

## Ancient ST 681

### Chapter 681 - Di Qing's inner thoughts

"Am I such a low-life in your eyes?"

Qing Shui looked at Di Qing dejectedly. Ever since he had scolded her for being a 'foolish woman', she seldom missed the opportunity to make fun of him. It seemed like she still took it to heart even after such a long time.

Furthermore, he was the only one subject to this kind of a treatment from her. This made Qing Shui a little depressed.

"Of course not! Our Qing Shui is an outstanding talent, one truly strong and valiant. I think very highly of you." Di Qing laughed out.

Di Qing appeared easy going and seemingly true to herself in front of Qing Shui, she even acted like a 'little woman' at times. Her temperament and rare beauty helped her retain her elegance and poise, giving her an overwhelming aura of nobility.

"Fine. I was wrong before, I shouldn't have called you a foolish woman. You're actually a very kind-hearted and virtuous lady, one with a beauty which can overturn a state. Miss Di can you please forgive me? I am just an ordinary folk and you're the Jade girl of Lake Yao. Please let me off." Qing Shui said with a smile. He wasn't actually that concerned, but he still decided to apologize when this topic was brought up. He realized that she had been troubled by his comment and knew that it was necessary for him to explain himself...

Qing Shui thought of something, but he just shook his head. He might still meet her often in the future so he wished to interact with her normally.

Di Qing blushed and humphed, "Those are just empty words, you don't think that way, but that last statement was true though. Do you really hate me that much?" Di Qing finished her sentence sounding downcast.

Her previous smile had disappeared and she gave Qing Shui a complicated look.

Qing Shui was puzzled by Di Qing's reaction and immediately explained, "You're overthinking this, how could I possibly hate you? I am being honest. Anyways, who would hate the prettiest woman in Seven Stars City? I'm really quite honored to know you..."

"You're lying!" Di Qing whispered as her expression regained its composure.

"Alright, let's just agree to coexist peacefully then, okay?" Qing Shui quickly jumped to his main point.

"Then promise me that you'll always give way to me. Also, if you have any good items, you'll have to remember to share them with me." Di Qing replied after some consideration.

"Of course, we are relatives!" Qing Shui chuckled.

"Okay, then let me ask you something. You must be honest though." Di Qing gave it some thought and spoke seriously.

“Sure, I will be honest with you.” Qing Shui replied blatantly. He knew that it wouldn’t be easy to answer truthfully. In any case, she wouldn’t know even if he wasn’t being honest.

“Will you think of me sometimes?” Di Qing asked softly.

Di Qing had always liked to compare herself with Di Chen from a very young age. She would like whatever Di Chen liked and would covet anything that Di Chen had. Now, she felt very comfortable in Qing Shui’s presence.

In the past, she had already thought highly of the man that her elder sister had fallen for. It was just that she felt he was a little young. Furthermore, she had also seen him before.

After that, she slowly discovered that the man truly had a miraculous streak. He had incredible strength which allowed him to survive each time he underwent a life threatening situation. In addition, his strength had continuously increased at a spectacular rate.

When both of them returned together to the Central Continent, she had spent a few months with him during the journey. They had even faced an awkward incident when Di Qing had been hugged and scolded by Qing Shui. The man had somehow already gained a place in her heart though that incident.

She was anxious, so she forced herself to not think about it since Qing Shui was her brother-in-law. The matter with the Di Clan had triggered her heart, and her feelings for Qing Shui had begun to change.

She felt that among the younger generation on Seven Stars Country, even those considered top geniuses weren’t qualified to compete with Qing Shui. She gradually realized that she had come to care about him and she started to tease him just to get noticed. She had always thought of herself as a very eligible bachelorette, but she felt that she had lost her previous attractiveness and confidence in front of this man.

She believed that she was in no way lacking compared to her sister, Di Chen. He treated her sister so well, she was like a goddess to him. Yet when he looked at her, there wasn’t a hint of adoration even after turning from enemies to relatives.

Human nature is as such, entangling themselves in this sort of odd reverse psychology. Di Qing knew that she didn’t feel this way because Qing Shui was cold to her. She was very rational, she knew what she should and shouldn’t do.

Qing Shui wasn’t aware of what Di Qing meant by those words. He saw Di Qing looking very out of it, as if she was engrossed in her own thoughts. He really didn’t know how he should be answering her.

“Of course, I’ll think of you. We’re friends so it’s normal that I would think of you.” Qing Shui said softly after some consideration.

“Are you always thinking of my sister?” Di Qing asked looking at Qing Shui.

Even if he suddenly turned clueless about relationships, he could still tell what she meant. He looked dumbfounded at the beautiful woman who should’ve been calling him brother-in-law.

“If, and I only mean if, you weren’t together with my sister...would you have...fallen for me?” Di Qing seemed to have difficulty saying these words, but she looked at Qing Shui bravely as her face started to blush.

Qing Shui really started to have headache now. Under normal circumstances, any man would be happy and elated. But there was no way he could be happy right now.

“What are you talking about? You sound happy!” Di Chen, who happened to be nearby, just walked over.

Qing Shui was relieved when he saw Di Chen approaching. He really did not know how to answer to Di Qing. From his perspective, he felt that he would’ve been wrong regardless of his response.

“Sister, you’re here. It’s nothing, I was just calling Qing Shui over for dinner. We were talking about Xian’er. That little lass just got a load of good items from Qing Shui, she was so happy.” Di Qing laughed but felt a little guilty.

“Okay. Let’s go have dinner. The food is getting cold.” Di Qing smiled and hurried them.

The three of them walked towards the room, but Di Qing continued to blush whenever she unintentionally glanced at Qing Shui.

When Qing Shui locked eyes with Di Chen occasionally during dinner, he felt as if her mesmerizing eyes could tell everything. He didn’t feel guilty however, he just felt that it wasn’t right.

Di Qing left after they finished dinner, leaving only Di Chen and Qing Shui in the room.

“Qing Shui, Yuan Su agreed to let you treat her.” Di Chen smiled at Qing Shui. Her eyes were calm, but the smiling expression within them were exceptionally attractive.

“Let me know if you are against it. I will reject it if that’s the case.” Qing Shui laughed and looked at Di Chen.

“It’s none of my business. You should decide for yourself.” Di Chen displayed a look of annoyance.

“Would you be upset?”

“Why would I be upset? I wouldn’t be with you if I get upset over such a thing. I know that a bad guy like you already has a few other women.” Di Chen laughed as if she didn’t mind that Qing Shui was involved with quite a few other women.

Qing Shui fell silent. He didn’t have the intention to actively pursue Di Chen from the very start. This was because he knew that he couldn’t grow old with just one woman. With the fact that he had other women, he felt that he didn’t deserve the right to pursue Di Chen. Even if he didn’t have other women, Qing Shui still felt that he wasn’t good enough for her. Initially, he had only respected her as a untouchable goddess, dismissing even a hint of profane thought.

Seeing that Qing Shui became silent, Di Chen reached out and massaged Qing Shui’s head, “Don’t be so small minded. It’s impossible that a capable man only have one woman. I am not blaming you, you’re an upright man after all. You must be confident, there is no one that can compete with you. You’re the best and most outstanding in my heart. I like you...”

These few words spurred Qing Shui. The beauty of a woman could destroy cities. Qing Shui was experiencing the truth of that phrase now, he could give up a whole empire for this woman. Whether it was right or wrong, Qing Shui felt that she was worth it.

When she spoke those last lines, saying how he was the best in her heart and that she liked him—Qing Shui felt that these plain words were like the voices of immortals when spoken from Di Chen's mouth. He could die without any regrets.

"Do you really mean that?" Qing Shui embraced her. He didn't know how to show his love for her. He just hugged her tightly and hoped he could just assimilate her into his body or just consume her. He loved her so deeply that he didn't know how to express it.

"Ah, Qing Shui, don't be so uncivilized." Di Chen had already been forcibly kissed by Qing Shui.

"Chen'er, I feel that you're just like an extremely seductive demon. Actually no, you're an extremely mesmerizing goddess. I just want to eat you up."

His amorous words made Di Chen shy and happy at the same time. She reached up and pinched Qing Shui's nose twice. She then laughed, even that was very alluring. One could drown in her beauty.

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Yuan Su came over in the afternoon. Even though Qing Shui had heard from Di Chen and Di Qing that she'd made a decision regarding the treatment, he could see that Yuan Su was visibly nervous.

Qing Shui didn't know what to say, it wasn't appropriate to say anything so he just waited for her to start the conversation. Di Chen and Di Qing had left Qing Shui and Yuan Su to settle the matter.

After Qing Shui commented, "You're here", Yuan Su replied with, "Yes". They didn't exchange a word after that. Qing Shui was waiting for her to make the decision.

"Qing Shui, I decided that I want to receive treatment." After a while, Yuan Su finally stated as she bit her lips.

"Are you sure?"

"Yes!"

Yuan Su was an opinionated woman. Once she made a decision, she would always follow through. However, this matter had troubled her for two days because she couldn't think of any alternative solutions.

"Let's enter!" Qing Shui slowly said as he led her to the bedroom.

Since she had already made her decision, Qing Shui didn't say anything more. It was inappropriate to say anything more regarding such a matter. It was more important that he solved her issue.

Yuan Su followed Qing Shui into the bedroom. Her heart started to race. This was a difficult decision for a woman like her, she stood to lose a lot. She was engulfed by the feelings of nervousness, loss and worry.

When they were in the bedroom, Qing Shui said, "Please remove your clothes and lie down. I need to make some preparations. "

Yuan Su's heart started beat even faster. Even Qing Shui, who was two meters away from her, could hear her heartbeat.

## Chapter 682 - Treating Yuan Su, Twin Phoenixes Face the Sun

"Are you nervous?" Qing Shui felt helpless. For a non-practitioner, her frantic heartbeat posed a risk to her health. Moreover, the speed of her heartbeat was only going to become more frantic in a while. There was no way he could possibly clear her meridians.

"N...no." Yuan Su was pale as she denied.

"Take a seat, let us have a chat first. In your anxious state, I cannot start." Qing Shui gestured for her to be seated and did the same himself.

"Hmm." She made a sound of acceptance and glanced at Qing Shui, but quickly averted her gaze when their eyes met.

"Since you have made this decision, I am sure that it took a lot of determination. Why are you nervous when your mind is already set?" Qing Shui asked gently.

"I cannot control myself. For twenty over years, my only interest was coming up with prescriptions and creating my own medicines. I have always wanted to be involved personally in the experiments but alas, my constitution does not allow me to do so. I am unable to train and all these years, I have sought out numerous alchemists and physicians to no avail. Now that I have found you, I do not want to miss this chance but I cannot help but feel like I am losing an important part of myself." Yuan Su replied piteously.

Qing Shui felt helpless. It was not that they were doing the deed; it was just that she had to be fully unclothed but for a conservative girl, this was indeed a high mental hurdle to clear.

"Let me give you an analogy. This man once had a group of friends, so close they were almost like brothers. But this man suddenly became powerful and his life and social circle changed completely. Although he would have loved to maintain the same relationship with his group of friends, to eat and train with them like in the past, he knew that it was no longer possible. They now had different life experiences, and came into contact with new people. With this came new enemies as well and he had no choice but to leave his friends. Even though he tried to compensate them by giving them gifts when he left, he was still labeled a bastard who prized personal gains over friends who have shared weal and woe with him. Little did they know how much consideration the man had shown to them. This is a fact of life; you lose some, you gain some. Sometimes, a thing can be still of importance to you but you have no choice but to give it up."

Qing Shui tactfully counselled her, and she began to feel more settled.

"I know, if not, I would not have sought you out today. But feeling nervous is inevitable for me." By then, Yuan Su seemed to have relaxed somewhat.

"Just what are you worried about? Afraid that I will speak of this to others, or concerned that your future husband might hear of this?" In order to relieve her anxiety, Qing Shui had to know the cause.

"You are not such a person. However, you have to understand that it is perfectly normal for a woman to feel anxious." Yuan Su forced a smile.

“Are you still nervous? Shall we begin?” Qing Shui shot her an easygoing smile, hoping to calm her further.

“Alright, turn your back to me first and when I’m...done you can turn back around.” Yuan Su lowered her head bashfully.

“Sure.”

Qing Shui turned around as he replied and soon enough, he heard the rustling sounds of clothing being removed. Truth be told, he was sorely tempted to turn back. Yuan Su was beautiful in a distant manner, and was uniquely charming.

“I am done!” A miniscule voice sounded out.

If not for his extremely good sense of hearing, he would have missed it. Qing Shui turned back slowly but was stunned by the sight of Yuan Su lying on the bed, with a thin blanket covering her.

Her snowy white, long and slender neck was exposed and below, her lower legs were straight and fair, her feet dainty. Her skin was illuminated like a piece of jade.

Qing Shui walked over slowly and sat. A faint smell of woman wafted to his nose, a comforting fragrance.

“During the treatment, my hands will come into contact with your body; just be mentally prepared.” Qing Shui thought to warn her.

Yuan Su was not perplexed at his explanation. She was already naked in front of him and it was to be expected that they might come into physical contact. She nodded timidly, her red face blushing even more.

Qing Shui lifted the blanket from her body to uncover her. The sight of her buck naked body stupefied him for a moment and he was dazed at the beauty he beheld.

Abashed, Yuan Su had shut her eyes once the blanket was lifted from her body and her skin was flushed appealingly pink with embarrassment.

After shedding his own clothes, Qing Shui then realized that she had very nice breasts as well. Like half-globes, they were round and full, and retained their firm shapes even in her reclining position.

A flat torso and a tiny waist!

Qing Shui took a moment to settle his own uprising emotions, took a deep breath and extended both his hands out. His hands were like white jade, and from them, cool air emanated.

