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Chapter 691 - Yearning

After spending some time with Hai Dongqing, Qing Shui realized that she was actually quite agreeable. Meeting her here made him feel as if he had reunited with an old friend he hadn't seen in a very long time.

"Auntie!"

At that moment, a sharp voice suddenly rang out. Qing Shui could tell that it was Hai Shiya, that lady who had once been very close with Tan Yang.

Hai Shiya walked in and saw Qing Shui who was with Hai Dongqing. She was first alarmed before she broke into a smile and said, "Oh, Auntie is together with someone?"

Qing Shui looked at this lady who was tall, had a beautiful face, and was quite curvy. Her face was filled with a feminine charm and she gave off a blissful feeling.

With one look, Qing Shui could sense that she should be someone who had just gotten married. She was at the stage where the love between the couple was the strongest and there was also physical satisfaction.

"Hello. I've heard from Auntie that you're someone she thinks very well of." Hai Shiya smiled and greeted Qing Shui.

"You horrible lass, what are you talking about." Hai Dongqing scolded Hai Shiya in an irritated tone.

"Hello!" Qing Shui smiled and replied. Previously, both Hai Dongqing and himself had stood up. Now, all three of them sat down around the table.

They had a few polite exchanges. After all, Qing Shui wasn't familiar with either Hai Dongqing or Hai Shiya. However, as they chatted, they seemed to gradually know each other better.

Seeing that Qing Shui was around, Hai Shiya left after a short while. However, before she did, she blinked her beautiful eyes at Qing Shui, and said, "Recently, my Aunt hasn't been very happy. However, she seems to be very happy today. Thank you."

She left behind these words that puzzled Qing Shui and made him not know how to respond.

"Don't listen to her gibberish. You must be tired as well, I'll bring you to your room." Hai Dongqing said casually.

Qing Shui agreed and followed her. The snow outside had already stopped, even though it was still a cloudy day. This was how the weather here was usually like. Normally, there would be a full sunny day once in a week.

Plowing through the thick layers of snow, they headed for the pavilion building.

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Greencloud Continent!

Qing Clan!

“Sister, you’re already Misty Hall’s Palace Mistress and Sister Jiange is also Heavenly Palace’s Guardian.” Huoyun Liu-Li chuckled and said to Canghai Mingyue.

“I’m merely standing in for now. When Sister Chen comes back, I’ll pass back the position to her. Elder Ge promised me that.” Canghai Mingyue’s beautiful eyes were full of smiles as she looked at Huoyun Liu-Li.

“Each time he leaves, it’s for a long period of time...” Huoyun Liu-Li sighed unconsciously.

“Why, Liu-Li, do you miss him?” Canghai Mingyue smiled and looked at Huoyun Liu-Li.

Being stared at by Canghai Mingyue, Huoyun Liu-Li’s blushed. “Doesn’t elder sister miss him? Zun`er and Yin`er are both starting to recognize people. When that rascal comes back, the two of them won’t be able to recognize him.”

Saying this, Huoyun Liu-Li smiled.

At the mention of her two kids, a blissful smile appeared on Canghai Mingyue’s face. “Liu-Li, we must learn to be more considerate of him. He has gone through more sufferings than anyone else for so many years. Even if he doesn’t mention it, even if other people are not aware, aren’t we aware of it?”

Hearing Canghai Mingyue’s words, a slight sparkle appeared in Huoyun Liu-Li’s eyes. “Mmm, I know. Sister, that’s why I’m very happy. The fact that we can all be together is better than anything else. We’ve seen a lot of what he had put in and experienced, but it’s also possibly that there’s much more that we’ve not seen. Everything will turn out fine for us in the future.”

“Mommy!”

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“Aunty!”

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At that moment, Qing Zun and Qing Yin ran over towards Canghai Mingyue and Huoyun Liu-Li. The two kids were around two years old and could already run around. It’s about the time when they would start to remember what was happening around them.

Canghai Mingyue felt very satisfied looking at her son and daughter. She reached out to carry Qing Zun while Huoyun Liu-Li carried Qin Yin.

The two of them were extremely good-looking, as if they were carefully carved from jade. Qin Yin looked very similar to Canghai Mingyue. Although she was still very young, her brows and eyes were just like Canghai Mingyue. As for Qing Zun, his brows were like Canghai Mingyue’s but his eyes and nose were closer to Qing Shui’s. For the other areas, they didn’t particularly look like their parents.

“You rascal, look at how dirty you’ve gotten yourself.” Canghai Mingyue smiled as she pinched Qing Zun’s cheek.

Qin Yin was not much better. Canghai Mingyue smiled as she rubbed Qin Yin's head and spoke to her. The two kids replied with their loud laughter and reached out for Canghai Mingyue's face.

Huoyun Liu-Li appeared to be very happy as well. It was just that she had an indescribable feeling!

It was actually not very lively in Qing Clan anymore. Yiye Jiange and Luan Luan were in the Heavenly Palace. Huoyun Liu-Li would be there most of the time too, but she would come back to stay in the Qing Clan once every few days.

Wenren Wu-shuang was also in the Heavenly Palace now and was an Elder of Misty Hall. Shi Qingzhuang was together with Wenren Wu-shuang while Canghai Mingyue stayed in Qing Clan to take care of her two kids. Mingyue Gelou and Yuchang also stayed at Qing Clan.

With the support of a Martial Saint cultivator, the Qing Clan was like the rising sun in Greencloud Continent. On the surface, there were no other clans who could stand up to them.

Heavenly Palace's Patriarch was from Qing Clan, and there were also multiple Martial Saint level cultivators in Qing Clan. Moreover, there were also budding hopes in Qing Clan, as the abilities of the younger generation's were soaring at a rapid speed.

This was especially so for Luan Luan, Qing Bei and Qing You. As the Qing Clan's younger generation, they were already starting to show their shine. If other people knew of Luan Luan's actual cultivation level, they might not just feel that she was just beginning to shine.

"Granny!"

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After they saw Qing Yi, the two kids ran over happily. After taking the Xiantian Golden Pellet, Qing Yi didn't appear to age. She was already a grandmother now. Although Luan Luan and Yuchang also called her granny, they weren't the same as Qing Zun and Qin Yin.

Everyone knew that Yuchang wasn't Qing Shui's kid. Even though Qing Shui treated her as his own family, and Qing Yi did the same. Despite this, she still hoped that Qing Shui could have a child of his own.

Everyone in Qing Clan felt that Luan Luan was Qing Shui's own kid, but she was unlike Qing Zun and Qin Yin whom everyone had seen growing up bit by bit. The feelings spent on them were different. Luan Luan had only come to Qing Clan after she was a bit older.

Qing Yi carried the two of them, one in each hand.

Just then, Mingyue Gelou and Little Yuchang came and called out everyone to that it was meal time. It was rarer now for everyone in Qing Clan to have their meals together. However, sometimes, Qing Luo, Lin Zhanhan and the other members of Qing Clan would come over for a meal.

Qing Yi's place was now also considered a small branch of its own, with quite a number of people when everyone was present.

After the few Martial Saints from the Residence of the Sky Tyrant Lord submitted to Qing Shui, they had also started to live here. Everyone lived together harmoniously.

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Hundred Miles City!

Everything in Hundred Miles City remained the same. It wouldn't be changing just because a certain person was not around. It continued to grow as usual. Without the Night Fragrance Court, 花月楼 appeared; without Situ Clan, Zheng Clan appeared.

The Shi Clan was still the biggest clan and the Yu Clan was also a reputable clan. Due to Qing Shui's reputation, Hundred Miles City had now become a special existence in Cang Lang Country.

Although Qing Shui wasn't in Hundred Miles City, everyone knew that a lady from the Shi Clan was his fiancée. This condition alone was sufficient to make the Shi Clan a special existence. Moreover, Shi Clan was Hundred Miles City's strongest pillar.

Yu Clan!

"Lass, it's been so long... You still can't get over him?" Yu Donghao walked up to Yu He who was standing next to the pond.

"I want to forget him, but I can't. Grandfather, what do you think I should do?" Yu He replied dejectedly.

"Lass, your cultivation level is quite good now. Why don't you go out for a walk? Maybe you'll be able to forget him and find the one that is right for you." Yu Donghao gave it some thought and advised.

"Grandfather, I'm thinking of going to the 'Hundred Flowers Garden'. Back then, Granny Hundred Flowers said that I'm more suited to cultivate the Hundred Flower Secret Arts and said that if I've thought it through, I can look for her in Hundred Flowers Valley." Yu He looked at this old man who had treated her the best... her closest kin.

"Are you sure you want to go?"

"I'm sure!"

"Lass, actually, you can go look for him. I've lived for so many years and I have seen a lot. Qing Shui definitely feels something for you." Yu Donghao sighed and said.

"Grandfather, no need to say anymore. A love that comes from pity and charity... I'd rather not have it." Yu He frowned, feeling pained.

"Lass, you're overthinking things. Why can't you get over this point? You're stubborn, but so is Qing Shui. If neither of you take the first step forward, you won't be able to get together. Lass, have you thought about this before?" Yu Donghao felt pained when he saw Yu He like this.

"I can't do this yet. In the future, maybe I can. Even if I were to appear before him, I can't do so like this." Yu He mumbled.

"No matter what you want to do, grandfather will support you. You must take care of yourself." Yu Donghao let out a long sigh.

"Grandfather, I will. Don't worry." Yu He clenched her teeth and said.

“When are you setting off?” Yu Donghao knew that he wouldn’t be able to stop this stubborn lass.

“Tomorrow. Grandfather, you’ll have to take care too!”

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Qing Shui followed Hai Dongqing to the pavilion and saw that it was very clean here. It hadn’t been treated as a storage place and was only treated as a backup home.

The hall was very big but just empty. Other than a few paintings of mountains and rivers on the walls, there were nothing else.

Hai Dongqing led Qing Shui up to the 2nd floor and stopped before a room next to the staircase. She then reached out with her hand and gently pushed open the door.

This was a small bedroom with a double bed which was two meters in both length and width. There were bedsheets, but no blankets.

There was a window at the back with a purple colored standing shelf made from altar wood. Hai Dongqing smiled as she walked up to it, taking out a thin pink-colored blanket and placing it on the bed.

“You’ll have to put up with it and stay here for now.” Hai Dongqing said, feeling bad.

“Thank you. It’s very good here.” replied Qing Shui.

“Then have a good rest. I’ll be heading back as well.” After saying this, Hai Dongqing felt a bit weird but she smiled and turned to leave.

Qing Shui sent her out. The sky had just started to turn dark. Darkness falls earlier and the sun rises later here than in other places. Nightfall and daylight was split 50-50. However, there were still light stones, so there wasn’t much difference between night and day. After all, the Cold Ice City was a city that never slept.

Returning to the room, Qing Clan laid down on the bed. It wasn’t the time to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal yet. After everything turned quiet, Qing Clan realized that it had been about a year since he had left Greencloud Continent. He couldn’t help but think of his mother, Canghai Mingyue, and the other ladies, as well as the kids, especially those two children of his.

Chapter 692 - Entering Icy Cloud Mountain, Immortal Fox Valley

When Qing Shui had left the Qing Clan, his two young kids had already started babbling and walking unsteadily. They should be at that mischievous age by now and Qing Shui wondered if they could remember him.

Thinking about it, Qing Shui began to laugh. Of course, one-year-old babies wouldn’t remember anything, although if they had been two or three-year-old toddlers, they might vaguely remember some things.

Thinking of them, he felt guilty towards Canghai Mingyue, as she had to raise two kids by herself. However, she should be happy being able to see the two kids grow up.

When it was almost time, Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

Every time he entered, Qing Shui would check on the Ice Snow Sacred Fruit tree. The two fruits on the tree were extremely enticing, but it was a pity that he had to wait for another half year before he could pick them.

As always, Qing Shui passed his time in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal by cultivating, refining medicine, and drawing talismans. The techniques he had practiced during the time provided by the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had resulted in his current abilities and achievements.

During this period of time, he had broken through a few cycles, increasing the abilities of his body!

Thousand Hammer Technique!

He began to brandish the Heaven Shaking Hammer. His Art of Forging had been stagnant at the Three-color equipment level, and it had been a while since it had improved.

