day comes, I will definitely do that,” Duanmu Lingshuang said with a mischievous smile as she hugged Yu Ruyan’s arm. Yu Ruyan was the only one who could see her occasional childish side and her wintry smile.

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Qing Shui’s Fire Bird steadily flew over Duanmu City at a high speed!

The Dongguo Clan of the Duanmu City!

“Third Master, that male and female pair from the Duanmu Clan have already left. They’re flying towards the northeast direction as we speak.” A youth quickly ran to a courtyard and reported this to Third Master Dongguo.

“Alright, I got it,” a smile appeared on the old Third Master Dongguo’s face. That smile gradually turned into a sinister grin, and then into an evil laugh.

Screech!

A clear cry rang out as an enormous gold sparkling eagle appeared in the sky.

A Golden Light Eagle!

Its entire body was covered by golden feathers and had a wingspan greater than thirty metres. This type of demonic beast was a Grade One Martial Saint, but it had an exceptional ability of flight.

“Brats, no one can ever escape from the clutches of I, the Third Master!” Third Master Dongguo mumbled to himself.

Just then, a middle aged man who looked especially wretched appeared. His eyes were as pitch black as a mouse, he was hairy, he had a flat nose and thick lips. He walked to the side of the Third Master and bowed, “Third Master, are you sure that you want to lay a finger on that kid?”

“Shang Jiu, you think that brat shouldn’t be touched?” Third Master Dongguo looked at the man who had the wretched appearance. He seemed to highly regard this man’s opinion. He would ask for his opinion even if he had already made his decision,.

“Third Master, there will be no issues if you aren’t concerned about the Duanmu Clan.”

“What if I am concerned?” If Third Master couldn’t be concerned, then he naturally wouldn’t need to be. If he was powerful enough, he would’ve already snatched those girls from the Duanmu Clan long ago.

“If Third Master can take care of this cleanly without leaving any evidence, then they can’t do anything about it. Even the Duanmu Clan wouldn’t rashly offend the Dongguo Clan due to its relationship between the other clans. Furthermore, they aren’t going to come to us if this gets handled properly. What could they do even if they came to us? Neither the live nor the dead bodies of those people would be found.”

A satisfied smile appeared on Third Master Dongguo’s face upon hearing the wretched man’s words.

No one was aware that the Third Master Dongguo was someone who dual cultivated using women as a furnace. So he was definitely someone who was great at looking at women. The moment he first laid his eyes on Di Chen, he knew he had found hope in breaking through the Grade Six Martial Saint which he’d been trying for so long.

As long as he could breakthrough, his position would be even higher among the Dongguo Clan. The clan would also gain another powerful figure. This meant that Dongguo Clan would have more rights to speak among the Four Clans Alliance.

For this very reason, Third Master Dongguo was willing to try even when he was risking offending the Duanmu Clan. He had been stuck at Grade Six Martial Saint for about fifty years. He didn’t want to wait any longer or else he would be like this for the rest of his life. He still hadn’t given up on breaking through and setting his foot into that realm.

He had the confidence in taking care of them cleanly. He was even thinking of taking care of them cleanly. After he found out that Shang Jiu held the same view, he was even more determined to go through with it.

“Travel safe Third Master!” Shang Jiu bowed at Third Master Dongguo, who had climbed onto the Golden Light Eagle.

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“My Lady!”

“What is it?” Yu Ruyan’s voice rang out!

“Third Master Dongguo is chasing Mister Qing on the Golden Light Eagle!”

“I see. You may leave!”

“Understood!”

“Third Master Dongguo, you’re courting death! It’s time for you to die, you can’t blame anyone else but yourself.” Yu Ruyan slowly said after a long while.

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Qing Shui and Di Chen had already been flying for a day. They'd already made it out of the city by nightfall. They could've arrived at the next city in another two hours, but Qing Shui felt it was better to camp outside the city since it was more convenient to make food that way.

"Let's camp out here tonight, the environment is quite nice as well."

He looked around at the endless wilderness surrounding him. His field of vision was very wide. There were some patches of green vegetation, but it was mostly dense wilderness around them with a few barren hills in the distance.

The night had just arrived and the bright moon had risen from the west. He could see a few small wild beasts roaming about under the moonlight.

A bonfire was lit. The pot of fish soup placed over it started boiling with hot steam.

Di Chen wasn't wearing her veil. She seemed to be in deep in thought as she sat beside Qing Shui in silence and didn't utter a single word. Her beautiful face was peerlessly divine under the illuminated moonlight.

"What are you thinking so hard about? It's dinner time," Qing Shui gently said.

"Qing Shui, do you think a father would love his daughter forever? Would he still pamper her as he did when she was little?" Di Chen was still deep in thought as she questioned softly.

"He definitely will. A daughter is her father's lover in past life. So a father will spoil his daughter the most in this life. That is, until she meets her husband, who will continue to spoil her in her father's place." Qing Shui answered with a smile.

"Qing Shui, will you spoil your daughter until she grows up and gets married?" Di Chen raised her head to look at Qing Shui with her clear eyes.

"Of course! I will make her the happiest and most blessed person." Qing Shui knew that Di Chen's heart would be more conflicted the closer they were to the Seven Stars Country. He didn't know why she was asking these questions."

"You're a good person. That smells nice, I'm so hungry," Di Chen smiled back at him.

Qing Shui didn't know whether he should laugh or cry. He picked up the jade porcelain bowls that he'd prepared. Jade stones weren't especially valuable in the World of the Nine Continents, so most of the rich would choose to eat with jade porcelain bowls. They were clean and attractive-looking, they even had the ability to absorb toxic substances.

They chatted leisurely for a little, but Qing Shui knew that she must've been feeling very conflicted right now. They were about to arrive at the place which was once very familiar to her. She didn't exhibit the feeling of returning after wandering for so long, but that place still felt especially close and dear to her.

Qing Shui released the Diamond Gigantic Elephant at night and entered the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal!

He had broken through another two cycles over this period of time. He had gained a small amount of strength, which was better than nothing, so he was still a little pleased about it.



Without realizing it, he had already spent half of his time in the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. Qing Shui was about to draw some talismans when he suddenly sensed the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's distress call. He didn't feeling like taking any chances, so he immediately exit the realm.

As soon as he came out, he could feel a wave of powerful aura rapidly approaching from the sky above, and it wasn't too far away!

A Martial Saint!

A very familiar one on top of that!

Third Master Dongguo!

Qing Shui walked out of his tent. Before he could do anything else, he saw a familiar figure riding a gigantic Golden Light Eagle - Third Master Dongguo.

He smiled at Third Master Dongguo, "What a coincidence for us to meet here in during dead of the night. This is fate indeed."

Di Chen came over too. She raised her head up to look at Third Master Dongguo and then at Qing Shui, who gave her a nod. She then slowly walked to the side of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant nearby.

### **Chapter 616 - Third Level of 'State of Immovable as Mountains', The Ultimate Move 'Devil's Cry'**

"Indeed a coincidence! How do you feel now?" Third Master Dongguo smiled as he looked at Qing Shui before he shifted his gaze onto Di Chen who stood nearby.

"I feel nothing except for the fact that your previous words were incorrect," replied Qing Shui with a smile as he gazed at Third Master Dongguo who was riding a Golden Light Eagle in the sky.

"What words?" Third Master Dongguo had already forgotten his previous words.

"You said you had blurry vision, but I guess you are wrong about that. Not only is your vision blurry, but your eyes are already blind," said Qing Shui calmly.

After speaking, Qing Shui ignored Third Master Dongguo and retrieved the Nine Continent Boots from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. As he equipped the boots, he also took out the Violet Gold Divine Shield and Big Dipper Sword.

"Haha, you have guts, kid. Even though you are about to face death, your attitude is still the same. However, you are quite unlucky, do you know why I came to kill you today?" Third Master Dongguo laughed abruptly as he fixed his eyes on Qing Shui. His voice had a calm tone as he asked Qing Shui.

"I don't know!" Qing Shui replied as he took out a Godly Force Talisman and slapped it on his body! He was beginning to wonder if that the old man's long-winded nonsense was spurred from him breathing too long during his days on earth.

"So you want to know why?" Third Master Dongguo frowned when he saw Qing Shui activating a talisman on his body.

“I want to know, but you probably won’t tell me the reasons. So no, I don’t want to know anymore.” Qing Shui took another Divine Shield Talisman and slapped it on his body before he took another glance at the Third Master Dongguo.

“I, Third Master, will graciously make you understand before you die a horrible death. The reason is the woman beside you. Kid, you can’t just get any kind of woman you want, because this woman here possesses a Divine Body. Women of her type are men’s favorite kind of women. Unfortunately, you won’t have the luck to enjoy her body.” Third Master Dongguo seemed pleased with himself for explaining his reason to Qing Shui.