He slowly placed his hands on her shoulders. His hands trembled involuntarily when he touched her silky skin. He might have already had enough beautiful women to last him a lifetime, but it was to be expected that he could not curb his reaction to yet another beautiful woman.

His sacred hands rained soft blows on Yuan Su’s body in rapid succession and the movement shook her full, firm breasts. Amazingly, her nipples hardened to peaks.

Qing Shui's method was that of loosening the tendons and bones, so seeing her reaction was not surprising to him but Yuan Su shut her eyes tighter in mortification.

Following the path from her shoulders downwards, he continued to pat rapidly with both hands till the sound of her breathing was audible and her snowy white skin seemingly misted over.

All the way to her torso, her thighs, her calves and back up again to her diaphragm, where he used one hand to rub and stroke slowly.

Yuan Su felt as if she did not have an ounce of strength in her body. It was as if her body had lost the support of its frame. She was ashamed that she felt so comfortable right now, she did not even want to move, she even hoped that both of Qing Shui's hands would never stop...

Qing Shui quickly inserted the needles. He inserted three golden needles into the region of her heart, they stuck out from her chest. Then he took another golden needle and channelled the Nature Energy in his body.

Yuan Su's dantian and meridian channels were totally blocked and what Qing Shui planned to do was to clear her dantian and her meridian channels.

Qihai!

Qing Shui inserted this needle very slowly. He joined up the acupuncture points around the dantian and even continually infused his Qi of the and Nature Energy.

He found out that he could use Qi of the and Nature Energy on anyone. It was a surprise to him that he could use Nature Energy but he was unsure about his Qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique. He did not dawdle on that since that was a heaven-defying technique, thus it should not be shocking to anyone that it could be used in such a manner.

The position of her dantian was only three inches away from her most private area, so Qing Shui could not help looking at it. Even though he tried his best to avoid it, he would accidentally look at it. Each time he saw it, he felt a impulsiveness, a natural impulse.

But he knew what he was doing. Di Chen trusted him and had the greatest faith and confidence in him. She only encouraged him, no matter what he did. He could not let her down.

In Qing Shui's eyes, Di Chen was a perfect woman and a woman exceptionally suitable to be his wife. Once he thought of Di Chen, he managed to quell the fiery temptation he felt.

The golden needles were spinning rapidly. After 15 mins, Qing Shui inserted a golden needle into her dantian region. This time round, he paid careful attention to his movements.

The golden needle quickly turned an ashen gray. Qing Shui pressed the needle in deeper and a drop of black fluid spurted out.

After a while, there was another drop.

Just like this, after an hour, Qing Shui inserted another golden needle into the position of her dantian.

Twin Phoenixes Face the Sun!

This was a type of acupuncture technique that Qing Shui knew. It was extremely suitable for this.

Yuan Su's dantian was finally 'cured' only when the sky became dark. Her dantian had regained normalcy. Now, he could start on clearing her main meridian channel. This was considerably easier than curing her dantian. After all, one's dantian was like an ocean and the meridian channels were only rivers.

He quickly inserted the many needles that he had prepared onto Yuan Su's body. Both his hands fluttered like a butterfly, as he gently manipulated each of the needles.

Qing Shui flicked away the droplets of black fluid and dissipated them mid air with his primordial flames each time. This time, he used exactly 49 golden needles.

Qing Shui expended his spiritual sense very quickly. This was a time that his Yin-Yang Image showed its formidable power. Without even skipping a beat, it replenished his spiritual energy, making him feel confident and superior.

Her exquisite snow white body was covered in a layer of sweat. At this point, Yuan Su had already opened her eyes but Qing Shui's eyes were still closed.

All these were controlled by Qing Shui's Spiritual sense. When she saw that Qing Shui had closed his eyes, she opened hers. Her whole body was aching, her whole body felt like a pincushion. It was nothing unusual since having one's meridians cleared isn't exactly an enjoyable experience.

As she looked at the extremely talented young man, she couldn't say that she liked him but she had a favourable opinion on him. The two of them shared the same interests, they both liked alchemy and they worked well together.

"He looks so serious. He looks good like this." Yuan Su thought absent-mindedly but she quickly shrugged off those thoughts. Her face was still scarlet red either from her embarrassment or her reaction to the pain.

Qing Shui pulled out the needles in her dantian. After that, he also started pulling out the other needles. He pulled on out after a few breaths and it took him about 15 mins to remove all 49 needles.

When Qing Shui pulled out the last needle, Yuan Su's body glimmered with a layer of jade-like light. It flickered a few times as Qing Shui looked in amazement.

"That is the White Jade Skeletal Structure from the Divine Skeletal Structure!"

### **Chapter 683 - Two months later, heading to Village of Longevity**

"That is the White Jade Skeletal Structure from the Divine Skeletal Structure!"

Qing Shui had read the introduction about women with such a body constitution in Art of Observing Females, it was just like the special skeletal structures of the ladies in the Portraits of Beauty. "Could it be that Yuan Su was like one of the ladies in the Portraits of Beauty?" Qing Shui thought to himself.

Qing Shui felt that the twelve Portraits of Beauty are not sufficient to present all the beautiful women in the World of the Nine Continents. Instead, he inferred that the Portraits of Beauty was made to present the twelve different body constitutions of beautiful women.



In the Art of Observing Females, it is stated that women with White Jade Skeletal structure have beautiful and intelligent looks. Furthermore, they are blessed with a great aptitude for cultivation and good medicinal herb absorption. The book provided examples of some accomplished beauties and there were quite a few of them which had the White Jade Body constitution.

Yuan Su was not a cultivator so she did not need to stabilize her body condition. When she realized that she could move, she quickly dressed. Her face became scarlet red again and was very alluring.

“Can I start cultivating now?”

After she finished dressing up, she regain a little of her usual composure. However, her mannerism was vastly different from her usual cold and distant demeanor, right now, she couldn't even look at Qing Shui when she was talking to him.

“All your major meridian channels have been cleared. Your dantian has also recovered. You can now cultivate normally. If you want to clear some of the smaller meridian channels, you will need the Meridians Clearing Pellet. I saved some for you. However, because I have limited ingredients, I don't have many.” Qing Shui took out the Meridians Clearing Pellet and other medicines which he had promised to her previously. He also gave her some of useful medicinal pills and other fruits. He did this without much thought.

He had accumulated quite a lot of fruits and they were exceptionally suitable for a person like her without any cultivation. Most good medicinal pills would be wasted on a normal person but a Strength-Enhancing Fruit was more practical. Those fruits can help her establish a good foundation, strengthen her body and also slightly enhance her natural body constitution.

Yuan Su opened her mouth as though she wanted to say something but she remained silent in the end. Even though she could cultivate now, she did not feel as happy as she anticipated.

She did not know how to face the man in front of her, she just looked blankly at Qing Shui while he kept his Golden Needles.

“How are you feeling?” Qing Shui asked casually. Qing Shui could understand how Yuan Su was feeling. Perhaps, she just needed a couple of days or maybe this could really turn them into total strangers.

“Thank you!” Yuan Su said softly. Regardless, she knew that Qing Shui had helped her and she willingly accepted the treatment. No one forced her, so such a matter was really out of his hands, thus she knew that she needed to thank him.

“We are friends, so thanking me is not necessary. I just want you to be as before. Don't carry any burdens over this in your heart, otherwise it will be difficult for you to become a strong cultivator with this burden.” Qing Shui consoled.

“Yes, I know. I'll be fine in a few days.” Yuan Su said, forcing a smile. She gazed at Qing Shui as if trying to remember him in her heart.

Yuan Su informed Qing Shui that she would send more ingredients to him and then she left.

Yuan Su headed back to Medical Prescription Chamber with Di Qing and a few of her juniors while Di Chen and Qing Shui only sent them to their carriage.

“Is she cured?” Di Chen said softly.

“She is.” Qing Shui replied looking at Di Chen, she still retained her usual demeanor.

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A few days passed quickly and Qing Shui spent his days quite leisurely. Everyday, he would teach Di Xian his martial arts. While Di Xian was learning Hidden Weapon Technique from Qing Shui, her overall stats increased rapidly. This was a combination of her good foundation and Qing Shui’s ability to teach.

The day before, Village of Longevity sent over quite a lot of Qianji Wood. Once Qing Shui laid eyes on that translucent green Qianji Wood, he immediately stuck one into the soil in his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal just to try and see if it will germinate. Qing Shui did not know whether that Qianji wood was the type of root perennial that could propagate from its roots so he was just trying his luck.

Qianji Wood is obtained from the Qianji Tree. Only one to three half-foot long Qianji Wood with the girth of a baby’s arm could be harvested from a single Qianji Tree each time and can only be harvested every one hundred years.

In this period of time, Di Xian was well on the right path in her cultivation. Qing Shui had given her all the tips he could, and even guided her directly for more than a week. That was not a long time but it was sufficient. After all, a master can only guide a disciple so much and the rest is up to the person. Qing Shui basically did not consider whether or not she could achieve success as it was up to her.

Qing Shui decided that he should look for the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood soon. Once he found it, he would be able to create the Everlasting Pellet. Once that was done, Qing Shui decided that he would return to Greencloud Continent to get Elder Fei and the others. They will then head over to Eastern Palace Clan to collect the debts chalked up in the past.

Qing Shui’s strength had greatly increased after his Diamond Crossing Rivers reached the Perfection Stage. At his current stage, he had a significant advantage in speed but he still looked forward to his Diamond Gigantic Elephant’s growth. If his Diamond Gigantic Elephant becomes even more powerful, Qing Shui could tap its Instantaneous Diamond Evasion and State of One with Elephant to enhance his own strength.

Nine Continent Boots! This could be a heaven-defying footwear that Qing Shui tempered everyday. Without even considering Nine Continents Steps Effects, the speed boost that the boots provided could drive one insane with jealousy. It could definitely be classified as ‘god-like’ level equipment now.

Di Chen’s matter had been totally resolved so Qing Shui was greatly relieved. However, he knew that there were others waiting for him: Elder Fei, Grandfather Lin, Yiye Jiange...

Even though the burden he bore weighted like a thousand countries, Qing Shui was motivated. Qing Shui willingly did all these and was never forced by anyone.

Di Chen looked at Qing Shui who was lost in his thoughts. His straight-backed figure could be compared with a strong pine tree. At that moment, she found him deeply profound as she did not expect that even he could present himself in such a manner, as if no one could defeat him.

Di Chen laughed. Her natural laughter had an aura which transcended mere mortals.

In the blink of an eye, two months had passed. Nothing much happened during this period and everything was peaceful. Qing Shui concentrated wholeheartedly on his training during this time.

His edged forward another five cycles and his other skills also progressed. Regarding his alchemy, Qing Shui managed to clear many of his small meridian channels with the medicinal herbs that Yuan Su had sent. But, he still left about five hundred Meridians Clearing Pellets for Yuan Su.

Half a month ago Qing Shui met Yuan Su once, due to the agreement regarding the medicinal pills. He realized then that Yuan Su had already grown from a normal person without any cultivation to a Martial Commander in just over a month. Her progress was incredible.

Yuan Su explained to Qing Shui that it was because of the medicinal pills from her clan and also because she practiced a unique technique. The technique came from a book that belonged to her clan which nobody else could practice. Somehow, she just had an impulse to test it out and she was actually suitable to practice the technique. That was an exceedingly joyous occasion for the Su Clan.

After the conversation Qing Shui had with Di Qing regarding the question that he did not know how to answer, they never had the chance to interact without others around. Gradually, the two of them seemed to have forgotten the incident. However, Di Qing no longer teased Qing Shui, instead she gradually returned to how she was before, having that aura of magnanimity.

“Qing Shui, go early and come back soon!” Di Chen and the Di clan waved their hands bidding their farewells to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui decided to head out to look for the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood. He did not know how much time he needed so he promised Di Chen that he would return in half a year regardless of the outcome of his search.

After leaving the Di residence, Qing Shui decided to go to Village of Longevity first. Since they visited the Di residence because of him, he should visit them out of courtesy. He also wanted to see if he could meet a Three Tailed Immortal Fox there.

Nine Continent Steps!

Qing Shui used only a short amount of time to reach the Village of Longevity since it was also within Seven Stars Country. It was actually only a day's journey away from the Di residence.

At the Mountain of Longevity...

The Village of Longevity was located on the Mountain of Longevity. Mountain of Longevity was massive and it stretched further than the eye could see. On the other hand, the circumference of the Village of Longevity was only 30 li and spread over four peaks. From where he was, he could see what a marvel the place was. The four peaks were actually experiencing four different seasons each: spring, summer, autumn and winter.

Flourishing trees with blooming flowers; torrid heat with dense vegetation; ripening fruits with yellow leaves; snow-covered land with piercing winter winds. As Qing Shui approached the mountain, he could clearly sense the 'atmosphere' of the four seasons with his Spiritual sense.

The place was like a realm for deities, it was quiet and a tranquility hung in the air. When Qing Shui reached the foot of the Mountain of Longevity, he was surprised to find that Elder Ying and the other old men were already standing there at the entrance of the only path that lead up to the mountain. Of course, if one chose to fly, they wouldn't need to use the path but there was still no one in the entire Seven Stars Country that would dare to fly up to the Village of Longevity.

"Qing Shui, you're here." The old men greeted him cheerfully.

"Sorry to trouble all of you elders!" Qing Shui was rather happy to see the old men there. He could feel their genuine sincerity since they really did not have to do that considering their age.

Qing Shui followed Elder Ying and the other old men up the mountains through the winding stone steps.

Qing Shui could sense the dense spiritual energy in the surrounding atmosphere. This was really a heaven for all cultivators. A person could progress twice as fast if he trained here, that was double the effectiveness of a Spirit Concentrating Pill.