Even if his Art of Forging had hit a bottleneck and did not noticeably improve, Qing Shui would still persist in practicing it every day. Qing Shui felt that the bottleneck this time was probably large. He would need a lot of time to accumulate experience and wait for the opportunity to breakthrough.

On the other hand, Qing Shui could clearly notice his rapid improvements with the Descending Heavens Talisman. Since Qing Shui had experience drawing other talismans, he could save plenty of time when he tried to bring his proficiency with the Descending Heavens Talisman to the same level as his skill with the other talismans.

Qing Shui would also persist in drawing the [Hundred Forms of the Tiger] every day, knowing he couldn't afford to stop. He felt that raising his "drawing level" was key in improving his talisman drawing skills further.

What was more important to Qing Shui than even forging or talisman drawing was the Elephant Form. He wanted to achieve the Great Perfection Stage of Mighty Elephant Stomp sooner. Not only would this be a mighty killing technique in the future, it would also allow him to finally unlock the Roc Form.

Qing Shui eagerly looked forward to being able to cultivate in the Roc Form, and hated that he he couldn't already start.

The next day, Qing Shui woke up early and went to the front of the pavilion to practice the Taichi Fist. This tiny courtyard was surrounded by thick layers of snow, yet had a certain comfort and warmth to it. In such an environment, Qing Shui felt very peaceful.

Although the weather was still very cold, Qing Shui could still see the sun peeking out. Just being able to see the sun would cause one to feel a faint warmth in their hearts.

Just when Qing Shui finished practicing the Taichi Fist, he noticed a familiar smell. He knew that Hai Dongqing was cooking.

Qing Shui still felt that this woman was a mystery. She was pretty and mysterious, amiable and approachable, yet it seemed no one could get close to her. She was graceful and when she stood somewhere, it would be difficult for people to ignore her presence, because her temperament would distinguish her from the crowd.

Qing Shui now felt as though he was in a dream that was both real and not real. He had always felt that this woman was very strange and he could not understand her, especially now.

Qing Shui, after freshening up, went downstairs to discover that Hai Dongqing was at the entrance waving her hands at him.

Today she wore thin snow-white fox fur clothes, with her beautiful hair tied up high into a knot. This gave her a look of elegance and maturity, and with the addition of the perfect makeup on her lovable face, she was so beautiful that no one would be able to look straight into her face.

The surrounding white snow created a spotless contrast!

“You look very pretty!” Qing Shui walked over and smiled gently. His tone wasn’t one of sucking up or drooling at the mouth, rather it was one of sincere praise.

“Thank you!” When Hai Dongqing heard Qing Shui’s praise and saw his attitude, she felt especially happy in her heart.

There were many people who praised her, so many that she had lost count long ago. However, only Qing Shui could cause her to feel like this because he didn’t have any ulterior motives when he praised her.

This time, after she added the spices that Qing Shui had given her, her dishes became even more delectable!

“I eat so much more now. It’s all because of you.” Hai Dongqing smiled as she said.

After one reached the Xiantian realm, they could control their body shape, so there was no need to worry about becoming too fat or too thin. There were some Xiantian Cultivators that were fat or thin but that was because of their techniques and original body shape, the looks they had before they broke through to be a Xiantian cultivator.

After they finished eating, the two of them headed out to the Immortal Fox Valley!

Riding on Qing Shui’s Fire Bird, they left Cold Ice City and after four hours, saw the so-called Ice Sea. There were many floating pieces of ice, and it was possible in even colder weather for the entire sea to freeze over. The sea was so large the pair couldn’t see to the other side.

Occasionally, there would be a big wave, tossed and breaking some pieces of ice in the air before returning them to the sea. This caused the sky to be filled with mist, and the view was spectacular.

There were many people who came to the Ice Sea, most to play on row boats on the sea. Since the beach was relatively safe, most of the people here had come to sightsee and relieve their boredom.

Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing did not stay. Instead, they flew towards Icy Cloud Mountain!

The Icy Cloud Mountain was just by the Ice Sea and was part of a huge mountain range. The ground of the mountain was made up of thick Ice Rocks. It was impossible for normal people to climb, and the path to the summit was like a winding ice dragon.

After flying into the range for about 500 kilometers, Hai Dongqing told Qing Shui: "Let's descend. If we keep going forward, we're likely to encounter attacks from groups of flying beasts."

"How much further to Immortal Fox Valley?" Qing Shui asked.

"There is still about 10,000 more kilometers!" Hai Dongqing said after she thought for awhile.

Qing Shui did some calculations. With the Fire Bird's current speed, it would still require more than 2 hours. It would take too long if they proceeded on foot. However, when Qing Shui saw that there were dense black dots heading towards them from the distance, he didn't say anything more and descended into the Icy Cloud Mountain.

Hai Dongqing was laughing by his side!

Earlier, the things that Qing Shui saw in the distance were actually countless numbers of Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagles. Although each only had the abilities of a peak Xiantian, they were too large in terms of numbers. Furthermore, they all were blood-thirsty and violent.

As long as one was stained by fresh blood, there would only be a path to death for him once he met a Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagle. They would frantically rush for food, and even if one was killed, its blood would cause the others to go into an even bigger frenzy and become more violent. Its abilities would increase and its poisonous attacks would become fiercer. Thus, no one would be able to defend against the attacks of countless of Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagles.

From such a distance, Qing Shui could only summon the Diamond Gigantic Elephant before riding on it with Hai Dongqing. They walked alongside the ravine and proceeded forward!

"Do you come to this Icy Cloud Mountain frequently?" Qing Shui looked at the surroundings and asked casually.

"No, I have only come here a few times." Hai Dongqing said as she watched the large group of Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagles.

The Icy Cloud Mountain was very tall and the ravine was very deep. The group of Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagles were the tyrants of the sky because they could number in the hundreds of thousands or millions. Each they time they appeared, they would blot out the sky.

The Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagle was the size of a calf. It loved fresh blood the most but it could also eat rotten flesh. It was a Demonic Beast that could eat any kind of meat and it had strong vitality. The scary point of these Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagles was their accumulating poison that they used in their attacks.

However, because the Blood-Thirsty Bald Eagle couldn't easily land, they would tend to only be in the skies. Even when they landed, they would only choose very tall mountain peaks.

It was difficult to see any humans in the Icy Cloud Mountain, as it was too large and especially because Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing were just rushing inwards. Most people would just carry out their activities within 500 kilometers of the entrance to Icy Cloud Mountain. Very few people would head toward the deeper parts, as the groups of Demonic Beasts further in the mountains were the biggest danger.

Although the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was not as fast as the Fire Bird, it didn't matter, as Qing Shui wasn't in a rush for time. There was no problem arriving at a later time, and thus he carefreely let the Diamond Gigantic Elephant swiftly head toward the intended direction.

"Qing Shui, are you going to rush back to the Greencloud Continent after finding the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood?" Hai Dongqing sat beside Qing Shui. The back of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was quite broad, and despite the Diamond Gigantic Elephant rushing along, it was still very stable, like a moving war footrest.

"Whether I find it or not, I can only stay for a maximum of half a year before going back to the Greencloud Continent. Why? Are you going to miss me?" Qing Shui asked casually. The two of them were engaged in idle chat to relieve their boredom. The two of them had already engaged in such talks even back in the Greencloud Continent.

"You are so shameless." Hai Dongqing rolled her eyes at Qing Shui.

It was rare for her to be so feminine. Qing Shui felt that when a beautiful woman did this action, she was particularly feminine.

After four more hours passed, the Immortal Fox Valley was visible in the distance.

He still hadn't seen an Immortal Fox but just seeing the Immortal Fox Valley caused Qing Shui to be excited. He was thirsting for strength, and once he found the Three Tailed Immortal Fox and obtained the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood, he could refine the Everlasting Pellet. Qing Shui's abilities would have great improvements, and he would be confident about going to the Southern Viewing Ministry Continent. He felt impatient about his future possibilities.

The Immortal Fox Valley was quite expansive. It was not possible to see all the way the other side as only the cliffs could be faintly seen in the distance. There were some small mountains, forests, caves, and lakes in it, and also many weeds growing without restraint.

"This is the Immortal Fox Valley?" Qing Shui looked at the breathtaking valley, as he asked Hai Dongqing.

"Yes, are you thinking that it is quite large?" Hai Dongqing laughed.

"It's pretty big."

"Everyone who's seen it for the first time would say that it is big, as this is the Immortal Fox Valley. There have been people who've met Immortal Foxes here, some with two tails and some with five." Hai Dongqing looked back at Qing Shui after looking at her surroundings and said.

"Five tails? That should be a peak Martial Saint Demonic Beast." Qing Shui looked at Hai Dongqing in shock.

"En, the legends do say that it is a peak Martial Saint Demonic Beast. However, it seems that it is ranked towards the bottom of peak Martial Saint Demonic Beasts."

"Are you not worried about coming here?" Qing Shui now felt very puzzled about this woman who had accompanied him here. Was she not afraid of the danger even after knowing that there were peak Martial Saint Demonic Beasts in this Immortal Fox Valley?

“Why should I be worried?” Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui.

“Are you not aware that it is possible to lose your life here at any time?” Qing Shui looked back at Hai Dongqing’s pretty face.

“I know, I’m not afraid of death, are you afraid?” Hai Dongqing smiled and looked calmly at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui was speechless, what did this have to do with anything? However, Qing Shui noticed something. Hai Dongqing seemed to be under great pressure, to the point that she even seemed suicidal.

Chapter 693 - Every family has their problems

“I don’t know if I am afraid of death, I only know that I must not die.” Qing Shui looked at Hai Dongqing and said dully.

“Indeed, there are so many people who like you. You are the pillar of so many people, unlike me.” Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui then stared into the distance.

“Do you have any difficulties? Would you mind telling me? Maybe I would be able to help you.” Qing Shui smiled gently. He had always felt that Hai Dongqing had her difficulties or was somewhat unhappy.

“Qing Shui, do you think that a person should live for themselves or for others?” Hai Dongqing didn’t answer Qing Shui’s question but replied with another question instead.

“For others?” Qing Shui didn’t know what was she trying to say.

“For instance, sacrificing yourself for the clan, do you think that it is worth it? Should it be done?” Hai Dongqing hesitated for a while before she smiled and said calmly.

Qing Shui was able to sense something from these words. Although he might not be spot on, but he shouldn’t be far off. He gently said, “It doesn’t matter whether it was worth it or not, as long as you are willing to do it, then it is worth it. If you aren’t willing, then it isn’t worth it. Of course, it all depends on the situation.”

“Indeed, if I am willing, then it is worth it.....”

Hai Dongqing mumbled to herself and shook her head, her smile was extremely bitter.

“If it isn’t convenient for you to talk about it, then I shalln’t ask any further. Since you brought me here today, this means that there is some fate between us. If you have any problems in future, you must look for me. Maybe I can help you. After all, it is just the effort of a few words. So, remember to look for me in the future if you are in trouble, even if I can’t help you, you won’t lose anything.

“Thank you. I know, I’m glad to have a friend like you.” Hai Dongqing smiled happily.

The Immortal Fox Valley was just too big. Qing Shui learned from Hai Dongqing that the Immortal Foxes would normally appear in the heart of Immortal Fox Valley. Although this place was known as Immortal Fox Valley, that didn’t mean that there were no other demonic beasts.

It was fortunate that the few times they ran into demonic beast, they weren't in a group. Since Qing Shui's abilities were pretty good, most of the normal demonic beast were frightened off by the combination of Qing Shui's and the Fire Bird's strong auras.

However, they did run into a few imprudent large demonic beasts, including the Silver Horn Monitor Lizard. This demonic beast had roughly the abilities of 5000 countries, they even encountered three at a time.

However, Qing Shui's abilities were no longer at the same level as before. After weakening them and using the Fire Bird's Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, the three strong demonic beasts were killed instantly.

This caused Hai Dongqing to be shocked. Although she knew that Qing Shui had strong abilities, she hadn't expected expect him to be this overwhelming. Furthermore, she knew that he hadn't displayed him Qing Shui's strongest abilities yet.

When she discovered all of this, her expression changed. Only when Qing Shui stood in front of her did her appearance changed back but there was a trace of hesitation on her face.