“Divine Body?” Qing Shui was surprised that the old man could identify a woman by her bones. It seemed that this old fellow may have a type of dual cultivation technique up his sleeves.

Di Chen gazed at Qing Shui with faintly misty eyes. Although the veil had covered the redness on her extraordinary beautiful face, she was clearly angry at the senile Third Master Dongguo for his disrespectful words.

“Well then, I have said too much. Time to send you to hell!” Third Master Dongguo retrieved a large scythe with a ferocious skull attached to the tang of his weapon. It was white and eerie as it stood out on the black blade adorned with tiny flickers of golden lights.

Black Gold Devil Scythe!

The three-meter long Black Gold Devil Scythe had a crescent shaped blade which extended to about a meter long, and the shaft of the scythe was as thick as an average adult’s arm. There was a dense gloomy aura which emanated from the eerie scythe.

Screech!

Third Master Dongguo rushed towards Qing Shui as he rode his Golden Light Eagle at an incredible speed. However, due to Qing Shui’s vantage point on the ground, the speed of the Golden Light Eagle seemed a bit slower than he had anticipated.

Qing Shui calmly locked the “Emperor’s Qi” onto Third Master Dongguo, then he retreated a few steps as he launched a Binding Talisman and an Armor Break Talisman towards Third Master Dongguo!

Qing Shui’s speed had drastically changed for the better after he equipped the Nine Continent Boots that he had taken out of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. At this rate, Qing Shui could even match up to the speed of the Golden Light Eagle.

Third Master Dongguo was undeniably shocked when he realized that his strength had been weakened by 20% by Qing Shui’s Emperor’s Qi. Anyone would have been caught off guard if one-fifth of their strength had vanished into thin air as if they were being cursed by an unknown force or something malevolent.

On top of that, he was also struck with a Binding Talisman. This caused him to deeply reconsider his opinion of the young man in front of him. Judging by his easygoing attitude earlier, could he have been hiding his real power all along?

He was so young, there was no way he would be able to do that.....

However, within the next few seconds, Third Master Dongguo quickly realized that it could have been true. His expression gradually turned sour as he felt the imposing aura within Qing Shui growing increasingly stronger and more powerful.

Nature Energy!

State of Immovable as Mountains!

Thunder Slash!

Frenzied Bull's Strength!

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Not in a million years would Third Master Dongguo think that Qing Shui was able to reach a terrifying level of cultivation at such a young age. A devil like him would only exist in those hidden influential clans he had never heard about. It was also considered rare that someone of his power would exist in those clans that had existed for generations and centuries. Otherwise, he would never feel this way about a young man at this age.

Nevertheless, Third Master Dongguo decided to rush towards Qing Shui while he rode his Golden Light Eagle at a faster speed than before. The Black Gold Devil Scythe in his hands was fuming with an overwhelming murderous intent.

Up!

Qing Shui quickly flew up in the air towards the incoming Golden Light Eagle. His face revealed a smirk as he inched closer to the eagle. This caused Third Master Dongguo to feel slightly uncomfortable and worried.

Before this, Qing Shui had been in an evasive mode from the beginning. Although Third Master Dongguo was able to sense Qing Shui's imposing yet moderate aura, he thought he was still able to defeat him somehow. He also thought that Qing Shui had a special technique that could increase his aura to intimidate his opponents.

Demon Binding Ropes!

Just when the two of them were approaching to each other, Qing Shui suddenly released the Demon Binding Ropes and used the Shield Attack by bashing his Violet Gold Divine Shield against the Golden Light Eagle's 'bird head' violently!

Bang!

Screech!

A short painful screech resounded through the sky as a large amount of blood was spilled from the large flying beast. Even though the eagle was classified as a Grade One Martial Saint flying beast, it still wasn't able to endure a force of a thousand countries combined against its head. The skull of the Golden Light Eagle was cracked open and inevitably, its brains were blown out as well.

The Golden Light Eagle fell to the ground with a loud boom. As soon as the flying beast fell, Qing Shui immediately whipped the ropes to about 200 meters long and knocked everything into shambles. After a while, everything went silent.

The Demon Binding Ropes had lost its effect and returned back to Qing Shui's hands.

Meanwhile, Third Master Dongguo was hovering in mid-air seemingly to have just recovered from the impact of the Shield Attack. Even though he was not directly bashed by Qing Shui's Violet Gold Divine Shield, he could still feel the impact while riding on the back of the Golden Light Eagle. He looked up to see Qing Shui staring at him while giving him a cold smile nearby.

Third Master Dongguo was able to feel Qing Shui's true strength from the impact while in his weakened state. However, he still wanted to show that he could be stronger than Qing Shui; this young man was strong because of his miscellaneous weapons and techniques. If Third Master Dongguo was not careful enough, he could easily lose his life.

Qing Shui quickly put back his Demon Binding Ropes, and with his Nine Continent Boots equipped, he decided to properly battle with Third Master Dongguo head on!

He pushed himself forward with both his legs in mid-air and rushed towards Third Master Dongguo in a flash. Qing Shui had a faint afterimage of a hawk rising through the sky as he sped towards Third Master Dongguo.

Piercing Sword!

Qing Shui struck a ray of mesmerizing starry lights from his Big Dipper Sword as he pointed his sword with the intention to stab the Third Master Dongguo's throat.

"Argh! Go to hell!"

Third Master Dongguo shouted while he swung his Black Gold Devil Scythe and separated his weapon into two complete scythes. He swung one of his scythes at Qing Shui while using the other to block Qing Shui's Big Dipper Sword.

Qing Shui quickly held up his Violet Gold Divine Shield with his left hand and used it to block the incoming scythe attack!

At the same time, Qing Shui turned the stabbing point of his Big Dipper Sword to somewhere else!

Art of Pursuing!

Bang!

An echoing loud sound rang out in the air as Qing Shui was pushed back from the vibration of the impact with his shield. His Qi was disrupted, causing the flow of blood inside his body to be agitated. Luckily, his defense was strong enough to withstand the impact, and so he took a deep breath and rushed towards Third Master Dongguo once again.

Third Master Dongguo, on the other hand, was inflicted with Qing Shui's Art of Pursuing, causing his speed to decrease by 20%, and his weight to increase by 20%. He felt the need to vomit blood from the extremely uncomfortable sensation in his body.

The 20% decrease in speed and 20% increase in weight had a serious impact on Third Master Dongguo's ability. On top of that, he was already weakened by the Emperor's Qi and Binding Talisman, which had basically crippled his speed completely.

Originally, Qing Shui and Third Master Dongguo had more or less the same speed. However, Qing Shui's speed had doubled tremendously after he had equipped the Nine Continent Boots, so he was seemingly moving like a ghost in front of Third Master Dongguo. Third Master Dongguo's speed had been weakened by half as well, which was evidently much slower than Qing Shui. It was impossible for him to keep up with Qing Shui's speed anymore.

Roar!

Qing Shui abandoned his sword and released the Tiger Form!

State of Immovable as Mountains!

Qing Shui kept defending himself from Third Master Dongguo's Black Gold Devil Scythe using his Violet Gold Divine Shield. However, he also equipped the Godly Divine Armor as a precaution, in case something unexpected happened.

Tiger Claw!

Tiger Laceration!

Critical Tiger Claw!

Ripping Tiger Claw!

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Each style of the Tiger Form was executed with a clear tiger roar against Third Master Dongguo, and at the same time, Qing Shui's aura was growing stronger by the minute. It was as if his aura was trying to reach the highest point of the sky.

The force of the 'State of Immovable as Mountains' was an inspiration taken from the stone monument of the 'Crouching Tiger on the Mountains' by Qing Shui himself. During the moment his aura was rising, it was as if he could see that very same stone monument once more.

A gigantic stone depicting a tiger was placed at the pinnacle of the mountain. The tiger was able to shake the Heavens and Earth with its sovereign aura, suppressing everything in its way with sublimity. Even the giant flying beasts would not dare to fly close to the stone tablet on the mountain.

It was a staggering and dominating aura that would shatter the heavens and rattle the earth if it was to infuse itself into a beast roar.

Roar!

Suddenly, Qing Shui let out a Tiger's Roar that could easily shake the soul of the living. It was a deep yet thunderous roar that would not only tremble a person physically, but would scare them out of their wits as well.

The aura of the 'State of Immovable as Mountains' had successfully broken through an impassable barrier from before and had started a brand new circulation accordingly.

It was a breakthrough...

The third level of the 'State of Immovable as Mountains'!

Swoosh...

