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#### Chapter 641 - White Jade Milky Pond, Stone Beauty

Qing Shui walked towards the cave that wasn't too concealed among this well hidden mountain valley. If it wasn't for Qing Shui's spiritual sense that felt the rich Spiritual Qi in here, he wouldn't be able to discover this place.

The only thing that puzzled him was the absence of any powerful demonic beasts around this place that had a rich Spiritual Qi. He was deep in thought as he walked when very soon enough, he had found out the reason.

#### Poison Valley!

He hadn't really pay much attention to his surroundings earlier, but now he noticed that most of the plants around here seemed to possess either high or low level of toxicity. Then, he found five similar mysterious poisonous plants in the east, south, west, north and center parts of the valley!

#### **Cloudmist Daylilies!**

No wonder the Spiritual Qi was so abundant in here, there were actually Cloudmist Daylilies that grew up around here.

Qing Shui activated his Nature Energy to its peak and didn't sense any aura of powerful demonic beasts around.

As soon as he realized that this was a poison valley, he quickly fed Yu Ruyan a Pure Jade Pellet.

He saw a few birds and small beasts around, but all of them were poison beasts. It was impossible for non-poisonous beings to survive in this place. The air around the area was not highly toxic, but all the plants here were poisonous especially those five Cloudmist Daylilies.

The Cloudmist Daylilies were highly toxic and one of its important effect was that they could double the toxicity of all poisonous beings within the radius of a 100 meters.

Other than that, there was always a Five-Colored Daylily Python on every Cloudmist Daylily. Although it was called a python, it was only a meter in length and it twisted itself along with the less than two meters tall Cloudmist Daylily. They were the true chiefs of this mountain valley but they normally wouldn't wander more than 100 meters away from their respective Cloudmist Daylily.

As each pythons oversees a radius of 100 meters around them, they had basically occupied half of the mountain valley itself. Qing Shui had quite some knowledge about these Cloudmist Daylilies and the Five Colored Daylily Pythons. He had decided to walked in the gaps in between the territories of each pythons and made his way towards the cave near the cliff. Qing Shui didn't have time right now to pay any attention on interesting things that attracted him.

He appeared to be moving slow but in fact, his speed was extremely fast.

Soon, he had reached the cave's entrance.

Qing Shui entered the cave after he had checked his surroundings. He expected it to be dark inside, but on the contrary, the inside of the cave was very bright. However, the cave was covered with a thick layer of dust that it looks like no one had come inside for a long period of time.

Drip!

The sound of dripping water!

Qing Shui noticed that the inside of the cave had winding paths and the sound of dripping water had come from behind a wall that was not too far away. He couldn't sense any traces of poison along the path, but on the contrary, the Spiritual Qi here was quite abundant.

He decided to walk around the massive stone that was like a protective wall when suddenly, a water pond came into his view. This place was entirely different than the outside and most importantly, the water pond was filled with a milky white substance.

### White Jade Milky Pond!

Qing Shui understood now why he had sensed a wave of Spiritual Qi within the mountain valley. All of it was due to this White Jade Milky Pond. Compared to the outside, this place was untainted and was surrounded with a humid air that makes people felt extremely refreshed.

Qing Shui was very excited. He didn't expect that he would discover such a precious place. The White Milky Jade in this White Jade Milky Pond was far more valuable than those 1,000 or 10,000 years old hot springs. With this, he had more confidence to heal Lady Duanmu's injuries.

"Madam, I would like to treat your injuries. But, your clothes need to....." Qing Shui didn't finish his sentence but he hoped that what he meant was conveyed.

Yu Ruyan remembered what Qing Shui had told her. She must cooperate with him during her treatment and she must not take her own life. Although she should have known that this was something inevitable in the process of getting treated.

A faint pink color tinted her pale face. This was also one of the reason why Qing Shui had refused Duanmu Lingshuang earlier when she wanted to come along with them.

Qing Shui looked at this mature and peerless woman, who was already a mother but still possessed an unmatched stunning aura. To Qing Shui, someone like her was the true definition of a woman. Only people who had been through a lot could exude this kind of aura.

"Alright, I understand. Please do it for me, I don't have the strength to do so."

Yu Ruyan said as she used the last ounce of strength in her body to answer, ad she slowly closed her beautiful eyes.

Qing Shui was perplexed at the current situation, as if his five senses were assaulted at the same time. Then, he noticed a partly hidden tall rock that stood in the middle of the White Jade Milky Pond. It had a slope that was higher on the southern part while lower on the northern part, and was about 3 meters tall and 2 meters wide. He couldn't really tell accurately what it was, so he had decided to removed his boots and carefully leaped onto it. There wasn't a single trace of White Milky Jade on the rock's surface on the southern part. Then it gradually inclined downwards until it was slightly immersed with White Milky Jade on the other end. The White Milky Jade flowed and circulated around it slowly.

Qing Shui helped Yu Ruyan lie on the surface of the rock, with her head positioned on the higher southern part. The smooth White Milky Jade covered her body and it felt warm and creamy like milk.

Yu Ruyan lied down and her body below her waist was submerged onto the White Milky Jade. When she opened her eyes, she saw Qing Shui looking at her with a frown.

"I'm going to strip you....."

Yu Ruyan blushed and nodded before she closed her eyes once again.

Qing Shui had assessed her injuries before he undone the fabric around her waist while he clenched his teeth. But, due to her injuries, he had decided to cut her clothes with a dagger. All of her clothes were removed as she had to absorb the Milky White Jade

Qing Shui had found Yu Ruyan's exquisite body stunning, despite the terrifying injury on her abdomen. Her body was fair like jade and it was as silky and smooth as the White Milky Jade. The beautiful sight of Yu Ruyan being surrounded by the White Milky Jade was indescribable.

She laid there with her perky breasts exposed, which weren't only large but also beautifully shaped and plump. Although Qing Shui found their perkiness to be unbelievable, the women around him indeed possess the same impressive assets and he had already felt that indescribable plumpness. He could tell that those were definitely rare gems in just a glance... But he must not touch this woman before him.

Her enticing body and slim abdomen appeared soft and smooth, but there was a gaping wound on it right now. As soon as he saw that area, Qing Shui composed himself before he reached out and gave a few gentle presses on her body.

After Qing Shui applied some pressure, blood had started to gradually spill out from her wound as it seeped out and disappeared into the White Milky Jade.

### Saintly Hands!

Both of Qing Shui's hands had turned translucent, then, he immersed his hands into the White Milky Jade and slowly rubbed the areas around the wound. He tried to focus solely as he treated her wound to distract himself.

Qing Shui didn't dare to look at those beautiful breasts and tightly shut eyes on her exquisite face, and he also didn't dare to look down either. He felt that his blood was still surging quickly when he had stripped her earlier and saw her alluring body.

Qing Shui didn't even realize that Yu Ruyan had opened her eyes. She looked at her bare naked body and at the hands of the man who was still touching her lower abdomen. He would see everything if he shifted his gaze even just a little. But then again, he had helped her removed her clothes earlier, so it was impossible that he didn't see anything..... Yu Ruyan felt that Qing Shui had a pair of strange hands. She could feel the trace of energy that was continuously channeled into her body from his hands, which gave a comfortable and cool sensation on her wounds.

After he did this for about an hour, Qing Shui pulled out his Gold Needles. He had soaked them in the White Milky Jade before he inserted the needle in her wound.

Another four needles were inserted in a single breath!

Five Element Acupuncture!

Yu Ruyan's six organs\* in her abdomen were damaged and needed to be restored by the Five Element Acupuncture. The Spiritual Qi from the White Milky Jade around her had slowly seeped into her body.

[Note: Gallbladder, stomach, large intestine, small intestine, bladder and 'sanjiao', which are the three truncal cavities - thoracic, abdominal and pelvic]

The Gold Needles on her body whirled and trembled continuously. Qing Shui laid both of his hands around Yu Ruyan's dantian area as he slowly circulated the Qi of to stimulate and increase the vitality of her body.

He could clearly feel the injuries in her body as it healed at the speed that was observable with the naked eye. With the help of the Milky White Jade, scabs had already formed over the wound's surface.

Qing Shui had already stored the Gold Needles but his hands was still placed on her abdomen. Everything went fine during the treatment but he wished to help her recover with his abilities for a little more longer.

But then, Yu Ruyan let out a soft groan.

"What's wrong?"

Qing Shui asked as his heart raced.

Yu Ruyan had quickly assured him that nothing was wrong but her face involuntarily turned red. Qing Shui then discovered that her entire body had started to flush, and even her beautiful eyes on that alluring face were moist.

Qing Shui's heart skipped a beat at the turn of events, he quickly propped her up and pressed on her Ling Tai acupoint. Yu Ruyan was a little sober now and can tell that something was wrong, as her entire body had started to burn up and she felt a little pent up inside.....

"What's wrong with you?" Qing Shui asked worriedly.

"I felt a sharp pain in my rear as if something had just bit me....."

Qing Shui didn't notice until now that the rock surface beneath her had turned into a strange pink color. He radiated a wave of his Qi force to disperse the White Milky Jade around them.

A stone bed!

This rock surface was actually a stone bed. It was only partly visible earlier but he could completely see it at this moment. Now that the entire thing was revealed, both of them were dumbfounded.

The name of this bed was Stone Beauty!

Even a sealed woman\* would become a slut as long as she laid down on this bed.....

[Note: A woman whose vagina is blocked due to birth defect.]

The 'Stone Beauty' from legends looked similar to this stone bed. As long as a woman lied down on it for a period of time, she would feel a needle like prick on her rear. The drop of blood would then fuse with the stone bed, turning it pink very quickly. Then, the bed would start to exude an intense aphrodisiac in the air. Even a sealed woman would also get excited and this cannot be dispelled by any medicine.....

So this bed really existed......

Qing Shui was dumbfounded. Perhaps it was due to the Nature Energy, Qing Shui could only feel his lust growing in intensity. He thought that it was because he was tempted by Lady Duanmu's body but he had sensed that something was wrong because he felt that his lust was very hard to suppress. Now he finally understood why.

He had suddenly felt something soft and silky in his arms. With an agonized face, he looked at Lady Duanmu who was already delirious. Her beautiful eyebrows were knitted together and her eyes were filled bitterness as she leaned closer towards Qing Shui with a kiss.

Qing Shui knew that Lady Duanmu hadn't completely lost her sanity yet, but her behavior was already controlled by her lust. She was distressed, but she didn't know what to do.....

Lady Duanmu was indeed a beauty unmatched in her generation. Qing Shui wasn't going to deny the fact that she wasn't less inferior to the ladies on the Portraits of Beauty. However, he had never thought that this would happen between them. Besides, her daughter's age was almost the same as him and most importantly, Qing Shui were friends with her. No matter what, they were very close friends so he was at loss right now on what he would do.

He turned his face to the side and Lady Duanmu's kiss was planted on his cheek instead!

All of a sudden, Lady Duanmu slammed her fist against the stone bed with an unknown burst of strength. However, this stone bed was no ordinary bed, her delicate hand was instantly injured.

This had granted her a brief moment of clarity. "Qing Shui, kill me. I'm not that kind of woman. Just kill me....."

# Chapter 642 Life Is Filled With Too Much Dissatisfactions And Helplessness

This had granted her a brief moment of clarity.

"Qing Shui, just please kill me. I'm not that kind of woman..."

Two streams of crystal clear tears cascaded down Lady Duanmu's face. She had neither thought of remarrying anyone else nor look for another ever since that man passed away. She had overcome the

toughest of times. Any man who plotted against her would be punished back then. To think that she'd be stuck in such a situation now...

This was karma...

"Madam, can you promise me that you'll live no matter what happens? Can you promise me you won't take your own life? Think about your daughter, do you think you're capable of abandoning her?"

"My daughter. Yes, I still have a daughter. She already is pitiful enough, if I were to leave her again..." A slightly strange and pained look flashed across Lady Duanmu's face.

Qing Shui had only brought this up this early because he was worried she wouldn't cooperate with the treatment. She didn't want Qing Shui to look at her body, but he didn't expect something like this to happen. The Stone Beauty could be considered a treasure in the World of the Nine Continents. It was yearned by many, but people were afraid of being judged by others. Furthermore, this 'Stone Beauty' was composed of the White Milky Jade essence.

The body would receive great benefits by relaxing on this bed. However, this item was loved by evil mediators of those Duo Cultivation Techniques, so most people didn't dare to say that this was a treasure.

"Qing Shui, we shouldn't do this..." Yu Ruyan was a little panicked and pained.

Qing Shui rinsed Yu Ruyan's wound with the White Milky Jade. Qing Shui was utterly perplexed as he watched the woman who currently seemed very agonized and conflicted.

He could still contain the lust in his body, but Yu Ruyan on the other hand was already enduring it agonizingly. Qing Shui pulled out the Gold Needles again and inserted them into her Lingtai acupoint.

"Madam, you're giving yourself too much emotional pressure. Your heart already belongs to someone. You're only doing this because you're forced by circumstances. Besides, it wouldn't make much of a difference even if you and I were to take things another step further. The most important thing is how you look at it. Your husband has passed away, if I were him, I'd be very happy that you're able to do this much for him. If he really loved you, he would've definitely wished you to continue living well and happy." Qing Shui was also currently at a loss.