"Are you thinking of saying that you don't trust me or that you are worried that I am not able to do it? My greatest weakness is that I value friendship a lot. You are already my friend and you will forever be, unless you don't see me as a friend." Qing Shui said gently, looking at this absolute beauty that was undergoing an internal struggle.

"Do you truly wish to help me?" Hai Dongqing hesitated before slowly saying.

"I truly wish to!"

"Then let's take a break there and I'll tell you. You can just treat it as a story." Hai Dongqing pointed to a smooth rock not far away.

They walked over together. The sunless Immortal Fox Valley caused one to get an eerie feeling.

Qing Shui casually took out a large, thick and soft Beast Skin from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and placed it on the smooth stone. It would be more comfortable for them this way.

When she saw Qing Shui do this, Hai Dongqing revealed a faint smile.

She felt that everything that was happening now was very dramatic. Life could be very strange at times.

"The Hai Clan was a big clan of the Cold Ice City and it still is now. However, it is now incomparable to its past glories, especially in the recent decades. In the past, when the Hai Clan was flourishing, it was inevitable that they would offend some people and clans, even if it was unintentional. However, a previously insignificant clan has now grown larger, even larger than the Hai Clan. This clan is narrow-minded and they now have their eyes set on the Hai Clan."

Hai Dongqing didn't mention the details and only spoke of the key points. At least she told him about her problems and finally let him know what was going on.

"The Hai Clan used to be popular in Cold Ice City, is no one willing to help?" Qing Shui asked gently.

“When one is successful, everyone around them are friends. Even if they don’t say anything, there will be people willing to help. No matter how small the problem is, people would offer their assistance. However, in the end, these were just flowery words. Because when you are truly successful, you don’t need their help. However, once you are in trouble and truly need help, these good friends would turn into apathetic passersby. They might even come to get a share of the actions.” Hai Dongqing said bitterly.

Qing Shui understood this reasoning. Although he hadn’t experienced it in his past life, he had heard a lot about it. In this life, he had experienced this to a certain degree, like the incident with the Jin Clan.

“Could it be that those good friends of the Hai Clan want to take action against the Hai Clan as well?” Qing Shui asked gently. He hated that type of people the most. He hated them even more than the enemies that would attack him openly.

“They didn’t do that, but when the Hai Clan approached them to request for help, they said that they were unable to help. However, there was one clan that gave a condition if we wanted their help.” When Hai Dongqing said this, she couldn’t help but tremble.

Qing Shui was suspicious, what kind of condition could cause such a reaction in this kind of woman?

“Is this condition very harsh?” Qing Shui asked in suspicion.

“Actually this condition is very simple, it is for me to become his concubine.” Hai Dongqing seemed relieved when she finally said this.

Now Qing Shui finally understood why Hai Shiya would say what she did earlier. He also understood why Hai Dongqing seemed to have contemplated suicide.

Only when a person lost all interest in life or felt extremely lost would they think of suicide. Every woman would place a heavy importance on love, even more than their life.

This woman was extremely different from other women but Qing Shui wasn’t able to guess their results.

“You agreed?” Qing Shui said to Hai Dongqing, who was beside him.

“The respected Ancestor instructed us to return here. Yet we still have to go through such a situation. I have the responsibility to sacrifice myself for the family. Although elder brother was extremely defensive and fought for me but the Hai Clan still decided to agree to their conditions.” After Hai Dongqing said this, she sighed helplessly.

Qing Shui also sighed. The youths of the clans of the World of the Nine Continents carried a responsibility, one known as a noble calling. They had to do their best for the glory of the clan, even to the point of sacrificing themselves for the clan.

“Since there was such a result, what do you intend to do? Will you listen to their arrangements?” this was what concerned Qin Shi the most. He sensed earlier that Hai Dongqing had felt completely disheartened for an instant.

“If it was for elder brother, then I wouldn’t mind dying. However, they would not let me feel wronged. However, this was the result of their mistakes but now they want me to clean up after them? They want me to sacrifice myself? Furthermore, they forced me into it, I don’t like it. It was a pity that they used my

elder brother and his child to coerce me. I couldn't do anything." When Hai Dongqing said this, Qing Shui could feel a sullen helplessness and bitterness.

"How strong are the people there? How much time do you have left?" Qing Shui asked after thinking for awhile.

"They already have someone who has a foot into the Peak Martial Saint realm. Three months later, they want me to go to the Luo Clan. As long as I become the concubine of the Luo Clan clan head, they would stop the Tu Clan from taking action against the Hai Clan. If I don't go in three months, then they won't interfere in this matter." Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui.

When Qing Shui heard Hai Dongqing's words, he felt that there was something very fishy, he kept feeling that things weren't as simple as they appear on the surface. He looked at Hai Dongqing, feeling that there was something suspicious, "You think that after you go, the Luo Clan still will assist the Hai Clan when the Tu Clan takes action?"

"I have also thought of this before and Elder Brother had also asked the current Clan head once. However, the only answer he got was that they had no other methods and could only do this. They even said that becoming the concubine of the Luo Clan was a good thing for me....."

"They clearly want to sacrifice you....." Qing Shui looked at Hai Dongqing.

"Actually we had almost broken off from the Hai Clan, how regretful. Back then, we shouldn't have come back here, the Hai Clan now is no longer the Hai Clan of the past, they have already declined long ago and lost their fighting spirit." Hai Dongqing sighed as she stood up.

Qing Shui was now thinking about the abilities of the Luo Clan and the Tu Clan. They had people who already had one foot in the peak Martial Saint realm, these were the strongest cultivators in these clans. They would have about the abilities of 9000 countries. Although Qing Shui killed the White Jade Jiao previously, a beast was different from humans. A human could use weapons and had a cunning mind.

Qing Shui also realized one thing, in the few countries he had been to, the strongest people only had one foot into the peak Martial Saint realm. Furthermore, there weren't many of them.

Although all he saw was the tip of the iceberg, people of this level of ability were still quite little. There were not many within a city with billions of people.

With Qing Shui's strength now, he could probably barely take care of them. However, Qing Shui wasn't aware of how many people they had. Although Qing Shui had strong demonic beasts and poison beasts, his odds of victory was still uncertain. This was because he didn't have an understanding of their true abilities. Furthermore, a person with the abilities of 9000 countries would still be difficult for Qing Shui to handle.

This was because Qing Shui's abilities were still too weak!

"Miss Hai, I truly wish to help you but the odds of success are low. However, if I can find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood then I would have 80% chance of success." Qing Shui said calmly.

He didn't say that he would definitely help Hai Dongqing. If he didn't find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood, then he felt that there was no need for him to take the risk. After all, they didn't have a deep relationship.

"Thank you, actually, I have been looking for a person that I could talk to about this. Now that I have said it out loud, I feel much better. There are many people that require your support, nothing can happen to you. Just being able to tell you this has already comforted me a lot." Hai Dongqing said seriously.

"What I said is true, as long as I find the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood and obtain the Three Tailed Immortal Fox Blood, I can help you. I can even guarantee that nothing will happen to me, unless the opponent has a high grade Peak Martial Saint." Qing Shui looked at Hai Dongqing and said with certainty. Although he wasn't too confident now, if he could refine the Everlasting Pellet he should still be able to deal with the Luo and Tu Clan. Even if his abilities couldn't increase by many folds, his strength would still become enough.

"Really?" only now then Hai Dongqing showed a trace of surprise.

"I never brag, if I said it, I will definitely do it."

"Come with me, let's start searching early. I know a place that has a high chance of finding Immortal Foxes."

Chapter 694 - Another Deity Statue

Only when a woman had experienced such a moment that she would reveal her weak side. Regardless of how strong she was, she would be weak once the situation was out of her control.

Qing Shui followed Hai Dongqing as she headed towards the direction which was slightly on the left of the center. As they strode forward, they saw a huge mountainous area from afar.

They would still encounter some demonic beasts along the way but Qing Shui's Emperor's Qi had frightened those beast off. Aside from weakening the abilities of the target, the Emperor's Qi also had a pressuring effect which was the same to that of an expert.

Thus, those that had an insufficient strength would be directly frightened away, while the weaker ones might even get paralyzed with fear.

"We should look around this mound of rubble first, legend said that there were people who had seen an Immortal Foxes here before. However, it said that it was only a two tailed one, we could search the area and try our luck.

"Sure!"

Very soon, they had arrived. They could see a large expanse of rubble, so massive that they can't even see the end of it. When they got closer, they had found out that every piece of debris in this sea of rubble were as large as a pavilion, or even larger than that. They felt as if like they had entered a maze like valley. They were too far away earlier that the mound of rubbles appeared to be so tiny!

Qing Shui's knowledge of the Immortal Fox was based on some of the information he had found. The size of the Immortal Fox varies, it was quite small as a newborn, then its size would increase as it grow stronger. The more tails it had, the larger it will be, just like how a Five Tailed Immortal Fox body could

achieve a 100 meters in size. However, once it gained its sixth tail, the size of its body would shrink. Legend said that when it becomes a Nine Tailed Immortal Fox, it would had the same size of an adult human but it had an earth-shattering might that would be incomparably horrifying.

The Immortal Fox was a unique species, an ordinary fox species could eat some heavenly treasures and evolve into an Immortal Fox. The history books had recorded that the Immortal Fox only had a pure snow-white physique with a tail that had the same length as its body and it had excellent speed and sneak attacks.

Legend also said that only white foxes could evolve into an Immortal Fox, the other fox species had no way to evolve. It is said that the white fox species had the bloodline of the Immortal Fox. When they had an opportunity to mature, for example when it consumed a heavenly treasure, it would had a certain chance to evolve into an Immortal Fox.

“En, look!”

Hai Dongqing pointed joyfully into the distance.

Following her gaze, Qing Shui saw three snow-white foxes with a size of about 2 meters . With just one glance, he could tell that they were all white foxes. Although they were just white foxes, it still made Qing Shui happy.

This was the Immortal Fox Valley, there should be plenty of fox type demonic beasts. However, even if it was called the Immortal Fox Valley, other types of demonic beasts also resided here.

“Let us head inside, it was said that in the past someone saw a Two Tailed Immortal Fox in there.” Hai Dongqing smiled at Qing Shui.

“Sure!”

Qing Shui summoned out the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly and the Jade Emperor Queen Bee. He instructed them to fly by Hai Dongqing’s side, to protect her if any incidents were to occur.

This was a wild mountainous place, she must have been quite afraid with her current level of cultivation. Qing Shui felt fine, he had the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, the Fire Bird, and a huge group of Jade Emperor Bee. As long as he summoned them out, he felt more confident in his heart.

Even a cultivator would feel afraid in this place!

Hai Dongqing stood next to Qing Shui’s as they watched the three strong Demonic Beasts that were just about a few meters in size. In addition to the earlier Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Fire Bird, she now knew that Qing Shui had five strong Demonic Beasts, and every one of them were on the Martial Saint realm.

She would not have dared to come here alone, the demonic beasts that appeared here were not something that she could deal with. This man that was younger than her was actually able to make her feel especially safe.

They repeatedly encountered some demonic beasts, although most of them were of the fox species, there were some that were of the snake or leopard species. These kinds of demonic beast shared a

common trait with the fox species, which is they were all creatures that were specialized in sneak attacks.

The imprudent demonic beasts that dared to sneak attack were either killed by Qing Shui or got petrified by the Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly. After that, they would die as a result of the petrification or be poisoned to death by the Jade Emperor Queen Bee.

This place were both like a mountain stream and a maze. It was good that the rocks' height were not high, most of them were only at the same level of a three stories pavilion. There were some that resembled a small mountain, which could be seen quite frequently.

In those huge rocks that resembled a small mountain, there were caves where demonic beasts often stayed in. Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing hoped that they would be able to find a cave that sheltered an Immortal Fox within it.

They didn't realize that the sky had already turned dark. This place was not like the city, there was no moonlight here and nothing could be seen once it turned dark. The weather would also become very cold, which was the characteristic of the Icy Cloud Mountain.

"We will take a rest here, we are not in a rush." Qing Shui said as he looked at Hai Dongqing beside him.

"That's fine!"

The two of them quickly found a large cave not far away. Qing Shui used his spiritual sense to check the cave, and did not find any aura of large demonic beasts. After he was sure that it was safe, he entered inside the cave together with Hai Dongqing.