The Village of Longevity occupied the four most iconic mountain peaks as they stretched deeply inwards creating four mountain systems with four different seasons. Not surprisingly, the Mountain of Longevity was also called Four Seasons Longevity Mountain and within it there were many ferocious demonic beasts, poison beasts and fantastic beasts. It was a very dangerous place.

These were the words from Elder Ying.

"Sir, can Three Tailed Immortal Foxes be found here?" Qing Shui asked lightheartedly. Anyway, even if he wanted to explore the mountain, he would need to inform that old man.

#### **Chapter 684 - An Encounter with White Jade Jiao**

"Three Tailed Immortal Fox?" Elder Ying asked looking at Qing Shui.

"Yes, I really need some Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood right now." Qing Shui said as he walked alongside the old men.

"Yes, you mentioned that before. As you can see, the depths of Mountain of Longevity are filled with spiritual energy so there are many special and rare beasts living here. In addition to that, the unique ecology that allows the four seasons— spring, summer, autumn and winter to coexist mean that this place is suitable for all sorts of demonic beasts. You have to take note of one point though. It is extremely dangerous in the very depths of the mountain and that is a forbidden place in the Village of Longevity. In the Village of Longevity, only peak Martial Saints can access that location and even so they must not travel further than one thousand li." Elder Ying said in a serious manner after he gave it some thought.

"So if I would like to just try my luck there, sir, will you approve?" Qing Shui considered for a while but still decided to proceed.

"Qing Shui, I think very highly of you. Don't call me practical but everyone is the same. From your journeys, you should know that I think you are a most outstanding young man with the highest potential. I really don't wish for you to take such a risk." Elder Ying sighed.

“Thank you for your concern. I have already thought about it. I won’t venture too deep into the mountains. I should be able to defend myself under such circumstances.” Qing Shui replied giving a faint smile.

“Alright, it’s up to you!” Elder Ying contemplated then laughed.

They had already reached the top of the Mountain of Longevity and he could see the entire village. Regardless the season that peak had, there were gigantic trees growing. The houses were all under these huge trees. The gigantic trees reached up to the skies and their canopy provided shelter against the rain and the wind. They also provided fruits and food for the village.

As the canopy of the trees are is high, thunderstorms were nothing to worry about since the houses were under the trees. The trees were so tall that even if the canopy was struck by lightning, the electric discharge would not even be able to reach the ground.

There were many old people around. There were also many young people and middle aged people. The people here all have very long lifespans. Qing Shui and the other old men were now at the ‘Spring’ mountain peak.

Old men with little or no cultivation and children lived on the Spring Peak and Autumn Peak.

There were the least people on the Summer Peak. Notably, there were actually many people living on the Winter Peak as many people liked winter. The beautiful winter scenery was very attractive and for people with high cultivation, the temperature basically did not affect them much. As a result, most of them actually chose to live on the Summer or Winter Peaks.

“Qing Shui, what do you think of this place?” Elder Yin chuckled.

“Great! It’s great! Of all the places I’ve ever been, this is the best. It isn’t a stretch to say that this is paradise on earth.” Qing Shui said sincerely and laughed.

The few of them entered a large courtyard. There were no beautiful pavilions or luxurious decorations. Everything was simple and natural yet still very beautiful.

Many of the small houses were made of wood and had another sort of exquisiteness and elegance. The women here all bear a different sort of grace. To Qing Shui, the place reminded him of how some of the northern minorities lived in his previous life.

The large courtyard was also divided into two areas. The front was the hall and the back was the living area. Houses surrounded the hall on four sides.

There were old and young people within the courtyard.

“Elder brother!”

“Father!”

“Grandfather!”

“Great Grandfather!”

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A group of people of all ages greeted Elder Ying respectfully. Those who called him Great Grandfather were about five to six years old. The children were pure and innocent and very friendly.

Elder Ying carried two of the children happily. "All of you should just be like these two children. Just be natural and easy going! All of you are developing backwards with all your training."

The others just smiled, helplessly. Elder Ying introduced Qing Shui. They all actually knew who he was so they cheerfully welcomed Qing Shui as well.

There were many cultivators in the Village of Longevity, young and old. The number of cultivators was relatively higher than that of other places. It could possibly be because of the density of spiritual energy in their environment.

Ying Clan was the largest clan here. When one mentions the Village of Longevity, they most likely referred to the Ying Clan. Elder Ying was the current head of the clan. He had seventeen brothers and most of them shared the same birth father but different mothers.

The small party that went up the mountain included Qing Shui, Elder Ying and three others. It was apparent that the main building was Elder Ying's residence while the surrounding buildings belonged to other people from the Ying clan.

The few of them laughed and chatted as they entered a slightly taller building in the front courtyard. Once they entered, Qing Shui discovered that the interior was entirely different from its exterior. The building looked simple and unadorned from the outside but the interior was lavishly decorated in a manner that was not in any way inferior to a high-class residence in the capital city.

Qing Shui was dazed for a moment but quickly regained his composure. This was actually normal, such a thing was actually normal.

The banquet was already prepared. The various dishes were all the specialities of the Village of Longevity. The aroma of food permeated the air and one glance at the food whetted everyone's appetite.

"Qing Shui, this is my first grandson. Even though he can't compete with you. He's quite good." Elder Ying pointed out one of the men who looked slightly older than Qing Shui.

"I am Ying Lie. I am delighted to make your acquaintance. I am really happy to be able to meet you today." The man was comparably more discreet, he spoke with a friendly tone, neither subservient nor overbearing. He made a favourable impression.

"Brother Lie, we are all friends, you don't have to be so courteous." Qing Shui replied.

Qing Shui knew the Elder Ying did this to recommend his grandson. After all, his grandson's age was close to his and he was quite talented. The old man probably wanted to maintain their relationship so he arranged for the two younger men to have more interactions.

After the meal, Qing Shui more or less got to meet the members in Elder Ying's immediate family. Acquaintances can be chosen and not everyone had to be remembered. Qing Shui only briefly acknowledged some of the people since he knew that there were only so many people that could really help him.

In the end, Ying Lie brought him to his accommodation in the Village of Longevity. It was a small building that was only a hundred meters away from the main building and looked to be of a slightly higher grade.

The interior was similarly lavish. It would be ridiculous to let Qing Shui live in a place that was any less decorated since the banquet was held in such a luxurious looking place.

“Brother Lie, are you always here at the Village of Longevity?” Qing Shui asked casually.

“I spend most of my time here in the Village of Longevity training. I do go out a few times a year but I usually only spend a maximum of two months outside.” Ying Lie replied with a smile.

“It is a privilege to be able to live here peacefully, guarding your own family. Furthermore, this mountain is an enchantingly beautiful place.” Qing Shui commented honestly.

Since he was sixteen, he had been travelling all over the world. He had struggled with so many life and death encounters. From Qing Clan’s manor to Hundred Miles City, then the Skysword Sect, Cang Lang Capital City, Southern City, Heavenly Palace, Greencloud Capital City and so many other places in between such as Flowerfruit Mountain. Now he was in the Central Continent and had established himself in one of the countries. It invoked some mixed feelings as he thought of this.

“Everyone has different life experiences, so what you yearn for is usually different from what you expect. I actually feel that it is a little boring here but since my Grandfather had already made plans for the progress of my cultivation, it is not really convenient for me to leave.” Ying Lie smiled, looking like he had no way out.

“You will soon know the benefits of that. Elder Ying is a wise man. He definitely has his own reasons for this.” Qing Shui said out of politeness.

“I know quite a lot about you, especially your encounters with death. I really admire that you have gone through all those events but it must have been difficult for you.” Ying Lei commented after some contemplation.

Qing Shui just smiled and did not say much. Many people admired him now but who could understand the pain that he had to go through. Especially during the time of his ‘Rebirth’. He had to persevere through an inhuman torture that not many people would be able to withstand.

Qing Shui sensed for Ying Lie’s ability and found that the man was at the peak of Grade Three Martial Saint. The man was over forty but his capabilities were really not bad. It wasn’t surprising since he was recommended by Elder Ying.

Ying Lei only stayed for a while and left shortly. They built a mutual understanding and could now be considered friends. While there were limitations to such a friendship, Qing Shui treated all his friends very well. Since they have decided to become friends, Qing Shui would accept the person sincerely unless the other party decides against it.

Qing Shui spent three days in the Village of Longevity. During this time, Elder Ying, the brothers and Ying Lei brought Qing Shui around to look at the scenery nearby and told him a lot about the Mountain of Longevity.

Qing Shui now said his farewells to the old man heading towards the depths of the Mountain of Longevity. He had rejected the old man's offers to have people accompany him. The old man did not insist as having a group of people to follow Qing Shui seemed like they were trying to monitor him.

Qing Shui decided to head down the path from the Winter Peak since Three Tailed Immortal Foxes prefer an extremely cold climate. He had only intended to just visit the Village of Longevity, he did not expect to see such marvels. The Mountain of Longevity was actually the largest and most famous mountain the the area and its depths presented multiple dangers.

Since he had already decided to search for some Three Tailed Immortal Fox blood within half a year, Qing Shui would never cower. His abilities had already improved significantly so Qing Shui did not feel nervous at all. He felt more relaxed this time since he overcame all the previous dangers.

Following the cold ravine, Qing Shui continued into the depths. After he walked about fifty li, there was a sheet of white in front of him. It was a boundless snow covered land; the snow was fresh.

The ground was covered with cold-resist vegetation which was covered by the fresh snow. Just like an ice tree, despite the piercing cold, there were many wild beast and bird types which were resistant to the cold.

Even though Qing Shui had already travelled for a hundred li, he did not meet any demonic beasts. Elder Ying had mentioned that the place was extremely dangerous, even a Peak Martial Saint may lose his life if they travel past the thousand li mark.

Three hundred li!

Qing Shui spent two days travelling this three hundred li. This was because he had to survey and check that the area was safe before he can proceed, he trusted Elder Ying's words.

While Qing Shui was observing his surroundings, he suddenly spotted something that made his heart beat faster.

It was a White Jade Jiao crawling on the ground!

### **Chapter 685 - 'Raiding' the Snow White Sacred Fruit**

A White Jade Jiao was crawling on the ground!

The White Jade Jiao was also known as the 'White Jiao' or the 'Silver Jiao'. It was one of the most highly ranked of the Jiao species. According to legend, the White Jade Jiao had, since ancient times, harbored the blood of the White Jade Dragon in its veins.

The gigantic body of the White Jade Jiao was about 100 meters in length, and appeared very eye-catching as it crawled majestically on the icy snow ground. Qing Shui was utterly shocked when he took a careful look at the White Jade Jiao. He hadn't thought that he would find a powerful demonic beast just 300 li into the Mountain of Longevity.

Most importantly, Qing Shui was able to notice a small horn on top of the White Jade Jiao's gigantic head. This horn was the most shocking part about the White Jade Jiao.



Legend stated that if a Jiao managed to grow a horn on its head, it would be considered the king of its kind. The aptitude and growth of the White Jade Jiao would always be far superior to other Jiaos. Theoretically, the White Jade Jiao could evolve into one of the legendary beasts given enough time.

Qing Shui was quite perplexed at the current situation. He had been told that there wouldn't be any demonic beast that had the strength to surpass the Old Ancestor of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect within 300 meters of the mountains' borders. Qing Shui didn't need to sense the White Jade Jiao's power to be certain that it had already surpassed the strength of 10,000 countries.

If this was the strength of a human martial warrior, he would have already passed the level of Peak Martial Saint. However, in the world of demonic beasts, the White Jade Jiao wouldn't even be considered a Peak Martial Saint. Suddenly, the White Jade Jiao began to move in a spiraling motion and curled into a shape of a small mountain. It glared at Qing Shui with its ferocious eyes and spouted a three-meter long breath of cold air in between its nose.

Ang!

It was a clear sound that sounded like a cow's cry, and at the same time, like a dragon's roar. Even though Qing Shui had never seen a dragon before, he had heard their roars from dubbed voices in media and historical records during his past life. The clear cries of the White Jade Jiao were oddly similar, especially the dignified tone of its roar. The sound could provoke a sense of fear and agitation to those who heard the cries.

According to legend, there would also always be treasures nearby whenever a White Jade Jiao appeared in an area. This was to be expected as the White Jade Jiao mostly acted as guardians to such treasures. Normally, these kind of demonic beasts would guard treasures such as fruits, herbs, and anything else considered edible. Moreover, the treasures the guardian beast protected would be quite useful for their own consumption. A demonic beast would often guard a treasure for a few dozen years, and in certain cases, even for a century.

Although Qing Shui's current strength was way inferior to that of the White Jade Jiao, he didn't feel afraid. It was a good thing that he was wearing the Nine Continent Boots. Even if an unavoidable situation arose, he could use the Nine Continent Steps Effect to evade the impending crisis.

Moreover, Qing Shui had decent amounts of agility and speed. Taken together with the ultimate Cloudmist Steps that he had cultivated from combining numerous step techniques, he could move cunningly and as quick as the wind.

He darted his gaze around, hoping to find the treasure that the gigantic beast was trying to guard, as well as assessing if the treasure was worth the risk to perform a 'raid'.

Ang!

The White Jade Jiao roared loudly at Qing Shui once again, but it didn't try to leave its spot to chase him away. Because of that, he speculated that there was something valuable hidden underneath that humongous body of the White Jade Jiao.

Qing Shui stood nearby as he hesitated to attempt the 'raid'. He observed the situation closely - the White Jade Jiao didn't seem like it planned to leave this place any time soon.

“It’s good that it didn’t move. Otherwise I would have had to run away as fast as I could. Alright, I will try for now. If anything happens, I can always run away and try another time. Like they always say: If there is no risk, there is no reward.” Qing Shui held this monologue in his mind for a while.