Yu Ruyan went silent. Her emotions were flying all over the place because she knew she couldn't maintain herself like this for much longer. Her face was already red and her body was flushed crimson. Just as he said, she had become like this already...

Then she suddenly remembered about her daughter. She could tell that her daughter was at least a little fond of Qing Shui, but Qing Shui didn't seem to be very interested in her.

Although her daughter possessed an exceptionally beautiful face, her personality was simply too cold. No man would like a type of girl who would freeze someone to death. She couldn't help but to sigh the more she thought about it. How could things turn out like this?

She really wanted to just die, but she simply couldn't leave her daughter alone. Her friends had been persuading her to find another man for a long time. She was still young and she still had a lot of time ahead of her, even her daughter told her the same thing previously. She had never objected it, but then

she had never really considered about it either. All this time and this man standing before her was considerably younger than her.

To a cultivator, the age gap between Yu Ruyan and Qing Shui could hardly amount to anything, they had a very long lifespan after all. That would also mean that their prime time was also very long. The only thing standing between them was the existence of Duanmu Lingshuang.

The two of them were still tightly embraced together. To go a step further or to stop here no longer made much difference. Her husband was no longer here and today's incident hardly had anything to do with morality.

"Unexpected things happen. The things that restrict and coerce you are your own notion and the 'shackles you chained yourself with'," Yu Ruyan sighed inwardly.

The flame of lust that was burning in her had tinted her entire body pink. If it wasn't for the cooling sensation coming from the needle that Qing Shui had inserted on her back, she would have lost herself a long ago...

Yu Ruyan watched Qing Shui. He was a rational man who dared to act and bear the responsibility. Even at this moment he was still thinking hard and trying to come up with alternative solutions.

And that was the Stone Beauty. Any woman who laid on it would not be able to withstand that mystical effect, even if it were a sealed woman\*.

[Note: A woman whose vagina is blocked due to birth defect.]

That burning delicate body lit up the flame in the deepest part of Qing Shui. He knew that he was already under a strong influence, but he was relying on Nature Energy to just barely resist it. After swallowing a Pure Jade Pellet with Yu Ruyan just now, he had consumed another Five Dragon Pellet. Unfortunately it was ineffective. This 'Stone Beauty' from legends was indeed overbearing. The only way to dispel it was to have sex.

She was about the same age as Zhu Qing, the only difference between them was that one was a mother. For a dignified woman like her, things would be very difficult even if Qing Shui wanted to openly court her. Perhaps it wouldn't be much of an issue when he becomes powerful in the future. For now, Lady Duanmu couldn't bring herself to do it.

Soon enough, Qing Shui's Gold Needle couldn't control the flames in Lady Duanmu's body any longer. Qing Shui couldn't let her die, so he had no choice but to pull out the Gold Needle on her back.

He no longer tried to suppress the flame burning within him either. The two of them slowly fell back onto the stone bed. Qing Shui's clothes were also quickly shed. The mood right now, was perfect.

Two bare naked bodies wrapped around each other. Their movements were controlled by the most primitive energy within their body, melding perfectly into each other before climaxing in a series of pleasing moans of satisfaction.

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Qing Shui opened his eyes as if he had just woken up from a dream when Yu Ruyan's body glowed white. The two of them were currently joined together in the most intimate position.

He looked at those divinely beautiful breasts which were just inches away from him, forcibly controlling his urges to lick them again. A silver necklace still hung around her delicate neck, but the pendant on it was lost. He was guessing that it must have vanished or dropped when she was resisting Old Man Ba's final attack.

Yu Ruyan opened her eyes too, but she immediately closed them since she was so shy. He was roused awake by her own breakthrough. Before that, everything had seemed just like a wonderful dream.

Lady Duanmu, who was at peak Grade Eight Martial Saint, had now attained Grade Nine Martial Saint. Unexpectedly, she wasn't as pleasantly surprised, but rather she felt a little at loss.

The poison had already been dispelled. Even the injuries in Yu Ruyan's body had been completely healed. The sun was setting when they came here, but it was already the following morning now.

They had actually stayed here for an entire night. Yu Ruyan couldn't help but blush the more she thought about it as she stayed motionless, snuggled in Qing Shui's arms.

Qing Shui was leaning on top of Lady Duanmu when he realized that his abilities had also increased quite a lot. Not only that, his physical strength and spirit energy had also been raised tremendously. However, there wasn't too much joy in him either.

Because he didn't know how to face this woman from now on.

He had never thought the day where he would share such intimate moments with this woman would come. Qing Shui involuntarily moved his body a little, but it made Yu Ruyan, who was in his arms, tremble and let out a weak sigh.

She didn't seem to be in a hurry to get up. This incident had already been imprinted into their minds. Although it was as if they were dreaming, it felt real at the same time.

It should've been many years since she last touched a man. Similarly, Qing Shui hadn't tasted any flesh recently. The duo cultivation tonight was beyond delightful. It was wonderful.

Qing Shui got up slowly. The feeling of his lower weapon sliding out still made them both quiver. Half of their bodies were soaked in the White Milky Jade, even filling up the places where they were previously joined. Although Qing Shui currently wanted to have another round again, he knew he shouldn't.

He had no choice but to let go earlier for the sake of saving a life. His action would no longer be justified if he were to do that again.

"Qing Shui!"

"Yes?"

"This incident is history, forever a history. Let's forget about it, what do you say? Let's pretend this never happened," Yu Ruyan spoke gently with her head lowered.

"Alright, I understand. I won't make things hard for you. Sorry that you had to go through that." There was nothing Qing Shui could do other than sigh.

"I don't feel like that at all. No one is aggrieved in this incident. If it had felt that bad, I would have chosen death," Yu Ruyan shook her head in agony. The thought of Duanmu Lingshuang entered her mind, she was worried that something would happened to her daughter due to her death. Judging from her daughter's temper, she would no longer allow herself to live. Yu Ruyan was extremely concerned that her daughter would commit suicide if she were to lose her mother as well.

Life was filled with too much dissatisfaction and helplessness!

"Perhaps my daughter will lose the her opportunity to be with him forever over this incident. He's the saviour of both me and my daughter. He had not only saved my daughter but also myself. This incident also occurred because he had to save me. Perhaps I should be more open minded about it? But then my body..."

Qing Shui didn't know what she meant with her words. He found his clothes and got dressed. He then helped Yu Ruyan to find her Interspatial Silk Sachet, she probably had a change of clothes inside there.

After a man and a woman had sex, it was impossible to completely forget about what happened even if they were to treat each other like strangers. Qing Shui knew that he couldn't do it, let alone a woman like Yu Ruyan. Otherwise she wouldn't have stayed as a widow for all these years.

After the two of them were fully dressed, the atmosphere between them obviously felt different when previously compared. A complex feeling was in the air, especially whenever their gazes met with other.

There were also awkwardness, ambiguity, nervousness and some other indescribable feelings...

"Qing Shui, I shall take my leave first. I'll return to the Duanmu City with Lingshuang. I should be able to completely forget about this after some time," Yu Ruyan spoke softly when the two of them reached the cave exit.

"Don't think about it too much and don't blame yourself. If you feel bad about it then blame it all on me," Qing Shui stood beside her and gently told her.

"How can I possibly blame you? Alright, I have to go. You should return to the Di Clan after I leave. Forget about what happened today. We're still the good friends as we were before."

After finishing her sentence, Yu Ruyan soared up the skies as she followed the path back home.

Screech!

Qing Shui summoned the Fire Bird!

"Return with my Fire Bird!" Qing Shui's voice was soft, but it had clearly travelled to Yu Ruyan's ears and Fire Bird had already flew over to her side.

Yu Ruyan turned her head around to look at Qing Shui, and then left with Fire Bird!

Qing Shui stood at the cave exit while being baffled as he realized that his relation to the Duanmu Clan was indeed not bad. He had unintentionally lent a hand to the pair of mother and daughter before, but they were the type of people who must repay the act of goodwill done to them by others. If it had been other type of people, he had a feeling they wouldn't have even been in contact with each other by now .

Qing Shui didn't experience that much of an impact in his heart, but this incident had hurt Yu Ruyan. They could only forget about it since nothing would ever come out of this.

# Chapter 643 - A great improvement! One thousand and five hundred countries worth of strength!

Qing Shui shook his head as he felt the changes that were taking place within his body. Originally, his had already achieved the two hundred and eighty fifth cycle. But as he attempted to continue circulating it, he noticed that it once again successfully broke through to the three hundredth cycle. The process went on until when he reached the three hundred and fifteenth cycle before coming to a stop.

After going through all of these, Qing Shui came to realize that he would have to be at least at his four hundredth cycle to break through to the Seventh Heavenly Layer, which meant that his progression in his cycle of circulated qi would most likely reach a bottleneck when he reached the three hundred and ninety-ninth cycle.

"What's the point of thinking so far ahead for now?" Qing Shui laughed at himself.

Qing Shui's current raw strength once again went through another significant increase. His raw defense already possessed the strength of around four hundred countries. His offensive strength was also already worth around two hundred and eighty countries.

Of course, these were also the results of his recent cultivations in his and his body. Of course, the most important factor was the benefits he obtained when he dual cultivated with Yu Ruyan. At the moment when he broke through to the three hundredth cycle, he felt that he had already increased by quite a large amount of might.

Qing Shui currently possessed Grade Four Nature Energy and Grade Three Immovable Mountain. If he was to include all of these abilities and perform an attack, he would be able to deal damage that worth as much as a thousand and five hundred countries. It's already more than enough to draw out the strength of a Grade Six Martial Saint Warrior.

Even if he was to fight bare-handed, he would still be able to at least draw out a thousand countries worth of strength.

If he was to use the combined sword technique instead, he would become slightly more powerful.

Qing Shui was already satisfied with what he had. Originally, he thought that it would be hard for him to improve any further within this short period of time. But to his surprise, this happened. From the battle against Old Freak Ba, Qing Shui realized the advantages of supplementary techniques and how heaven-defying the Hidden Weapon Technique could be. Prior to this, he had always felt that it was useless.

This time, even though it only had a purely assistive role, it was capable of changing the tide of the battle. In the future, if a day ever come when Qing Shui's Demon Binding Rope, Black Jade Poisonous Spider Web as well as Body Securing Talismans got strengthened even more, he felt that he might be able to face of opponents at higher cultivation level than his own if he used it properly.

Especially when he was against warriors whose strength exceeded that of five thousand countries. The Fiery Golden Eyes were undoubtedly one of the most powerful attacks. After that, Qing Shui swallowed a Pure Jade Pellet and fixed his sight on a Five-colored Daylily.

Qing Shui wasn't going to let go of precious objects like this. He didn't want to have too many regrets since he wasn't able to take away the White Milky Jade Pool and Stone Beauty.

Even though Qing Shui had a poison resistant body and was under the effects of the Pure Jade Pellet, Qing Shui still operated his Nature Energy all the way to its peak and used the Hidden Weapons to contain the Five-colored Daylily before moving it to the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

It might seem like an easy task to do but if it had been someone who has no resistance to poison, they might not dare to even come near it even if they were stronger than Qing Shui.

With the combined effects of the Pure Jade Pellet and Nature Energy, Qing Shui was able to resist the poison from the Five-colored Daylily. Otherwise, it would have been hard for him to get near the Five-colored Daylily.

Just like that, he put two of the Daylilies into the realm. He felt that he would just be wasting it if he took more. If he was to move all of the Daylilies into the realm, the ecosystem of the valley would be disrupted.

### Ming!

Qing Shui looked up and realized that it was the Fire Bird! There was someone else on top of it.

Di Chen!

Qing Shui stepped up into the sky and dropped down on the back of the Fire bird. After that, the Fire bird let out a high-pitched chirp before flying in the direction of the Di Clan.

"Chen`Er, why are you here?" Qing Shui smiled at Di Chen.

"I'm scared that you will be eaten." Di Chen smiled back.

Qing Shui gave an awkward smile: "is she gone?"

### "Yeah!"

"You know about her injuries. It would be hard for her to avoid awkward situations. She was aware of it herself, that's why she's like that." It's not like Qing Shui wanted to lie to Di Chen. It's just that for the sake of Lady Duanmu, there were some things that he really shouldn't mention.

After all, both Qing Shui and Lady Duanmu have been out for one whole night. Everyone would be worried. So much so that a lot of people couldn't manage to sleep for the entire night.

"I know, hehe." Di Chen looked at Qing Shui with her beautiful pupils. Those eyes of hers were very alluring.

Very quickly, both Qing Shui and Di Chen already arrived in Di Clan. As soon as the people from Di Clan heard the Fire bird's chirp, they rushed out of the house happily. Qing Shui noticed that the people from other branches of Di Clan also seemed to be there.

Qing Shui smiled. He had long since become used to things like this. It's not a matter of whether it's right or wrong, they're a blood related family. Only a minority of people would be able to hold on under those

kind of circumstances. Luckily, most of the people from Di Clan were responsible and trustworthy, with only Di Jing's side of the family being an exception.