Hai Dongqing took out some Light Stones from her Interspatial Silk Satchet as they walked inside the cave. It was not yet completely dark outside but aside from the area near the entrance, the inside of the cave was completely pitch dark.

The Light Stone radiated its light within this very large cave. They were currently in an area that appeared as large as a large palace with a height that was close to 100 meters. With one glance, they could see nine pillars that would require tens of people to move it. A curved path could also be seen further in.

The Light Stone revealed a layer of dust on the ground, with a few presence of footprints that were left by some animals on it. This was not strange, since it was normal for some demonic beasts to had lived in such a large cave.

"Should we go in and take a look?" Qing Shui said after he saw that bend.

"We have nothing better to do anyway, might as well go in and check it out." Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui before she slowly said, as she could tell that Qing Shui wanted to go in.

Although it was dark, when one's abilities became strong, they could still see even at far distances. However, it was still different from seeing with proper lighting as their vision would suffer great limitations in these darkness.

After they had passed through the curved path, a vision of a huge palace entered Qing Shui's eyes. He couldn't believed what he had just seen, so he took another glance but he was still shocked.

Deity Cave of Immortal!

It was similar to the palace where he had obtained the Big Dipper Sword. Qing Shui could feel that intense might, and he could also see the Deity Statue inside!

100 meters!

The distance from that curved path to that vivid and lifelike Deity Statue was about 100 meters. The statue appeared to be very similar to the previous Deity Statue that he had seen and it was also attired in Daoist clothes.

The last time he had obtained the Big Dipper Sword, he used the pressure to temper his muscles and bones. However since then, he didn't have another chance to do it again. Who knew that he would encounter another Deity Statue today.

"What would it give me this time?" Qing Shui felt excited in his heart.

This pressure was not effective to people with no cultivation but as long as one had a cultivation, they would feel a mighty pressure. This force would hinder those who had the abilities to damage the statue, and for those who could get near, they would not be able to muster their strength to damage it.

He had managed to obtain the Big Dipper Sword the previous time because of Luan Luan. At that time, Luan Luan did not have any cultivation but in a blink of an eye, Luan Luan had already undergone her coming-of-age ceremony. This time, he did not know what was inside this Deity Cave of Immortal, but Qing Shui could already see that looking familiar box.

Hai Dongqing stared in shock at the scene in front of her but she did not made any sound. Qing Shui took out a thin and long chain that had a faint violet glow from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Then he tied a Frosted Iron Ball to one end.

Xiu!

Qing Shui would want to use the Hidden Weapon Technique to toss the chain to that box. He wanted to use this technique to wrap the chain around the box and then figure out a way to pull it back to him.

Pa!

After the Frosted Iron Ball advanced for about 60 meters, it shattered.....

The strong pressure had actually caused the Frosted Iron Ball to shatter into powder. Qing Shui understood as he mulled over, anything would suffer the pressure from the statue as long as it crossed the borderline.

Hai Dongqing was shocked when she saw all of these, as she could feel the pressure of the statue as well. After all, she was currently in the position where the pressure was the weakest.

This time, Qing Shui was in a dilemma, where could he find a person without a cultivation? The simplest method had actually managed to stumped Qing Shui.

The Deity Statue was very precious and extremely difficult to find. Usually, when someone had found it, they would think of ways to take away the treasure from it.

“Qing Shui, are you trying to take that box out? Hai Dongqing asked him at this moment.

She had seen Qing Shui failed multiple times, and she knew that it was the result of that pressure.

“En, there should be something good inside that box, it is just that this pressure is too great. The only way is for someone without cultivation to go and tie this chain onto that box.

The chain in Qing Shui’s hands was no ordinary chain, it was a chain that he had forged with a special metal and the violet jade in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. The Frosted Iron Ball did bore the brunt of the pressure and shattered but the chain was unscathed.

Hai Dongqing also frowned, she too didn’t know what to do.

“If only this chain can automatically bind up the box.” Hai Dongqing looked helplessly at the distant box.

A careless word may reveal much to an attentive listener. As Qing Shui’s heard her said that, his eyes brightened. He was in so much joy that he didn’t think rationally and just grabbed Hai Dongqing by the waist and spun her around.....

Following that, Qing Shui awkwardly put the stunned and bashful Hai Dongqing down.

“Sorry, I was too happy.”

During this period of time where Qing Shui and Di Chen were together, there would be such kind of occurrence sometimes. In his moment of joy, he mistook Hai Dongqing for Di Chen.

“I’ll forgive you this time, but you can’t do this again in the future.” Hai Dongqing’s face was red. In that moment, her mind went blank as she did not expect Qing Shui to do that. By the time she had regained her senses, she was already back on the ground.

“I won’t do it again, when I found out how to retrieve the box, I got too excited, I’m sorry.” Qing Shui awkwardly smiled as he apologized.

“Alright, you don’t have to apologize anymore, you did not intend to do that.” Hai Dongqing said gently after she had calmed down.

This matter blew over like that. Qing Shui’s idea was to use the Demon Binding Ropes, he took out the tempered Demon Binding Ropes and tied it to one end of the chain.

He started to walk towards the statue, the distance where he could control the Demon Binding Ropes was less than 100 meters. Although the Demon Binding Ropes level had increased by a grade, the effective distance was only about sixty meters. However, this was not a precise gauge, sometimes it could hit a hundred meters and sometimes just forty meters.

Qing Shui wanted to take precautions, the safest distance was sixty meters. Qing Shui advanced step by step towards the statue while he resisted the huge pressure.

Nature Energy!

Qing Shui raised Nature Energy to its peak and advanced step by step towards the statue!

One step!

Two step!

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When Qing Shui had advanced by nine steps, he suddenly stepped forward with a distance equivalent to two steps. The pressure he felt appeared to have decreased by at least half.....

Chapter 695 - Grade 5 Nature Energy, The Sixth Portrait of Beauty

In that instant, Qing Shui felt very wonderful. He quickly realized what had happened. Pleasant surprises always come when one least expects it, he had actually broken through to the Fifth Grade of the Nature Energy.

The Fifth Grade of Nature Energy!

At first, this breakthrough gave Qing Shui a huge surprise. The strength of the Nature Energy was impossible to estimate because it was the purest and most righteous energy in heaven and earth. Nature Energy could conquer every obstacle, it was always difficult to raise its grade.

This increase in grade of Nature Energy allowed Qing Shui to decrease the pressure of the statute by one fold. This was the gap between the Fourth Grade of Nature Energy and the Fifth Grade of Nature Energy.

Qing Shui was excited but he gradually calmed himself down and continued to slowly walk forwards. The pressure on his body continued to increase and he was forced to slowly adjust his body's strength in order to resist it.

Qing Shui was using this opportunity to temper his muscle and bones. Places like this with a pressure that could temper muscles and bones were truly rare. There were people who chose to train using this specialized method but they had to find an expert to exert a pressure on them.

On the surface, it looked similar but the feeling and the effects were different. Qing Shui hadn't tempered his body like this for a long time and he felt that the effect this time was particularly good. If the strength of his body earlier was like a firm dirt path, it was now a stone path. It felt much more sturdy.

Without realizing it, he had actually walked about fifty steps. Every step Qing Shui took was a meter. It was accurate to the millimeter. At the same time, the pressure caused by the statue was like a large mountain that pressed down on him.

Creak!

The bones in Qing Shui's body let out a soft sound, it sounded like bones healing, yet it also sounded like cracks being filled up.

Every step he took, Qing Shui's bones would emit clear cracking sounds. It was as if his bones were about to break. He carried on until his 36th step before he became unable to proceed forwards.

If he took one more step, Qing Shui felt that his bones would be crushed into powder. Although this was a dangerous period, it was also the best time for tempering his body.

Just like this, Qing Shui stood there quietly, bearing the extreme condition. In that moment, the Qi of the circulated to its peak, even the Yin-Yang Image and the other techniques did the same.

The Qi in his body was rapidly consumed. The automatically produced Qi of the and the spirit energy produced by the Yin-Yang Image was unable to keep up with his rate of consumption.

Demon Binding Ropes!

Qing Shui quickly threw the ropes out.

There was no difficulty in tying up something that was stationary. Additionally, the spiritual energy in the Demon Binding Ropes was only being consumed at a slow pace. Qing Shui did not dare to pull it back violently. Instead, he slowly pulled it towards himself.

When the box was pulled back by five meters, the Demon Binding Ropes automatically loosened. Qing Shui threw it out again and continued to pull.....

This continued until the spiritual energy in the Demon Binding Ropes was exhausted. The box was only two meters away, but this two meters gap seemed impossible to breach. At this moment, Qing Shui's body had reached its saturation point, he could only slowly retreat.

After he returned to the entrance of the palace, Qing Shui's clothes were completely drenched with sweat. Despite this, his complexion was great and he seemed very happy. Without realizing it, two hours had passed.

He used most of that time to temper his muscles and bones with the pressure.

"Are you alright?" Hai Dongqing asked worriedly. She had clearly heard Qing Shui's dense bones creak earlier. In addition, Qing Shui was now completely drenched in sweat.

"I'm fine. In fact, I feel great. Thank you for your concern. It is late already, you should rest here. I'll be outside." Qing Shui took out a bed from the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, along with pillows and blankets. He placed it by the wall not far away from the entrance of the palace, it was only separated from Qing Shui and the outside by a wall. The inside of the palace was easily accessible from there.

She watched on as Qing Shui nonchalantly placed a layer of beast skin on the floor for himself..... Although these actions may seem minor, it was minor actions like this which would show the inner heart of a person.

At this moment, Hai Dongqing felt an indescribable feeling in her heart. After she wished Qing Shui goodnight, she sat on the side of the bed. She noticed that the beddings on the bed were all new.

Qing Shui released all his demonic beast outside to protect the surroundings before he entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

The night passed peacefully. After Qing Shui exited the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, he slept outside for awhile until the sun rose up. He walked outside and faced the east and practiced his Taichi Fist. At the same time, he began to feel the newly upgraded Nature Energy.

In the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui had already felt the changes to the Nature Energy. That unbreakable vigor had increased significantly and great benefits like poison resistance had started

to appear. However, its effects of increasing abilities only gained an additional 10%, going from the original 40% to 50%.

Qing Shui wasn't sure if he should be disappointed but soon after, he laughed happily. As long as there was an increase, it was good. Furthermore, the biggest use of Nature Energy wasn't to increase the abilities of the body. It was to resist poison, cure poison, resist mental attacks and many effects, this was the truly heaven-defying aspects of Nature Energy.

He wasn't able to see the sun but he could feel it. The sun that was blocked by gray clouds didn't hinder Qing Shui's efforts to absorb Nature Energy.

After a short while, Hai Dongqing came out and greeted Qing Shui with a smile. She then looked at Qing Shui in an embarrassed manner and said, "I didn't bring any food, what should we do for breakfast?"

Qing Shui laughed while he looked at Hai Dongqing: "I will deal with it in awhile, we aren't lacking in birds and animals here."

After awhile, Qing Shui went out. He used a stone to kill a nearby wild chicken as well a mountain rabbit. He then expertly skinned and cleaned them. There was an ice stream nearby but even if he didn't have the ice stream, there wouldn't be any problems. He would just have to go into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

He started a fire and started to barbecue!

With his primordial flames, Qing Shui did not have to use any fire starting tools, the Fire Bird was able to do so too, it was incredibly convenient. Barbecuing was a skill that required a certain technique, it was a good thing that Qing Shui and barbecued many times in the past, thus he was incomparably familiar with the process.

After the simple breakfast, Qing Shui walked towards the palace. Obtaining that box would be a simple matter today. This time, he still slowly proceeded forward. Qing Shui decided to temper his body further today and consolidate his strength. The benefits of tempering the body were tremendous, it was like building the foundations of a pavilion. One had to use a very heavy object to make sure the ground was firm, this way, the build will be more sturdy. Tempering the body was like building a good foundation.

This time, he still stopped at the 36th step again. He stood still and endured the pressure that had previously brought him to his limits. When he felt that he had reached his limits, Qing Shui slowly retreated.

This step back was done in a calm manner. To advance forward would be to crush his own bones into powder..... Qing Shui seemed to be on the verge of understanding something but he still couldn't cross that threshold.

Demon Binding Ropes!