Before Qing Shui could celebrate, he felt a sudden swishing noise coming from Third Master Dongguo's Black Gold Devil Scythe. The swishing was so fast that Qing Shui was beginning to panic about not being able to react in time. Most importantly, the unbearable piercing noise from the scythe sounded like the wailings of a devil.

Devil's Cry!

The Black Gold Devil Scythe's ultimate move was able to double the attack speed of the user in an instant, as well as letting out a powerful devil wailing that would shock the very soul of human beings, causing them to become dizzy temporarily.

Because of that, it was considered a deadly ultimate move on those with insufficient spiritual energy - they could easily lose their lives in that short amount of time being idle. Most notably, when the scythe let out a wailing, the user's attack speed would instantaneously receive a boost twice the amount of the original attack speed.

The ultimate move!

Third Master Dongguo had been using this move for hundreds of years to kill dozens of martial warriors of the same level. When he was still a Grade Five Martial Saint, he managed to kill a Grade Six Martial Saint with his own ability. That was one of Third Master Dongguo's proudest moments, and perhaps the reason that he became famous in the Duanmu City. So in recent years, there weren't many Martial Saints of the same level as Third Master Dongguo who would challenge him to a fight, because the piercing "Devil's Cry" could easily stun his opponents regardless of how careful they were around Third Master Dongguo. Once the opponents were caught in a dizzy state, their lives would be over in an instant.

Luckily, Qing Shui had a strong spiritual energy that could withstand the horrifying cries of the Devil's Cry move. The Violet Gold Divine Shield seemed to have been conditioned to respond to the attack on its own even when Qing Shui was stunned for a brief moment.

Bang!

Qing Shui was knocked a few feet backwards. Not only was Third Master Dongguo's attack speed doubled, his strength had also increased by 50%. If it wasn't for Qing Shui's Godly Divine Armor that could absorb half of the damage from the attack, Qing Shui would definitely suffer a severe wound on his body.

Blood streamed down from the corner of his mouth despite being inflicted with light damage. He remembered Lady Duanmu's words: "Never underestimate other people. Put forth everything you have to complete one simple job. You will die with deep regrets if you fail miserably in one simple task."

Third Master Dongguo had a gloomy expression on his face when he saw that Qing Shui had evaded his attack. He thought he could definitely kill Qing Shui with his “Devil’s Cry” move, but it had proven to be futile. If the “Devil’s Cry” could not kill him, then it would be quite difficult to kill him with the same move.

[Author’s Note: Only a number of special people could see the attribute and subsidiary skills of a weapon, with the addition of the information gathered from other people as well. Moreover in ancient times, items were usually found with Beast Parchments attached on their side, detailing the instruction on the usage of the subsidiary skills. Most standard Divine Artifacts and non-standard Divine Artifacts, or special weapons and armors, would have Beast Parchments attached when they were passed down from generation to generation. Thus, It was not necessary for one to be able to see these attributes or skills to know what they were. Third Master Dongguo unexpectedly found the Black Gold Devil Scythe in a random grave, and on the side of the scythe there was a Beast Parchment detailing the instruction on how he should use the “Devil’s Cry” skill effectively.]

Demon Binding Ropes!

Qing Shui used his Demon Binding Ropes again on Third Master Dongguo. The current Demon Binding Ropes could barely bind a Grade Six Martial Saint, but only for one breath of time. It was a sufficient amount of time to wiggle one finger and nothing more.

If Third Master Dongguo’s strength was bit stronger, then the Demon Binding Ropes would lose all its effects. After all, the Demon Binding Ropes was still only in its first level; it was still an elementary technique.

Armor Break Talisman!

The duration of the Demon Binding Ropes was short, but he had ample time to execute a Heavenly Talisman on Third Master Dongguo! With Qing Shui’s 40% of overall defense, he had easily decreased Third Master Dongguo’s defense by about the strength of 1100 countries.

It was time to attack!

Qing Shui took out his Big Dipper Sword!

Shield Attack!

Bang!

As predicted, Third Master Dongguo was inevitably knocked out by the attribute of the Shield Attack. Qing Shui took the chance and used his abnormal speed to catch up to Third Master Dongguo who was sent flying in the air. While Third Master Dongguo was still unstable in terms of his movement, Qing Shui struck using his Big Dipper Sword without hesitation.

Sword of the Fifth Wave!

Bang bang bang...

Qing Shui swiftly attacked the Black Gold Devil Scythe with precision and brutality. A quick series of loud clanks was followed by the scythe being knocked off from Third Master Dongguo’s hands.

At that moment when his weapons fell out of his hands, he panicked. On a normal battlefield, weapons have the ability to decide their user's fate. A sword wielder would have a higher chance of survival when faced with bare-handed assailants. This would be a simple illustration of the importance of a weapon during a battle.

The concept of weapons would also apply in the battle between two powerful warriors who possess a Divine Weapon. Divine Weapons were designed to bring out the best and strongest lethal power of their user. After all, no matter how powerful one's cultivation was, they would not be able to withstand the devastation of the Divine Weapons with just their flesh and blood alone.

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Shield attack!

Boom!

Third Master Dongguo stopped the Violet Gold Divine Shield with his bare hands but he was already puking out fresh blood, his arms bent out of shape and his bones already shattered.

Shield attack!

Pfft!

Qing Shui's attack was like the violent storm, without any pauses. He had not even used the Big Dipper Sword in his right hand but already had such a terrifyingly damaging prowess just from his series of continuous attacks with the shield.

This was the result of not having a weapon. Moreover, the later impact from Qing Shui's "Sword of Fifth Wave" was strong and there were not many martial arts practitioners at his level who would be able to continuously fend off this attack.

Third Master Dongguo died, disappearing in the air from the consecutive knocks from the Shield attack. They were several li away from where their battle had first started. Qing Shui kept his Violet Gold Divine Shield and Big Dipper Sword, heading back the way he came from.

When he returned to the tent, the sky in the east had turned slightly white. Looking at Di Chen's concerned gaze, Qing Shui felt very warm inside.

"Are you alright?" Di Chen looked at Qing Shui and with a few steps, walked up to him, as if looking for any injuries on him.

"I'm fine, I'm totally fine." Qing Shui grabbed Di Chen's sleeve but was grabbed by her hand.

He then decided to also grab Di Chen's other hand. The two of them faced each other, holding hands. Qing Shui did not want to think so much into it anymore and had already accepted this woman who was like a goddess in her heart.

Qing Shui felt that the tender hands he was holding seemed to be a little nervous, trembling slightly. Qing Shui understood. He was very thankful. He knew that Di Chen understood him. If Di Chen did not take the initiative, Qing Shui would never take this first step forward. Maybe she had really wanted to



fall in love with him, thus Qing Shui was already very contented to have a woman like her putting down her pride and getting close to him.

“I don’t know what to say, but I really want to make you happy. I don’t know if I really like you. I only know that I don’t want you to feel any grief. I’m willing to do anything for you. You’re beautiful, very beautiful and you’re like a fairy in my heart. Since this is what you’ve chosen, I’ll do my best to let you like me, fall in love with me. In the future, we’ll have many many kids.”

“Who’s going to bear children for you, you only know how to spout gibberish.” Di Chen’s clear eyes had a hint of intoxicating smile, one that was very satisfied, very calm.

Qing Shui released her hand to take down the veil on her face, revealing her attractive looks. Her snow white face had a faint hint a of blush.

In this moment, Qing Shui felt that Di Chen was very close to him, not like how unreachable she previously was. Qing Shui even wanted to hug her properly, but ended up not having taken that step forward.

“Let’s go and take a look at the Golden Light Eagle which was shot down!” Qing Shui held Di Chen’s hand, smiled and said.

“Mmm!” Di Chen nodded.

The two of them walked over to that dead Golden Light Eagle. The distance was only about 200 meters but Qing Shui felt that the feeling he had when walking this distance was very delicate.

Di Chen let Qing Shui hold her as they walked, a faint smile on her face. She would occasionally turn to look at him but when Qing Shui met her gaze, he would lower his head slightly.

Very soon, they arrived at where the Golden Light Eagle’s corpse was at. Other than having its head smashed, the rest of the parts were still perfectly intact. He proficiently skinned it, removed the tendons and demonic beast’s Core, as well as collecting some blood and bones.

After all, this was a Martial Saint level demonic beast and was very valuable. For the rest of the things, he merely called the Fire Bird and burned up the flesh and whatnot with a fireball.

Qing Shui only cut off a few large pieces of meat from the Golden Light Eagle’s back and feet, planning to roast the meat to eat. The meat of Martial Saint level beasts were quite delicious.

Another Martial Saint level cultivator fell. Qing Shui no longer felt anything about it!

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Greencloud Continent, Qing Clan!