If he couldn’t defeat this White Jade Jiao, then there would always be other ways to force it to leave its spot. However, it was unknown whether these methods would actually work.

Mighty Elephant Stomp?

After pondering this idea for a moment, he shook his head. He also put on hold his thoughts about the treasure underneath that massive beast for now. After all, he still wasn’t qualified to fight head on with the White Jade Jiao given that his own power was only 4000 countries of strength.

Descending Heavens Talisman!

Qing Shui took out the Descending Heavens Talisman and ‘slapped’ it instantaneously towards the White Jade Jiao’s body.

With the Descending Heavens Talisman and some other weakening abilities, Qing Shui could instantly estimate the White Jade Jiao’s strength.

After decreasing about 240 countries of strength.....

Even though he had initially guessed that the White Jade Jiao at least possessed the power of 10,000 countries of strength, he was nevertheless shocked at what he saw - 2% of its overall power was about 240 countries of strength.

This meant the White Jade Jiao’s overall power was about 12,000 countries of strength.

Before this, Qing Shui actually had thought luck was on his side, because if the White Jade Jiao had the power equivalent of about 10,000 countries of strength, there was a possibility he could kill it with his current abilities. But now, all of that seemed nearly impossible.

There was a great disparity between his strength and the White Jade Jiao’s strength.

“I will try to decrease its strength first. If that doesn’t work, then I still can run away from it quite easily.” Qing Shui thought about it and regained a bit of hope. Today, his goal was to snatch the treasure away from the White Jade Jiao.

Ang!

The White Jade Jiao let out a deep roar while staring with its terrifying eyes at Qing Shui. The enormous eyes gazed at him with an expression of disdain. Taking away 240 countries of strength was a sign of disrespect to the gigantic demonic beast.

Qing Shui then summoned his Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant possessed the Instantaneous Diamond Evasion skill, so it was still in a safe zone. Of course, it would be another story if the opponent decided to use all of its 12,000 countries of strength. However, Qing Shui had made all the necessary preparations to defend against the White Jade Jiao.

Vajra Subdues Demons!

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant went straight into its battle mode and inflicted the skill that could infuriate any opponent onto the White Jade Jiao. In an instant, the White Jade Jiao's power had been weakened by a further 10%.

At that point, the White Jade Jiao that originally had 12,000 countries of strength began to feel uncomfortable. It felt some fear when it realized the potential threat Qing Shui and his Diamond Gigantic Elephant were beginning to pose. The look of disdain the White Jade Jiao gave to Qing Shui earlier was because it thought it was still far more powerful than him.

Fiery Golden Eyes!

This technique decreased the Jiao's power by another 1000 countries of strength!

Ang Ang!

The White Jade Jiao's shifted its enormous body uncomfortably as it let out two distinct roars. The beast began to circle around the spot swiftly, almost like a layer of rippling waves.

Even so, it refused to leave its original spot. Seeing how adamant the White Jade Jiao was in remaining still, Qing Shui was even more certain that there was indeed something valuable underneath that particular spot. Without hesitation, Qing Shui quickly released his ungodly Emperor's Qi towards the White Jade Jiao.

2400 more countries of strength were removed from the White Jade Jiao

The last weakening effect of the Emperor's Qi by Qing Shui had completely angered the White Jade Jiao. Its power had dropped from 12000 countries of strength to about 7300 countries of strength in a short amount of time. Nonetheless, despite all of Qing Shui's efforts to reduce the Jiao's power, there was still a vast difference between his strength and that of the demonic beast.

If he wished to eliminate the White Jade Jiao alone, it would be nearly impossible. Nevertheless, he still had other demonic beasts that he hadn't yet summoned. However, it was still too early to tell whether they could inflict any damage on the White Jade Jiao. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant was off the list because Qing Shui knew that it wouldn't last very long if it were to fight head-on with the White Jade Jiao.

What about the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly?

Qing Shui had some doubts. After all, the White Jade Jiao had an enormous body, and even if the butterfly's 'solidifying' ability could petrify part of the White Jade Jiao's body, it would be finished as soon as the White Jade Jiao even grazed it.

Huff!

The White Jade Jiao straightened for a moment, and then quickly swept towards Qing Shui's direction like a flash of lightning. Thundering noises sounded in the air as the White Jade Jiao flashed across the mountain range.

There was a trail of black afterimages left behind the White Jade Jiao, which seemed like a trail of shadows created by dark clouds blotting over the sun's rays.

Qing Shui didn't think twice and quickly retreated as he simultaneously recalled his Diamond Gigantic Elephant. As he was retreating, Qing Shui quickly sent the Heavenly Talismans that he had prepared earlier towards the incoming White Jade Jiao.

Seven Star Armored Vest!

At this critical moment, Qing Shui gave up on hoarding his best equipment and swiftly equipped the vest that had the ability to double the user's defense for one hour.

Bang!

The White Jade Jiao's movement and attack patterns were so unexpectedly swift that Qing Shui didn't have the time to evade its attack completely.

However, in that split second, Qing Shui managed to use his Violet Gold Divine Shield to defend the White Jade Jiao's attack.

Even after his defense had been doubled, he was still injured by the White Jade Jiao's previous bash. Fortunately, he could clearly feel his injury slowly healing. It seemed the injury he had sustained wasn't really all that serious.

This was the Yin-Yang Image's healing effect!

Qing Shui could clearly feel the Yin-Yang Image circulating in a swift motion. The Yin-Yang Image that had previously become larger was continuously repairing his wound while also slowly boosting his powers. The reason Qing Shui's cultivation could progress quickly was because of the Yin-Yang Image. Qing Shui and his Yin-Yang Image were essentially inseparable.

The White Jade Jiao's bash flung Qing Shui into the air, and right then, he saw what was underneath the spot the Jiao had been guarding earlier. On that spot was a three-meter tall ice-blue tree with two azure fruits the size of a human fist.

The Ice Snow Sacred Fruits!

Qing Shui's heart started beating rapidly. He had already seen and read the introduction on this fruit in the book called 'Chronicles on Rare Phenomenons in the Main Continent'. As a result, he immediately recognized the fruits as the Ice Snow Sacred Fruits.

Qing Shui also realized that it made sense for the White Jade Jiao to be guarding the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit. The treasure the White Jade Jiao had been guarding would of course have some sort of value, so when he saw the fruits, he understood everything.

The Ice Snow Sacred Fruit was able to grow even in harsh and cold conditions. A seed could grow into an Ice Cold Sacred Fruit Tree if it had the right conditions of the earth's cold air and an abundance of spiritual qi. It would take 500 years for the tree to bloom flowers, and then another 100 years for the tree to produce fruits. After that, it would take another 500 years for the fruits to ripen. So overall, each fruit on the Ice Cold Sacred Fruit Tree would take about 1100 years to ripen before it was ready to be picked.

Qing Shui observed the fruits and realized they hadn't seem to have ripened yet. Judging by their size and color, as well as the description he remembered from the book, it would take about another 100 years before both the fruits would completely ripen.

When he saw the actual fruits with his own eyes, his heart was filled with excitement. The book had also recorded the tempting effects of the fruits. The Ice Cold Sacred Fruit could possibly advance a cultivation technique of a demonic beast to another realm. Should that fail, then the demonic beast would instead gain 200 countries of strength. However, only Grade Two Martial Saint up to Peak Martial Saint demonic beasts would be affected. The effects weren't limited until the Grand Perfection Stage of Peak Martial Saint either.

Qing Shui thought it was worth provoking the Jiao when he remembered the effects of the Ice Cold Sacred Fruit. After all, this fruit was considered one rarest in the world. Given its rarity, Qing Shui speculated that no one in the Seven Stars Country had ever gotten away with the fruit. This was because White Jade Jiao was the guardian of the Ice Cold Sacred Fruit Tree.

The effects of either increasing power by 200 countries or advancing a cultivation technique to another realm - if lucky, were nothing short of beneficial. Moreover, the advancement wasn't by one level, but by an entire realm, which could skip several levels in one go. Realms were divided by sizes, but even the smallest realm could advance a Grade Two Martial Saint to a Grade Three Martial Saint in an instant.

This effect was heaven-defying!

The White Jade Jiao didn't try to chase Qing Shui after it swept him away to the other side. Instead, it circled around the spot once again - as if forming a perfect circle, seemingly protecting the Ice Cold Sacred Fruit in the middle.

Qing Shui stood back up quickly. The force of the White Jade Jiao's bash had also injured the inner vital organs of his body, causing him to nearly vomit blood. Luckily, he was able to recover quickly due to his great physique. The only thing that bothered Qing Shui right now was the speed of the White Jade Jiao - it was insanely fast! The speed was like the strike of a ferocious snake, which was exactly how the White Jade Jiao moved when it had tried to attack Qing Shui. The speed was indescribable, and Qing Shui was unable to evade a straightforward attack. Fortunately, he had already recalled his Diamond Gigantic Elephant, otherwise it would have been crippled by the White Jade Jiao's attack. It might have even been killed right there and then.

Gale Pellet!

Qing Shui quickly swallowed a Gale Pellet, but even so, he had no confidence that he would be able to evade the Jiao given its incredible speed.

Binding Talisman, Armor Break Talisman!

Since the White Jade Jiao would never leave the area, he decided to strike with everything he had. During that moment, the White Jade Jiao abruptly spat out a dense icy qi at the Heavenly Talismans - freezing them in the process. Despite the enormous size of the 'Dragon's Aura' qi, once the qi touched the Heavenly Talismans, all of the talismans burst instantly and seeped their divinity powers into the White Jade Jiao's body.

Thump!

Cloudhand!

Art of Pursuing!

Qing Shui was flung outwards by the White Jade Jiao once again. This time, he managed to use his Taichi's power and quickly forced himself backwards, minimizing the damage received. He was able to do this very quickly due to his previous experiences dealing with large beings. At the very least, this was better than the first bash, as he could time his actions swiftly. Most importantly, Qing Shui was able to inflict the 'Art of Pursuing' at the White Jade Jiao successfully.

### **Chapter 686 - The mighty Jade Emperor Queen Bee Butchering the White Jade Jiao!**

Art of Pursuing!

Reduce the opponent's speed by 20% and increase their body weight by 20%!

20%, that's quite a lot!

Qing Shui's speed doubled whereas the opponent's speed got reduced by 20%. In that case, even though Qing Shui wasn't able to evade it, he was still able to retreat with his entire body by using the Taichi Diversion technique.

However, the Frost Breath that the opponent used was still considerably strong. People with insufficient strength would immediately be frozen by it. Worse, they might even be frozen to death immediately and get swallowed by the White Jade Jiao.

Qing Shui had a formidable physical body. Adding in with the mysterious Yin-Yang Image and his Qi of Ancient Strengthening Technique, he was able to thaw out from the ice. Even so, he was unable to use the Taichi Diversion Technique due to a time shortage.

Critical Damage!

Qing Shui grabbed the opportunity to use the Critical Damage which would enable him to ignore half of the opponent's defense. Even so, the most he could do was just injure the White Jade Jiao slightly. This level of damage wasn't threatening enough to the enormous White Jade Jiao.

On the contrary, it was enraged by the attacks.

Primordial Flame!

Qing Shui threw out two bundles of the upgraded Primordial Flame Ball. This caused the enormous White Jade Jiao to roll on the ground to evade. Soon after, it breathed out a thick icy air towards the two Primordial Flame Ball.

Chi-chi!

Two powerful noises thundered out. The primordial flames which had ascended to a new grade wasn't something which the White Jade Jiao was able to deal with. It started circling around the ground vigorously with its enormous body.

Hu!

It breathed out an intense icy breath.

Bang!

Pu-pu!

The Primordial Flame Balls were blocked by the Pure Jade Jiao. The thing the White Jade Jiao breathed out was actually an ice blade that materialized. The weapon was something which was formed as a result of the Core Qi within the Core of the demonic beast condensing together. It shot down the Primordial Flame Balls straight away.

Chi-chi!

The two Primordial Flame Balls, which dropped down on the snowy ground, immediately disappeared. A big part of the area however, was melted as a result of the fireballs dropping. Nevertheless, Qing Shui felt really happy because he found out that the White Jade Jiao was afraid of the primordial flames.

Ang-ang!

The White Jade Jiao loosed a few roars into the sky and shocked a lot of flying beasts in the surroundings. There was a mighty rage within its roar. Within it, there was also a strong desire to demonstrate its ability.

Hu!

Two primordial flames, which were two foot long, once again appeared on Qing Shui's palm. After that, they quickly turned into two fireballs. Qing Shui swiftly tossed them out at the moment the White Jade Jiao was moving around uneasily.

He tossed them out with the Hidden Weapons technique.

The two Primordial Flame Balls swiftly flew towards the White Jade Jiao while it was moving around in dismay. The way it moved with its enormous body on the ground looked particularly stunning.

Right at the moment it was about to open up its mouth and shot out an icy breath, Qing Shui made his move.

Demon Binding Ropes!

The Demon Binding Ropes was cast out instantaneously and could reach the opponent's body in just a moment. Even if it wasn't able to bind the opponent, it still had an insane ability. It was capable of interrupting the opponent's attack the first time it was cast out.

If there was a huge difference in strength, it would lose its functionality after the first time. As long as it couldn't to bind the opponent, it wouldn't have any effect the second time it was cast out.

This was because Demon Binding Ropes was filled with abundant spiritual energy the first time it was cast out. When there was a huge difference in strength between it and the opponent, it would consume half of the Qi on the first try. In order to have similar effect on the second try, one would need to wait

for it to recover its Qi. Unfortunately, most of the time, there wasn't enough time to wait for this to happen.