After Qing Shui retreated by a step, he used the Demon Binding Ropes to tie the box up before slowly dragging it towards himself. Very soon, the box arrived in front of Qing Shui.

Keeping the Demon Binding Ropes, Qing Shui held the box with one hand. It was much lighter than the box from the previous time. He carried the box and slowly made his way back to the entrance of the palace.

Hai Dongqing had waited at the palace entrance for two hours and had heard the sounds of bones creaking again. However, the sounds today were much softer than the day before. Additionally, the frequency was lower too. It was to the point where she couldn't hear anything at the end.

After he placed down the box, Qing Shui released a long breath. He then carefully opened up the box and raised his spiritual sense to its peak, in case there was any unforeseen event.

The first time, nothing out of his expectations happened, this time nothing unexpected happened either. He didn't know what kind of metal this box was made from but it was very heavy.

When Qing Shui saw the things inside, he was shocked and also disappointed at the same time. There was a painting inside, it was a Portrait of Beauty.

Qing Shui had already obtained five Portraits of Beauty, thus he was able to tell this was a Portrait of Beauty with just a glance. There were clothes at its side, as well as an entire set of battle dress and jewelry for females.

With regards to the Portrait of Beauty, Qing Shui didn't have many expectations towards it. He had only benefited greatly from the dream among the sea of flowers when he obtained the first Portrait of Beauty. As for the others, he hadn't discovered any benefits from them yet.

Thus, Qing Shui was faintly disappointed. The things that he thirsted for were definitely better than the Portrait of Beauty.

Qing Shui wasn't anxious to look at this Portrait of Beauty. Instead, he looked at that set of battle dress. The whole set was silvery white. The hairpin, earrings, necklace, bracelet, weapon, battle dress, and boots, they were all a silvery white.

They all glimmered with a bright silver light. In addition, there was an intense Spiritual Qi fluctuation. This Spiritual Qi alone allowed Qing Shui to tell that these were strong items. They were at least of the same grade as the Big Dipper Sword in Qing Shui's hands.

"En, Beast Parchment?"

Qing Shui saw a Beast Parchment below the battle dress. He hurriedly took it out and read the words on it.

Luan Silver Battle Dress Set, give it to the fated person.

[Note: The Luan is a kind of mystical bird]

The wearer has to be female and their strength must at least be at the Martial Saint realm. However, their cultivation couldn't be higher than Peak Martial Saint, even a peak Martial Saint cannot wear this. Only Grade One to Grade Ten Martial Saints could wear this. Works best for people with unique constitutions. Hoping that the wearer of the Luan Silver Battle Dress Set wouldn't massacre anyone.

The user of the Luan Silver Battle Dress Set can activate the 'Luan's Strength.' This ability can temporarily raise one's abilities by one fold and raise the user's speed to that of an early Peak Martial Saint. The Luan Silver Sword can ignore defense and the Luan Silver Battle Dress can automatically block three attacks a day. The effects of Luan's Strength lasts for 15 minutes and can only be used once a day.

Divine equipment?

Qing Shui was a little stunned. The dress he had once given to Di Chen could only block one fatal attack but this set can do so three times. It could raise the user's abilities by one fold, the most perverse thing was that it raised one's speed to that of an early peak Martial Saint and the Luan Silver Sword completely ignores defense.

This was a divine equipment for those who were below the Peak Martial Saint level. As long as one reached the cultivation of Grade One Martial Saint, they could put on this Luan Silver Battle Dress Set and activated the Luan's Strength. In that 15 minutes, they will be the absolute overlord to those below the Peak Martial Saint level. It could cause a Grade One Martial Saint to directly reach a strength equivalent to a Peak Grade Ten Martial Saint. Even dealing with those new Peak Martial Saints, like those with abilities only slightly more than 10000 countries, might be possible. After all, the effect of automatically blocking three attacks was the best when trying to desperately killing someone.

This strength of the Luan Silver Battle Dress Set wasn't that it raised one's strength but rather its terrifying speed and the weapon's ability to ignore defense. As long as this weapon struck somewhere that wasn't protected by a divine equipment, then the opponent would definitely die a terrible death. The most important thing was that the Luan Silver Battle Dress could completely block three attacks a day. This would allow the user to catch their opponent off guard and attack, causing their opponents to be unable to even defend.

Chapter 696 - Luan Silver Battle Dress, the woman on the Portraits of Beauty was her!

Qing Shui stared at the Luan Silver Battle Dress . It's considered a false Divine Artifact, but it has too many limitations.

It was already considered a Divine artifact to low grade Martial Saint Warriors whereas to Peak Grade Ten Martial Saints, it's something they'd find useless yet hard to part with. Nevertheless, the Luan Silver Battle Dress was still quite powerful because the function of it was to ignore defense which was still considerably insane. Unfortunately, it could only be used when it was in the complete set. Other than that, there was still the ability to block three offensive attacks.

Even though it didn't specify up to how many countries worth of strength it could block, Qing Shui had a feeling that it wouldn't be weak. It should more or less be able to block attacks from early stage Peak Martial Saints which in other words, meant around thirty thousand countries worth of strength. There had to be a limit to the strength of the attacks it could block because this was the rule set up across the continent.

In addition to that, one of the worst limits was that it could only be used for fifteen minutes every day.

Also, Peak Martial Saint Warriors weren't allowed to use it. But as Qing Shui thought about it, he had yet to run into anyone with strength at Peak Martial Saint. If a peak-tier Grade Ten Martial Saint was to

wear the Luan Silver Battle Dress, he would definitely have more than enough power to kill an early stage Peak-Stage Martial Saint.

Qing Shui continued scrolling down and found the method to operate Luan's Strength.

He immediately passed it over to Hai Dongqing. Considering that she happened to have the strength of a Grade One Martial Saint, this thing would be able to help her take a huge leap in terms of her strength.

Prior to this, she hadn't really seen the words on the beast parchment paper. When Qing Shui passed it to her, she put down the beautiful clothes and started reading it.

As she looked down, she became more and more surprised. She looked at Qing Shui in shock like she was doubting that this was real: "are these all real?"

"You can first learn the Luan's Strength then give it a try after wearing it. You would know if it is true, by then." Qing Shui smiled at Hai Dongqing.

"You're going to let me try it?" Hai Dongqing said gently while looking at Qing Shui.

"Of course it's gonna be you. Only you could wear beautiful garments like this, or would you like me to try instead?" Qing Shui laughed.

Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui and started laughing too. This made Qing Shui suspect that she must be laughing because she was thinking of how he looked when he wore the Luan Silver Battle Dress.

"You should learn the Luan's Strength first. I'm going to take a look at this drawing in the meantime." Qing Shui quickly tried to change the topic.

"Alright, let me have a look at it later." Hai Dongqing said casually before looking at the training method. She was very quickly engrossed in it.

Qing Shui on the other hand, slowly opened up the sixth Portrait of Beauty. The moment Qing Shui opened it, he was stunned and turned into stone for a moment.

This was too much of a coincidence.....

The woman in the picture looked extremely noble and elegant. Her hair was tied up neatly and she had a mature and beautiful face with a pair of gorgeous eyes. Her skin was smooth and pale, sparkling like jade while her neck was long and thin. Her slender body looked fine and delicate. The way it was curved made people feel as if they were in a dream. Her bulging front and butt formed the most perfect curves, making her look even more alluring. The snow white flowing cloud skirt that she was wearing caused her to be at the borderline between being a goddess and a human.

The sixth Portrait of Beauty!

Hai Dongqing!

Hai Dongqing being in the Portraits of Beauty wasn't really the thing that surprised Qing Shui. After all, she was still arguably a woman who could topple countries. The elegance and charm that she gave off could leave people captivated. Even though it's different than Di Chen, Di Qing or Canghai Mingyue, it was still really intoxicating.

What truly surprised Qing Shui was of all the times he got the Portrait of Beauty, the one he got this time had to be Hai Dongqing, right at the time when he went out with her. This kind of coincidence was too freakish and weird.

At this moment, Hai Dongqing raised her head and happened to see Qing Shui's stunned look. She approached Qing Shui in confusion and as soon as she saw the picture, she was also stunned. Every single person who had seen her before would definitely recognize the person in the picture to be her. But she knew that she had never had her picture drawn before.

At this moment, Qing Shui could feel Hai Dongqing approaching him. The two were really close to each other. Even their shoulders were touching. As Qing Shui noticed that, he slowly rolled the picture back up.

"I'm going to put away the drawing first." Qing Shui shamelessly put away the drawing into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, along with the box.

Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui. Her face looked a bit red but despite that, she didn't really say anything. Instead, she took up the entire set of the Luan Silver Battle Dress and proceeded to tell Qing Shui: "I'm going to change my clothes."

After she finished speaking, she went towards the main hall, the place where she slept yesterday.

Qing Shui knew that she was trying to remind him to not peep on her. It's just that the tone she used when she spoke drove him wild with lots of fanciful thoughts.

The most important thing was that she seemed to really trust him. Was he really so non-threatening to her? He started over-thinking a lot of things. The more he thought about it, the harder he found being a good man was.

When Hai Dongqing, who was wearing the Luan Silver Battle Dress, silver earrings, necklaces, girdle and boots, and a three feet long Luan Silver Sword turned around, Qing Shui was immediately stunned.

At this moment, Hai Dongqing was like a goddess who descended from the sky. Her graceful and noble look reached its peak. Each and every one of her actions looked elegant to the extreme. Not only this but there was even a kind of magnanimity and heroic feeling to it. It felt really intimidating or rather, it made people standing in front of her felt a sense of inferiority.

Hai Dongqing felt a bit uneasy facing Qing Shui's stare and lowered her head down. Despite this, she felt a faint happiness deep in her heart. At the same time, she also felt a bit worried because it would be really easy if a man like him had wanted to do something cheap to her. But as she thought about his personality, she felt that she might have overthought it.

"No one other than you would look at me like that." Hai Dongqing interrupted Qing Shui grudgingly.

Qing Shui, who came back to his senses, blushed. Prior to this, he was truly attracted by the elegant and mature woman in front of him. Qing Shui was infatuated with her elegance and charm. A beautiful woman is just like a cup of wine, the more time you spend with it, the more flavor you will find in it.

Looking at the embarrassed Qing Shui, Hai Dongqing smiled. She never thought that this man would ever blush. In fact, he looked quite good with his face red.

“You look really good!” Qing Shui said awkwardly.

Hai Dongqing smiled and suggested Qing Shui walk out together with her. After that she turned around and walked out. Even though this man had complimented her twice, there was a different feeling for each of them. Despite the way he complimented her being really straightforward, she really enjoyed it.

Qing Shui followed Hai Dongqing and they walked out together. He looked at the extreme beauty in front of him with the silvery cloth on. In between her steps, there was an indescribable charm and attractiveness to it.

Qing Shui stood opposite Hai Dongqing, around ten meters apart while Hai Dongqing attempted to operate the Luan’s Strength. After only a few breaths time, a faint silvery light emerged from Hai Dongqing’s body. It seemed to be somehow attached to the Luan Silver Battle Dress she was wearing.

He could feel Hai Dongqing’s strength wildly increasing. Doubled, it actually doubled!. However, Qing Shui also felt an unknown force increasing within her. Considering that the boost in her speed was really terrifying, he suspected the unknown force to be somehow related to her speed.

“You should first try to get yourself adapted to your speed.” Qing Shui was aware that human’s body and mind might not be able to catch up to a sudden and significant speed increase in one go.

Hai Dongqing moved. Her speed was so fast that even Qing Shui couldn’t catch up with his eyes. While facing this kind of speed, he would only be able to stand up against it if he ate the Gale Pellet.

She could already use it so smoothly despite this being her first time using it. This surprised Qing Shui greatly. As he attempted to thoroughly sense her, he realized that not only had her strength doubled, there was even a mysterious strength filling up her body. Not only did it make her feel intimidating and mysterious, it even aided her in adapting to the speed and strength increases that she temporarily had.

Qing Shui immediately took in a Gale Pellet and suggested Hai Dongqing attack him.

Hai Dongqing hesitated for a moment and then immediately charged towards Qing Shui at incredible speed. The Luan Silver Sword formed a silvery sword aura through the air as it was sliced towards Qing Shui.

Ding!