"Qing Shui, are you ok!" Di Xuan welcomed Qing Shui's arrival happily, his joy could be seen clearly by everyone.

"I'm fine, Senior Di, how have things been going here?"

"It's ok! Come in! Let's celebrate together!" Di Xuan grabbed Qing Shui's hand and said happily.

At this moment, Old Lady Mo came out. She smiled and nodded her head when she saw Qing Shui.

"Thank you for helping us this time, granny." Qing Shui thanked Old Lady Mo with a serious expression. Even though Qing Shui was the one controlling the pace of the battle this time, without Old Lady Mo, things wouldn't have gone so smoothly.

"You're welcome, Qing Shui. Don't be so formal, you will only make me feel sad by treating me like an outsider." Old Lady Mo smiled and said. She looked especially happy.

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"Brother Qing Shui, can you let me have a look at your skills and techniques?" Di Fenxing scrubbed her head and asked Qing Shui.

Originally, Di Xuan planned to stop him, but he didn't say it out loud.

"Since Brother Xing has mentioned it, I won't hold back!"

Emperor's Qi!

Binding Talisman, Armor Break Talisman, Body Securing Talisman!

Demon Binding Rope!

Qing Shui demonstrated the skills in front of Di Fenxing all at once. After that, he smiled and continued walking forward.

He hadn't shown him the Fiery Golden Eyes. Merely these techniques were already enough to cause Di Fenxing to freeze in shock. He was totally stunned by it.

"Second Brother, how was it?"

"Second Brother ....."

"Brother Xing....."

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For a moment, everyone from Di Clan fixed their sight on Di Fenxing. They were really curious to know just how powerful the techniques which killed Old Freak Ba was.

At present, Qing Shui's abilities had once again taken another huge leap. The strength of the Heavenly Talismans were somehow related to Qing Shui's abilities. It reduced the opponent's abilities by using Qing Shui's abilities as a standard.

However, all of these were already more than enough to shock Di Fenxing. Not only was the opponent's strength reduced by a chunk, they would even be immobilized and become vulnerable, this was the most fatal aspect of this.

Di Fenxing bitterly shook his head and didn't say anything. The others also stopped asking after seeing his depressing look. After all, someone who was able to kill Old Freak Ba definitely wouldn't be ordinary.

Di Qing smiled as she greeted Qing Shui. After that, the group walked into the main hall. There was a feast being held in the living room. There were plenty of sumptuous foods already prepared on the tables.

Everyone had a lot of fun during the feast. They felt particularly good when they were eating the food. It felt as if the burdens that have long been on their mind had finally been released. Di Chen was sitting next to Qing Shui and wasn't wearing her veil.

Qing Shui began to realize that recently, Di Chen hadn't been putting on her veils as often as she used to. The feeling of sitting close with her with a calm mind made Qing Shui feel as if they have been husband and wife for many years.

Actually, there was also one more reason behind it. It was the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Because of the different ratio in time, Qing Shui would often have the feeling that he had known somebody for a long time even if he had just met that person recently.

"Why are you looking at me like that." Di Chen turned to the side and asked Qing Shui, who was distracted.

"Because you look good!"

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The feast went on all the way until high-noon. After it finished, Qing Shui looked for an excuse to rest. The others said goodbye to Qing Shui. After all, he spent one whole night treating Lady Duanmu, it was just that they were not aware of how he had treated her.

He fell into the trap of talking to himself!

He once again wasted another day. The more free time he had, the more he couldn't afford to lose. To Qing Shui, wasting a day was equivalent to wasting fifty days.

As soon as he entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui immediately went to the lake where he kept the poisonous objects. The two five-colored Daylily we're growing at the side of the lake. They gave off so much aura that it covered up the entire area. By doing so, it could help make the poisons within the poisonous objects multiply many fold.

Earlier, when he was leaving, he requested the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb to be returned. Di Xuan had also let Qing Shui see if there were any useful things which could be taken away from the Red Jiao.

Qing Shui didn't hold back. He took away a lot of blood, flesh, bones, tendons and the beast's core.

At present, all of these were already in the Realm. After witnessing the power of the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb this time, Qing Shui thought to himself that it's time to temper the Spiderweb with some strong poison.

It's just that he would need a bit of time for that. He would have to collect some poisons from the fivecolored Daylily as well as some poisons from the Python and refine them together. The current poison that Qing Shui possessed was only considered average. But with the five-colored Daylily, Qing Shui was no longer concerned about this matter. The aura could help multiply the poisons around the surroundings by multiple times.

Qing Shui planned to use the crystals that the Crystal Lions produced to help increase the toxicity of the poisonous substances before using them to temper the Spiderweb. If the Spiderweb as well as the Demon Binding Rope could become more powerful, Qing Shui felt that he would be able to kill off his opponent's more easily.

### Sword Technique combination!

Qing Shui didn't confront Old Freak Ba in a close range battle. It would be futile if he had done so as his attacks would show little to no effect. Despite this, Qing Shui knew that the combination sword techniques were definitely powerful. It's just that he hadn't reached that kind of level yet with his cultivation, which was why he was unable to show their full potential.

Qing Shui felt that the essence of sword most definitely lay within this Basic Sword Technique. No matter how gracious or godly a sword technique was, they were still made up from basic sword skills.

So much so that Qing Shui felt that if he was able to combine the sword techniques to a certain extent, he would be able to make it as effective as a paragon.

After cultivating for a while, Qing Shui started refining medicines. After that, he took in one Meridians Clearing Pellet every day to boost his strength. When he was tired, he would lay down on the ground in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal to rest.

Every time he laid down on the ground, he would feel particularly relaxed. He would often think about stuff like cultivating as he did so.

Now that he has finally witnessed the strength of a Grade Ten Martial Saint Warrior. The only thing which he was unclear about would be the strength of a Peak Martial Saint Warrior. However, by observing the pattern in Martial Saints where the difference in strength widened each time one advanced to a higher grade, he could roughly figure out that a Peak Martial Saint Warrior should have a strength worth around ten thousand countries.

Every time he compared the strength of a Peak Martial Saint with himself, he would instantly fire up and be filled with hope.

There would definitely be Peak Martial Saint Warriors among the strongest people in Central Continent. Furthermore, there should also be some in Lion King's Ridge located in Northern Sacred Lu Continent. When Qing Shui first met Yiye Jiange, he had promised her before that he would help her topple Lion King's Ridge. It seemed like he would have to wait for a while longer in order to do so. It seemed like it's really going to be the way he predicted, he would really need twenty years for it to happen.

## Chapter 644 - Completing Di Chen's Wish (1)

Overnight, news about the Di Clan had spread rapidly in Seven Stars Country. Old man Ba was from "Seven Stars Cloudway Pagoda". Anyone with some status in Seven Stars City would know that, back then, not many people knew about the battle situation. After all, Old man Ba's whereabouts were not kept a secret and meddlesome people would all have watched from afar.

This battle made them understand that Old man Ba was very strong. With him in the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord, they would be able to remain as one of the seven stars. It was also through this battle that the Seven Stars Cloudway Pagoda, which had always been keeping a low profile, was once again viewed in high regards by others.

Many people held that suspicions over how many people there were in the Seven Stars Cloudway Pagoda, Old man Ba's cultivation level, as well as whether Seven Stars Cloudway Pagoda would step out to fight for a position as one of the seven stars or to try to get into some circles.

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When Qing Shui came out from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, it was already late in the morning and after having his meal, it was already close to noon. Therefore, most of them did not take their lunch. However, Di Clan still got people to send food over. It was just that Qing Shui had remained in his room and not come out.

While in Di Clan, Qing Shui had entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal from the guest room. It was not far from the room he stayed in with Di Chen. He did not stay in Di Clan for the past two nights and was not sure if Di Chen was in Di Qing's room or in the room Di Clan had arranged for the two of them.

Opening the room's door, he saw that Di Chen was standing at the window, staring outside. She turned to look at Qing Shui when she heard noise. Her beautiful face wore a faint smile but Qing Shui could still see that it was a smile that was put on when she turned. It was because her slightly furrowed brows had not relaxed yet.

"Have you had a good rest?" Di Chen smiled gently.

"Mmm, what are you thinking about?" Qing Shui walked up to Di Chen and stood next to her by the window and looked out.

The view here was very good and allowed them to see a long distance away. They were even able to see the main streets in Seven Stars City, allowing them to look down on the world out there with all sorts of people.

It felt wonderful to be able to look far away from a high position, looking down on everything down below. In fact, everyone hoped to be able to look downwards on other things and people, since it did not feel good to be lifting one's head to look up, especially the mental state that accompanied it.

"I'm baffled now. Suddenly, I don't know what I should be doing. In the past, I hated this place. But now, I discover that this place is not as hateful as what I imagined it to be. I'm scared." Di Chen said in a stupor.

This was not strange. Di Chen had previously been hung up on the fact that her father had sent her to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. Now that she found out the reason behind it, although she still did not feel good about it, it was something she could accept. Moreover, she had also found out what her father had done for her all these years. Her father had not forgotten her. In these few days that they had been at Di Clan, other than Di Jing and his people, the rest had treated her quite well. This was especially so for Di Xuan's people, the people closest to Di Chen in terms of blood ties. That warmth they showered her with had affected her a lot.

Di Qing, her father Di Xuan, the eldest brother, Di Fentian, who had doted on her since she was young, and Di Qing's mother who had treated her like her own, likely because her age was very close to Di Qing's. Moreover, Di Xuan only had these two daughters, and thus had doted on the two on them more so than he did the boys.

It was not like Di Chen did not experience kinship before, so she knew about it. In fact, for all these years, she had not been able to let this go. Otherwise, she would not have thought to come to Seven Stars Country.

"This is very normal. Relationship is the one thing that's most important in life. Be it kinship, friendship, or love, everyone needs to be supported by relationships. One would be able to live on properly with any one of them, living a good life. If it was a lonely person, a person without any 'relationships', then the person would be like a walking corpse or a devil."

Di Chen smiled and looked at Qing Shui. Hearing Qing Shui's words seemed to make her feel slightly better. After all, so many years had passed. She knew well what she should do after everything had ended. She was just suppressed by that slight hint of pride.

"Qing Shui, to you, out of kinship, friendship and love, which one do you think is the most important?" Di Chen asked, showing great interest.

"A person who does not think much of kinship would not treat friendship and love seriously." Qing Shui smiled as he looked outside.

"Why would you say that?" Di Chen smiled and look at Qing Shui, her beautiful eyes filled with warm smiles.

"Everyone was born with kinship. Only those who values kinship would treat themselves and their kin well. Friendships are formed from building and developing connections with other people. Only the greatest friendship would be like kinship. As for love, it is also actually kinship. When a man and a woman fall in love, as time passes, it would become kinship. Only a kinship-like love would allow the couple to spend their whole lives together. Their children would be the product of their love, the ribbon that ties that hearts together." Qing Shui said slowly, his gaze turning increasingly soft. These were the things he had seen as well as added in with his own interpretations.

"Qing Shui, am I unfilial?" Di Chen turned to look at Qing Shui and asked.

"No. It's the parents' duty to bring up their children, just like how it is the children's duty to be filial to their parents. In both situations, they are voluntary acts, things that they do willingly. Even beasts do this. This is an instinct. Chen`er, your case is very special. After all, there are many things that are not

within our control. Therefore, they cannot just live for themselves nor can they just think about themselves." Qing Shui's words were spoken from the bottom of his heart.

"Qing Shui, do you think that I can blend into Di Clan?" Di Chen felt very complicated when she said this.

Qing Shui understood Di Chen's feelings. In fact, she had her own thoughts, but just wanted to receive the view of the person she cared about the most. Now, this person should be him. After all, Di Qing was also from Di Clan and the next person she was closest to should be himself. Although Qing Shui and Di Chen had not gone through the final act, sex, to become official husband and wife, they had both accepted this relationship. To a lady like Di Chen, occasional intimate acts were the best evidence of this.

"The misunderstandings have been cleared up. They do love you but they had been left with no choice. This is what kinship is. If they did not love you, they would have definitely pushed you out. However, when faced with a life-and-death choice, they continued with their decision. This is the power of love." Qing Shui turned with a smile and said. Their faces were very close to each other and they could smell each other's breath.

"Thank you!" Di Chen smiled and said.

Qing Shui planted a sudden peck on Di Chen's lips, "If you say thank you again, I'll smack your butt."

Di Chen blushed as she said to Qing Shui in slight annoyance, "You're getting more and more out of hand. You're not allowed to be such a punk."

"Do you want to try saying it again?" Qing Shui was relinquishing that wonderful feeling as he looked at Di Chen teasingly and smiled. Now, he was no longer that restrained when appearing before Di Chen.

"I refuse to say it. You've turned bad!" Di Chen pinched Qing Shui's face and said, smiling.

"I want to hug you!"

Qing Shui looked at this lady of unrivalled beauty. Her every twinkle and smile caused Qing Shui to be intoxicated. He licked his lips and that clear sound of him gulping could be heard. It may be he was trying to hide his embarrassment after saying this because Qing Shui had already wrapped his hands gently around Di Chen's waist.

Di Chen had on a faint smile and a slight blush, laughing out softly next to Qing Shui's ear. Her voice was like that of a fairy singing, exuding a fatal charm.