“Congratulations, sister-in-law, you’ve attained Peak Martial King.” Qing Bei looked at Mingyue Gelou happily and smiled.

The other people in Qing Clan were also especially happy. Amongst them, the one who progressed the fastest was Luanluan, followed by Canghai Mingyue, Yiye Jiange and Mingyue Gelou...

Now, Mingyue Gelou had suddenly attained Peak Martial King, skipping over Grade nine and ten Martial King. Mingyue Gelou did not know what level her Tiger Form was at but only knew that she had attained another breakthrough to arrive at the Peak Martial King level.

Before he left, Qing Shui had left her with many medicinal pills as well as some recipes for medicinal soups to help her temper her body. After reaching her current level, her progress across cultivation realms would slow down but her abilities would enter a phase of rapid increase.

Luanluan now was already a Grade three Martial King cultivator and was proficient in the Crane Form, Tiger Form, Bear Form, Deer Canter, and Back Connecting Fist. Her Taichi had also reached quite a high level and she had numerous powerful demonic beasts. Now, the Heavenly Fire-Armored Rock Bear had become quite a strong demonic beast at the Peak Martial King level.

Luanluan's progress let Qing Clan's third generation feel slightly helpless. Qing Bei was only at Grade 5 Xiantian while the others who were from Qing Clan's third generation, other than Qing You who was at Grade Four Xiantian, the others were all around Grade Two or Three Xiantian.

Such a speed was significantly perverse. Before Qing Shui left, he left enough Spirit Concentrating Pills and Aroma Concentration Pills, as well as other stuff which could increase their cultivation like the Tiger Vitality Pill and recipes for soups and stews. This was why they had progressed so speedily.

It was just that Luanluan had caused them to feel tremendous pressure.

Yiye Jiange and Canghai Mingyue both had a strength four countries, which was mainly thanks to the effects of the medicinal pills Qing Shui had left behind. Only after reaching at least Peak Martial King level, would taking of Wind Water Primordial Pellets, Great Revitalizing Pellets, Beauty Pellets and other stuff of similar levels allow their cultivation to increase greatly.

Huoyun Liu-Li and Shi Qingzhuang were slow in comparison. Huoyun Liu-Li was at Grade Five Martial King while Shi Qingzhuang was at Grade Eight Xiantian. Their progress were still considered quite fast.

There was also Wenren Wu-shuang. Even though she had lost her memories, the increase in her cultivation level was still at a terrifying rate. She had already become a Martial King level cultivator when Qing Shui first met her after she had lost her memories.

After such a long period of time, together with Qing Shui's pointers, she had surpassed Huoyun Liu-Li and reached Grade Seven Martial King level.

The reason for her quick progress was also partially thanks to the few Martial Saint level cultivators in Qing Clan. The things that Qing Shui taught them, some people were more suitable to cultivate them, for example, Luanluan, Yiye Jiange, Canghai Mingyue and Mingyue Gelou.

In comparison, the other people were slightly weaker. However, the few Martial Saint level cultivators in Qing Clan also gave pointers that did not lose out to what Qing Shui taught. To top it off, the main contributors were still the things Qing Shui left behind, including medicinal pills, soups, stews, medicinal wines, or the Eight Trigram Book of Changes. They had the effects including meridian cleansing, tempering of tendons, strengthening of the bones... These were all things that could not be achieved by ordinary people, even in their dreams.

Concurrently, as Qing Clan's level rose, their businesses also developed very quickly. Now, Qing Clan had already become the top contender in Greencloud Continent, the undisputable number one clan.

Of course, that was not taking into consideration the major clans who had concealed their identities from the world. However though Greencloud Continent was very big, it was just the tip of an iceberg when placed before the outside world.

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Seven Stars Country!

After flying for two consecutive days, both Qing Shui and Di Chen arrived at the Seven Stars Country. Di Chen's gaze turned unnatural, and even had a hint of confusion to it.

This was a place she once had strong recollections of. This was where she grew up, the place which had given her the best and the most painful memories.

She thought that she would never return to this place in this life. Although she had thought of coming back, she had not expected it to be so soon. A faint feeling of anticipation grew in her heart.

Qing Shui looked at Di Chen whose brows were furrowed, and picked up her hand, "Don't think so much about it. There's still me. I'll listen to everything you say, alright?"

"I'm fine. I never thought of wanting to do anything. I just want them to know that their decisions back then were wrong..." Di Chen shook her head and said, in a daze.

Four Seas Inn!

This was the top inn in the west of the Seven Stars City. What differentiates this inn from others was its atmosphere, which appeared very strong and overwhelming, but yet not luxurious. The decor was all primarily white or grey in color.

There were nine storeys in the Four Seas Inn, each level had a hundred rooms and one big hall. The place was bustling with activity, with plenty of people moving in and out. However, on a closer inspection, one would be able to tell that most of the people were martial arts practitioners.

This was not strange. It was because the Four Seas Inn had another name, Warrior's Den. The Four Seas Inn had a strange regulation, which was that martial arts cultivators who had reached Peak Martial King level or higher could stay here for free permanently. Those at the Martial King level only needed to pay half the price, while Xiantian level could have a 30% discount.

This was also something that Qing Shui and Di Chen had known after entering. However, Qing Shui was not short of a little money and planned to just pay up. There was no need for him to prove his cultivation level to others.

The person who received the payment was a mature and charming looking lady in her thirties. She had a great figure and was wearing a set of clothes which was a good balance between conservative and revealing. Her mature charms would cause men of all ages to gulp.

"We want to stay here. Which storeys still have vacant rooms?" Since Qing Shui had decided to pay the money to stay here, he asked directly.

“Sir, please follow me!” The lady broke into a smile and got a guy to take over her position, before leading Qing Shui and Di Chen upstairs.

Qing Shui and Di Chen followed the lady, taking a look around the place while they headed up.

Qing Shui was astonished. The higher they went, the stronger the people they came across. From the first to the third level, there were still some people who were either not martial arts practitioners or had yet to reach Xiantian. But from the third level onward, they were mostly at least Xiantian level and the higher they ascended, the higher the level of the martial arts cultivators.

She led the two of them all the way up to the 9th storey where there were not many people. In the hall, there were only a few people drinking or chatting.

Qing Shui suddenly noticed that one of them was a Martial Saint level cultivator, while the others were also at the Martial King level!

Qing Shui seemed to have sensed something as he looked at this lady who had led them up, feeling puzzled. She only seemed to be a Peak Martial King cultivator at most.

“Could it be that she could tell that Di Chen was also at Peak Martial King level or is even stronger than herself and thus had brought us up to the 9th storey?” Qing Shui guessed.

“What do the two of you think of this room?” The lady smiled, opening the door to one of the rooms.

Qing Shui took a quick glance around. There was a small hall with a room in both the north and east side which should be the bedrooms.

There was also a room in the west side, but Qing Shui felt that it should be the washroom! There were usually no kitchens in inns.

“It’s very good. What’s the price? We’ll stay here for half a year first. Let’s settle the bill now!”

### **Chapter 618 - Arrival of Di Qing**

“It’s very good. What’s the price? We’ll stay here for half a year first. Let’s settle the bill now!”

“Accommodations in the Four Seas Inn will be completely free for Sir and Miss. We’ll not charge a single cent.” the lady looked at Qing Shui and smiled.

This lady’s smile was just right. Although she was also a beauty, she was not on the same level as Di Chen. However, her unique charm did make her very attractive.

“Why?” although Qing Shui could vaguely guess, he still decided to ask.

“This must be the first time Sir and Miss have come to our Inn. As long as your cultivation level is at the Peak Martial King level or higher, everything will be provided for free.” the lady smiled at Qing Shui and said.

“You can see through my cultivation level?” Qing Shui asked, seemingly very interested.

“I can only tell Miss’ cultivation level and not yours. However, my senses are usually very accurate. I sense that Sir’s cultivation level is even higher than Miss’.”

Qing Shui didn't know if she was speaking the truth or just trying to be polite. However, he did not wish to put too much thought into this. He merely answered in a perplexed tone, "If this inn is filled with Peak Martial King cultivators, wouldn't Four Seas Inn keep on operating at a loss?"

"The Four Seas Inn was not started up with the intention for profits. This rule was passed down by the founders, and thus this is how the Four Seas Inn has been operating for all these years." the lady replied smilingly after falling into a short daze.

Qing Shui had guessed that those who could operate on such a large-scale would not be any ordinary character but would be a person with a strong backing. However, even if you put aside the fact that this 'Four Seas Inn' was not profiting at all, the losses they suffered from their operations were still tremendous. On the way up, Qing Shui had noticed that the higher they went, the higher the quality of the food, accommodations, and environment.