A clear metal noise rang. Speed is a kind of strength. This attack definitely wasn’t something which she could achieve just by doubling strength alone.

Ding.....

After that, Hai Dongqing ran around the area with a kind of footstep which was a feast to the eye and attempted to slice Qing Shui apart with the Luan’s Silver Sword in her hand. She looked elegant and agile while doing it.

Qing Shui who was holding the Big Dipper Sword and Violet Gold Divine Shield also felt a kind of pressure. After all, the speed at which it happened was too fast. Even though Qing Shui swallowed the Gale Pellet, he still felt that he was a bit slower than her.

Combination Sword Technique!

Qing Shui found an opportunity and bested Hai Dongqing with brute force. Without further hesitation, he even swiftly clashed the Violet Gold Divine Shield against her. All along, it had been his intention to do so.

However, upon collision, Qing Shui held back more than half of his strength.

Bang!

Hai Dongqing immediately blocked it with her arm. In the instant her arm and Qing Shui's Violet Gold Divine Shield came into contact, a fierce silvery light flashed and immediately pushed away Qing Shui's Violet Gold Divine Shield.

At this moment, the two came to a stop.

Hai Dongqing looked at Qing Shui angrily: "were you planning to kill me?"

"Of course not. As if I could bare to lay my hand on you." Qing Shui said awkwardly. He was just trying to experiment with the ability to resist three attacks. If it failed, Qing Shui would still stop.

Qing Shui's words caused Hai Dongqing to unnaturally avoid Qing Shui's eyes and shot a glare at him before walking into the main hall. However, she came out very quickly with the Luan Silver Battle Dress neatly folded in her hands.

She walked up to Qing Shui and passed it back to him.

"Why are you giving it to me?" Qing Shui asked Hai Dongqing.

"This is yours, of course I have to give it back to you." Hai Dongqing smiled.

Qing Shui thought about it for a while. The two were actually just normal friends. For something so valuable, naturally, the person who first got it would be the one to possess it. Hence, it wasn't unusual for her to give it back to him.

Don't you like the Luan Silver Battle Dress Set? Qing Shui asked her. He didn't extend out his hands to take the dress back.

"I like it, but it's yours."

"Then I'll give it to you. Just treat it as your reward for bringing me here this time, how's that?" To be honest, Qing Shui really didn't want to give it to her, after all, it's a Divine Artifact Grade Weapon. It would be much better if he could give it to his women, for example, Di Chen.

It was just that as Qing Shui thought about the Portraits of Beauty, the beauty in the portrait was wearing the Luan Silver Battle Dress, Qing Shui felt that it was specially made for Hai Dongqing. Hence, he took away the portrait and made up his mind to give the Luan Silver Battle Dress to her.

"No, my reward shouldn't worth this much?" Hai Dongqing smiled and shook her head.

"Then why don't you wear it for now and give it back to me once we're out? At least it can help you raise your strength." Qing Shui smiled and said.

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"Alright!" Hai Dongqing responded after thinking for a while.

Qing Shui continued to stay here for one more night. He used that pressure pressure to refine the tendons and bones. He thought about the time when he ran into the Howling Moon Silver Ape in the Deity Cave. Yet, there wasn't anything here this time. This caused Qing Shui to feel really weird because there should be a Guardian Beast in this Deity Cave.

Last time, Qing Shui had a feeling that the Howling Moon Silver Ape should be the Guardian Beast of that Deity Cave. Unfortunately, he didn't really know what it was protecting. In the end, turned out it also didn't leave with Qing Shui.

Every Deity Statue was different. The only thing in common about them was that they were all treasures left behind by past warriors for destiny to decide their owners. As for the pressure released from it, it's a kind of test for the person who was about to possess it. It could also be said that the pressure was to ensure that the Deity Statue wasn't destroyed.

As for Guardian Beasts, they were likely to be demonic beasts tamed by experts while they were still alive. Soon, the duty of protecting the Deity Statue started being passed down generation to generation. It could also be that some of the beasts were forced to surrender in front of the intimidating pressure of the Deity Statue. They'd rather protect this place or maybe a certain thing here.

Of course, there was also the possibility that the previous Guardian Beast no longer existed and even now, there was yet to be any new Guardian Beast to replace it. It could potentially lead to lack of protections of the beasts here for a long period of time.

Hence, Qing Shui felt really weird. It might be that he managed to reach here at the right time, when there wasn't any Guardian Beast looking after the place.

Just like this, Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing stayed for one more night. Upon refining the tendons and bones this time, Qing Shui felt the toughness of his body had become perfectly stable.

Ang!

At this moment, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant outside let out a mad cry.

Qing Shui realized something was wrong. Normally, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant would only let out roars like this when it was facing formidable enemies as a sign of protest. Simultaneously, it did this to warn Qing Shui.

"Let's go out and have a look." Qing Shui told Hai Dongqing as he led her out of the cave.

As soon as they stepped outside, Qing Shui noticed that the Diamond Gigantic Elephant was staring far away into the distance. It didn't blink its enormous eyes even once as it shook its body restlessly and stomped the ground.

Qing Shui released his spiritual sense and sensed a formidable aura getting closer. He didn't dare to let his guard down.

At this moment, Hai Dongqing wore the Luan Silver Battle Armor while standing beside of Qing Shui. She was also looking far off into the distance. This time, she wasn't as nervous as before. She knew exactly why, it was all because of the man she had beside her."

Kong!

There was a loud roar coming from the distance. It seemed to be in reply to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's trumpet. Very quickly, a black dot could already be seen. It was drawing close at such incredible speed.

Such incredible speed!

Once the enemy got closer, Qing Shui could clearly see its appearance.

This was a demonic beast which had a full body of snow white fur. It was about thirty meters long and the snow white fur across its body looked really neat. It looked tall and divine. Its pair of jade green eyes made it even more good-looking. It no longer felt eerie and frightening. This was the only demonic beast Qing Shui saw that was clean to the point where it didn't have any dust on it.

Roar!

There was yet another loud roaring noise. Soon after, the demonic beast was already about a hundred meters away from Qing Shui. It started by staring at the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and gave out two low cries.

Similarly, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant responded by trumpeting twice. Strangely, Qing Shui could feel the hostility between the two demonic beasts slowly disappearing. Very quickly, the enormous snow white demonic beast fixed its sight on Hai Dongqing.

Whine!

Hai Dongqing first reacted in surprise. After that, she started walking towards the enormous beast. As she did so, Qing Shui hurriedly grabbed her. He ended up subconsciously pulling Hai Dongqing's pale hand.

Her skin was smooth and delicate. It was so soft that it felt like she didn't have any bones. Qing Shui couldn't help but felt excited. Despite this, he didn't let go of her: "Don't act rashly, are you ok?"

Qing Shui was afraid that she might have suffered some kind of mental attack, hence, he wanted to confirm it.

"Qing Shui, I'm fine and awake. Let go of me, I'll tell you about it later." Hai Dongqing felt a sense of warmth as she looked at Qing Shui's anxious look.

It felt really good to have someone who cared for you.

Qing Shui let go of her. After all. She had the Luan Silver Battle Dress. If she were to run into any trouble, she would be able to rely on the Luan Silver Battle Dress for to block it.

Hai Dongqing smiled as she approached the snow white colored enormous beast.

Whine!

Even though Qing Shui had managed to figure it out, he still felt a bit unbelievable. The enormous snow white demonic beast started to lie prone in front of Hai Dongqing, even so, it was still a few times taller than Hai Dongqing herself.

Hai Dongqing extended her hands and touched the snow white colored demonic beast. She smiled gently.

Qing Shui was standing next to her. He was intoxicated with her beautiful appearance. Hence, he tried his best to avoid eye contact with her. A beautiful woman was just like a fatal poisonous medicine, they could cause someone to lose control over themselves with their beauty.

Hai Dongqing seemingly felt something and shot a sideways glance at Qing Shui. She smiled before gently saying: "Qing Shui, this one is responsible for looking after the Luan Silver Battle Dress.

Qing Shui finally knew why Hai Dongqing went towards the demonic beast previously. It seemed she was able to communicate with it. Furthermore, it seemed like this demonic beast would only follow the person wearing the Luan Silver Battle Dress.

"Can you understand demonic beast's language?"

"I can only understand its meaning." Hai Dongqing smiled while pointing at the Silver Spirit Beast.

Qing Shui attempted to sense the Silver Spirit Beast and realized that it was a bit superior to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant in terms of strength. It was already considered to have extremely outstanding talent. He couldn't help but wonder if it would have more or less growth potential than the Diamond Gigantic Elephant.

Actually, Qing Shui's Diamond Gigantic Elephant had also only reached adulthood. And this was only because it lived in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. As Qing Shui saw Hai Dongqing getting along particularly well with the Silver Spirit Beast, he smiled.

"Congratulations on getting a formidable demonic beast." Qing Shui smiled and said.

Initially, when Hai Dongqing heard Qing Shui's words, she also felt really happy. But very quickly, she lost the mood to smile. This was because she thought that eventually, she would have to return the Luan Silver Battle Dress to him. The Silver Spirit Beast would only follow the person with the Luan Silver Battle Dress.

"Not long after this, I'm going to give the Luan Silver Battle Dress to you. Then, the Silver Spirit Beast will definitely start following you." Hai Dongqing smiled and said. Even though she was a bit unwilling to do so, she had no choice because the Luan Silver Battle Dress wasn't actually hers.

"Actually, have you noticed something? The Silver Spirit Beast is going to follow you forever. Even though it looked like it's protecting these treasures, the Luan Silver Battle Dress, it seems to me more like it's protecting the portrait instead. If you don't believe me, you can ask the Silver Spirit Beast." Qing Shui smiled. He possessed formidable Spiritual Sense, meaning that he could detect even the slightest fluctuation in his surroundings. He noticed that the Silver Spirit Beast wasn't actually interested in the Luan Silver Battle Dress. On the contrary, it seemed to be particularly attracted to Hai Dongqing. This reminded Qing Shui of the Portraits of Beauty in which the Luan Silver Battle Dress was a part.

Hai Dongqing's beautiful pupils shone. Soon, she started touching the Silver Spirit Beast in joy.

"The Silver Spirit Beast and the Luan Silver Battle Dress would provide you with a significant boost in your strength, so much so that you might stand a chance in facing Du Clan. Take it, not to mention that we came here together. Once you run into something which suits you, it should naturally be yours." Qing Shui smiled as he attempted to convince her once more.

"No I can't, it's too precious, you should just leave it for people more important to you." Hai Dongqing said firmly after hesitating for a while. These words were something which she wouldn't have said unless she made a firm decision. The reason was because these clothes could potentially help her solve Hai Clan's crisis.

"Are we friends?" Qing Shui didn't know what's going on. The more she refused to take it, the more eager he felt to give it to her. Furthermore, Qing Shui also felt that this set of clothes suited her particularly well. If it hadn't been because of the sixth Portraits of Beauty, Qing Shui wouldn't have been trying to convince her to keep it. Of course wearing it could definitely help her through the crisis of Hai Clan.

"It's precisely because we're friends that I cannot keep it."

"Take it... regardless of your exterior or in my heart, you are much more valuable than these clothes."

Hai Dongqing didn't know what to say and shot a glare at Qing Shui.

"Alright, it's decided then. We will go look for the Three-tailed Immortal Fox together. If we managed to find its blood, I will definitely give you a present which I'm sure you'll like." Qing Shui smiled and said.

Just like that, Hai Dongqing stopped tangling herself with the problem. She stopped talking about giving it back to Qing Shui but she did not promise to keep it either. Similarly, Qing Shui didn't say any more about it. Finding the Three-tailed Immortal Fox's Blood would make him feel much better than having the Luan Silver Battle Dress. Out of everything, Qing Shui enjoyed having powerful raw strength the most. External forces were unreliable in the sense that they had a lot of limitations, for example, time limit. Of course, when one reached his peak in terms of his raw strength and couldn't improve any further, these false Divine Artifacts would turn out to be their next best alternatives.

Soon after, the two went even deeper into the cave to look for the Three-tailed Immortal Fox. This time, they had the Silver Spirit Beast beside them, providing them with additional strength.

Unknowingly, half a month had passed. They only managed to run into a few fox type demonic beasts. On several occasions, they even mistakenly identified some of the white foxes as the Immortal Foxes.