This was the first time Qing Shui heard her laughing like this. She seldom laughed out loud and would merely smile. In this moment, the sound of her laughter made Qing Shui feel as if he had drunk the finest wine, it felt extremely delightful.

Just then, the door opened. Di Qing walked in to see Qing Shui and Di Chen in an embrace.

Seeing Di Qing walking in, Di Chen anxiously pushed Qing Shui away, the blush returning to her face.

"Ahh... I've disturbed you. Don't you know that you should lock the doors when you're doing intimate acts?" Di Qing smiled as she looked at Di Chen and Qing Shui, saying.

Seeing that Qing Shui and Di Chen had separated, Di Qing did not walk out but looked at Qing Shui with great interest. It was because Di Chen was so embarrassed that she refused to look at Di Qing.

"You didn't disturb us. But you really know how to pick your time to drop by..." Qing Shui said gloomily.

"What rubbish are you spouting..." Di Chen pounded Qing Shui softly before walking over to Di Qing.

Di Qing smiled happily, another emotion added in her eyes. It was an expression of struggle. When she looked at Qing Shui, sometimes she would fall into a daze. Qing Shui did not think much about it. Moreover, this was not the first time that she had fallen into a daze after seeing him. He merely thought that Di Qing was trying to think of new ways to tease him.

"Elder sister, how does it feel?" Di Qing took Di Chen's hand and said, smiling.

"What does what feels like?" Di Chen was stumped, not able to react.

"The feeling of hugging a guy!"

"If you want to know, go try it out for yourself!" Di Chen said.

"Hmph, this is what you say, but if I were to really try it out, Elder Sister will definitely fight it out with me." Di Qing continued to say teasingly as she looked at Di Chen's expression without blinking.

"Haha, if you like, then just go ahead. It'll be good if you can take his heart for yourself. This way, we two sisters would not have to be separated." Di Chen said teasingly to Di Qing, making it hard for one to tell if she was speaking the truth.

"I don't care for that. This husband of yours is truly a playboy, having so many beauties by his side. I want to look for a man who would treat me like a treasure." Di Qing's tone changed very quickly.

Qing Shui was confused as he saw this scene. However, he knew that it was best that he say nothing at all, or he could choose to leave. When he looked at this pair of sisters who both had appeared in the Portraits of Beauty, he felt especially refreshed. The feeling was so beautiful that Qing Shui felt as if he was cleansing his soul.

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Qing Shui had dinner with the two ladies as well as the members of Di Clan. However, there were only people from Di Xuan's side and there were not many of them, just over ten of them. It was much quieter than how it was previously.

In fact, Di Xuan had his heart weighed down during the meal. He knew that if his daughter chose not to forgive him, this would be their farewell meal.

"Aunt, have some of this!"

"Aunt, have some soup!"

Di Xian and Di Yao, the two juniors, kept passing the dishes to Di Chen.

Di Fentian, Di Fenxing and the other members of Di Clan did not say a word. They merely cast gazes filled with complicated feelings as well as feelings of concern at Di Chen.

## Chapter 645 - Completing Di Chen's Wish (2)

Qing Shui smiled and sat to Di Chen's left while Di Qing sat to her right. Even now, Di Qing was a bit perturbed. With the atmosphere, no one had much appetite towards their meals.

"Fa... father, please eat!" Di Chen stood up, passing a bowl and a set of chopsticks towards Di Xuan with both hands.

Di Xuan stood up, his face filled with a surprised smile. However, he could not hold back the tears from his eyes.

"Daughter... Haha... Chen`er is willing to accept this old man..."

Di Xuan was now indescribably happy. He knew that Di Chen had been stubborn since she was young and after he was forced to send her to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord, he had never expected this day to come...

Di Xuan anxiously received the bowl and chopsticks Di Chen handed him. This could be considered a small ceremony where the father and daughter recognized each other. When the others saw this scene, they all broke into happy grins.

"Chen`er, it's been hard on you all these years. Your father has been useless." Thinking about this matter, Di Xuan felt that if he had been strong enough, no matter whether it had been Old Man Ba or anyone else he had brought to raise this request, he would have had the power to refuse.

"Father, daughter knows that you have done your best. It wasn't easy for you either to be supporting such a big clan. Your daughter understands." Di Chen smiled, casting a glance at Qing Shui, the warmth in her eyes intoxicating.

"Haha, today is the happiest day for me, Di Xuan. I wasn't present during your wedding with Qing Shui. Since my daughter has now married, I must present a gift." Di Xuan said happily before giving the matter some thought.

# "Father, that ... "

"Chen`er, I know. You don't have to say anything. How about this? Since you're already married, Qing Shui might not be that willing to stay here. I'll give the manor on Starmoon Street to the two of you as your dowry. I'll let them send the rest of the stuff to the manor for you." Di Xuan interrupted Di Chen and said, smiling.

Di Chen smiled and did not say anything. She understood her father's feelings and even the others were all smiling very happily. No one felt unhappy that Di Xuan had given out the Di Clan's best manor. On the contrary, they all felt that it was the best decision.

This was Di Xuan's native home, and the Di Clan's descendents who had not yet gotten married would all stay here. Other than this place, the Di Clan also owned a few other manors which would be given out to the daughters and sons upon their marriage even if they chose not to stay there. There would also be manors set aside for the sons and daughters of those couples in the future. For a clan like the Di Clan, there was no shortages of manors. Even with everyone in the entire Di Clan, there was still plenty of space. Therefore, after Di Fentian had gotten married, he had stayed here all this time.

Everyone in Seven Stars Country knew that the Starmoon Street within the Seven Stars City was the top street where rich merchants, reputable clans and sects stayed. All the businesses there were greatly prosperous and everything there was nothing but the best.

"Then daughter shall thank father for the gift." Di Chen said happily.

She knew that this gesture was Di Xuan's kind intention and had no ulterior meaning behind it. Qing Shui stayed next to her, not saying a word. He understood Di Chen's feelings. Although Qing Shui agreed that love could not be measured by money, many people hoped that they would be wealthy and powerful. It was just like in his previous life: although filial piety could not be measured by money, people who were rich would be able to afford the best doctors and the best hospitals if their parents became sick. Those who were poorer would only be able to watch as their parents passed away. Very often, there was no absolute to how things were.

These kind of gestures could be used to express one's feelings and intentions, even if other methods might be equally effective.

The lady beside Di Xuan smiled and stood up, passing a phoenix hairpin to Di Chen. "This is your mother's memento. Before she passed away, she told me to give this to you when you get married. Although it is a bit late, I'll give it to you now."

"Thank you Aunt Ning!"

Di Chen received it carefully as she said her thanks, a hint of nostalgia flashed past her face. She missed her mother a lot. Sometimes, when she think about her, her heart would ache a lot. She had yearned to be able to meet that lady she called mother.

Qing Shui grabbed Di Chen's hand softly, not saying a word, only letting her sense his existence.

Di Chen nodded at Qing Shui as she kept the phoenix hairpin, revealing a relaxed smile on her face.

Di Xuan cast Qing Shui a thankful look. He was a clever guy, and knew that the reason for his daughter's acceptance of him was thanks to Qing Shui, even if hadn't said a word. It was because this man was the most precious existence in his daughter's heart.

Afterwards, everyone's appetite got better. Members of the Di Clan's younger generation kept toasting Qing Shui as well. Having a younger brother-in-law like him was something to be really happy about.

The meal lasted late into the night and the atmosphere was quite good. This group of people on Di Xuan's side was not numerous, but everyone shared close-knit relationship. This was what true family was like.

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Qing Shui and Di Chen left the hall and headed for the room that was arranged for them!

Qing Shui held Di Chen's hand very naturally. However, he was still feeling a little agitated and speechless. He did not know if it was because he felt inferior or if was because Di Chen was so charming.

Di Chen occasionally smiled and looked at Qing Shui, a faint smile hanging on her face. In this moment, her smile appeared a little different from usual.

Qing Shui knew that the weight on Di Chen's heart had lifted. His promise to bring her back to the Di Clan was now considered fulfilled and there was one less thing for him to worry about now.

"I still want to thank you!"

Di Chen grabbed Qing Shui's two hands and said, smiling. Maybe she was really afraid that Qing Shui would whack her butt.

When Qing Shui saw that Di Chen had such a cute side, he could not help but smile, which made Di Chen blush, "Stop smiling!"

"Alright, alright, I'll stop, I'll stop! Chen`er, you really don't take your husband's word seriously! Tell me, how should I punish you?" Although Qing Shui had said that he would not smile, he still had a light smile on. It was because, during such times, the cute expression shown by a lady like Di Chen was especially beautiful, causing Qing Shui to not help but want to tease her.

"You're not allowed to hit me..." Di Chen smiled.

Qing Shui pulled her hands behind him and then moved her into his arms. This time around, their faces were less than an inch apart.

Although Di Chen wanted to dodge, she was being held on by Qing Shui and was unable to step back.

"Give me a kiss as your punishment, what do you think?" Qing Shui felt that this moment was especially beautiful. The feeling was indescribable.

"Not good!"

"Then how about I kiss you?"

"Not good!"

"Then do you think I should whack you on the butt or give you a kiss?" Qing Shui smiled and said, once again bringing his face in closer, touching the tip of Di Chen's beautiful nose with his own.

Qing Shui had never dreamed of making a lady who was so much like a goddess appear so embarrassed. Now, he felt that he was loving this lady more and more.

This was what true love between men and women felt like.

"Qing Shui, stop fooling around." Di Chen said softly, as her clear breath fell on Qing Shui's face.

Qing Shui gave a soft peck on Di Chen's nose and then put her hands back in front, "Alright, let's go back and rest."

"Alright!" Di Chen planted a light kiss on Qing Shui's face as she replied.

This time around, Qing Shui and Di Chen spent a night together, but with Qing Shui in the living room. Qing Shui didn't force himself on Di Chen, and had never thought of doing so. He knew that nature would run its course.

The next day!

"Qing Shui, let's head to Starmoon Street together to see if you find the house satisfactory." Di Fentian said as he looked at Qing Shui and Di Chen. Di Fenxing and Di Qing were there as well.

Qing Shui agreed. Di Chen's wish had been fulfilled and he would feel very uncomfortable continuing to stay in the Di Clan like this. Qing Shui planned to stay in this city for quite a while.

Taking the beast cart specially used by the Di Clan, they headed for Starmoon Street.

The Starmoon Street was said to be the street where one could see the most stars in the Seven Stars Country, which is how it received its name. It was easily the busiest street at night.

Many people would be here at night to view the scenery of the visible stars and moon.

The Starmoon Street was not that far from Di Clan, but it still took them about an hour travelling on the beast cart.

Only when he stood before the manor did Qing Shui realize that the manor's location was really good. It was in the central area of Starmoon Street, where the street was the widest. One could consider the manor to take up quite a big space in the area.

The wide door showed the owner's majestic disposition and there were two huge stone beasts placed at the entrance. What astonished Qing Shui was that the purple-colored signboard above the door wrote the word 'Qing'.

Qing Shui then walked in to see that the manor was well furnished with artificial mountains, water, and rocks. Qing Shui did not feel much about these furnishings. If he was interested, it wouldn't have been hard for him to get such hands on a similar manor.

However, this manor was still considered to be quite luxurious and it was the great location made it tremendously valuable. The pavilion building in the manor was made from top quality materials and had a great design. Anyone could tell with a look that it had been the work of a great artist.

He met a few men and women on the way, some middle-aged and others young. They were in-charge of cleaning up the place and doing gardening work.

The structure of the pavilion building was similar to the other buildings, but was much more luxuriouslooking. In the future, this would be a place he could stop by if he were to come to the Seven Stars Country. This was home to him and Di Chen.

"Qing Shui, shouldn't you leave a place for me to stay here?" Di Qing was walking next to Di Chen and turned to Qing Shui.

"You can stay at wherever you'd like ... "

# Chapter 646 - The Violent Undercurrent (1)

"Just live in whichever one you prefer....."

"You sounded so annoyed when you were saying it. Fine! I'll make sure I knock on the door before entering your room next time!"Di Qing winked at Qing Shui and acted miserable in front of him.

Qing Shui was speechless. It felt as if this woman couldn't live a day without teasing him. Before he became familiar with her, he used to think that she was an unapproachable and defiant woman.

Now that he got to know her well, one thing Qing Shui was clear about was that she was a troublesome woman. He wasn't certain on whether she was still the defiant woman he thought she was but one thing that's for sure was that she no longer behaved as her defiant-self when she was in front of Qing Shui. And ever since, her arrows have always been pointed towards him.

Qing Shui didn't know if it was because he called her a stupid woman last time but he suspected that it was the reason behind why she started behaving like this and began to regret it. No wonder people always said that it's hard to live with nasty people and women. One should never offend a woman even if it meant offending a nasty person. From this statement, we could tell just how terrifying a woman could be.

From an outsider's perspective, one would think that Qing Shui was a really happy man. Unfortunately, Qing Shui didn't have the time to crack his head over these matters.