"The two of you must be tired. I shan't disturb you any further. How about some food? Would you like to have the food in the hall outside or in the room?"

"Bring it to the room!" Qing Shui replied after giving it some thought. After all, since Di Chen was wearing a face veil, it was not very convenient for her to eat outside.

"Alright, please wait a moment!"

With that, the lady bowed and took her leave. Qing Shui entered the room with Di Chen and closed the door behind them. He casually took a look around the living room. It was filled with snow white colored decorations, giving an untainted impression.

There was only a big tea table in the living room surrounded by couches at the sides. Even the covers to the couches were snow-white. He then walked up to the room to the north and opened the door.

It was the bedroom!

This bedroom could be considered as quite big. There was a double bed with a complete set of beddings. There were no excessive items in the room, just a set of table and chairs.

Qing Shui didn't overthink it and left the room. He then walked toward the room in the east and opened the door. It was a study, but there was also a single bed next to the wall on the extreme east. There was also a complete set of new beddings.

On the southern side, there was a row of bookshelves close to the door. The bookshelves were filled with over a hundred books. There were also a snow white desk and chair next to the door.

Seeing this, Qing Shui knew that this was the place he was going to sleep tonight. He wanted to see what kind of books there were on the shelves, but he still left the room and headed to the west side.

The room was longer on the east and west sides, measuring up to 15 meters. On the other hand, the north and south sides were only 5 meters. Adding in the area of the other rooms, the place was over 125 square meters.

The room to the west was the bathroom and toilet. At that moment, someone knocked on the door.

It was the lady from earlier, who had brought along two young ladies wearing the Four Seas Inn's uniforms. They were holding food which filled the living room with a pleasant fragrance.

The two young ladies quietly set down the food and took their leave.

"If you don't mind, could you join us for the meal? I'd also like to ask some questions." Qing Shui smiled and invited the lady.

The lady was stunned for a moment before she broke into a smile and said, "If your wife doesn't mind, then I have no issues with it either."

The three of them took their seats.

There were four meat dishes, three vegetable dishes, and a soup. There was also a bottle of wine along with a few cups. The wine exuded a strong fragrance which would pique one's appetite. Moreover, these dishes also had an especially exquisite appearance.

"My name is Lei Nuo, nice to meet the two of you." The lady smiled and said.

"I'm Qing Shui, this is Di Chen." replied Qing Shui fluidly.

"Di Chen? If you're from Seven Stars Country, I'd guess that you're from Di Clan. There aren't many people who go by the surname of Di." the lady smiled at Di Chen and said.

Di Chen merely smiled in return but did not say anything in reply.

"I'm also quite curious about the Di Clan. Does Miss Lei know Di Clan well?" Qing Shui casually asked. He had also wanted to find about the state of the Di Clan. He could have asked Di Qing, but he chose not to do so.

"I don't know much about it, but what does Mister Qing want to know about the Di Clan?" the lady asked after giving Di Chen a long look.

Looking at this situation, Qing Shui knew that she must have assumed that the two of them were both from the Di Clan or had some disagreements with the Di Clan. She might have thought of something even more ridiculous.

"How's the reputation of the Di Clan in Seven Stars City? What kind of people are they?" Even if Qing Shui couldn't get the answer, he still had to ask.

The lady gave it some thought before answering, "The Di Clan is one of the seven stars in Seven Stars Country. They do not have a great network, but their genes are especially outstanding. It might be because of their excellent bloodline. All the men and women in Di Clan are extremely good looking and they also have extraordinary talent, with strong survival abilities. The Di Clan has a strict upbringing and all the descendants are very polite. As such, none of them have ever committed hateful acts. Therefore, the Di Clan has a very good reputation."

Qing Shui looked at Di Chen without saying a word. She appeared to be very calm.

“Thank you. I heard that the Di Clan was on very good terms with Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. I wonder if they’ve taken any actions with regards to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord?” Qing Shui asked after some slight hesitation.

Hearing Qing Shui’s words, the lady’s eyes lit up. Qing Shui felt that this lady must have recognized him by now. He had introduced himself as Qing Shui and this was a name that all major clans in Seven Stars Country would have heard of.

“Actually, the Di Clan is not on that good a relationship with Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. Otherwise, there wouldn’t have been a case where they were rejected when they asked to marry the Di Clan’s Second Miss. The Di Clan does not have a massive amount of members and they especially doted on this Second Miss. It seems that the Di Clan’s clan head had been very regretful over something similar which had happened to the First Miss and thus he especially doted on the Second Miss, leaving the decision to her. Additionally, the Second Miss did not seem to care for the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord and thus their relationship is very awkward now. A relationship that needs to be kept up through marriages will definitely not be lasting or strong. It was just that no one had expected the people from the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord to go all the way to Greencloud Continent, only to have such an outcome.”

As the lady said this, she took another look at Di Chen and then at Qing Shui. However, she finished her words without discovering anything. Qing Shui felt that the Second Miss mentioned should be Di Qing.

However, Di Qing had also stayed in Greencloud Continent for a while and this matter should have happened several years ago. Qing Shui felt that the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord really did not know any better and had actually wanted the Second Miss to be married over.

Back then Di Clan had sent Di Chen to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. Although Qing Shui did not know what had happened, he knew that there must be some reasons behind that, possibly that they were not in the position to go against them. However, the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord did not keep a good hold of Di Chen and let her escaped. After they realized that they had no way to get her back, they turned their sights to Second Miss Di. It was amiable enough that the Di Clan did not fall out with them there and then.

“Miss Lei, in regards to the disappearance of the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord, what movements did the various powers in Seven Stars Country have?” Qing Shui knew that this lady had already recognized him and she definitely also belonged to one of the mentioned major powers. Although he just did not know which power she belonged to.

“After the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord headed to Greencloud Continent and was eradicated by that person, news has already spread to the Seven Stars Country. No matter what, the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord was still one of the seven stars, a symbol of the Seven Stars Country. Now that it has been eradicated by a young man from Greencloud Continent, there are many who would like to spar with that young man, especially those from the younger generations of the Seven Stars Country’s seven stars.” The lady smiled and said as she looked at Qing Shui.

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The lady left and the leftovers on the table were also cleaned up. Now, Qing Shui had to decide when to bring Di Chen to Di Clan.

Qing Clan felt that there was no need for him to fight the people from Di Clan. After all, that was Di Chen's home, and there was also Di Qing. Qing Shui could tell that Di Chen had a very good relationship with this younger sister of hers.

Moreover, Qing Shui did not believe that Di Chen would be able to put down the Di Clan. After all, they were people who were her blood kin.

Di Chen was in a daze. They had already arrived in Seven Stars Country, and if she did not make things clear, she would not be at ease. How many years had it been? She had always been unable to accept the fact that her closest kin had sent her to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. She must know the truth.

"Chen`er, take this chance to have a good rest before we'll head to Di Clan later, alright?" Qing Shui saw that Di Chen was not herself and wanted to let her relax.

"Mmm, thank you!"

"We are husband and wife, there's no need to stand on ceremony!" Qing Shui smiled and said, half-jokingly.

Di Chen threw a glare at Qing Shui, but was also able to relax. It might be because she knew that it was useless for her to think so much. With him supporting her, she seemed to feel a lot more at ease. Even if the Di Clan were to abandon her, there was still him by her side...

Dong dong dong!

Soft knocking sounds rang out!

"Chen`er, let's go and take a look to see who that is." Qing Shui walked toward the door and casually opened it.

He fell into a daze after opening it. There was a lady with beautiful brows, her shining black eyes exuding a mysterious spirit. She had a long and slender figure with great curves. The plain clothes she wore made her appear amazingly elegant. Having a disposition that was between dominating and ice-cold, her beauty was one that was like an ethereal illusion!

Di Qing!

Qing Shui did not expect it to be her!

"Why have you come?" Qing Shui asked, puzzled.

"Hmph, you don't welcome me?" Di Qing smiled and looked at Qing Shui, this man who had once called her a foolish woman. This was a man who had hugged her before and yet he was a heartless man who still didn't know how to be more tender toward ladies.

"Qing`er!" Di Chen's voice rang out!

Di Qing rolled her eyes at Qing Shui and entered, causing him to be completely speechless. He was only shocked to see her...



“Qing`er, why have you come?” Although Di Chen said the exact same thing as Qing Shui did, her tone was filled with astonishment and delightful surprise, unlike how stiff rigid he had been.

“Elder sister didn’t even tell me that you’re here. I had to hear it from a friend. I then rushed here immediately.” Di Qing pouted as she spoke to Di Chen, but a happy smile hung on her face.

“It’s only because I haven’t had the chance to yet.” Di Chen smiled and replied.