They were almost at the end of the messy cave. If they still didn't manage to find it here, they would have to move to another spot. The longer it took, the more hopeless they felt.

Actually, no matter how one looked at it, this place was quite suitable to be the Immortal Foxes' habitat. Despite this, they weren't able to find even a single trace of the Immortal Fox. If they had run into any foxes, had it even been only a two tailed fox, it would at least give Qing Shui some hope knowing that the Immortal Foxes still existed.

“Let’s take a break for a while and eat something. We are going to search through this entire place today before the sky gets dark.” Qing Shui stopped and told Hai Dongqing.

“The Immortal Fox is such a difficult creature to find.” Qing Shui sighed with regret after dinner.

“If we can’t find it here, I’ll bring you to a place. That place will definitely have it, but.....” Hai Dongqing sounded a bit hesitant when she was saying it.

“What? Carry on. Miss Hai, please be straightforward and say it.” Qing Shui said agitatedly.

“In the middle of Immortal Fox Valley, there is a place known as the Immortal Fox Lake. I’m pretty sure that we will be able to find Immortal Foxes if we stay there. However, it does come with a risk. Legend has it that the place is filled with a lot of Peak Martial Saint Demonic Beasts.” Hai Dongqing confessed.

When he heard about that, he felt both happy and worried. Nevertheless, he felt that it was necessary for him to go there. So long as he couldn’t manage to find it here, he would definitely go there. The only thing was that it might be a bit inconvenient if he brought Hai Dongqing along.

“We will look through this entire place today. If we still don’t manage to find anything, we will set off for Immortal Fox Lake tomorrow.” Qing Shui didn’t want to miss the golden opportunity. He felt that there ought to be a way for him to find it.

The sky has gotten dark. Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing had looked through the last few holes with no discoveries. However, it wasn’t actually surprising that this happened. Fortunately, they managed to find out about the Immortal Fox Lake. There was a huge possibility that it existed there.

They rested in a cave nearby.

Within the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

A faint halo emerged, indicating that Qing Shui’s Heavenly Thunder Slash has reached the Obscure Realm. This was one of the techniques which took Qing Shui the longest time to master.

Obscure Realm Heavenly Thunder Slash!

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Obscure Realm Heavenly Thunder Slash!

Qing Shui was feeling really happy at this very moment because after reaching the Obscure Realm, there was a chance for the Heavenly Thunder Slash to stun enemies. The duration of the effect would depend on their strength.

The only thing he was uncertain about was the chances of his opponents getting stunned. However, Qing Shui had a feeling that it wouldn’t be big or else it would be too heaven defying. It goes without saying that this attack was definitely going to turn out to be really dangerous. Once warriors became as strong as Qing Shui, getting paralyzed for even an instant can lead to fatal injuries.

The reason why Qing Shui dedicated lots of time and hard work into training the Heavenly Thunder Slash, was all for this very function, to stun opponents. After all, the Heavenly Thunder Slash at both the Obscure Realm and Truth Realm provided the same 30% boost to his raw strength.

Heavenly Thunder Slash!

Qing Shui thrust out his fist!

A few faint violet light spots flashed across his fist. In between the spots, it seemed as if there were threads binding them together as they shone, making it feel illusory.

Qing Shui watched as the electrical thunderweb sort of thing attached itself to his fist, this was one of the effects of Obscure Realm. Qing Shui knew that the so called electrical thunderweb was the thing that was capable of stunning opponents.

Snap!

As Qing Shui thrust out his fist, a clear noise could be heard. There was also an extremely weak snake hissing noise mixed in it.

The breakthrough of the Heavenly Thunder Slash this time caused Qing Shui to be incomparably surprised. For a long time he had stopped having much hope of the Heavenly Thunder Slash reaching the Obscure Realm because whenever he thought that it would break through, he would be disappointed. Eventually, he found out it wasn't something that could be achieved within one or two days. Ever since then, there were no longer even traces of it happening.

This was how Qing Shui forgot about it. Even though he would still cultivate it consistently everyday, he wouldn't think about when it would break through. This was truly an unexpected joy for Qing Shui. He was sure that the Heavenly Thunder Slash would play a crucial role in some of his battles to come.

Qing Shui was more adapted to fighting long battles. The longer the battle, the better the chance of successfully stunning his opponent. As soon as the stunning effect appeared, Qing Shui would be able to perform his killer move at that very instant.

At the instant the opponents were stunned, their body's resistance to any form of attacks would drop. This was the unique ability of a stunning effect.

The night went on peacefully. On the second day, the two set off on their journey towards the Immortal Fox Lake located at the center of the valley. Qing Shui had already found out that the center part of the Immortal Fox Valley was very dangerous.

Immortal Fox Lake was located right in the middle of the Immortal Fox Valley. In other words, it was the most dangerous place. Also, the Immortal Fox Lake provided the area with water that contained the most spiritual energy, the most powerful demonic beasts would be found living in that area.

Fortunately, Hai Dongqing got the Silver Spirit Beast. This reassured Qing Shui a little. Hai Dongqing told Qing Shui about the two powerful abilities which the Silver Spirit Beast possessed, making him also look forward to seeing them.

Silver Spirit Protection!

When the Silver Spirit Beast used this battle technique, a powerful reflective force would be formed around his body. The effect would last for fifteen minutes. During that time, even though it couldn't initiate any attacks, it would also be protected from all sorts of enemies' attacks. It could choose to either run away or clash against warriors or demonic beasts in his way.

It's an insane battle technique for survival and it was at least a false Divine Skill

Qing Shui told her to not worry about him and use this battle technique if ever they were to run into a situation where there was no way out. The Silver Spirit Beast was still considerably fast when it comes to running and flying. It had the formidable speed element battle technique, Silver Spirit Flash.

Silver Spirit Flash!

Upon using it, the caster would be able to receive a significant speed boost with no time restrictions. The more exhaustion the caster suffered from, the more significant the increase in speed would be. At most, the caster would experience a five times increase in speed.

These were the two battle techniques of the Silver Spirit Beast that Qing Shui knew about. Merely these two techniques were already enough to make the Silver Spirit Beast a top-notch mount. Additionally, Qing Shui could already tell that the Silver Spirit Beast had insanely powerful offensive type battle techniques just from these two battle techniques.

All of these helped Qing Shui lessen his worries over Hai Dongqing. Qing Shui felt a lot less anxious than before. However, it was now Hai Dongqing's turn to be worried for Qing Shui. After all, no matter how strong Qing Shui was, it would still be impossible for him to fight a large group of Peak Martial Saint demonic beasts alone.

"Qing Shui, are you sure that you can proceed or step back freely?" As the two proceeded towards the center part of the valley, Hai Dongqing felt more and more nervous. She wasn't nervous for herself. On the contrary, she was feeling nervous for Qing Shui.

"I'm fine. You're the one I'm worried about. I'm scared I won't be able to take care of you." Qing Shui had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Instantaneous Diamond Evasion. Most importantly, he also possessed the Nine Continent's Boots.

"You don't have to be worried about me. If we were to run into any crisis, you have to remember to take care of yourself. The Silver Spirit Beast can help you escape." Hai Dongqing said seriously.

"This is a Vital Essence Pill and this is a Gale Pellet. The Vital Essence Pill can instantly replenish the energy which you consumed whereas the Gale Pellet can help you double your speed for fifteen minutes. You can also stack the effect with other pills to increase the boost. This is a Clear Wind Fruit. On your first time taking it, it can help both permanently boost your speed by 50% and simultaneously provide a temporary 50% boost in speed for fifteen minutes. Of course, the effect can be stacked with other pills." Qing Shui passed the medicinal pills to her while explaining to her about each and every one of their functions.

Hai Dongqing was aware of how precious these things were, but for now, she could only accept them. She realized that she was becoming more and more indebted to the man in front of her. She no longer knew how she could repay him because it was something which she could never afford to pay back.

The demonic beasts, which they ran into along the way, were also getting more and more powerful. Later on, they even ran into huge herds of demonic beasts. The two had no choice but to avoid them. Only in this moment did they get to experience how terrifying a colony of huge demonic beasts were. Those at Peak Martial Saint Grade were particularly terrifying.

Just like this, Hai Dongqing followed Qing Shui and the two were constantly on the move for a week. If they didn't see any demonic beasts, they would ride on their demonic beasts and rush through. Whereas if they ran into some not so powerful demonic beasts, they would summon their own demonic beasts and go head-to-head with them. Now that they're getting closer and closer to Immortal Fox Lake, the speed at which they progressed also slowed down as the demonic beasts which they ran into got stronger and stronger.

Dong-dong.....

Following a loud noise, the ground below their feet started shaking. The noise came all the way through from afar. Very quickly, they could see an enormous beast the size of a small mountain in the distance.

It was a yellow colored enormous beast. Its appearance resembled that of both a turtle and a chameleon. Its limbs looked thick but a bit short. Despite this, its entire body looked as if it was made of diamonds.

It had an enormous head with an oversized mouth. The mouth was full of sharp teeth, letting out an eerie aura which made people tremble from head to toe.

Earth Dragon Beast!

As soon as Qing Shui spotted the big guy, he started feeling anxious. The Earth Dragon Beast was an enormous and formidable demonic beast. It didn't really have a dragon's bloodline within its body. To be more precise, it could only be considered to be an enormous beast. It has a malevolent and fierce physical appearance and it's known by others as the Earth Dragon Beast.

It should be almost the White Jade Jiao's equal in terms of strength. However, Qing Shui was still a bit worried because this was a fierce demonic beast. Not only that but quite often it would appear in groups, which was what truly concerned Qing Shui the most.

Only one Earth Dragon Beast appeared this time. It was about thirty meters long, yet it already made people felt that it was really huge. This was because other demonic beasts mostly had long and thin bodies while the Earth Dragon Beast's size was comparable to that of a small mountain in terms of both the length and width.

Upon seeing Qing Shui, Hai Dongqing, Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Silver Spirit Beast, the Earth Dragon Beast let out a mad scream and charged towards them. Maybe because it usually moved in groups, it never experienced any kind of danger. In any case, they thought that it would be alright as long as they charged in towards their target like a swarm of bees.

Qing Shui first observed his surroundings. When he noticed that the Earth Dragon Beast was the only thing within sight, he quickly summoned the Fire Bird and immediately tossed bundles of Heavenly Talismans at it.

Mighty Elephant Stomp!

Fiery Golden Eyes!

Emperor's Qi!

After that, the Fire Bird let out a reverberating chirp and its whole body glowed red!

Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens!

After that, a jet-black colored flame

Art of Pursuing!

Combination Sword Technique!

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Kong-kong.....

“Run quickly, there are going to be even more Earth Dragon Beasts in a while.” Qing Shui told Hai Dongqing to leave quickly.

This time, it was fast and easy to kill the Earth Dragon Beast because it had a weakness. It was already really slow to begin with, so as Qing Shui continued to weaken it, its speed was basically considered to be crippled. The Fire Bird on the other hand, was incomparably fast, especially when it was in the state of Dancing Phoenix of the Nine Heavens.

The Earth Dragon Beast could do nothing but get beaten up. Its desperate roaring noise caused Qing Shui to feel fearful. Luckily, the weakened Earth Dragon Beast couldn't take any of the Fire Bird's fierce attacks.

In a little while, the enormous Earth Dragon Beast had already been burnt to ashes. Qing Shui quickly left with Hai Dongqing who was stunned. She was still immersed in the shock she experienced a while ago.

A demonic beast with strength almost equivalent to a human warrior that passed Peak Grade One Martial Saint. To think that it would take him only a moment to burn it to ashes without any chance of a counterattack. What kind of strength would it require for someone to do that?

She only saw Qing Shui moving occasionally and initiating a few attacks and the Earth Dragon Beast was already almost burnt dead by the mighty Fire Bird. How could this not amaze her.

Only now did she finally understand that the amount of strength that Qing Shui demonstrated in the past was only the tip of the iceberg. He was already able to kill an Earth Dragon Beast just with his demonic beasts, so what kind of strength did he truly possess? He was so young. The most terrifying thing about him was the incredible rate at which his cultivation grew.