Qing Shui's intention was just to interrupt his opponent's attack. Even though it only managed to delay it for a bit, it was more than enough. The two Primordial Flame Balls shot towards the head of the White Jade Jiao.

The White Jade Jiao avoided it with its agile movement.

As if Qing Shui would let it do as it pleased!

Burst!

Qing Shui screamed. As soon as he did so, the two primordial flames collided with each other.

Bang!

After they burst, they turned into countless shattered flames the size of human fingers. The Twin Dragon Explosion this time was a few times more powerful than before it upgraded.

It happened really suddenly. Additionally, the instantaneous collision and explosion of the primordial flames became a few times faster than before. It swiftly rushed towards the head of the White Jade Jiao.

Ang-ang.....

For a moment, a thunderous screeching and angry noise could be heard in the sky. The White Jade Jiao struggled mightily with its body, causing a mess around the snowy area in the surroundings. As a result, the snow mountains around them also began to collapse. In a short while, the sky became full of snowflakes and the area around him turned into ruins.

Qing Shui spotted scarlet blood on the snowy ground. He suspected that it might have been from the eyes of the White Jade Jiao which were damaged by the primordial flames.

No matter how large a demonic beast was, their eyes would still be their most vulnerable organs. Even if their eyes were the size of small aquariums, a primordial flame which was only the size of a finger was more than enough to blind it.

Qing Shui wasn't sure if he blinded one or two of its eyes.

Anggggh!

The White Jade Jiao furiously glared at Qing Shui. Its left eye had been blinded and blood was still flowing out of a terrible wound. If the White Jade Jiao hadn't had a formidable physical body, it would have been burnt to death by the primordial flames.

Huuu!

With its body curled, the White Jade Jiao abruptly threw itself at Qing Shui. After that, it shot out an intense Frost Breath from its mouth. Simultaneously, it also raised its body and whipped its thick tail at Qing Shui. It did all of this at an incredible speed.



Qing Shui had long since prepared Primordial Flame Balls in his hand. He formed an up-and-down formation with his hands. One to aim towards the face of the White Jade Jiao, which was already scarred, while the other one was to aim for the stomach where its Core was located.

After tossing out two primordial flames, Qing Shui immediately summoned the Jade Emperor Queen Bee.

The Jade Emperor Queen Bee swiftly used the Poison Killer Sting, a Poison Killer Sting which contained a few times more poison than it did in the past.

Anggg!

A faint pink powder emerged from the body of the White Jade Jiao. The wounds that had been inflicted on it originally turned even more terrifying. The rate at which the blood was flowing out also became several times faster.

Damage Increase!

Until now, Qing Shui still wasn't sure about what poison was contained in the Poison Killer Sting of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee. It seemed to change from time to time. This was also the first time the Jade Emperor Queen Bee used this poison since it had evolved.

Following the loss of blood of the White Jade Jiao, Qing Shui used his spiritual sense to feel the strength of it. He could feel that not only was its strength dropping significantly, even its life energy was decreasing. He had finally come to realize what was happening. This was just the same as back then when he was facing off against the Sect Head of the Ten Thousand Poisons Sect.

The effect of the Poison Killer Sting of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee was Damage Increase. By doing so, the enemy's strength would drop and their lifespan would be reduced. It seemed to be somehow related to the enemy's injuries. The heavier the damage it had taken, the larger effect the poison needles of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee would have.

Qing Shui never expected for the Poison Needle Sting of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee to be this strong. It caused the enemy's strength to drop and lifespan to decrease. Even Qing Shui himself found it hard to believe the ridiculous amount of reduction in strength caused by the sting.

Five thousand and three hundred countries!

At the moment the poison needle showed its effect, the strength of the White Jade Jiao dropped all the way down to only five thousand and three hundred countries. The injuries caused from before were still quite serious but because of the Poison Killer Sting, blood stopped flowing out of its injuries. Now, Qing Shui finally had a chance of winning the battle,.

Diamond Gigantic Elephant!

Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly!

Qing Shui quickly summoned them and rode on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. The Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly followed from behind. The entire scene looked really spectacular.

Qing Shui never thought that he would be able to reduce the strength of a White Jade Jiao, which was around twelve thousand countries, to this extent. Especially towards the end when the Jade Emperor Queen Bee used its poison. It was so insanely powerful. Unfortunately, the limit to which it could be used was too restrictive.

State of One with Elephant!

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion!

Shield Attack!

Qing Shui rode on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and swiftly rushed towards the White Jade Jiao. He bashed out with the Violet Gold Divine Shield that was in his hand very quickly.

Bang!

Originally, Qing Shui's strength was already not inferior to that of the White Jade Jiao. By adding in the effect of the State of One with Elephant as well as Shield Attack, even the enormous Pure Jade Jiao would be blown away.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion

Diamond Sword Qi!

Shield Attack!

Qing Shui once again charged towards the White Jade Jiao that got blown away by his previous attack. He once again hammered ferociously on the White Jade Jiao with his Violet Gold Divine Shield.

Combination Sword Techniques!

Beng!

After that, Qing Shui began to one-sidedly attack the enormous White Jade Jiao. While he was doing so, the White Jade Jiao continuously let out thunderous roars. Its cries were filled with rage.

Ang!

At the moment the White Jade Jiao once again got blown away, it curled up its enormous body and started spinning around the ground. After that, it swiftly soared up into the sky. Its hundred meter thick body truly resembled that of an enormous dragon.

Hu!

The icy breath that it let out in the air was totally different from the one on the ground. Simultaneously, it whipped its tail across the sky towards Qing Shui. The attack actually possessed more power when in air than on the ground.

It's always been a fact that a tiger would be much stronger once it went up a mountain and a dragon would be even stronger once it soared up the sky. Despite the White Jade Jiao not being a dragon, it still possessed the ability to do so.

Qing Shui's strength was nothing inferior to that of the White Jade Jiao. Under this kind of circumstance, he still had ways to kill the White Jade Jiao.

Hidden Weapon!

The current Hidden Weapon wasn't effective in the sky. The White Jade Jiao that was at a disadvantage finally learned from its mistakes. It could barely dodge Qing Shui's attacks. It was just that it looked like it was struggling to do so.

Qing Shui waited until his opponent was weak to deliver consecutive blows. He even used the Twin Dragon Explosion. The moment when the White Jade Jiao moved back, Qing Shui charged towards it.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion!

Critical Damage!

The previous Critical Damage wasn't really effective against the White Jade Jiao. However, it had turned out to be the most fatal killer now. Qing Shui penetrated through the head of the malevolent creature with his Big Dipper Sword.

Pu!

Its enormous head got directly sliced open by Qing Shui. The sharp and precise strength of Qing Shui's sword immediately destroyed the head of the White Jade Jiao.

A short, yet powerless, cry rang out. After that, the White Jade Jiao fell down onto the ground.

Dong!

The huge noise caused even the earth itself to vibrate.

Qing Shui was stunned for a moment. After that, he gradually dropped down onto the ground. He never thought that he would actually be able to kill that huge beast. His original intention was only to steal the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit Tree. He never expected that he would actually end up killing the White Jade Jiao.

Qing Shui first moved the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit Tree into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. This thing was like a treasure to him. In the future, his demonic beasts would still need to rely on this to raise their strength.

Even though the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit Tree was only one meter tall, its roots penetrated really deeply into the ground. It was about fifty meters long. Qing Shui pulled it out perfectly. After that, he created a hole which was almost as big within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and planted it in the hole.

Qing Shui wasn't concerned whether the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit Tree would survive. Throughout all these years, Qing Shui hadn't found anything which couldn't survive within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

After tidying up everything, Qing Shui went out of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He had earned a lot from his trip to the Mountain of Longevity this time. It was a really worthwhile journey.

It would have been perfect if he could find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood. But it's better to not be greedy since it's already a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be able to kill the White Jade Jiao and obtain the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit.

### **Chapter 687 - Refining Demons yet again! The Fire Bird broke through**

Qing Shui walked out of the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and walked towards the White Jade Jiao, which was dead. Qing Shui planned to dissect it and scrape off its skin to collect materials. But as he was about to do it, he came to a stop.

He thought about it for a while and eventually took out the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace. So far, he has only used the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace once, which was back when he was at the Stellar Horse Lake. Ever since then, he never took it out even once. The idea to use it this time was prompted by a sudden impulse to refine demons.

By refining demons, there was a chance for him to get some unexpected stuff. Of course, he wouldn't be able to get anything if it failed. While there were a lot of reasons behind it, he might end up with some particularly good stuff.

For example, the Origin Essence Pearl of a demonic beast.

It's just like the pearl that he got last time when he was at Stellar Horse Lake. However, the one that he got last time was refined from two demonic beasts. It's not that there wasn't any possibility of attaining it from refining one demonic beast, it's just that the chance of success was very small. In addition to that, the chance of obtaining it would only be higher if the demonic beast was alive.

But it's too dangerous to refine a demonic beast while it was still alive. Qing Shui wouldn't have done it last time if he had a choice. This time, Qing Shui was going to take it as a practice to see if he could obtain some huge benefits from refining demons.

It might have been because of the White Jade Jiao but not only was Qing Shui unable to sense any powerful beasts within ten metres of the area, there were even no signs of demonic beasts beyond Martial Saint.

Qing Shui sat crossed-legged three metres above the ground and began to recover his energy. Qing Shui released the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly, Jade Emperor Queen Bee as well as the Jade Emperor Bee. In any case, this was a dangerous area. After all, a gigantic demonic beast came and swallowed him while he was in the State of No Conscious, he wouldn't even know how he died.

After a the time it takes for a joss stick to burn, Qing Shui opened up both of his eyes. He looked fresh and relaxed. Taking into account that this place had abundant spiritual energy, it helped Qing Shui to recover a lot faster than usual.

After investigating the area around him once, Qing Shui took out the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace and slowly offered his sacrifice to the furnace. Slowly, a simple and unadorned light shone on top of the furnace and enveloped the corpse of the White Jade Jiao.

The Primordial Demon Refining Furnace got bigger and bigger. It eventually came to a stop when it was big enough to contain the corpse of the White Jade Jiao. After that, it gradually secured itself to the ground and held onto the corpse of the White Jade Jiao.

The White Jade Jiao died not long ago. This was what inspired Qing Shui to refine demons, he felt that he was in luck and should give it a try,

After that, Qing Shui began to gently pat the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace. Everytime he did so, a faint golden light would dissolve into the Demon Refining Furnace.

As time passed, the light that was glowing on the Demon Refining Furnace shrunk. It started off shrinking really quickly but gradually the speed at which it happened got slower and slower.

Refining demons meant refining the essence within the body of a demonic beast. Considering that the White Jade Jiao had formidable strength and was large in size, when refining it, one would have to rely on powerful strength as their foundation to refine it.

Normally, during the process of refining demons, people would use demonic beasts that just died. Once a demonic beast was dead for a long time, the essence of its corpse would fade away and naturally result in it becoming worthless for refining.

Time went on little by little. Very quickly, night had already approached. The stars in the sky added to the brilliant white snow cover caused the surroundings to look very bright. However, Qing Shui seemed like he was unaware of all of this happening. He kept his eyes closed while maintaining a calm mind.

Slowly, the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace shrank all the way to its original size. However, the light on top of it glowed even more brightly and it even started making serene noises. It was a really shocking scene.

Suddenly, the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace started giving off dazzling light. It was a simple and unadorned yet gorgeous light. At this moment, the pictures on the Demon Refining Furnace became really lively. It looked really colorful and distinct.

At this moment, Qing Shui opened up both of his eyes while maintaining the movement of his hands. Not knowing when it happened, the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace started rising up towards the sky. Qing Shui on the other hand, attempted to continue burning it with his Primordial Flame.

To a certain extent, the process of refining demons and refining medicines were similar. They both have to go through the refining process. At the moment when the Demon Refining Furnace had shrunk to a certain extent, it would need the Primordial Flame to refine it.

The Primordial Flame in Qing Shui's hand became weaker and weaker until it stopped. At the same time, the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace also descended from the sky and slowly landed on the ground. Even though the Demon Refining Furnace didn't look that big, it felt as if it weighed about a thousand countries in the instant it fell.

Qing Shui slowly stood up and looked towards the Demon Refining Furnace. At this moment, he felt a bit excited. He knew that the demon refining process this time was a success, hence he was really looking forward to seeing what came out of it.

There were only two things, one was a pure jade pearl that was about the size of a fist whereas the other one was a crystal card as large as his palm. There was a blurred image on top of the card. It took the shape of the Pure Jade Jiao from before.

Without the need to mention it, the pearl was the Origin Essence Pearl . The card on the other hand should be a demonic beast card, otherwise known as a crystal card. It was a body of energy.

It was just like the time when Qing Shui had the tiger card. When he patted it on his body, he felt a very strong effect. It could help raise his offensive strength. As for how much it raised, he was uncertain about it. All along, he hadn't used it even once. Normally, he would feel that it was a waste to use it. But then in times of emergency, he would forget about it instead. Hence, he had always had the tiger crystal card with him.

Qing Shui grabbed the crystal card of the White Jade Jiao in his hand. As he did so, a cold aura went through his body. The feeling of having a powerful spiritual energy in his body was even stronger than the one with the tiger crystal card.

It might have been because there were other Beast Tamers across the continents or perhaps there is another reason but the effects of the card were all written on top of it.

Additional state: Speed reduction, freeze. Upon usage, it had effect of reducing opponent's speed by 100% for half an hour. It has a fixed percentage of freezing your opponent. The duration of the opponent being frozen would depend on their strength.