“Elder sister, is the reason you’ve come to the Seven Stars Country this time because...” Di Qing asked carefully as she looked at Di Chen.

Toward Di Chen’s matter, she was very clear. In fact, she had hoped that Di Chen could go to the Di Clan. She hoped that her relationship with their father could be mended...

“Mmm, I plan to head to Di Clan this time.” Di Chen appeared to take a lot of courage to say this, but she was very determined.

“Elder sister, will you... end up fighting with father...?” Di Qing asked stutteringly.

Di Chen looked at Di Qing’s hesitant expression, grabbed her hand and said, “No matter how inhumane he is, he was still the person closest to me. I had called him father, called him daddy. A father’s love is strong as a mountain. He was the support of his child’s reality and spirit. Although things have changed as time passes, I can’t be unrighteous!”

#### **Chapter 619 - Sima Huoyu. The difference between Qing Shui and the youngsters in his generation**

“Sister, actually father is also suffering. Every time when he mentions you, he feels especially upset... When we ask him why, he always refuses to answer. Believe me...” Di Qing looked at Di Chen and explained gently.

“Alright, let’s stop talking about this for now, I’ll be heading to Di Clan soon. I only plan to visit some of the places where I used to play when I was young and meet a few of the people who I’m familiar with. I never intended to go back and live there. Since he abandoned me, I have cut off all ties with the Di Clan. I just don’t understand why, as parents, he would be willing to abandon me. That’s what I wanted to ask him.” Di Chen responded with a seemingly relaxed look.

At this moment, Qing Shui approached them. Di Qing looked at Qing Shui with a serious expression for quite a while. This made Qing Shui felt a bit nervous as he had not the slightest idea why this gorgeous woman was looking at him.

Di Qing has also lived with Di Chen in Green Cloud Continent for quite a while. Hence, she understood how Di Chen thought. She was really surprised that Di Chen was serious about heading to Di Clan with Qing Shui.

Di Chen had once mentioned bringing an “ideal husband” back to Di Clan to ask her own father why had he treated her like this. She also intended to let them realize just how ridiculous their decision at that time was. Their actions were the reasons that led to the annihilation of the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord by Qing Shui, her own husband’s hands.

During Di Qing's first trip to the Green Cloud Continent, she was really surprised when she found out that her sister Di Chen liked Qing Shui. She understood her own sister more than anyone else. It's almost impossible for someone as outstanding as her to fall for a man who was younger and weaker than her.

Nonetheless, she had never expected the young man that her sister liked to be someone who she had met before. Furthermore, he was someone who she had a deep impression of as well. The reason being that he was a man who was unusually rational and clear-headed.

Especially the events which happened later on. His determination, persistence, each and every one of his qualities as a man were deeply engraved in her. He was a man with feelings too, the incident which happened at the Flowerfruit Mountain made him feel really sad. As she thought about these, she understood why her sister would fall in love with him.

Add on the time when she was going back with him to the Central Continent, he accused her of being stupid. Even though it was the first time she got scolded by a man, she wasn't really upset about it. On the contrary, she felt a bit happy. She knew that the reason why he scolded her wasn't actually cause he cared about her but the responsibility he felt for her sister. Nevertheless, she still could never forget about him.

Also the time when she got hugged by him... She had actually felt secure... She wasn't a licentious woman, nor has she ever been close to any guys throughout her life. She didn't like the people from aristocratic clans. On top of that, they would usually have more than one wife around them. They're nothing but a group of fake people. Furthermore, their cultivations level were also nothing compared to hers. Hence, she really despised them.

Upon meeting Qing Shui, she slowly realized that this man has an excellent moral character despite not being really powerful. It might also have been because her sister liked him that she started paying more attention to him. The features which truly stood out about him were his persistence and personality. Second after that was his tremendous pace at which his strength increased. Very quickly, he has already surpassed both her sister and herself.

At present, he has even reached a terrifying stage in terms of his cultivation. He was capable of eliminating the entire Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord alone... And he was still so young!

Suddenly, she noticed that someone was pulling her. When she came back to her senses, she realized that both Di Chen and Qing Shui were looking at her in confusion. She on the other hand, she was indulging in looking at Qing Shui. In just a short while, she had already started blushing.

Qing Shui looked for an excuse to go out to give the two a chance to talk to each other.

"What're you thinking about? You seem really into it." Di Chen smiled humbly and asked Di Qing.

"Sister, do you really want to marry him?" Di Qing asked Di Chen seriously. Suddenly, she noticed that her own sister was really good at judging people. From the boundless ocean, she actually managed to find a person like Qing Shui. How would she have been able to figure out that the true reason behind it was the dream among the sea of flowers? It's very similar to the scene when she appeared with Qing Shui except it was more flirtatious when he did it with Di Chen.

"I support sister, he is barely able to meet sister's criteria." Di Qing chuckled.

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When they were eating, Di Qing suggested going to eat outside at the hall. Eventually, the three settled down on a spot next to the windows in the living room of a restaurant.

The sky was already getting darker. However, the lightstones illuminated the entire hall and kept it bright. Qing Shui was on the ninth floor as he looked out through the windows to observe the street that was bustling with activities. The hall was really quiet. The contrast between it and the street made Qing Shui feel really peaceful.

“Young master! Look here! This place is the most quiet place!”

A cheerful man’s voice suddenly came through from the stairs.

Soon after, Qing Shui saw six men coming up one after the other. The leading man was a dark and sturdy looking man. Qing Shui was unable to tell how old he was. He was in between looking young and old and appeared incomparably strong.

The man was wearing a dark green colored long gown. There was a young man standing beside him. The man was really short and fat. He was approximately one head shorter than the strong man, but was fat enough to be compared to two adult men. In other words, he looked like a meatball.

Behind the fat man was an old man and a middle-aged man who looked courteous. The remaining two people were women. They had big breasts and wide hips and were wearing revealing clothes. Their beast leather clothes and shorts were really small and short while the beast leather belt was just below their belly. Their legs looked really white and attractive, making them look extremely sexy.

“Hm, isn’t that the second Young Lady Di?” Upon seeing Di Chen, the dark and sturdy man walked towards them.

Di Qing turned around and looked at the man: “Sima Huoyu? What are you doing here?”

“Lady Qing, would you mind introducing me to your friends?” The man immediately sat down on one of the empty stools and started acting really familiar around them.

Di Qing knitted her brows: “This is the third young master of Sima Clan. Even though Sima Clan isn’t included as one of the Seven Stars, their strength is nothing inferior to them. For now, they are considered to have replaced the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord.

Qing Shui knew that Di Qing was trying to leak him some information about these men.

The man fixed his sight on Qing Shui. He also looked at Di Chen a few times. During those times, he didn’t try to cover up his reaction of being stunned by Di Chen’s beauty. After that, he moved his sight back to the two sexy women beside him only to find them incomparably plain and ordinary.

“This is Qing Shui, and this is his wife.” Di Qing responded indifferently.

“Qing Shui? The person who managed to eliminate the entire Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord alone?” At this moment, the man glared at Qing Shui with a fiery expression. Qing Shui could even feel his aura rising.

Qing Shui never expected himself to already be so popular. It has mentioned before that the younger generations of the sects within Seven Star Country have been really eager to challenge him to a fight.

“Erm, I think it would be better if you cool down. You are not my opponent. I don’t have time to play with you.” Qing Shui said with a smile.

“You arrogant fool, how would you know before you even try? Furthermore, it’s only a rumor that you managed to eliminate the Residence of Sky Tyrant Lord by yourself. No one has any idea about what the true situation was.” The man didn’t actually feel angry. He only looked at Qing Shui indifferently.

Qing Shui smiled and shook his head. He stopped talking. He also moved his sight away from the man.

“What? Could it be that what I said was true?” Sima Huoyu looked at Qing Shui and teased him.

“Gosh, is fame such an important thing? It’s either fame or death, which one would you prefer?” Qing Shui knitted his brows and looked at Sima Huoyu.

“Do you think that you can do it?” Sima Huoyu didn’t feel in the least concerned as he spoke.

“Sima Huoyu! Qing Shui is my friend! And one more thing, you can leave now. We still have things that we need to talk about.” Di Qing never expected for Sima Huoyu to react so dramatically.

Qing Shui looked at Sima Huoyu with a smile. After that, he extended his hand and swiftly gestured towards Sima Huoyu and glided out of the enormous window.

Sima Huoyu did exactly what Qing Shui did and followed him closely. After that, the two soared all the way up into the sky. The old man and middle-aged courteous man also followed from behind.

Both Di Chen and Di Qing looked from afar on top of the Blue Luan.

Qing Shui rapidly dashed towards Sima Huoyu and opened up his right palm.