They were quite loud when they were speaking. Hence, the people around them were all able to hear what they said. Aside from Di Fentian, no one actually paid much attention to it. Di Fentian had a weird expression. He first looked at Qing Shui, then Di Qing before moving on to Di Chen. But very quickly, his expression went back to normal.

There were around seven to eight pavilion buildings of different sizes here. Aside from that, there were also four pavilions and three warehouses. Additionally, it also had three fake mountains, a few plants and trees, ponds and an arched bridge around it.

Since they have had nothing to do, they decided to stroll around the pavilion building. The place was totally new. Everything was bought and setup yesterday. There was not even the slightest trace of dust within it.

"Young Lady Qing!"

Qing Shui called out to Di Qing after seeing all of the furniture and decorations in her room.

"You need to call me elder sister!"

"Qing`Er, be more polite! He is your elder sister's husband." Di Fentian gently reprimanded Di Qing. Even though it looked like he was rebuking her, he didn't seem like he truly meant to do so. It's a mere formality. After all, Di Chen was Di Qing's elder sister.

"Well, he isn't older than me!"

"Chen`Er is your sister. It's not respectful to your elder sister to do so." Even though Di Fentian wasn't rebuking Di Qing, he took this matter quite seriously.

"Brother Tian! Don't be so serious over such small matter! It's just a form of address." Qing Shui quickly intervened.

### "Brother-in-law!"

Di Qing ran far away into the distance as soon as she finished speaking. Anyone would be able to tell that she was angry. Qing Shui smiled bitterly. He knew that this all happened because of him. If he was not here, then none of these would happen.

"Qing Shui, go take a look at Qing`er! Try to comfort her!" Di Chen smiled and pushed Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was stunned. After that, he went to where Di Qing was in confusion. He was a bit lost on what he should do. After thinking for a while, he thought that everything should turn out fine after he comforted her.

Very quickly, Qing Shui had already disappeared from everyone's sight while rushing in the direction Di Qing went.

"Chen`Er, what are you doing? Do you not know that Qing`Er might be attracted to Qing Shui as well?" Di Fentian confessed his thought after thinking for a while. He stared at Di Chen with a puzzled look.

"I know, it's not like I can stop things like this. Why not go with the flow? Perhaps, things aren't as bad as we thought." Di Chen looked at Di Fentian with a smile.

"I am someone who has experience in these kinds of things. Chen`Er, you and Qing Shui are already husband and wife. Can't you see through Qing`Er's scheme? Judging by her personality, if it isn't because you are her sister, she would have fought over him with you. Qing`Er has always been a competitive person since she was young. Despite this being the case, I'm still a bit worried......"

"What is big brother worried about?" Di Chen smiled.

"Both of my sisters are extreme beauties. Every guy would be attracted to you two. Qing Shui may be able to hold it in for now but I fear that it won't be for long. Qing`Er is stuck between you two" Di Fentian let out a sigh when he finished speaking.

"Big brother, other than you, no one would actually boast about their own clan members to this extent." Di Chen laughed.

"Father is right, auntie, you and Auntie Qing are indeed the most beautiful ones." Di Xian smiled in joy.

"By the time Xian`Er grows up, she will definitely look even more beautiful than auntie."

"Chen`Er, if things were to really take such a course, have you thought about what would you do?" Di Fentian asked in concern. He didn't want unhappy things to happen between his two sisters.

"Big brother, I know what you are worried about. Don't worry about it, I'm sure things would not turn out the way you imagine them to." Di Chen responded calmly.

Di Fentian felt more relieved after hearing her response. As long as Di Chen was sure that things could go on like this, everything would be fine. This actually meant that she had already come up with a way to solve it. That's why she told him to not worry over it.

By the time Qing Shui caught up to Di Qing, he was already in the backyard. Di Qing was standing by the side of the lake in the backyard staring at the fish swimming in it.

"What's wrong, why are you looking so unhappy? I'll let you hit me to make you feel better." Qing Shui approached Di Qing. He didn't really know how he should comfort her.

"You always bully me." Di Qing turned around and looked at Qing Shui with a sad expression. Even though she didn't cry, it made people feel as if she just went through something really tragic.

"Alright alright, it's all my fault." Qing Shui feared this kind of scene he most. Since she wasn't his woman, it's inconvenient for him to comfort her.

"Well, do you like me addressing you as brother-in-law?" Di Qing looked at Qing Shui and asked out of the blue.

"It's just a form of address... It's the same whatever you call me....." Qing Shui answered her without much thought.

When Di Qing heard Qing Shui's words, a depressed look flashed across her face. But very quickly, it went back to normal. After a while, she asked: "Do you hate me?"

"Why do you ask?" Qing Shui was truly lost with what she was thinking.

"You have called me a stupid woman before. Is it because I am annoying?"

Qing Shui smiled bitterly. Women were indeed the unquestioned champions when it came to being vengeful. Qing Shui answered reluctantly: "at that time, I didn't mean it to....."

"Then am I stupid ......"

"A bit....."

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"You should die!" Di Qing hit Qing Shui softly and smiled. At that instant, the look that she had on her was extremely beautiful. Qing Shui felt that the damage that could potentially be caused by her level of beauty was nothing inferior to a divine artifact.

"I'm... really that stupid......" After hitting Qing Shui, Di Qing looked at him with a miserable look.

"Why have you become so unsure of yourself all of a sudden? The first time I met you, you were like a crescent moon in the sky, within my sight yet far away from my reach. You were as arrogant as a fairy. Look at you now, you're no different than a little girl. Come, wipe off your tears and stop crying......" as soon as Qing Shui saw her smile, he felt relieved. After that, he conveniently teased her.

"Go die! I have told you before, I will only address you as my brother-in-law after you become a person who could topple over the entire World of the Nine Continents." Di Qing looked back at Qing Shui and said loudly.

"If that's the case, I fear that you may not be able to call me your brother-in-law forever. You only have one elder sister, wouldn't you find it saddening that you aren't even able to call me your brother-inlaw?" At present, the atmosphere in the surrounding was really relaxed. The things that they said sounded just like they were joking with each other.

Di Qing seemed like she wanted to say something. But eventually, she clenched her teeth and didn't say any of it. Qing Shui was also fine with that. After all, every time she made this kind of expression, the things that she said to him were usually things which would be hard to respond to.

By the time Qing Shui and Di Qing returned to the front yard. Everyone could see them smiling. Di Qing however rolled her eyes at Di Fentian. This made Di Fentian feel a bit helpless.

"Hahaha, it's such a coincidence. So which brothers of mine from Di Clan have migrated here?"

At this moment, a group of people entered the courtyard. At present they were already quite close to them. The voice sounded really sturdy and calm.

Qing Shui and the people from Di Clan turned around. The first things which came to Qing Shui's side were four people. The person who spoke was most likely a man who was slightly younger than Di Fentian yet older than Di Fenxing. He was half a head taller than Qing Shui. He had the back of a tiger and a waist which resembled that of a bear. He looked really handsome and had a pair of bright eyes. Even the simplest kind of warrior attire looked really good on him.

"Sima Mingyan, why are you here?"

To everyone's surprise, Di Qing was the first person to open up her mouth and speak. Qing Shui looked at Di Qing's expression before moving on to observe others. He felt as if he has found out about something.

"I have heard rumors saying that you're really close with this man. Qing`Er, which part of me isn't good enough for you? I'll change, is that ok?" The man immediately changed his expression and begged her.

Qing Shui looked at Di Fentian in confusion. When he saw Di Fentian smile back at him, he finally realized that Sima Mingyan was someone who liked Di Qing. Since his surname was Sima, he should be someone from Sima Clan. Qing Shui knew that even though Sima Clan wasn't among one of the Seven Stars, it was not inferior to them. Seeing as Di Fentian smiled bitterly, Qing Shui felt the Di Clan wasn't really keen on offending Sima Clan.

Qing Shui remained silent. Even though this stuff looked really stupid, it happened quite often. There weren't many people as pretty as Di Qing in Seven Stars Country. If she wasn't born in Di Clan, she would most likely have been taken in by other men to be their personal property. At present, because of her status as a Di Clan member and the protection that came with it, it made a lot of men stop dreaming. As for the clans which were almost equal to Di Clan, it's very unlikely that their disciples wouldn't want to marry someone who was as pretty and popular as her."

"Is it of your concern that who I'm close with? What does you changing have to do with me? Stop annoying me." Di Qing looked at Sima Huoyu in disgust.

To Qing Shui's surprise, Sima Huoyu wasn't in the least embarrassed even after being scolded by Di Qing in front of so many people. He was still just like before, looking at Di Qing with his eyes wide-opened.

"Qing`Er! I really love you. In order to pursue you, I abandoned my wife and son. Tell me, who else will love you as much as I do? I love only you!" Currently, in Sima Mingyan's eyes, there was only Di Qing.

There were people like this everywhere. What Qing Shui was truly upset with was that this man seemed like he was truly possessed by a demon. To think that he would actually abandon his own wife and children..... Does he not know that these kind of actions would only lower his points with her? Where did he get the guts to say it so arrogantly? Was he just that lustful or has he truly went crazy as a result of his obssession?

"Do you know what kind of people I hate the most?" Di Qing asked calmly.

"What kind of people?" At this moment, Sima Mingyan responded nervously.

"The kind of people who discard others after making use of them. These kinds of people are inhuman. Which girl would dare to follow someone like you? You are never satisfied with what you have. Undoubtedly, I would also have to suffer the fate of being abandoned by you when I'm old." Di Qing answered him without holding back.



# Chapter 647 - The Violent Undercurrent (2)

"Why? I did all of this for you. Did I do anything wrong? Is it because you're blinded by this man? Who is he!" At this moment, Sima Mingyan was really agitated.

Qing Shui was speechless when he looked at Sima Mingyan. He was really worried that he would be driven crazy by the way things were going. He felt that this man was really on the verge of going crazy. At the same time, he also felt resentful. Indeed, women were dangerous creatures.

"It doesn't matter if I'm blinded by anyone. Just stop annoying me ever again! I don't want to see people like you!" Di Qing told Sima Mingyan off without even batting an eye.

Suddenly, Sima Mingyan glanced towards Qing Shui: "it must be you! You took her away from me. I want to battle you."

Qing Shui hadn't even gotten to react to the situation and the man had already started screaming at him. Qing Shui really wanted to laugh. He was just a Martial King Grade warrior, what kind of a battle could he bring? Initially, Qing Shui felt that this man was really brave considering all the things he did for Di Qing. But as things went on, he realized that this was as far as Sima Mingyan could go. Furthermore, his strength was most likely gained by taking medicinal pills because with his mentality, it should be really hard for him to cultivate up to the Martial King Grade.

"I'm really curious to know how you are still alive." Qing Shui despised people like this. Hence, he didn't hold back when he spoke.

"Why can't I be alive? In fact, I am enjoying my life more than anyone." Sima Huoyu shouted like he was offended with what Qing Shui said. At present, he was a completely different person than when he first came into the yard.

"If you weren't born in Sima Clan, someone as brainless as you would have died ages ago." Qing Shui said calmly. These kind of cold, ruthless, and inhumane people will only cause trouble living in this world.

This was Di Clan. If it wasn't for Di Clan being a powerful clan, Sima Mingyan would have most likely taken Di Qing away by force. Qing Shui suspected that this man might have done the same thing a lot of times. Except this time, he really was obsessed with Di Qing.

### "You dare scold me?"

In a short while, Sima Mingyan took back the miserable look that he had when he was in front of Di Qing and glared at Qing Shui furiously. The hatred in his eyes was really strong. People could straight away tell that he got angry from feeling embarrassed.

Qing Shui scolded him secretly "I only said that you're brainless, is there any point for you to hate me so much". After that he glanced towards him with an unsatisfied look: "If you keep on accusing people for nothing, one day, you might end up getting killed."

### "I want to have a duel with you!"

Sima Mingyan let out a furious scream and was about charge straight towards Qing Shui. As he did so, he was immediately stopped by a middle-aged man. The man looked at Qing Shui: "You're the first person who actually dared to ridicule our Sima Clan."

Qing Shui's expression turned serious as soon as the middle-aged man said that. Even though he looked middle-aged, Qing Shui felt that he was definitely far older than that.

Half of his hair had already turned white. He wasn't the least inferior to Di Xuan in terms of his wise look. The expression he had on his face gave people the feeling of a ferocious sleeping beast. But it felt even more like he was an arrogant person because Qing Shui felt that he was only a Grade Five Martial Saint Warrior.

However, on the surface, Qing Shui was only a Grade Three Martial Saint Warrior. Qing Shui felt that Di Fentian also had a cultivation level of around the same grade. It's just that he had heard from Di Qing before that Di Fentian possessed a Divine Artifact which could temporarily boost his strength up to the Grade Six Martial Saint.

### Increase by one fold?

But Qing Shui was more curious about the duration of the effect because he was aware that this artifact could only be considered a false artifact. Its effect was similar to that of the Critical Damage. It could temporarily increase one's strength by several fold. Unfortunately, it could only be used once. Because by the time it was used, it would have consumed around eighty percent of the user's strength. Hence, they wouldn't use it in normal occasions. Once someone decided to use it, it would mean that they're are about to give their opponent a fatal blow.