"Not bad, it seems really strong." Qing Shui didn't know much about the effect of the cards. He only judged the card based on what was shown on it. For example, Qing Shui regarded the card that stated a reduction in speed as much as 100% as a good card but he was uncertain exactly what the 100% speed reduction was based on. What he thought was even better was the effect of freezing the opponent. For opponents with almost equal strength, if one of them was frozen, the other one would have more than enough time to instantly kill him.

Qing Shui put away the crystal card of the White Jade Jiao and put it together with the tiger one. It would definitely come in handy in the future. After taking out the pearl, Qing Shui immediately put the Primordial Demon Refining Furnace back into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

The Origin Essence Pearl was definitely considered to be a rare treasure, the one in Qing Shui's hand in particular, they were highly sought after but low in supply. It was made from one of the strongest demonic beasts that Qing Shui had encountered so far.

Minggggg!

Not knowing when it happened, the Fire Bird began spiralling around the top of Qing Shui's head. It seemed to be yearning for the Origin Essence Pearl which was in Qing Shui's hand. Even though the only thing it was doing was circling in the sky, Qing Shui could see that it was quite eager to taste the pearl.

To be honest, Qing Shui had never actually thought about letting the Fire Bird have it. He planned to help the Diamond Gigantic Elephant move up even further in terms of strength. But as he looked at the Fire Bird's eager expression, he began to feel a bit hesitant.

The Fire Bird was Qing Shui's first Demonic Beast, yet it was the weakest one at the moment. Even the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly and the Jade Emperor Queen Bee were both stronger than it. For a moment, Qing Shui felt really guilty. Not only did he use the Fire Bird to escape from risky situations, he even used it for transport. Simply put, it was one of the most important demonic beasts to Qing Shui.

In any case, the pearl was something that he obtained from refining demons this time. It was time for the Fire Bird to increase its strength. Qing Shui's original plan was to help raise the strength of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant because by doing so, it would also help him raise a bit of his strength, which was why Qing Shui neglected the Fire Bird.

The more Qing Shui thought about it, the guiltier he felt. He immediately tossed the Origin Essence Pearl in his hand to the Fire Bird. The Fire Bird was the demonic beast that he used the most, yet it was also the one that he tended to leave out. It would be great if the Fire Bird could become a Martial Saint. It was the first Demonic Beast rewarded by the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Not only that, it even possessed the bloodline of a phoenix.

The Fire Bird happily swallowed the Origin Essence Pearl. After that, it began to continuously fly around the sky. The way it flew looked really unusual. It would fly up and down and move left and right from time to time.

This caused Qing Shui to feel really weird. Normally, regardless of whether a demonic beast or a human took in a pellet or a medicinal pill which helped increase strength, they would both quiet down to consume the strength hidden within it.

However, unlike before, instead of stopping in the middle of the sky, the Fire Bird began flying around the sky constantly. It looked really good doing that with its scarlet body.

Minggg!

A loud bird chirping noise rang. Suddenly, the body of the Fire Bird began burning with flame. This phenomenon shocked Qing Shui. But as he thought about it, it was nothing unusual considering that this was a fire element bird.

Even though the red flame wasn't extraordinarily strong, it looked really stunning, not to mention that the Fire Bird was quite big now. The sight of it burning with flame looked really spectacular.

The flame slowly got ignited across the whole body of the Fire Bird. Even Qing Shui could feel the sudden burst in the Fire Bird's strength with his Spiritual Sense.

Minggggg!

There was yet another heaven shaking chirping noise. The noise sounded just like the one that the Pure Jade Jiao made. There was a kind of dignified and serene feeling to it. However, this chirping noise sounded more beautiful than the previous one.

Mingggg!

The chirping noise this time sounded even more thunderous than before. It sounded so loud, like it was about to pierce through the blue dome of heaven at any time. Simultaneously, the flame across the body of the Fire Bird combined together and burst.

In that instant, the Fire Bird began burning in fierce flames like it had exploded. The entire scene looked really spectacular. Qing Shui was stunned while the Jade Emperor Queen Bee and the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly moved back with unease. They constantly flew around the area and made uneasy noises while the rest of the Jade Emperor Bees were immobilized on the ground.

Even the Diamond Gigantic Elephant felt really uneasy and began stomping the ground. To solve that, Qing Shui jumped onto the back of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and gently patted it to calm it down.

The other demonic beasts also felt really uneasy but it wasn't as dramatic as the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. The sudden burst in the Fire Bird's strength had already caused the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to feel intimidated. Even though the other demonic beasts belonged to Qing Shui, they would still feel uneasy towards it.

The Fire Bird had already surpassed the Jade Emperor Queen Bee and the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly in terms of strength. They may not have felt as uneasy because their original talents lay in using poisons and they were born within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, just like the Fire Bird.

Qing Shui gazed at the Fire Bird in the sky that had grown to be about fifty meters. The flame across its body slowly faded away, leaving only two bundles of flame on its tail, adding an additional godly might to its appearance.

It flapped both of its enormous wings and soared up sharply into the sky. Its movement was smooth, elegant, gorgeous and had a sort of kinglike aura. Even the phoenix crown on its head had also doubled in size even though it was still a bit small compared to the body size of the Fire Bird.

The Fire Bird performed a swift turn. Its body was as curved as a bow, looking particularly soft and coordinated.

Mingggg!

The joyful chirping noise almost made Qing Shui laugh!

The Fire Bird had also become a Martial Saint Grade Demonic Beast!

### **Chapter 688 - The Powerful 'Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens'**

The strength of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, under the effects of the Diamond Qi and Diamond Protection, could be considered as a Grade Five Martial Saint Level.

It would also mean that it had the attack power of 1500 countries of strength, and the defense of nearly 3000 countries of strength.

However, the Fire Bird had now achieved the power that was about 2000 countries of strength!

Qing Shui was shocked when he had realized how much power the Fire Bird currently possessed. Wasn't this a bit too fast considering the tremendous amount of power it had gained just from one Origin Essence Pearl? The Fire Bird had jumped from being a Peak Martial King demonic beast to a Grade Six Martial Saint, or to be more precise, a Grade Six Elementary Martial Saint. In other words, the Fire Bird's power would be equivalent to the power of a Grade Six Peak Martial Saint human.



When he thought about the flames earlier, Qing Shui felt that the Fire Bird may already had another blood awakening due to the correlation of its special blood to the advancement of his power.

The Fire Bird flew back and fluttered around happily as it soared across the sky above him. It kept letting out a series of high-pitched cries, as it obviously projected its happiness towards Qing Shui. Whenever he looked at the Fire Bird, he would always be reminded of the legendary divine bird - the Phoenix!

Especially the scene where the Fire Bird's body was bathed in burning flames - it had instantly reminded him of a phoenix rising from the ashes!

Qing Shui couldn't wait to find out the Fire Bird's newfound abilities, so he decided to check them quickly. When he saw the abilities, he realized that most of it had already changed.

The Flying ability was a natural ability of the Fire Bird, as to most flying beasts in the world. The endurance and the speed of flight were incomparable, which didn't come as a surprise as the flying ability was considered as the best skill any flying beast could possess. In the case of the Fire Bird, it could now fly four times the speed of sound for a longer period of time.

Qing Shui was quite pleased with the improvement. The speed of his Fire Bird was now doubled compared to its previous state. And most importantly, its endurance had grown quite strong, which was even stronger than his Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

Hell's Inferno: Fire Bird's powerful flame attack. The pitch-black flame has the ability to burn everything in its way. It was considered to had a terrifying and disruptive force when unleashed.

The name seemed to have had a change as well!

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens: When this move was released, its power and the damage of its flame attack would be doubled. These effects would last for 15 minutes, and could only be used once per day. During the span of 15 minutes, any damage inflicted on the Fire Bird would be reduced by multiple folds.

Qing Shui was stunned immediately by this abnormally strong battle skill. It took him quite a long time to regain his composure, as well as to realize what the name 'Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens' implied. Was it an indication that there was a possibility for the Fire Bird to evolve to a Phoenix in the future?

It would be too insane if he use the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens as a supplementary skill during a battle. The Fire Bird could now strike with 2000 countries of strength and endure damages it received at around 8000 countries of strength in 15 minutes. As for the burning flame of the Hell's Inferno, he still had no clue about how much damage it could inflict yet.

It was quite unfortunate that the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens could only last for 15 minutes, and also disheartening that it could only be used once per day. If he could use the skill for an unlimited number of times in one day, then the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens would certainly become a much powerful threat to his opponents.

Qing Shui would never have thought that the Fire Bird could actually gain such a powerful supplementary battle skill during this breakthrough. He felt a bit jealous because of that.

If only the Fire Bird's power was a bit higher - despite having a mighty defense power, it could essentially become an invincible being in front of those below the grade of Peak Martial Saints under the influence of the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens. Of course, without the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, it would be an entirely different story.

And there was also the powerful Hell's Inferno - in which he could incorporate it with his Critical Damage and Primordial Flame Ball under the effects of the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens to perform an overwhelming attack.

Qing Shui eventually cooled down his excitement and continued to analyze the Fire Bird's skills. So far, the Fire Bird had shown some promising results that could provide assistance to Qing Shui for the next battle. Indeed, it had experienced quite a tremendous change.

Phoenix Paradise: When the Fire Bird had received a fatal blow, there would be a 30% chance of rising from the ashes after it had died!

This skill had already existed during the last breakthrough, so besides having its power greatly improved, the only new skill the Fire Bird had gained was the almighty supplementary skill - the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens.

As he felt extremely satisfied, Qing Shui called back all of his demonic beasts and kept them inside the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Then he slowly made his way to the deeper parts of the Mountain of Longevity.

His footsteps had become bolder as he trekked his way into the mountains - he had gained a bit of confidence because of the Fire Bird's breakthrough. If the Fire Bird had the power it currently possessed during the fight with the White Jade Jiao, the battle would have gone a bit smoother without much effort. If the White Jade Jiao had been weakened by Qing Shui's technique first, then the Fire Bird would be able to hit a tie with the White Jade Jiao, given that the Fire Bird had activated the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens beforehand. During the moment of the heated battle between the two demonic beasts, Qing Shui would have an ample time to 'snatch' away the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit before the White Jade Jiao could notice.

Even if he tried to kill the White Jade Jiao with his enhanced Fire Bird, it would have been a lot easier to do.

Either way, he had already reached his goal, and the Fire Bird had already reached a breakthrough, so he was still quite happy about it. His heart was explicitly filled with joy and happiness at this point.

Perhaps the area he was on was still a part of the White Jade Jiao's territory, which could explain the lack of any encounter with another powerful demonic beast so far. However, when he had reached about 50 li deep inside the mountains, he finally encountered a few demonic beasts. Sadly, these demonic beasts could not even compare to the strength of the invincible White Jade Jiao.

Qing Shui had now reached 500 li deep into the mountains. The journey was all smooth sailing except for the White Jade Jiao earlier, however, that was also because of the Ice Snow Sacred Fruits that were present in that area.

Then he had a funny thought for a bit when he remembered about the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit Tree he had gotten earlier. The tree was more valuable than the fruit because the fruits would take a lot of time to mature before it could be pick up. If the fruit was harvested while it was still young, then that would be a loss for everyone. Most people who stumbled upon the fruit would either pick the unripe fruits or give them up entirely.

Even when Qing Shui had already possessed an artifact that was as mighty as the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he still didn't know how to describe his excitement when he had obtained the Ice Snow Scared Fruit tree from the White Jade Jiao.

It would be extremely difficult for someone who wished to stand on top of the World of the Nine Continents without having a few supreme treasures on their sleeves. So each time he had acquired a new powerful artifact, he felt like he had taken another step towards the apex of the World of the Nine Continents.

After five days had passed, Qing Shui had already ventured 800 li deep into the mountains. At that moment, Qing Shui hesitated to push his journey forward. Old man Ying had warned him that if he hadn't reach the level of a Peak Martial Saint yet, then he should not venture beyond the range of 1000 li.

In any case, he had already reached so far, so he decided to search around the area to find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox.

There were rumors that the Three Tailed Immortal Fox had lived in a remote area with an extremely cold weather, which meant that this part of the mountains had qualified to that condition. He was filled with hope that he might be able to find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox around here.

The Three Tailed Immortal Fox was a demonic beast with a level between Elementary Martial Saint to less than Grade Two Martial Saint. Even though the Everlasting Pellet required the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood, the alchemy recipe stated that it was the lowest requirement needed to be able to successfully refine one. So it would be best if he was able to find a Four Tailed Immortal Fox Blood, otherwise the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood would do just fine.

He had roamed over the mountains and through the deep ravines, passed through bottomless ponds and a seemingly ancient forest, and walked through multiple tunnels. He had been to almost everywhere within the supposed territory of the Three Tailed Immortal Fox, but he couldn't find any foxes except for other demonic beasts that didn't interest him. Qing Shui was extremely uninterested to fight those demonic beasts - he didn't want to fight the Martial Saint beasts despite being able to because he didn't want to waste any of his time. If he went on a rampage to kill the demonic beasts, he wouldn't be able to kill them all as there were too many of them. When he first killed a few demonic beasts, he had acquired quite an amount of beast leather and cores. But after that, he had completely lost his interest in those items.

Within the 1000-li territory, there weren't any demonic beast that could compare to the White Jade Jiao earlier. But if he was able to meet one again, it might be a lucky incident, or it could be a disaster, depending on the outcome. Just like the White Jade Jiao, if he had won the fight, then he was lucky to be able to reap the spoils of the battle, but if he had lost the fight, then it would be a disaster as he would be dead by then.

At random times, the sky would be swarmed with a bunch of large flying beasts either flying alone or in a group. The distance from here to the Village of Longevity was around 1000 li. However, none of the demonic beasts had ever caused any trouble in the Village of Longevity before. Old man Ying had mentioned earlier that there were a few Demon Suppressing Stones placed on the mountain peaks around the village to ward off the demonic beasts from disturbing them.