Tiger Laceration!

The movement of Qing Shui’s arms might seem really slow but people with discerning eyes would be able to tell that his attacks were really fierce and powerful. It was exactly as Confucius said: “to have accumulated knowledge and deliver it slowly”. It was something that could only be drawn out with powerful energy. It was a very ordinary skill, yet it was able to make people feel like they were standing in front of a fierce and enormous Demonic Beast.

Sima Huoyu couldn’t afford to slow down. He quickly punched Qing Shui.

Peng!

A dull colliding noise rang. It sounded just like when two enormous stones collided with each other.

This was only Qing Shui’s raw physical strength. He also added in the skill Immovable as Mountains. Hence, it was worth about four hundred countries. Qing Shui was relying on the sturdiness of his physical body and the Tiger Form to suppress his opponent.

The two immediately bounced back from each other as soon as they collided. Qing Shui wasn’t really surprised by it. Simultaneously, he had also gotten a grasp of his opponent’s strength. He was a fourth

grade Martial Saint. No wonder he was so cocky. He was actually qualified to be so. Among the younger generations, a person who managed to achieve fourth grade Martial Saints was already considered to be really outstanding and talented. As for the incident about Qing Shui eliminating the entire Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord, it was just a rumor, let alone that the strongest warrior in Residence of Sky Tyrant Lord was rumored to only be at fourth grade Martial Saint. From this incident, Qing Shui suspected that the Seven Stars might not be the strongest sects in Seven Stars Country. Just because they were famous, it didn't necessarily mean that they're the best.

Hence, Sima Huoyu didn't see Qing Shui as such a formidable opponent. Upon hearing that Qing Shui was from Green Cloud Continent, he has always wanted to defeat Qing Shui. If the situation was worse than he thought, he would still at least be able to defend himself. Hence, he thought that it was a really good thing because in any case, it wouldn't result in any loss to him.

"So this is the best you can do? Try this one for size!" Sima Huoyu let out a huge scream while looking at Qing Shui. Now he was feeling even more confident that he could beat him.

After finished speaking, he threw himself at Qing Shui as he attempted to punch him. This punch felt really firm and strong. His entire fist looked red hot like a heated iron, it was giving out a threatening and scorching aura.

Nature Energy!

Qing Shui used the Taichi Cloudhand!

Pa!

It was yet another dull colliding noise. Just like before, the two once again bounced back from each other.

"Hah!"

Sima Huoyu let out another huge scream. After that, a threatening aura started emerging from his body. He crossed both of his fists and once again attempted to rush into Qing Shui. This time, he was giving off an enormous aura. This was his all-out

Frenzied Bull's Strength!

Heavenly Thunder Slash!

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Emperor's Qi!

He used the Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm.

Sima Huoyu was immediately weakened by around six hundred countries worth of strength... Qing Shui on the other hand, he currently possessed the fourth grade Nature Energy and third grade Immovable Mountains. Even without the Violet Gold Divine Shield, Big Dipper Sword or the Heavenly Talisman, he still had at least six hundred and fifty countries worth of strength, slightly more than the amount of strength which got reduced off Sima Huoyu.

The Nine Waves Great Golden Buddha Palm has now achieved the Fifth Wave. For someone who was equal in strength with Qing Shui, he definitely wouldn't be able to take on such a powerful Wave Essence. Without a powerful physical strength, it was already really exhausting to defend against the second wave, let alone the five waves! In front of Qing Shui's Sword of Fifth Wave, even Third Master Dongguo's sixth grade weapons would shatter. From this, one could already tell just how powerful the Wave Essence was.

Sima Huoyu immediately spat out a mouthful of blood and got blasted backwards. Not to mention that Qing Shui was just doing it bare-handed. Sima Huoyu still had a considerably strong physique, or else, it would have been a question if he would still be alive. In addition to that, Qing Shui went easy on him.

The middle-aged man from behind dashed to the front of him like a demon and grabbed Sima Huoyu. He also quickly took out a medicinal pill and fed it to him.

"Thanks for showing mercy. We will meet again." The man spoke while cupping his hands in obeisance. After that, he left with the other people.

"Why didn't you kill him?" Di Chen asked Qing Shui as she approached him with the Blue Luan.

"It's not the time yet. Furthermore, I don't find it necessary to kill him." For a moment, Qing Shui was startled. After that, he glanced towards Di Qing and smiled.

"Qing Shui, you need to be careful of this Sima Clan. It may not be considered one of the Seven Stars but the Seven Stars aren't necessarily the strongest groups within the Seven Stars Country. According to rumors, Sima Clan shared a close relationship with Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, Sima Clan also specializes in using poison, they might even be a part of Ten Thousand Poisons Sect!

### **Chapter 620 - The Evolved Primordial Flame and its terrifying power!**

As time passed, Qing Shui began to notice that many things weren't as simple they seemed from the surface. People dared to make such a statement because they must have gathered enough evidence to prove that the Sima Clan was in a close relationship with Ten Thousand Poisons Sect.

The reason why Qing Shui had hurt Sima Huoyu was because he had wanted to avoid more troubles during this time. After all, there were already too many people who wanted Qing Shui dead in the Seven Stars Country. For now, the only person who he could truly depend on was himself.

"Thank you, I'll be more cautious." Qing Shui expressed his gratitude to Di Qing.

The two immediately went back into the ninth floor of Four Seas Inn through the windows. When they noticed that their dishes had been served, they once again settled down in their seats.

Qing Shui and the two Di sisters were supposed to have been enjoying their moment together until Sima Huoyu interrupted them. After finishing dinner, the three went back to the room together. Since it was already really late, Di Qing didn't plan to go back to the Di clan as well.

"This is for you. I promised you this the other day." Qing Shui took out the Metal Element Fruits of Five Elements when they were back in the room.

"Ah! You really meant it!" Di Qing first reacted in surprise. After that, she happily looked at the ten golden fruits and began to show an alluring smile.

If Di Chen really ended up with this man, Di Qing would be the pair's sister-in-law. However, the sister-in-law would oftentimes have affairs with the sister's husband. This had been the case since ancient times.

"I was supposed to give you these earlier, but then I was in a rush, which is why I waited until now."

"Yeah, I heard about it from my sister! Mingyue gave birth to beautiful twins too, congratulations!" Di Qing responded as she took the fruits with a smile.

"Since when did you learn to be so formal?" Qing Shui smiled humbly as he tried to tease her. This woman exuded a mysterious aura which felt really similar to Di Chen's. Although she was normally really disobedient, Qing Shui felt that she was a bit soft.

Qing Shui wasn't aware that, a while before, she had actually thought a lot about him. For a moment, Di Qing went blank as she looked at him, and it felt as if everything has changed.

Once someone began to feel different about a person, it would unknowingly affect every single one of his or her actions. This kind of change was a kind of subconscious act. In other words, it was a change that even she herself didn't notice.

Most importantly, she was starting to feel a bit complicated!

"Treat my sister well! Or else I'm not going to let you off that easily!" Di Qing blushed as she looked at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui touched his nose and smiled. He didn't really know how to react, hence, he nodded: "I feel really stressed whenever I'm with your sister. Do you think it's better if I offer her out to other people?"

"Damn you, what kind of a person are you to say these sorts of things?!" Di Chen embarrassingly shouted at Qing Shui.

"Since your sister and I are together, we are already considered to be relatives! Hehe." Qing Shui glanced towards Di Qing as he spoke.

"Sister... Yeah... Then I think I shall address you as my brother-in-law....." Di Qing looked at Qing Shui blankly, as if she had just come to realize it. After that, she gave him an expression as if she had come across an extremely bizarre incident.

"Exactly!" Qing Shui chuckled.

"Don't even think about it, I'm older than you! I will never address you as my brother-in-law!" Di Qing shook her head and said grumpily. She was the only one who knew that age wasn't the true reason she despised this way of addressing him.

"It's ok if you don't want to do it, calm down." Qing Shui touched his nose and said in a joking manner.

Di Chen seemed to have noticed something. Even though she and Di Qing didn't grow up together, they had still spent a bit of time with each other during their childhood. When they were older, they had also stayed with each other for a while in Green Cloud Continent. Hence, the two could be considered to have known each other quite well. The problem was that Di Chen was still unable to confirm her suspicion.

“Well, let’s wait until when you are able to topple the whole World of the Nine Continents. I’ll address you then as my brother-in-law, ok?” Di Qing smiled as she looked at Qing Shui.

That beautiful and alluring expression of hers stunned Qing Shui. Slowly, he turned his head to the side to try to avoid her bright eyes and beautiful face.