"Oh, could it be that I've said something wrong?" Qing Shui was annoyed as soon as he saw the way the man behaved. He didn't like anyone from Sima Clan. In fact, he was starting to feel that there was a reason behind why Sima Yanming was going after Di Qing.

"No one from Seven Stars Country has dared to look down on us Sima Clan so far. Could you happen to be a guest from Di Clan?" The man looked at Qing Shui. It could be because Qing Shui's strength was nothing worth mentioning in his eyes.

At this moment, Qing Shui came up with another thought. Even Di Fentian himself couldn't help but knit his brows. If it had been Sima Clan in the past, they wouldn't have dared to do so because by doing this, it would mean that they're trying to provoke Di Clan.

They were, in a way, trying to pass Di Clan a message by doing so. Not only were they not afraid of Di Clan, they were even planning to go head to head against them. They wouldn't mind eliminating the entire clan itself when the time was right. As for their motives and schemes, no one has yet to find out about them so far.

"Hahaha, how ridiculous can Sima Clan be? You guys here to pick a fight today, right?" Qing Shui fixed his sight on the man.

"Our clansman has confessed his feelings again and again to this young lady from Di Clan. Yet what he got in return was humiliation after humiliation. Not only that, he was even insulted by an outsider like you. Do you really think that there's no one from Sima Clan who could stand up against you?"

This man truly has a thick face. But since he was here to cause problems, there's no reason for Qing Shui to be polite to them. Right at this moment however, Di Chen opened her mouth.

"We don't welcome you here, please go back!"

The man was stunned as soon as he heard Di Chen's words. After that, he chuckled: "Of course I'll go back. But this man needs to pay for insulting Sima Clan."

It seemed as if the man was pointing all his arrows at Qing Shui. An intimidating aura also started emerging from his body into the surroundings. Not only that, his sight was firmly set on Qing Shui. It was as if he was going to kill Qing Shui sometime soon.

Qing Shui shook his head. His strength, on the surface, had managed to tricked many brainless people, there were even plenty of people with brained who ever deceived by this.

"Sheathe your sword. I'll deal with it. The Di Clan is not afraid of anyone." Di Fentian stood up and tried to tell the man off. Since things have taken such a turn, it was no longer necessary to be long-winded.

"Di Fentian, you have no right to be so cocky with your current strength. Even though that False Divine Artifact of yours could help raise your strength up to the Grade Six Martial Saint, it could only tolerate one attack at most. It's something of little to no value. You are just a Grade Three Martial Saint. I can kill you almost in an instant." The man was really arrogant when he said this. There was a feeling of superiority and pride in his voice.

# Pu!

At this moment, Qing Shui laughed. He has never seen someone who thought so highly of themselves before. Even though a Grade Five Martial Saint was already considered quite good in the sense that they were respected figures, their strength were only so-so. If Qing Shui was to demonstrate all his strength

at once, he would be a Grade Six Martial Saint. Despite this, he didn't have much pride about it. In fact, he still felt insecure with his current strength.

There was a huge difference between their personalities!

At this moment, a few people once again stepped into the courtyard one after another. There were around ten of them. Among them, there were even people with attires that Qing Shui was familiar with.

Ten Thousand Poison Sect!

There were also a few people with other costumes which Qing Shui couldn't recognize. But at this moment, everyone had finally came to the realization that there was someone who wanted to destroy the entire Di Clan.

Qing Shui was really confused. In the past, Di Clan has always been close to the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord. At least on the surface of it. After that, the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord was eliminated. So why would there be other people who fixed their sight at Di Clan?

For women? Money? Or some heaven-defying treasures?

If it's money, Qing Shui would be able to understand, but women?

Qing Shui glanced towards Di Chen and Di Qing. After that, he thought that it could be possible but the possibility of it was quite low, leaving only one more option, they were doing it for their own benefit. It's either that Di Clan has blocked off all sources of income to a particular person or Di Clan has a formidable treasure. Otherwise, no one would dare to take such a risk.

Qing Shui looked at Di Fentian and noticed that his face looked really abnormal. It seemed like he had also begun to feel that something wasn't right. The way the incident progressed far exceeded his expectations.

Among the group of people, Qing Shui saw a familiar person. It was a young man from Ten Thousand Poison Sect. He was the teenager whom people called Young Master.

The moment the people from Sima Clan saw the group of people approaching, Sima Mingyan who originally intended to fight Qing Shui immediately changed his expression and smiled as he welcomed the arrival of the elderly men from the group.

"Father!" The man from Sima Clan bowed his head to the elderly man.

"You useless trash!"

The old man who was speaking looked like a withering tree. Despite how he looked, the aura he gave off felt really dangerous.

The man was no longer proud like before, standing in front of this elderly man. Instead, he was respectful and polite to him. From what was shown, this elderly man was definitely someone of high position within Sima Clan.

The elderly man was wearing the attire of Ten Thousand Poison Sect. The young master really respected the elderly man. It seemed like there truly was an extraordinary relationship between Sima Clan and Ten Thousand Poison Sect.

"Brother Qianxi, the man who stood up just now is Di Xuan's eldest son. At present, Di Xuan's side of the family has become the most powerful one among their clan. After that old man dies, Di Clan would never match up to their past glory again." The old man from Sima Clan who looked like a withering tree explained to the elderly man with long brows beside him.

"Alright, let him deliver a message to Di Xuan. In three days, we will wait for them at the Seven Stars Arena along the Seven Stars Street. We will hold the Ultimate Life-or-Death match there. If people from Di Clan don't attend it, we will have no choice but to topple them." The old man with long brows said calmly.

As soon as he finished speaking, the young master from Ten Thousand Poison Sect came out. He walked up to the front of Qing Shui and the people from Di Clan and repeated what the elderly man said.

"You guys are such bullies! I'm going to kill you!" Di Fenxing was about to charge towards the young master and confront him.

However, Di Fentian stopped Di Fengxing: "Second brother, what are you doing? Calm down."

"Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death? What's this?" Qing Shui asked Di Fentian.

"It's a battle to death between clan members from different sects. It will go on until everyone from one of the sects is crippled. The one with clan members remaining will emerge victorious." Di Fentian explained gently. He looked quite bitter when he was explaining it.

"Oh yeah, Qing Shui, you will have to take part in it too. Anyhow, you are still considered half a family member of Di Clan. You should do something for them don't you? By then, we might be able to interact with each other too." The young man from Ten Thousand Poison Sect calmly said to Qing Shui.

# Chapter 648 - Accepting the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death

Qing Shui never expected that the person to declare the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death would be the Young Master. From this, Qing Shui could already tell that this man was in a considerably high position in Ten Thousand Poisons Sect because he was the only young man among the group.

Despite the young man's age, his strength was already slightly superior to Di Chen's. Since he was the young master of Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, he should be an expert in poison. To poison experts, their strength wasn't their most terrifying weapons. The most terrifying ones were their poisons and poisonous substances. In fact, there were some poisons which were capable of instantaneously murdering people, making people lose all their senses or even captivating them. If that happened, the only fate that awaited them would be death.

Qing Shui remained silent in these circumstances. After all, he didn't have the right to intervene in the relationship between Di Clan and Ten Thousand Poisons Sect. However, just because one didn't talk, it didn't mean that they wouldn't need to do so.

"Qing Shui, what do you think?" Even Di Fentian was hesitant facing a matter which could decide the fate of the clan. This was a major incident. Therefore, he fixed his sight on Qing Shui, after all, the brother-in-law seemed to be very mysterious and possessed very unique abilities.

Qing Shui smiled bitterly while looking at Di Fentian: "It there a limit to the number of people taking part in the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death?"

Qing Shui had actually had this question in his mind for a long time. He knew that the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death was a battle to the death between members of different sects, it wouldn't stop until everyone from one side collapsed.

If the opponent limited their participants to one-versus-one matches, Qing Shui would reject it. Qing Shui's strategy was to work in teams with the people from Di Clan and face off their opponents one at a time. With his Pure Jade Pellet as well as supplementary techniques, he doubted that they would be able to take advantage of them.

"There is a limit. There can only be a maximum of five participants and a minimum of two participants on the stage at a time. This is a battle between two forces, hence, it's not going to be like the ordinary kind of one on one showdown." Di Fentian said happily after staring blankly for awhile before figuring out an answer.

"The seniors from Di Clan may not be here, but having pushed to this point, if we do not accept this challenge it will seem like Di Clan is a lot weaker than others. We can't lose our pride even if it means losing. Brother Tian, I believe that the seniors will also take this challenge if they're here." Qing Shui smiled as he tried to convince Di Fentian.

After getting Qing Shui's confirmation, Di Fentian glanced towards the Young Master and smiled: "Di Clan will accept the challenge. In three days, we will meet at the Seven Stars Battle Arena along Seven Stars Street.

"Right! Great! Take this!"

The Young Master extended his hand and threw out a red colored Beast Parchment. The letters written on it looked really clear and tidy, it even gave off a solemn and stirring feeling.

Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death!

Those were the largest letters that Qing Shui saw on it. He didn't proceed to read any further, nor did he feel like it. Since things had developed to this point, it basically meant that one would not be able to get out unless the enemy got eliminated. Both sides were just using this method so that they can leave some of the innocent people in their clan alive in case they lose.

Qing Shui noticed that the elderly men not far away were all smiling. They all possessed extraordinary strength but the one with the long and thin brows in particular, the elderly man known as "Brother Qian Xi", was so strong that even Qing Shui wasn't able to see through him. Nevertheless, he could faintly feel that the elderly man was a Grade Ten Martial Saint. That was why Qing Shui dared to take up the challenge. Furthermore, it does not matter if they accept the challenge or not, the result will still be the same.

After accepting the challenge, the people from both the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect and Sima Clan left one after another. Even Sima Yanming left. As he was leaving, he behaved really formally and manly, just like when he arrived.

So it was all just an act.....

Qing Shui never expected it to be an act, even he was deceived by it. All of this was done so that Di Clan would be forced to accept their challenge.

After their enemies left, the people from Di Clan all turned silent. The Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death was no small matter. This was an upgraded version of the death match between two people. This was a battle to the death between two clans!

"Big brother, are we being too reckless?" Di Fenxing asked Di Fentian.

"It doesn't matter anymore. We had no choice but to accept it under the circumstances. If we don't, it's very likely that they'll just kill us off right here. It's just that in exchange for that, they would have to bear the name of villains. If it's Ten Thousand Poisons Sect, they would definitely do it. In fact, they have the power to do so." Di Fentian let out a sigh and said.

"Big brother, it seems like things will not go as smoothly now. If Ten Thousand Poisons Sect was to unite all five of their clans, wouldn't that end up being a one-sided massacre?" Di Fenxing said furiously.

"Uniting the five clans?" Qing Shui glanced towards Di Fenxing in confusion.

"The Ten Thousand Poisons Sect is really close to Sima Clan. This is because there are a lot of people from Sima Clan in the sect itself. Sima Clan is considered one of the forces of Ten Thousand Poisons Sect. Other than Sima Clan, there are still Zhuo Clan which came the other day, Guan Clan and Du Clan. Often, the three clans relied on Ten Thousand Poisons Sect to survive. Hence, it's quite normal for them to appear this time. In terms of skill, they're considered one of the strongest one outside of Seven Stars Country. They even have quite a few experts." Di Fenxing explained to Qing Shui bitterly.

"Let's go back and discuss this with father and grandpa first." Di Fentian said while shaking his head.

Qing Shui and the gang had no choice but to nod their heads. They rode on the Beast cart and returned to Di Clan. Qing Shui never expected another problem to arise right after he solved the issue with the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord and realized Di Chen's wish. Furthermore, the incident this time was even tougher.

Three days, this would mean five months for Qing Shui. It was neither short nor long. Hence, Qing Shui was thinking about whether he could do anything during this time.

Very quickly they were already back in Di Clan. When they stepped in, everyone from Di Clan was already there, including the side branches of the clan.

Qing Shui knew that they had already found out about it. Along the way back, a lot of people had already started discussing the incident regarding Di Clan and Ten Thousand Poisons Sect in Seven Stars City. Qing Shui knew that the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect was responsible for spreading the rumors.

"Grandpa! Father!" Di Fentian called of to Di Xuan and grandpa Di Xiong anxiously.

"You guys are back. Come, we will talk about it inside." Di Xiong smiled.

Qing Shui noticed that everyone from Di Clan looked really stressed. Even Di Jing didn't complain like he usually did. After all, he wasn't all that stupid.

"Senior, why didn't Old Lady Mo come out?" Qing Shui asked in confusion.

Di Xuan knitted his brows: "I was about to tell you. It seemed like she wasn't feeling well, she is resting in her room."

"Oh, you guys can go in first then, I'll go take a look at her."

Qing Shui greeted everyone while Di Chen stood beside him and told him that he wanted to go with him to see Old Lady Mo. After they bid their goodbyes to everyone, they proceeded to her room together.

"Qing Shui, how do you think things will turn out this time?" Di Chen asked Qing Shui in concern, she had also realized that things were a bit unusual.

"Don't worry, it will be fine." Qing Shui said gently. Actually, he was not confident and only said this to comfort her.