It wasn't all that surprising for a dangerous place like this to have a Demon Suppressing Stone despite being close to a town area. However, this was a place that could be easily assaulted by a demonic beast, so it was best to prevent any casualties by placing a Demon Suppressing Stone to keep off any demonic beasts from this area.

The Demon Suppressing Stones had different grades, which could be used to subdue different demonic beasts of different grades as well. Typically, Demon Suppressing Stones were carved into the shape of a beast that imitated the silhouette of an auspicious beast, dragon beast, or divine beast. A highly skilled sculptor could even infuse a type of mysterious energy into the stone as they carved the shape into it.

And then a month had passed.

Qing Shui didn't catch any glimpse of the Three Tailed Immortal Fox, but he was able to find quite a few rare medical herbs around the Mountain of Longevity, especially near the tunnels, ponds, and areas of high altitudes.

Today, he decided to search around for the Three Tailed Immortal Fox again. He had already made a final decision - if he could not find the fox within the next three to five days, then he would leave immediately and go elsewhere to search for the traces of the Three Tailed Immortal Fox.

Caw!

Suddenly, a piercing cry rang out in the sky. Qing Shui seemed to be familiar with the sound as he reacted quickly by looking up to the sky as fast as he could.

Three-legged Crow!

Qing Shui had looked around the sky and noticed that there was only one Three-legged Crow soaring above him. The Three-legged Crow was considered to be a Grade Seven Martial Saint demonic beast as it possessed the power around the strength of 4000 countries. The crow was about 20 meters in height, and it had a body colored completely in black. Its beak and claws were quite sharp, and so was its piercing cries, which could easily distort one's state of mind if not careful.

The Three-legged Crow could also be considered as a mutant beast, as well as one of the variation of the crow species. It was a demonic beast that travelled within a large group to form a powerful colony, which they would normally do. However, this crow appeared to be travelling alone. And as lonely as it seemed, this crow was also dumb enough to rush towards Qing Shui as soon as it saw him.

Screech!

Qing Shui quickly summoned his Fire Bird!

The sudden appearance of the giant Fire Bird had shocked the Three-legged Crow for a moment, but it quickly let out a high-pitched cry as if it was trying to intimidate the Fire Bird before it flew towards the Fire Bird's direction instead.

The crow thought it could intimidate the Fire Bird just because it possessed about 4000 countries of strength, which was twice the amount of Fire Bird's 2000 countries of strength. Feeling confident of its victory, the Three-legged Crow quickly rushed towards the Fire Bird without hesitation.

Screech!

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens!

The Fire Bird let out a high-pitched cry as it was enveloped in a layer of red flickering light. In that instance, the Fire Bird appeared as if it was a legendary divine bird doused in a holy flame. After that, it opened its beak widely and quickly spouted a dark suffocating flame at the crow!

The flame was a few meters long and a meter wide - it had morphed into a shape of a giant sword as it travelled through the air.

Caw caw!

At that moment, the Three-legged Crow seemed to have sensed a great danger to its life and began to find a way to escape quickly. However, it was too late, as the dark flame had instantly hit the body of the Three-legged Crow. The suffocating flame in combination with Fire Bird's supersonic flying speed was practically unavoidable.

In a flash, the mighty cry of the crow had turned into a screech of desolation. A giant flying demonic beast had vanished in the air within a breath of time, which left a subtle scent of burnt roasted meat.

Qing Shui was overjoyed. Even though the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens could only be used once per day, he wasn't concerned about that at all. The Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal that Qing Shui had frequented could be used multiple times per day. So in essence, if he put away his Fire Bird into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal after it had used the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, then he could wait until a day had passed in that realm before he could use the move once more.

The ratio of the time in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal to the time in real-life was 200:1. With that in mind, he could use the move once again in about less than 15 minutes - or seven and a half minutes to be precise. He would be able to use the move again in less than 15 minutes, provided that the Fire Bird returned to the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal as soon as the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens had been used up. Because of that, Qing Shui wasn't particularly upset with the limit because he had found a loophole to use this skill as many times as he wanted within a day.

As mentioned before, the Fire Bird could only be considered as a Grade Six Elementary Martial Saint due to its current strength. Despite that, Qing Shui realized that it had also possessed a powerful and dignified aura of a king, which could enable the Fire Bird to face an opponent stronger than itself without feeling suppressed due to the difference of their levels.

**Chapter 689 - Xijiang Country Cold Ice City, Meeting Hai Dongqing again**

The Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal has brought countless benefits to Qing Shui. Even the Fire Bird's insanely powerful Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens could be used limitlessly.

No matter how often Qing Shui was engaged in battles, it would be impossible for him to have more than ten battles every day, he would also need some rest between the fights. Hence, the fact that the Fire Bird broke through and attained the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens made Qing Shui feel as if he had just added a pair of wings to a tiger. The Fire Bird had finally awakened its formidable innate talent. Merely the Phoenix Paradise and the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Paradise were already more than enough to prove it.

The Fire Bird completely burnt up the Three-legged Crow within a few breaths of time. Then Qing Shui put the Fire Bird back into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. On normal occasions, Qing Shui would usually leave his demonic beasts inside the realm. By doing so, it would help them raise their strength faster.

The cultivation of demonic beasts was different than that of humans. Normally, the standard unit used to measure a demonic beast's cultivation level was the beast's age. The age of the demonic beast was one of their most important features. The beasts' cultivation levels grew with their age. Of course, the species of the beast as well as the Heavenly Talisman were even more important. If not, why would there be some demonic beasts that spent their entire life stuck at Xiantian Grade while there were some that were able to achieve Martial King Grade or even higher grades?

After three days, Qing Shui had yet to find any traces of the Three Tailed Immortal Fox. Hence, Qing Shui made up his mind to leave. It would be a waste of time if he continued staying here.

Prior to this, Qing Shui's original intention was to go to the place that Old Man Ying Sheng mentioned before, which was thousands of miles away from here, the place which even a peak Martial Saint Warrior should never go. However, after thinking for a while, Qing Shui gave up on this idea. He felt that there was no need for him to go on such a risky adventure.

He returned quite quickly. He managed to arrive at Village of Longevity within a day and once again got greeted warmly by Old Man Ying Xing, except this time he was accompanied by one more young man.

It was a charming and mischievous young man. He should be a few years older than Qing Shui and he looked both handsome and confident. Furthermore, there was also a noble aura coming from his body.

Qing Shui only found out that he was the third son of Ying Clan in Village of Longevity, Ying Shaoqing after being introduced. Normally, people would just call him Third Young Master Ying or Master Ying.

What puzzled Qing Shui was that this young man seemed to be even more outstanding than Ying Lie. However, Old Man Ying Xing didn't praise this young man as much, which somewhat bewildered Qing Shui.

"Brother Qing Shui, I have been paying attention to you for a long time. After living for thirty years, there is finally one more youngster who deserves my respect." The young man said in a natural and casual tone. The way he talked made people feel really relaxed and happy.

"Brother Ying, I'm not as good as you think." Qing Shui said politely. He felt really good about this young man.

“No, I have always been a really straightforward person. If you don’t have enough strength, I wouldn’t even waste my time pretending to congratulate you.” The young man chuckled.

“Why can’t you change your attitude, don’t you know that you have offended a lot of people with that bad habit of yours? And yet you still insist on doing it.” Old Man Ying Xing said helplessly.

“Gramps, it’s too disgusting to talk to fake people like them.” The young man chuckled. After he finished speaking, he even showed a disgusted face to Old Man Ying Xing.

This caused Old Man Ying Xing to let out a sigh: “I have no other choice. Qing Shui, you probably can tell as well that this brat is far superior to his brother. He has the innocent heart of a child. The only problem is that he isn’t really good at communicating with others. Not only that, he has even managed to offend a lot of people. I myself don’t dare to let him get too far away from me.”

“Gramps, it really isn’t unusual, Brother Ying has a pure heart. If not, he wouldn’t have been able to progress so fast in his cultivation. Don’t worry, Brother Ying is a good man. He will definitely have great achievements in the future.” Qing Shui chuckled while looking at the young man.

“It’s all thanks to you! With your words, I am already feeling a lot more relaxed. Let’s have some wine together!”

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Qing Shui stayed at the Village of Longevity for two days and left. Before leaving, Old Man Ying Xing gave him quite a few medicinal herbs. Qing Shui didn’t hold back either. After all, from the moment Qing Shui got the Qianji Wood from them, he already knew that he would have to speak good words to them.

Luckily, even though Qing Shui knew this principle, Old Man Ying Sheng didn’t really say anything much about it. Nor did he make Qing Shui feel annoyed. As it turned out, old ginger would often be hotter than young ginger. They were much more far-sighted than normal youngsters.

At present, Qing Shui’s strength was considered to be average. He could go to the majority of places in Central Continent. The next area which Qing Shui decided to explore was the Cold Ice City in Xijiang Country.

Xijiang Country and Seven Stars Country were close to each other. Normally, Qing Shui would choose to explore the country which was closest to him. Considering that he also needed to go to a cold area, he eventually settled on the coldest city in Xijiang Country, the Cold Ice City.

Qing Shui rode on the Fire Bird which had now become really powerful and flew towards Xijiang Country. Even though Seven Stars Country and Xijiang Country were quite close to each other, in between countries, there would often be empty land which could be up to a thousand miles long. This once again made Qing Shui feel that the World of the Nine Continents was truly vast.

The current speed of the Fire Bird was about four times the speed of sound. It could fly as far as two hundred and thirty thousand miles per day. Even if it was to pause to rest, it would still be able to fly one hundred thousand kilometers.

With the addition of the Nine Continents Step Effect of the Nine Continents Boots, Qing Shui could travel a lot faster now than before. It was roughly a threefold increase in speed. Prior to this, it took him about

three months to fly from Green Cloud Continent to Central Continent. Now, it would only take him a month to do so.

It's really formidable!

It only took Qing Shui a day or so to reach Xijiang Country. In reality, the countries in Central Continent were really similar to each other in terms of how advanced they were. In this place, everything was decided by one's strength. Hence, as long as one was strong, he or she would be able to be the king. It was not a problem for them to take control of a city but it was really hard to do it when it was a country. After all, the area coverage was too large. At most, they could only rule in name because in reality, it was very hard for them to control the overall situation. Not to mention that everywhere, there would be talented individuals in hiding. Once they showed up, if the ruler had insufficient strength to go against them, the ruler wouldn't even know how he or she died.

The Cold Ice City was located at the westernmost part of Xijiang Country. It was really close to the Ice Sea. That place was bitterly cold almost year round. Roughly every three days, it would snow at least once. By the time Qing Shui arrived at Cold Ice City, it had already been a week.

By the time Qing Shui arrived at the Cold Ice City, it was already snowing heavily. Qing Shui felt really good when he was standing in Cold Ice City. The snowy weather was one of his favorites. He really enjoyed seeing snow, so much so that he was starting to plan to move here in the future.

The snowflakes in the sky were really huge and filled up the sky. People could see the silver decorations wherever they go. The surroundings looked so snowy white that it made people feel as if their hearts were being purified.

There were a lot of people along the street. Most of them were only pedestrians. There were very few beast carts. A lot of children would play on the snowfield while young ladies would often hold up their fancy umbrellas in the snow. Their movement looked really elegant. Adding on that they were doing it on the snowfield, it helped them give off a different kind of beauty.

Qing Shui stood in the middle of the snowfield and let the snowflakes in the sky drop onto his body as they wished. In a while, there was already a thick layer of snow covering him. Qing Shui looked far into the distance and for a moment, felt like he lost all kinds of desires and intentions. This was an Emptiness Realm.

Qing Shui was aware of the things that were happening around him, yet he chose to not think about it. This kind of feeling wasn't really an epiphany, it resembled more of a temporary purification of mind.

All of this somehow had to do with the snow but right at this moment, a pink colored umbrella appeared on top of Qing Shui's head, surprising him.

As Qing Shui turned around to see who it was, he was stunned.

It was a graceful and noble-looking woman. She had beautiful hair that was tied up. On her mature and noble face were a pair of wise and beautiful eyes. She had snow white skin, a slender neck and that slim body of hers looked really fine and delicate. The front part of her body's bulges would drive people wild with fanciful thoughts. Her body was really slim and she had a well-rounded butt. It was so perfectly



curved that it could drive men crazy. The flowing cloud skirt that she wore made her look really beautiful. She was at the borderline between being an angel and a human.

Hai Dongqing!

It's actually the extreme beauty from Hai Clan. The woman who looked noble and elegant. At that time, Qing Shui knew that Hai Clan had moved away but he didn't know that they actually ended up moving to Central Continent, nor had he thought that they would actually be in Cold Ice City of Xijiang Country.

"Is this what people know as fate?" At this moment, Qing Shui couldn't help but be surprised with the miraculous fate.

Cold Ice City was located in the most western part of Xijiang Country while Di Clan was more towards the eastern side of Seven Stars Country. Therefore, there was still quite some distance between Cold Ice City and Di Clan. At first, Qing Shui wasn't sure if Hai Dongqing was aware of the ruckus that he caused in Seven Stars Country. But as he thought about it, he felt that it wasn't really important whether she has heard about it or not.

"Hello!" An attractive and sweet-sounding voice rang. Hai Dongqing smiled as she looked at Qing Shui. Other than that, she also looked a bit surprised.

"Hello!" Qing Shui responded with a smile. He never expected to see Hai Dongqing here. So as it turned out, Hai Clan had moved away from Green Cloud Continent to Central Continent.

It was snowing heavily everywhere. Qing Shui on the other hand, was sharing an umbrella with an extreme beauty. It felt unusually good. The atmosphere around it was also really beautiful.