“At the moment, you are much more beautiful compared to the time when I first met you. In any case, you are still my relative... This is for you, so that you can reach Martial Saint earlier.” Qing Shui took out a medicinal pill bag and passed it to Di Qing.

There were at least one or two of each of Qing Shui’s medicinal pills. He had even prepared some fruits in it.

“Hmm, since when have I not looked beautiful?” Di Qing responded grumpily. After that, she moved her sight to the medicinal pills which Qing Shui had given her.

“I’m going to rest for a while. I’ll let your sister explain what those pills are and their functions.” After that, Qing Shui went towards the study room. It was almost time for him to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui closed the door as soon as he went into the study room. He spotted the shelf at the corner and went towards it. Since there was still time, he decided to take a quick look through the shelf to see what kind of books the inn had.

He randomly took out a book. It was ‘The Continent’s Chronicle’, a history book. Qing Shui fiddled through it for a while before putting it back on the shelf. Since Qing Shui had known about such history before, he felt that there wasn’t a need for him to look through it again.

Qing Shui never thought that he would be able to find such an ancient book on the shelf. The room he was in must be one of the best rooms in Four Seas Inn. Qing Shui wouldn’t even be surprised if there were any godly training methods here.

‘Fun Facts about the Continent’

‘Unusual Demonic Beast’s Encyclopedia’

‘Art of Observing Females’

Qing Shui spotted a few letters on the book he was holding. He was quite surprised and opened it to see if there was anything interesting in it. Since he was still free, he felt that this would be a good way for him to pass time.

There was a saying that “One’s physical appearance was often related to his or her personality. For instance, if a person had a gentle and soft attitude, his facial expression as well as their eyes would also appear to be calm and gentle.” This was the first sentence of the book. Qing Shui found it somewhat reasonable.

The main feature about it was “observing”, which in other words, meant looking. Normally, when you were observing someone, you would often start from their head and slowly proceed down to their legs. The first thing you would look at was the person’s eyebrows.



According to the 'Art of Observing Females', girls with eyebrows that were unusually curved in an arch shape like a crescent moon, extending all the way from one side of their eye to the other, were normally incomparably kind and helpful. They possessed a really soft and gentle heart. Women who possessed really beautiful eyebrows were usually really loyal, kind and gentle.

On the other hand, women with thick and droopy eyebrows that curved downwards were often really horny and dirty-minded. That was what led to their brows looking really messy and droopy. As for women with slightly sharper eyebrows, they leaned more towards the kind who were really cheap. Such women unusually had envious personalities and tended to have really short lives.

Women with really thin, clear brows colored bright black often turned out to be good, virtuous wives.

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According to the 'Art of Observing Females', bushy brows indicated that a woman was a virgin. Often, the brows were somehow related to the genitals region. Once a woman lost her virginity, her eyebrows would begin to spread out from each other. As for those women who still retained their virginity, every single one of their brows would look soft and gentle, facing only one direction. For women who had lost their virginity, there would often be only a slight difference in the direction which their brows faced. If one was to look at it more closely, it wouldn't be that noticeable.

Additionally, females with sparkling eyes were often overwhelmed with lust and were usually promiscuous. Eyes represent body energy level and Shenqi. This type of women had an unusually strong desire to fuck guys. Normally, a single man wouldn't be able to satisfy them.

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Females with large boobs often had very sparse genital hair. Some would have hair only around the corner of their genital parts while others would have none at all. Only dumb women had a small amount of short hair that would be soft, curly and light-colored. The opposite applied to smart women.

Qing Shui: "....."

There was one more theory that referred to the "Heavenly Court and Earthly Pavilion". In this context, the Heavenly Court referred to women's forehead, whereas the "Earthly Pavilion" referred to their lower jaw. Heavenly Court belonged to the yang category, meaning it represented males. Earthly Pavilion belonged to the yin category, which stood for females. Hence, a woman's fortune was all decided by their lower jaw.

Because women had more yin energy, they would often end up with a thinner and smoother body. The part where their yin energy gathered would be at their lower jaw.

The most good-looking lower jaw would essentially be smooth and round.

Women with fat butts and slender waists would have a higher chance of getting pregnant than normal women.

Nonetheless, the most important part of a woman was her legs. Other than a woman's lower jaw, her legs were one of the places where most of her yin energy would gather as well. Furthermore, it was also the part of her body which was the most sensitive to sex.

A woman's legs would be most attractive if they were dainty and delicate. This represented a gentle and reserved kind of beauty. On the other hand, if her legs looked thicker, it would be a kind of masculine beauty. The feature that came second after the shape of her legs was her foot. Women with thin feet would often trigger a kind of impulsive emotion in men to protect them. Other than that, women would also have curvy and soft legs.

There were some descriptions which were more explicit. As Qing Shui looked through them, he felt more and more stirred up.

By the time Qing Shui finished reading the book, it had been more than half an hour. He put down the book and went into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. As he thought about the contents of the book, he strongly agreed with its general viewpoints even though he didn't really believe all of the things it said. He felt that the person who wrote the book 'Art of Observing Females' was definitely an expert in sex.

Other than that, Qing Shui had also randomly flipped through the back content of the book. He noticed that there were contents about women's body, bones, essence as well as aura.

Cultivate!

Ever since he had been in Seven Stars Country, the people that he had encountered made him feel that he was still too weak. Even just protecting himself had also become a problem. Despite that, there was a very small chance that he would be able to take a huge leap in his strength compared to his current abilities.

Hence, Qing Shui put more emphasis towards his battle techniques, the level of his Tiger Form, Taichi Fist and his Sword Technique. He was also focusing more on the cultivation of his Thousand Buddha Palm Imprint as well as his Elephant Form and Bear Form.

At present, the progression of the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique slowed down as Qing Shui was at the Elephant's Form. Very soon, it would achieve the Large Success Stage. However, to Qing Shui, the dragon, phoenix and roc stage still seemed so far away.

Refine the medicines!

After cultivating for a while, Qing Shui decided to go and refine some medicinal pills. The grey Primordial Flame which was one foot long looked incomparably thick and solid as it spouted out from Qing Shui's palm.

Until now, Qing Shui was still confused why the flame felt as if it had a life of its own. He couldn't feel the hotness of the flame, but he could feel the energy of the flame itself. It was as if the flame belonged to him: he didn't fear it, just like a Beast Tamer and his beast.

Hu!

Suddenly, Qing Shui felt a change in the flame on his hand. It happened so instantaneously that even his eyes were unable to catch up. The Primordial Flame which was a foot long suddenly condensed. The flame was two inches shorter than before. Furthermore, there was a simple, unadorned grey color added onto the flame.

The Primordial Flame once again went up by one grade!

It went up by a grade without any signs.....

This time, both the burning ability and the temperature of the flame went up by a few folds. Furthermore, Qing Shui also felt as if he had established a close connection with the Primordial Flame. It was as if the Primordial Flame possessed a life of its own.

Coincidentally, the medicine in the Demon Refining Furnace was also done being refined. Hence, Qing Shui left the spot.

Go!

As soon as Qing Shui swung his right hand, a bunch of flame immediately shot out of it. The speed at which the flame travelled was shockingly fast. With his subconscious mind, Qing Shui has actually thrown out the Primordial Flame the same way he did with his Hidden Weapon.

The grey Primordial Flame... Qing Shui felt that Primordial Flame that had just gotten a few times stronger managed to collide with the edge of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal before disappearing into the air.

Qing Shui never expected for the Primordial Flame to actually turn out like this once it went up by a grade. He took out an unusually tough metal which was the size of a human's head and placed it on a spot around fifty metres away from him.

Qing Shui once again swung his hand!

A flame almost the size of a fist was ignited.

Peng!

Half of the metal which ordinary swords and knives would be unable to scratch was actually melted by Qing Shui's Primordial Flames. Unfortunately, the Primordial Flame which left his body was only able to last for a short while without the support provided by his Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique. Nevertheless, its ability to cause destruction was still really terrifying. If it had been a human, that person would have been pierced through directly.

After that, Qing Shui experimented with it over and over again. As he did so, he felt increasingly happy. If he was to combine his speed, his Hidden Weapon Techniques and his upgraded Primordial Flames together, it would definitely be enough to instill fear in both warriors and Demonic Beasts stronger than him. The happy Qing Shui continuously experimented on the terrifying burning ability of the Primordial Flame.

Seeing as the Primordial Flame was still just a bunch of flame yet already possessed such a terrifying power, Qing Shui thought to himself if he could further strengthen it and increase its duration, he could increase the amount of the flame that he released.

Qing Shui thought about the bracelet which helped to boost strength. Unfortunately... It was already destroyed...

There was still a bit of flame left which could be released.

Suddenly, Qing Shui felt as if the window in front of him opened...