"If you were to leave now, will they stop you? Or rather, could they?" Di Chen asked Qing Shui after thinking for a while.

"Here it goes again. Come on, stop thinking so much. Do you really think that I'll abandon you and leave on my own? Is the guy you love such a coward?" Qing Shui held Di Chen's hand and said.

"Don't be rude Qing Shui! I know you aren't someone like that but you need to think about Mingyue, Liu-Li and the others. You need to think about your son and daughter too, can you bear to see them growing up fatherless?" Di Chen felt hurt when she was saying this. When making decisions like this, it's similar to when someone needs to choose between cutting off their hands or dying, it's extremely painful. There would be no way to enjoy the best of both worlds.

Pa!

Qing Shui gently slapped Di Chen's curved and bulging butt.

"You pervert, bastard, you bullied me." Di Chen blushed and said angrily.

"It doesn't matter if you're right or wrong with your previous statement. I, as a man, need to be responsible even if it means what I'm doing is wrong. There are some things which I can't choose, just like now, even if it means dying, I need to die earlier than you." Qing Shui said gently but in a firm tone. The sincerity in his statement was unwavering.

"Qing Shui!"

Di Chen gently called out to Qing Shui with a face filled with happiness and smile.

"Yeah!"

Di Chen gently embraced Qing Shui's neck and whispered in his ear: "You're not allowed to hit me without my permission next time."

"Hey young lady, do you seriously expect me to wait until you say something like Qing Shui, quickly come here and hit my butt?" Qing Shui said with a smile.

"Are you looking for death?!"

Very quickly, the two arrived in front of Old Lady Mo's room. Qing Shui extended his hand and gently knocked on the door. After a while, the door opened, Old Lady Mo was stunned when she saw Qing Shui.

"Granny, are you not feeling well?" Qing Shui asked. He had heard Old Lady Mo's story before. There was a reason why she decided to reduce her strength down to her present level.

"Nah it's nothing, just something that comes with age. Every time after I fight, I'll feel weak for up to half a month. It seems that it'll be really hard for me to help you this time." Old Lady Mo said in sorrow.

Qing Shui and Di Chen followed the elderly woman into her room. Actually, prior to this, Qing Shui could already smell a faint medicine scent. As soon as he stepped in, the smell became even heavier.

"Granny, are you making medicines?" Qing Shui asked while sniffing the air.

"Yeah, no choice, the meridians all over my body feel really painful." Old Lady Mo looked very pale. She seemed to even be having trouble with normal actions. Indeed, she seemed to be suffering.

Qing Shui released his spiritual sense and noticed that Old Lady Mo's meridians were bloated and red. It seemed like the symptoms of an overexertion of strength.

However, Qing Shui was aware that this wasn't the case for Old Lady Mo. Qing Shui smelled something familiar in the air, the Thousand Years Ghost Vine Flower.

The Thousand Years Ghost Vine Flower, this kind of medicine could increase the tenacity of one's meridians. It's also a medicine which could reduce the pain and injury of meridians. As soon as Qing Shui smelled it, he already knew that Old Lady Mo had injured her meridians. Either she was poisoned or she was hurt by shockwaves. Her meridians didn't actually break, but their toughness was weakened. This was also the reason why her strength got reduced. In fact, not only did it get reduced, it seemed to have a huge after-effect on her too.

"Granny, are your meridians feeling really painful?" Qing Shui asked calmly as he took out two Gold Needles.

"Ah, I forgot, you are a genius doctor. Unfortunately, the rest of the doctors said that my wounds are incurable." Old Lady Mo shook her head and smiled.

# Chapter 649 - Cure, Arrival of Yuan Su

"Isn't that what they said with your grandson as well?" Qing Shui smiled as he pierced the Gold Needle through Old Lady Mo's Tianzhu and Kunlun Acupuncture points and gently massaged her.

He also used the Saintly Hands to transfer his Qi of the into Old Lady Mo's meridians.

In a flash, Old Lady Mo could already feel a refreshing energy flowing through her meridians. The painful and scorching feeling in her meridians was slowly beginning to fade.

To other doctors, the injury to her meridians could only be treated with medicinal pills. Furthermore, they didn't know much about meridians, dantian and Xiantian Qi and tend to be quite clueless on what steps they should take. Hence, quite often, they would only end up making the existing problems even worse.

"Granny, how are you feeling?" Qing Shui noticed that the injury to Old Lady Mo's meridians was more serious than what was shown from the outside. It was an internal injury. If this was to go on, she would very likely end up being crippled in a few decades.

"I feel a lot better. Who would have thought that you would actually be a top-notch doctor at your cultivation level? You are already capable of treating meridian problems with your current knowledge of medicine." Old Lady Mo said in gratitude.

"Granny, it seems like your meridians might have been poisoned. I can't say for sure yet, so I'll only prescribe you some pills once I'm a hundred percent sure about it." After thinking for a while, Qing Shui felt that Old Lady Mo was really important. Without her, the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death that was to be held in three days time would turn out to be really tough.

"Actually, three years ago, I went to Evil Dragon's Valley once. While I was there, I was hurt by a Scarlet Armored Poisonous Mink. It has been three years, normally, it would hurt once a month. If I perform any of my martial arts, I end up sick for up to half a month! My meridians feel painful to the point it feels like they are going to tear." Old Lady Mo let out a sigh as she explained helplessly.

"Alright, this is fine. I'm quite good at treating things like this. Don't worry granny, you will never have to suffer from this pain ever again." Qing Shui said happily. Old Lady's Mo's injury was still something he was capable of curing. Her situation was actually quite similar to that of Baili Jingwei's. Furthermore, Qing Shui has improved significantly in terms of his medicinal knowledge.

Qing Shui made Old Lady Mo sit on her bed cross-legged. After that, he performed Solid Constitution Nurturing Acupuncture. He also used the unique property of Gold Needles to force out the poisons from her meridians.

It actually consumed quite a lot of his mental energy in order to perform that. Qing Shui's Qi of the was originally capable of nourishing and toughening meridians. With the help of the "Saintly Hands", it's effect was multiplied even further.

Black droplets, with a fishy smell, could be seen dripping from the tip of the Gold Needle. This was one of the greatest benefits the Gold Needle has to offer, it was capable of removing poisons. It could be used to absorb the poisons and guide it out of one's body.

With the poisons removed from Old Lady Mo, things had become a lot easier for Qing Shui. He only needed to toughen the meridians and use the Thousand Year Silver Mugwort Leaves and other herbs to make a medicinal soup. The Thousand Year Silver Mugwort Leaf itself already possessed the ability to cure swollen wounds and damaged meridians.

Qing Shui slowly took away his Gold Needle. While doing so, he felt more relieved because he knew that once this was over, Old Lady Mo's strength would definitely improve even further. To be more precise, she would be able to use all of her strength including that which she lost in the past.

In the past, because of her damaged meridians, she was unable to withstand Xiantian Qi which was too powerful. But everything was different now, Qing Shui put down the soup and left behind a few Meridians Strengthening Pills which he refined in the past and a few other Medicinal Pills. However, he didn't give her any Great Revitalizing Pills, for it would not be worth that period of weakness for a temporary boost in power.

He asked Old Lady Mo to properly rest for these few days and take in some medicinal pills to stabilize her strength. This way, after three days, their chances of winning the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death will increase. If it's about fighting in groups, Qing Shui was somewhat confident that he could do it. Of course, that's if he didn't run into anyone insanely strong.

Qing Shui felt that it was very unlikely that the insanely strong peak Martial Saint experts in Seven Stars Country would take part in the tournament. There shouldn't be someone this strong in Ten Thousand Poisons Sect or else other forces in Seven Stars Countries wouldn't have been so relaxed and carefree.

Qing Shui and Di Chen left Old Lady Mo's room. At the moment, Qing Shui felt really relieved. This was because he had Old Lady Mo, who should be a Grade Ten Martial Saint, with him. However. Grade Ten Martial Saint was a crucial realm of cultivation that was unclearly defined.

This was also what Old Lady Mo recently told him about. When one possessed five thousand countries worth of strength, they were considered to have stepped into Grade Ten Martial Saint. However, six thousand, seven thousand and even eight thousand countries worth of strength were still considered to only be Grade Ten. It was once said that the standard strength with which a person entered Peak Martial Saint was usually when they have around ten thousand countries worth of strength.

Qing Shui was unsure of Old Lady Mo's strength. But hearing the way she spoke, her strength should be in the middle of Grade Ten Martial Saint, meaning she should have around five thousand five hundred countries worth of strength or maybe five thousand eight hundred at most.

The medicinal pills that Qing Shui gave Old Lady Mo were particularly useful for Martial Saint Warriors in terms of strength. The medicinal pills provided an increase in strength, just like Qing Shui, if his raw strength was to be increased by ten countries, he would be able to draw out up to fifty countries worth of strength. If that's the case, Old Lady Mo would most likely be able to achieve a strength worth five thousand and eight hundred countries.

Qing Shui thought of his Emperor's Qi and Fiery Golden Eyes. If necessary, he would summon the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and use the Vajra Subdue Demons. His Godly Force and Divine Shield Talismans could also help him increase his strength quite a lot. By doing so, he could increase Old Lady Mo's strength up to a little more than six thousand countries.

Qing Shui continued walking while thinking about his plan. The more he thought about it, the happier he felt. He was confident that he could kill them because if nothing went wrong, both him and Old Lady Mo would be able to challenge warriors with up to nine thousand countries worth of strength.

Emperor's Qi was a skill which could reduce the opponent's strength by twenty percent under any kind of circumstances. As for Fiery Golden Eyes on the other hand, it would reduce the opponent's strength by a thousand countries under the condition of the opponent's strength exceeding five thousand countries when it is in the small success stage. The Vajra Subdue Demons reduced the opponent's

strength by ten percent. For example, for someone with eight thousand countries worth of strength, the Emperor's Qi would still reduce opponent's strength according to the original eight thousand countries even after the Fiery Golden Eyes reduced it by a thousand countries. This was the terrifying part about Emperor's Qi. Vajra Subdue Demons on the other hand reduced the opponent's strength by ten percent.

Hence, when Qing Shui encountered a formidable enemy, he would have to arrange all the skills in the proper order. By doing so, he would be able to reduce even more of the opponent's strength. As for Emperor's Qi, he would leave it as the final and the most fatal move.

Every time Qing Shui thought about strong warriors getting tortured and beaten up, he would feel really happy. He couldn't help but smile. It's just that his smile looked really weird.

"What are you thinking about? That smile is evil." Di Chen shook Qing Shui's hand.

"Is that so?" Qing Shui touched his nose and asked Di Chen.

"Yeah, you often smile like that before doing something bad." Di Chen said while holding his hand.

"Bad things? No? Since when have I done bad stuff?" Qing Shui smiled and said. Now that he felt more relieved he wanted to tease Di Chen.

"Humph, you have turned bad." Di Chen said in dissatisfaction.

"Ah!"

Qing Shui picked Di Chen up in one go. Her body was really light but long. The curve of her body was perfect and felt soft. Qing Shui got so turned on that he just picked her up without any hesitation.

Upon hearing Di Chen's surprised scream, Qing Shui said awkwardly: "I was charmed by you, that's a subconscious action. Don't worry, I'm not thinking of doing that kind of stuff....."

"Put me down quickly, you're getting more and more daring nowadays." Di Chen sounded really gentle when she said it, she seemed like she didn't mind him doing it.

Qing Shui knew that she was giving him more confidence. He felt a bit embarrassed but at the same time really happy and blessed. He couldn't help but say, "thank you!"

"The last time I thanked you, you ended up hitting me..... now, tell me what I shall do." Di Chen smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"Why don't you hit me back?"

"No! Don't be unreasonable." Di Chen rolled her eyes at Qing Shui and interrupted him."

Qing Shui carried her and walked around the room slowly. They shared gazes with each other. The kind of atmosphere in the room caused Qing Shui to feel an indescribable joy.

"I noticed that I'm falling deeper and deeper for you. It's love, not the type that only thirsts for your beauty." Qing Shui said gently. He sounded really natural and calm when he said it.

"Well, I'll consider this sentence a redemption for you! You can put me down now." Di Chen smiled gently. After that, she extended her hand and touched Qing Shui's face.

Qing Shui gently put her down. As soon as he did so, he could already see Di Qing approaching them. Both Qing Shui and Di Chen once again looked at each other and smiled. He didn't know if Di Qing saw. But on second thought, he figured that it wasn't really important whether she saw it or not.

This time, Di Qing didn't speak too much. As soon as she opened the door, she said: "There is an extreme beauty looking for you."

"Looking for me?" Qing Shui asked in confusion.

"Quick, go, its Sister Yuan Su." Di Qing rushed Qing Shui with a smile.

Qing Shui responded to her and thought to himself that she came at a good time. He had planned to go look for her but it turned out that she came on her own. He wanted to see if he could ask for some great medicine recipes from her. They might be of help for the Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death.

He said his goodbyes to the two women and walked towards the main hall. As soon as he stepped into the front yard, he could already see a woman standing at the pavilion. She was a beautiful woman who didn't have any cultivation.