"How long have you been in Central Continent? It's such a coincidence that we're able to meet each other here." The smile on Hai Dongqing's beautiful face looked really warm. That was a kind of true happiness.

A truly happy smile was really contagious and could be felt really easily. Qing Shui smiled at her: "I have been here for quite a while. I have been in Seven Stars Country."

Hai Dongqing's umbrella wasn't actually that big. Now, the two were standing together. As Qing Shui noticed that quite a lot of snowflakes has fallen on Hai Dongqing's shoulders, he hurriedly took half a step out.

Actually, snowflakes like this were nothing to cultivators. But then again, it's already become a part of her habit to hold up an umbrella. Not to mention that it was also more convenient for a woman to hold an umbrella.

"The snow is only going to get heavier and heavier. It will take a while for it to subside. Why don't you come to my house?" Hai Dongqing smiled as she talked to Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was here for the Three Tailed Immortal Fox. Since the snow was quite heavy and he had just arrived, he planned to look for an inn to stay in for the night. His original intention was to investigate this place first before he made his moves but he never expected to run into Hai Dongqing here. Frankly speaking, Qing Shui didn't really feel like going to Hai Clan as it would be quite troublesome.

“Hmm, is there anything wrong? In any case, I’m the landowner here. Not to mention that we have also seen each other a few times before. It’s my responsibility to be a good host to you.” Hai Dongqing said gently after she saw Qing Shui being hesitant.

Her voice sounded attractive and seductive. Within the elegant and dignified sound was a kind of beauty that couldn’t be expressed in words. Every single one of her smirks and smiles was really graceful, with no imperfections.

“Nope, well then, I’m sorry for the interruption, Miss Hai.” Qing Shui thought about it for a while. Since he would still have to look for an inn, he felt that it would be better if he just went to Hai Clan instead. This way, he would be able to learn a bit about the situation here. Considering that he didn’t really know anyone from Cold Ice City, Hai Clan would already be considered to be more or less half a friend to Qing Shui. Not to mention that the current courtyard where Qing Clan currently lived in once belonged to Hai Clan. Hence, there was a relationship between them that couldn’t be described in words.

The two took up an umbrella and began walking in the snow. Qing Shui tried his best to distance himself from Hai Dongqing. Even so, their shoulders would still collide with each others from time to time.

“Look at that, isn’t that the Fairy Hai?”

“Oh yeah, who’s that man? He does not seem to be Hai Long.” A young man at the side asked in confusion.

“What kind of eyes do you have? You don’t even have to look to know that he isn’t Hai Long.” The person from before responded.

“But it seems like Hai Xianzi is not yet married. Nor have we heard of any young masters from any clans getting close to her.”

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When the two of them stopped at the beautiful and graceful courtyard, they both froze in shock. There’s no way such a small courtyard would be able to contain everyone from Hai Clan.

### **Chapter 690 - Living in a dream, To be familiar with the unfamiliar**

Very quickly, Qing Shui found out that Hai Dongqing lived here alone. As for her husband, Qing Shui had heard discussions about him before. It was unlikely that she had a husband.

Which meant that she lived here on her own!

Qing Shui followed Hai Dongqing and walked to a small courtyard. There was a brocade house and a pavilion in the courtyard. The brocade house had three floors. It should be the place where she lived. As for the pavilion, it also had three floors, but there was a high probability that it was used as a storehouse or a backup.

Actually, that brocade house alone was already more than enough for her to live in. There was a living room and a kitchen in it. Everything was complete. This further convinced him that the pavilion was used as storage.

The snow covering the ground of the courtyard had already gotten to about half a foot thick. Whenever Qing Shui stepped on it, it would make crunching noises. Without further delay, Hai Dongqing brought Qing Shui to the brocade house.

The brocade house was colored pink and looked really beautiful. People could tell that a woman lived in it with just one glance. As soon as Qing Shui entered the house, he found himself in a small living room. Taking into account its small size, this shouldn't be the place where Hai Dongqing greeted her guests.

The room was really clean. Despite it being really cold outside, the room felt warm as if they were in Spring.

"Make yourself at home!" Hai Dongqing smiled.

There was a wooden tea table, two single couches, one three seater couch and one double seater couch. They were all snow white in color and had no trace of dust on them. The couches were placed around the tea table with both of its sides touching the walls, taking up almost all the space in the room. Even though the room was small, it felt really warm.

Qing Shui felt that this woman actually felt really insecure on her own, or rather, she lacked security. This triggered Qing Shui's curiosity.

"Thank you!"

Qing Shui responded with a smile. After that, he sat down on a single seater couch. Actually, it was only halfway through the morning now but the sky outside looked so dark, as if it was about to approach nighttime.

"What's the purpose of you coming to Cold Ice City? I don't mean anything by that, I just want to see if I can be of help." Hai Dongqing said with a smile. It might be because she was afraid that Qing Shui would get the wrong idea.

Humans were like this. If they meet acquaintances from their hometown in a place that they are unfamiliar with, they would feel very close to them.

Just like the present Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing. At this moment, Qing Shui felt as if Zhao Dongqing was a friend she hasn't seen in years.

"Why would you take me home so boldly today? Are you not afraid that you might be inviting a wolf into your den?" Qing Shui sounded really calm when he was asking her. Instead, he smiled while looking at the wise woman.

"Inviting a wolf into my den? If you truly are a wolf, guess I'll have no choice but to submit." Her fresh pupils had a kind of fatal attractiveness to them.

Qing Shui turned his head to avoid looking at the beautiful woman. He shook his head and said: "I'm here to see if I can find a Three-tailed Immortal Fox. I need its blood."

"Three-tailed Immortal Fox? This kind of spiritual being is kind of rare." Hai Dongqing knitted her brows and said gently to Qing Shui, who was sitting across from her.

“Yeah, that’s why I’m here in Cold Ice City, to test my luck. I never thought that I’d run into you. It seems like I’m quite lucky this trip. For all you know, I might be able to find the Three-tailed Immortal Fox in no time.” Qing Shui said casually.

“The Three-tailed Immortal Fox is at least a Martial Saint demonic beast. It specializes in speed and has high intelligence. Hence, it wouldn’t be that easy to catch it.” Hai Dongqing raised her head and looked at Qing Shui. It seemed like she didn’t get Qing Shui’s humor.

“Yeah, I have come up with a way to capture it. As long as I’m able to find it, I’m sure that I’ll be able to get it.” Qing Shui sounded really confident.

“Is that so..... Cold Ice City is near Ice Sea. At the shore of Ice Sea, there is Ice Cloud Mountain. It’s said that there is Immortal Fox Valley in the middle of the mountain. Legend has it that Immortal Foxes exist there. But I can’t tell you for sure that it will be there, maybe I’ll bring you there a bit later,” Hai Dongqing told Qing Shui after thinking for a while.

Qing Shui thought it over for a while. For now, the most important thing for him to do was to find the Immortal Fox. At most, he could just give her some rewards for the things she did for him, hence, he nodded: “well then, thank you Miss Hai.”

“You don’t have to thank me. I can’t say for sure that we will be able to find one anyway.” Hai Dongqing smiled and said casually.

After that, the two started talking about casual things. The two got along well with each other. Time went by really fast. In the blink of an eye, it was already noon. Even though the snow outside the house became lighter, there was still no sign of it stopping.

“You should rest for a while. I’ll prepare some dishes, otherwise we are going to starve for the entire afternoon.” Hai Dongqing stood up and smiled. She sounded really charming and mischievous.

This somewhat muddled Qing Shui as he had never thought that a woman like her would cook for herself. Not only this, that gentle voice of hers made him felt unusually comfortable.

“Do you always prepare your own meals?” Qing Shui asked in confusion.

“Yeah, I prefer making them myself. I don’t really have many things to do here. Don’t worry, my cooking skills are quite decent.” Hai Dongqing wasn’t really surprised with Qing Shui’s expression.

“Well, let’s make it together then. I know how to cook too.” Since Qing Shui was feeling rather bored and she looked quite confident in her cooking skills, Qing Shui wanted to tease her.

Hai Dongqing was stunned. After that, she smiled and said: “You can join me if you like!”

After she finished speaking, she turned around and walked to the kitchen.

Qing Shui also followed her to the kitchen. It was possible that because he felt it was a bit inappropriate for an extreme beauty like her to cook that he was being like that.

“Young Lady Hai. Let’s compete to see if the food that I prepare tastes more delicious than yours, how about it?” Qing Shui smiled.

Qing Shui saw no traces of dust in the kitchen. The majority of the food in the kitchen was vegetables and wild herbs. There were also a few medicinal herbs and meats except the meat came in very small amounts.

“Sure!: Hai Dongqing smiled.

A beautiful woman would look beautiful no matter what she did. Even Qing Shui couldn't help but look at her a few times. He didn't actually thirst for her beauty, instead, he admired it. Other than that, it was also because he was curious to see a beautiful woman cook.

It seemed like Hai Dongqing hasn't noticed. The faint smile on her face looked so natural and elegant that it could bewitch people. As she cooked, she thought about the scene back when Qing Shui bought Hai Clan's house.

“Don't look at me like that, what are you so curious about, me? I'm here to buy the house.” Qing Shui smiled at the extremely beautiful woman.

“Well indeed, I'm really curious about you. I'm curious with how you cultivate, you already have such a high cultivation level at such a young age. I doubt that there will be any more youngsters who are able to reach this kind of cultivation level at your age.”

“I have warned you before. Don't get curious with men. The more you want to know about them, the more attached you will grow to be. By the way, I'm not young.”

“You vain brat. I have no interest in little boys.” Hai Dongqing said with a smile.

As she thought about the incident back then, she felt as if it was something that happened a long time ago. When she finally got to reunite with him again however, she felt both familiar and distant to him. It was a feeling that couldn't be expressed in words.

Qing Shui prepared a meat dish and a vegetable dish. He was considered average with his cooking skills. But since he relied on his spices, the room was filled with an inextricable fragrant smell from the very start.

By the time Qing Shui made his move, Hai Dongqing was already almost done with her dishes. By the time the room was filled with the fragrant smell, she was already done. She looked at Qing Shui in surprise, shocked by the fact that he was actually able to make his dishes give off such delicious smell with just vegetables and meat.

“It's almost done, let's go have our lunch!” Qing Shui said while carrying two dishes in his hands.

“Oh, alright!” A moment ago, Hai Dongqing was still dreaming while staring at Qing Shui. When she came back to her senses, she blushed and responded in a shy way.

He was totally different from before. He had become more mature and more like a gentleman.

There were already four dishes of food on the table. Now, Qing Shui had also prepared a bowl of soup. Very quickly, he carried the bowl of soup and moved it to the table.

“Qing Shui, I could already tell that yours tasted better just by smelling it.” Hai Dongqing felt a bit embarrassed to say it. After all, before this, she sort of boasted about her cooking skills.

“You’ll eat the one I made and I’ll eat the one you made, is that ok?” Qing Shui said with a smile.

“Hmph! You are purposely trying to embarrass me with your cooking skill. You’re not going to get anything to eat as a punishment.” Hai Dongqing told Qing Shui in an annoyed tone.

“I’m wrong, I’ll teach you how to do it later. I guarantee that it will be much better than mine in no time.” Qing Shui smiled.

“Really?”

“Of course!”

“Alright then, instead of not letting you eat anything, I’ll order you to finish all of those that I prepared as a kind of punishment. Do not ever say that it tastes bad.” Hai Dongqing said with a smile. The way she spoke with her peaceful and elegant look felt unusually attractive. This was a kind of charm which belonged to a mature and graceful woman.

Qing Shui admired mature, elegant and wise women the most. In his opinion, a real woman was a woman who had years of experience in life.

The food that Hai Dongqing prepared was still considered quite decent. Most importantly, the dishes were prepared by an extremely beautiful woman. Not to mention that there were numerous people who wanted to taste the dishes that Hai Dongqing prepared. However, no one other than Qing Shui managed to taste it.

“It’s delicious!”

Qing Shui complemented her skills in cooking with all of his heart. After all, the reason why he won was only because he had his ingredients.

“Yours tasted even better..... But I’m not going to let you eat them.” Hai Dongqing said with a smile. Despite what she said, she still served him a bowl of soup.

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After finishing their meal. Hai Dongqing wanted Qing Shui to teach her how to cook. However, Qing Shui immediately gave her his spices and told her to do it the way she normally did it. Just by adding the spices, her dishes ended up turning out better than Qing Shui’s.

Now Hai Dongqing did not know whether to feel happy or disappointed. If her cooking could reach this level as a result of skills, she would be willing to learn. However, this needed special ingredients, without these ingredients, she would not be able to do it.

In the end, Qing Shui left behind a lot of spices for her. The amount that he gave her was enough for her to use for ten years. This made her so happy that she smiled.

“How has it been ever since you guys moved here? Why are you living here alone?” Qing Shui asked casually.

“This is the ancestral home of Hai Clan. The people from my grandpa’s generations were the ones that moved out. Before he passed away, he mentioned that the future generations must come back here to

acknowledge their clan. That's why we're back here. Since I really enjoy the peace here, I decided to come out and live here." Hai Dongqing smiled.

"This place isn't that bad after all. It isn't that bad to live alone. You can do whatever you like as long as you don't feel lonely." Qing Shui smiled looking at the surroundings.

"Well, it's good to hear that you have gotten used to it. You can stay here for a night. I'll bring you to Immortal Fox Valley tomorrow, does that sound ok?" Hai Dongqing said calmly.

"I'm going to stay here?" Qing Shui stunned and looked at Hai Dongqing.

"In your dream! Go stay in that building!" Hai Dongqing blushed and said angrily.

"Oh... You just scared me. I thought that you wanted to let me sleep here."

"Go and die....."