Even when she was in front of women like Di Chen and Di Qing, she was not inferior to them. Especially that plain and simple aura which she gave off, it made her really attractive. Other than that, it was the wise look that she possessed when she was quiet that made her even more beautiful.

She waved her hand after she saw Qing Shui. He approached her with a smile. This place was a pavilion that was not too far away from the hall. It was really secluded and quiet. From Qing Shui's perspective, the extreme beauty really paired up well with the pavilion and together, it felt as if they had just formed the most beautiful of scenery.

"You're here!" Qing Shui smiled and greeted her.

"Yeah! Who would have thought that Ten Thousand Poisons Sect would lose their cool in such a short time! Sister Qing and I are like sisters, Naturally, I'll be here to help you guys in the battle ." Yuan Su smiled as she hinted Qing Shui to sit down.

"Help us in the battle?" Qing Shui's eyes flashed. The Alchemist Sect has actually volunteered to provide them with aid.....

# Chapter 650 - The Gale Pellet, The Demonic Beast Advancing Pellet

Qing Shui was in disbelief that the Alchemist Sect of the Seven Stars would come to provide assistance at this crucial moment. This was a completely unexpected comfort for him. But, he was still unsure about the number of people from the Alchemist Sect, who were coming to aid him. The extent of their abilities and strengths was unknown to his as well.

Yuan Su noticed Qing Shui's expression, so she quickly said: "Even though the cultivation in the Alchemist Sect is not as outstanding as you might think, the best thing we can provide are the medicinal pills. This time, we came to help not only with some medicinal pills, but also a few uncles from our clan."

"Oh, I don't have many friends like you, Miss Yuan. Even at a time like this, you are willing to give me a hand. You are the greatest friend anyone could ever ask for." Qing Shui smiled.

Qing Shui had actually thought that the Alchemist Sect was planning to overthrow the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect a long time ago. The ideas of refining medicines and refining poisons were in contrast with each other, as they were two very different concepts. Back then, when Qing Shui saw Yuan Su taking out a Pure Jade Pellet prescription, he already had a feeling that the Alchemist Sect and the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect were in mutual conflict.

Of course, Qing Shui was just jumping to conclusions based on a piece of a prescription at that time. It was a normal thing for the Alchemist Sect to produce antidotes and remedies on a daily basis, but Qing Shui had a feeling, that both sects co-existing within the Seven Stars would hardly get along with each other peacefully. Logically speaking, they were destined to be each other's enemies as one aimed to create poison, while the other strived to cure it.

"Don't say that. I'll be embarrassed. Ah, right. This is the Spiritual Soul Powder. It acts as an antidote, and it's quite effective too." Yuan Su took out a silk sachet and passed it to Qing Shui.

"Oh, thank you. Right, what do you think about the effect of this antidote compared to the Pure Jade Pellet?" Qing Shui asked as he thanked Yuan Su after receiving the sachet.

"The Pure Jade Pellet is better of course." Yuan Su's eyes widened as she replied to Qing Shui.

"Oh, also, I have refined some medicinal pills from the recipes you gave me last time. I got lucky, so I kept some of them for you." Qing Shui took out three types of medicinal pills he had saved for Yuan Su previously and displayed them on the stone table.

"You really managed to do it?!" This was the second time Yuan Su lost her composure in front of him. However, she quickly recovered from her shocked expression and showed him an embarrassed smile.

"Why don't you take a look at them? I think, with your capabilities, you can easily tell whether they are authentic." Qing Shui chuckled.

"Ah, I didn't mean it that way. I was just surprised, that's all. Qing Shui, you are really one of the best alchemists I have ever known. How do you do it at such a young age?" Yuan Su quickly explained as if she had offended him somehow.

"You are quite exceptional as well. Think a bit more highly of yourself. Perhaps by doing so, you will understand what kind of person I am." Qing Shui's casual reply was somewhat correct, but not entirely. Yuan Su was born a genius - she was a natural-born talent. Qing Shui, on the other hand, became adept at alchemy due to many circumstances and factors.

"For someone like me, who is doing research on medicinal recipes, while I can't refine even a single medicinal pill using them, to think that way, would be quite inappropriate. You don't know how painful it is being unable to do so, especially with the alchemical recipes I have worked so hard on for the past few years. I found many alchemists during those times, but none of them were able to refine any of my alchemical recipes successfully. When you couldn't find anyone, who would truly succeed in refining them, you would be as mad as I am, while thinking that these recipes were utterly useless." The words coming out of Yuan Su's mouth were full of bitterness and helplessness.

"Well, that's normal. Nothing will ever go well indefinitely. There are always obstacles waiting for you on every path, and there is always something, that will make you feel like you aren't good enough. Human nature will always be driven by one's conscience. So, in the same situation, some people will be happy, while others sad." Qing Shui had profound feelings about these things as he had already experienced them numerous times in his life.

"Eh, you are still quite young. It seems like you have been through a fair share of troubles yourself." Yuan Su smiled. The conversation between them became relaxed and casual.

"I am not young anymore. But I did experience quite a lot of things in the past, especially during the moments when my life hung in the balance. Also, making important decisions during crucial situations can prove very difficult. It took someone's death for me to realize, that those years of unhappiness were in truth the happier moments of my life." Qing Shui had indeed encountered numerous deadly situations in his life. He was lucky to have escaped unscathed more than once, so at this stage in life, he had gained numerous insights, which helped him understand things more thoroughly.

Yuan Su observed Qing Shui's expression and she noticed, that he looked quite handsome, when he was deep in his thoughts. Realizing how she observed him, she quickly shifted her eyes away from Qing Shui onto the medicinal pills on the table.

"Initially I thought I could support you through the medicinal pills, but it looks like these Pure Jade Pellets that you had refined will be enough to boost your chances of winning to about 30 percent." Yuan Su smiled and pushed the Pure Jade Pellets towards Qing Shui.

"What's this about?" Qing Shui looked at Yuan Su in confusion.

"You will need a lot of these antidotes if you want to fight with the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect. Basically, you have to eat one pellet every fifteen minutes for the effect to endure. Give me the extras when you plan on refining more in the future." Yuan Su smiled as she revealed one of the key points to winning against the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect.

Qing Shui thought about it for a while, then took back half of the Pure Jade Pellets. After all, the Di Clan had many members, who needed precautionary measures against the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect.

"Is it true that this Meridians Clearing Pellet is ineffective for me?" Yuan Su had never doubted Qing Shui's medical abilities after she saw how capable he was, but the Meridians Clearing Pellet was essentially useless to her, which was a disheartening revelation.

"You can try it for yourself right now. I am here, so you don't have to worry so much." Qing Shui gave her a pleasant smile. It was better to let her sink into reality rather than telling her that it was ineffective for a millionth time.

Yuan Su was a lady of her own judgment, so she turned to Qing Shui and gave him a nod. Then she took one Meridians Clearing Pellet and swallowed it. Yuan Su could tell by the fresh fragrance of the medicinal pill that this was indeed the Meridians Clearing Pellet, which she had been yearning for all her life.

A sudden wave of cool air began to rise up inside her body, but it was unfortunate that none of her meridians were cleared, nor the blockages in a few points of her meridians were dissolved. Slowly, the wave of cool air had become hot, causing her face to turn red. The lines on her forehead were beginning to look like a series of crescent moons stacked on top of each other.

Qing Shui extended his arms and tapped on the 'central pillar' in the middle of the spine twice to ease her pain. Her meridians were mostly blocked, so she had to depend on some of the acupoints to relieve her pain instantaneously.

"Thank you!" Yuan Su smiled as she thanked Qing Shui. However, she couldn't hide the disappointment in her expression. After all, it was one of her lifelong dreams to have her meridians cleared completely, but now that hope had been shattered by the cruel reality.

"We don't have much time left. How about this, after the fight is over, we will talk about your treatment, given that I'm still alive at that point." Qing Shui gave a suggestion to Yuan Su after seeing how dejected she was.

"Nothing will happen to you. Everyone will be fine."

"If that's the case, then I am certain that I can cure your condition."

"Really?"

"It's not guaranteed that I will succeed, but it is highly possible. However, there's also a chance that you will choose not to go through the treatment. Well, let's talk about this later. Think about it in the meantime. But for now, we have to think of ways to win this Fight of the Ultimate Life and Death!"

"Okay!" Yuan Su had faith, that Qing Shui would be able to treat her condition. She was relieved after overcoming the unpleasant experience from just a moment ago.

Yuan Su proceeded to take out other medicinal pills for Qing Shui. Most of them could increase the user's strength, albeit temporarily, by a hundred countries per pellet.

This type of medicinal pill was considered decent, and most importantly, only those with the strength of 1000 countries and above were allowed to consume these medicinal pellets. For those with that kind of strength, it would mean an extra ten percent boost to their overall power...

It would be pointless for someone, who had become exceedingly powerful to consume medicinal pills meant for lower realm cultivators. For example, before Qing Shui had a breakthrough to Martial Saint, he was able to reap huge benefits from the Small Revitalizing Pellet and the ungodly Great Revitalizing Pellet. But after he entered the realm of Martial Saints, these pellets became quite obsolete. So, for the Martial Saints to further boost their strength, they would need to consume medicinal pills of the Royal Grade and above.

The Alchemist Sect of the Seven Stars Country was not known to be adept in the refinement of medicinal pills, that can boost the strength of the user, but they were famous for the development of various antidotes and remedies, that cured wounds and injuries. Otherwise, they would already have joined the circle of outstanding alchemists long ago.

"Miss Yuan, I was wondering whether you still have some more alchemical recipes on you. It would be ideal if you have the ones, that boost the strength of the user." Qing Shui was hesitating to ask Yuan Su at first, but he decided to do it anyway.

Since she had come all the way to meet him, Qing Shui wasn't sure if she brought any alchemical recipes with her. He was also curious about the number of people, who attempted the refinement of the impractical alchemical recipes, that she developed throughout her career.

"Yes, I did. I planned to give you some alchemical recipes during our meeting this time. But, we only have about three days left, so I am not sure whether you have any time to spare on refining them. I also brought the necessary herbs and whatnot, but I am missing a few important ingredients that are necessary for one of the alchemical recipes here. At the time, I didn't know where to look for them."

Yuan Su took out some alchemical recipes and a few brocade boxes and placed them on top of the stone table. Each brocade box was imprinted with a label stating the names of the herbs stored inside.

On one side of the table were three alchemical recipes, that intrigued Qing Shui very much. He was quite excited to read the recipes, so he looked at Yuan Su as a gesture to ask for her permission. She glanced back at him and gave an approving nod.

### The Gale Pellet!

Qing Shui proceeded in reading the ingredients required for the Gale Pellet recipe. Most of the required ingredients were herbs beyond 1000 years of age, but nothing too peculiar. However, the recipe required a remarkable amount of ingredients.

When refining medicinal pills, the bigger variety of ingredients was used, the higher the chance of failure during the procedure became.

Qing Shui shifted his focus on the effects listed on the bottom-most page.

It was quite decent actually. This pellet had the ability to double the speed of the user within the span of fifteen minutes!

The effect of the pellet could be described as explosive. If the pellet was consumed during a battle, it would change the outcome of the fight immediately. The sudden increase of speed to double of the initial maximum was a terrifying concept.

He felt the need to refine this recipe immediately despite the absence of the strength-boosting effect. However, the sudden gain of speed was more than enough to catch Qing Shui's attention, albeit temporarily, it was still considered quite perverted. Qing Shui was also unsure whether the Gale Pellet would be able to overpower the Agility-Enhancing Fruit. Although it would be useless to consume the Agility-Enhancing Fruit right now, it could still boost his speed to about fifty percent temporarily. Both have similar effects, so he thought it would be ideal if the effects of the two different items could stack together, creating an ungodly combination.

Qing Shui then shifted his gaze on the second alchemy recipe that caught his attention. The name of the recipe was quite common.

### The Demonic Beast Advancing Pellet!

One look at the name of the recipe and Qing Shui was able to tell what kind of effect he could expect from the medicinal pill. However, he had a feeling that this pellet would be different from the conventional advancing pellets he normally fed to his demonic beasts.

Qing Shui noticed that the recipe required medical herbs that were at least 3000 years old. Moreover, a few of the ingredients could only be acquired from demonic beasts of the Martial Saint grade. It would also be very expensive to retrieve these ingredients due to the extremely high value of the 3000-year old medical herbs.

Effect: Ten percent chance of upgrading the grade of the current cultivation realm of the demonic beast. The upgrade is limited within its cultivation realm only!

Qing Shui studied the effect of the Demonic Beast Advancing Pellet carefully. From his understanding, the pellet would be able to upgrade a Grade One Martial King to a Grade Two Martial King, and a Grade One Martial Saint to a Grade Two Martial Saint. However, it would be impossible to upgrade a demonic beast from the Martial King realm to the Martial Saint realm because the effect could only be effective within the demonic beast's current cultivation realm.

Initially, he thought about his Fire Bird when he saw the recipe because it hadn't gone through another breakthrough for a very long time. Qing Shui was beginning to feel anxious for his Peak Martial King Fire Bird due to its weakness in battle. The Fire Bird would be instantly annihilated if it was to face another demonic beast with the strength of a Grade Five Martial Saint and above.