Back when they were in Green Cloud Continent, Hai Dongqing already felt that this man was extraordinary. Later on, she realized that the rate at which his cultivation level progressed was incredibly fast and to her surprise, during the time when he came to Central Continent, he had already achieved this kind of level of strength.

Along the way, Qing Shui yet again eliminated a few demonic beasts almost at the level of the Earth Dragon Beast. Luckily, he had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, It would only take the Fire Bird half an hour in the real world to use the Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens because of the different time flow between the realm and the external world.

When Qing Shui weakened his enemy, particularly when it was with the Poison Needle Sting of the Jade Emperor Queen Bee, he would be able to fatally wound his enemies in the State of One with Elephant. But he would need to use the Critical Damage technique.

By now, the two had long since retrieved all of their demonic beasts. They continued their journey to the Immortal Fox Lake with caution. The Immortal Fox Lake was already within sight.

The Immortal Fox Lake wasn't really big. Nevertheless, it should most likely still have a diameter which exceeded twenty li. Traces of spiritual fluctuations could be felt coming out of the jade green lakewater. The plants in this place were shockingly close to each other. This was also a place where Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing could hide.

Constantly there were enormous demonic beasts and flying beasts appearing from the side of Immortal Fox Lake. Normally, they would leave after they finished drinking the water here. Of course, there would be some that preferred to stay here. In fact, some would even begin laying prone on the ground to take a nap.

Both Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing hid in the gaps between three enormous trees. Even though it was only considered a gap, it had enough space for three people to stand side by side in it. The three enormous trees with unequal height together formed a gap the size of a small room.

From a large demonic beast's point of view, there were almost no gaps in this place. This was the best hiding spot which Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing found after looking around for a long time.

Chapter 699 - The Powerful Battle Between Demonic Beasts and Sudden Appearance of the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox

Although the location here wasn't considered very spacious for the two of them, it was sufficient enough. However, it could only be considered a thin gap for those enormous demonic beasts.

They observed the movements of the Immortal Fox whilst paying attention to their surroundings at the same time. After all, there were many powerful and deadly demonic beasts in the area.

"If any Immortal Fox were to appear later, just stay here and don't come out no matter what. You're a clever woman, so you must listen to me." Qing Shui repeated again.

"I understand...you've said this for the third time..." Dong Haiqing said. She found it hilarious, but she was feeling very happy at the same time. On top of that, there was also an indescribable feeling.

The destination of many demonic beasts that were arriving to drink was the Immortal Fox Lake. Most of them wouldn't stay long and left after having a drink.

Despite that, there were practically no end to the demonic beasts that came by. Before one batch took its leave, another would arrive.

Nature was very mysterious. This moment for instance, demonic beasts of different cultivation levels could co-exist harmoniously. They didn't go for each other's throat upon meeting.

Many of the demonic beasts travelled in groups. The power of a collective group was tremendous. Once a collective group of demonic beast arrived, the ones which traversed alone would leave temporarily

even if they hadn't had their fill of water. They would quietly wait in an isolated area and return later, after the group leaves.

Qing Shui saw a big group of Earth Dragon Beast half a day later. There were no less than a hundred of them in the group. For a demonic beast at this level, a group of 100 was already considered quite powerful. By right, each one of them would take up a space of 30 square meters. In reality though, each of them would need to take up a space of 60 square meters. It wasn't possible for them to be standing extremely close to each other with no gaps in between. Therefore, when such a group arrived, they would need to occupy tens of thousands of square meters.

This group of Earth Dragon Beast appeared very majestic. Since they were spaced out from each other, they took up a large portion of the road on the way.

The one in the lead was a purple Earth Dragon Beast which was about 100 meters in size. It was many times bigger than an ordinary Earth Dragon Beast and exuded an aura of great arrogance.

Earth Dragon Beast King!

It went without saying that this Earth Dragon Beast was the lord of all Earth Dragon Beasts. It was also much stronger than ordinary Earth Dragon Beast. Qing Shui wasn't able to tell its cultivation level.

Qing Shui felt that he might not be able to deal with it even if he were to weaken its cultivation level. This was an instinctive feeling. Moreover, there were about a hundred other Earth Dragon Beasts. The four Earth Dragon Beasts next to the Earth Dragon Beast King already stood out amongst the group as their height was over 70 meters.

Those four should've also held some kind of leadership amongst the Earth Dragon Beasts. Other than the Earth Dragon Beast King, those four should be the strongest few in the group.

The time it took for the Earth Dragon Beast group to drink was longer than any other demonic beasts. The Earth Dragon Beast King was the first to drink, followed by the four sub-leaders. Then the other Earth Dragon Beasts had their drink.

The Earth Dragon Beasts standing together took up more than 3000 meters next to the lake. Qing Shui had a feeling that the Earth Dragon Beasts were one of the more powerful groups of demonic beasts in the Immortal Fox Valley.

Both Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing were trying their best to be careful. They tried to only take as few breaths as possible, let alone talk. They didn't dare to circulate their martial techniques or even emit a bit of force.

A day passed by without any traces of the Immortal Fox. As night fell, all the birds returned to their nests and many demonic beasts also returned to their hideouts to rest. Only the nocturnal demonic beasts were left roaming about in the forests and mountains.

The two of them took their leave and found a secluded spot to pitch their tents.

Qing Shui was quickly woken up when he heard the alarm from the Diamond Gigantic Elephant during the middle of the night. When he came out, he saw that it was going in circles uneasily. Qing Shui could sense an overwhelming aura in the area.

“First Miss Hai, have you woken up?” Qing Shui called out toward Hai Dongqing’s tent.

“Mmm, I’ve woken up!” Hai Dongqing came out.

Qing Shui packed the tents before taking off on the Diamond Gigantic Elephant together with Hai Dongqing.

Both of them could feel a powerful aura, but they couldn’t tell it’s exact location of origin. This was the reason Qing Shui was feeling panicked. He didn’t know which direction to run toward.

The best thing to do in this situation was to face the changes by remaining where they were.

The two of them found a more concealed area to hide with the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. They started to wait and observe any changes in the surrounding. Qing Shui was fully prepared to make a run for it if they couldn’t handle it.

Suddenly, a high pitched shriek came piercing through the air from the east. Just as Qing Shui was preparing to escape toward the north or south, a tremendous roar came from the south.

Qing Shui’s countenance changed.

A horrifying aura was emitted from both the west side and from behind them. It was only now that he understood why there was a feeling of an overwhelming aura coming down on them. He had really gotten a shock earlier.

That overwhelming pressure meant that the difference between their levels were too significant. There was no possibility of them being a match. It was now that he realized it had come from four powerful demonic beasts. It was no wonder that the aura had come from all directions.

Mystic Bird!

The first beast that entered Qing Shui’s sight was the Mystic Bird, a Peak Martial Saint demonic beast. Qing Shui wasn’t sure what its cultivation level was, but it was the nemesis of viper-type demonic beasts. If viper-type demonic beasts were to come across it, they would have to run and hide.

When the Mystic Bird’s wings were spread out, it spanned 100 meters. It’s with feathers that were like bronze, and it gave off an astonishing, domineering and sharp feeling.

Qing Shui had long kept him Diamond Gigantic Elephant and was now staring at the Mystic Bird which was very far away.

He hadn’t paid much attention when he arrived here last night. It was only now that he realized this rocky terrain had many rocks which were red-colored. Qing Shui’s vision was quite excellent, so he could clearly tell that they were dyed red from blood. Some of it was quite fresh too, they were dyed just a few days ago.

The Mystic Bird flew in the air while its huge figure emitted a faint green light amidst the dark sky. Although it was dark, Qing Shui and Hai Dongqing were still capable of looking at the surrounding scenery. It was just that at this moment that they didn’t dare to even exhale.

The demonic beast in the west also appeared quickly after. It was a pitch black Skywolf. Only its blood-red eyes were showing a horrifying glow. It was about 100 meters long and over 20 meters tall.

Qing Shui was a bit stunned at the moment since he wasn't able to comprehend the current situation. It was one thing if there were going to be just two of them fighting it out, but could it perhaps be a group fight?

Just as Qing Shui was feeling puzzled, two demonic beasts appeared from the south and north respectively. The one which appeared from the south was an extremely large and majestic looking icy-blue lion.

Ice Fire Ferocious Lion!

This huge fellow, which wasn't any smaller than 100 meters, was actually a Ice Fire Ferocious Lion. It's a powerful demonic beast which controlled ice flames. Its cultivation level was at least Peak Martial Saint too.

Qing Shui was stunned when he saw the demonic beast in the north. At the same time, an unknown flame started to rise from within his body, he almost couldn't stop himself from dashing out.

Hai Dongqing noticed that something was wrong with Qing Shui, so she pulled him back and gave a signal telling him not to be rash.

Qing Shui grabbed Hai Dongqing's tender hand tightly and nodded.

Hai Dongqing blushed and withdrew her hand. She had grabbed Qing Shui's hand in a panic earlier. She didn't know if Qing Shui was intentionally trying to take advantage of her...

A huge snow-white fox appeared from the north. Its length was also about 100 meters. Even during this pitch-black night sky, it still appeared to be a lump of white snow. Its eyes were like a black jade emitting a weird glow. It was fast like lightning, and appeared next to the Skywolf in an instant.

The thing which had attracted Qing Shui earlier were its five huge tails. Each of them were about 50 meters long, about the same length as the fox demon's body. The huge tails of the fox especially stood out, giving it a different feeling of coordination and showing off its unbelievable beauty.

Due to how nimble its huge body was, it also emitted an indescribable beauty. Qing Shui was extremely excited at the moment. It had finally appeared!

Immortal Fox!

It was even a Five-Tailed Immortal Fox!

Qing Shui wasn't sure if he should be feeling happy or gloomy. The Five-Tailed Immortal Fox's body was the largest amongst all Immortal Foxes. In fact, reaching 100 meters in length was a crucial point for demonic beasts. Demonic beasts which were Peak Martial Saint or lower would have reached their maximum at 100 meters. Most of them wouldn't continue to grow thereafter. As for demonic beasts which exceeded Peak Martial Saint level, Qing Shui had no idea.

Immortal Foxes would become smaller in size after they acquired five tails!

Qing Shui finally understood. The Ice Fire Ferocious Lion and Five-Tailed Immortal Fox were the helpers found by each party. What that made Qing Shui feel most uncomfortable was that the Skywolf and Five-Tailed Immortal Fox were about the same size when standing next to each other. It was just that one was pitch black while the other was snow white.

Ning!

Roar!

Both parties started the low shouts. Qing Shui's eyes were focused on the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox from the very beginning. As long as he could acquire some of its blood, he would be able to refine the Everlasting Pellet and significantly increase his cultivation level. When that happens, these overwhelmingly powerful demonic beasts would be considered nothing to him.

Qing Shui felt he was going out of control the more he continued to think about it. His blood shot up to his brain, his face had turned flush red and his eyes started gleaming maniacally.

Qing Shui had never craved for power so much before. Now, his expression was causing Hai Dongqing to be very worried. Qing Shui's face appeared to be too excited, which caused her to start panicking.

She could not help but tug at his clothes gently.

Qing Shui knew that he must have scared her. He smiled to convey that he was fine. The two of them didn't dare to make a single sound.

Roar...

Ning...

Their cries seemed to be getting increasingly excited. There was fury in their voices. Suddenly, the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion spewed out a large volume of icy blue flames toward the pitch black Skywolf.

Skywolf was the highest level existence amongst all wolf-type demonic beasts. It had reached the level amongst top grade wolves. Looking at the attacking ice flames, it spewed out a gush of pitch black fog. Even the darkness of the night could not hide the black fog.

Chi chi!

Not knowing which attack had taken effect over the other, everything disappeared!

Now, the silence was wiped out. Both sides dashed out toward each other amidst the loud roars and gushing forces, while the whole place was turning out into a complete mess.

The Ice Fire Ferocious Lion was faced up against the Skywolf, while the Mystic Bird's opponent was the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox!

The Five-Tailed Immortal Fox's white figure dashed toward the Mystic Bird with a leap, its five tails curled upward at the same time.

Ning!

The Mystic Bird didn't lose out either, it flapped its huge wings and dashed out toward the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox.

Qing Shui kept his eyes on the Mystic Bird and Five-Tailed Immortal Fox. His brain was circulating very fast, and his brows were also slightly furrowed.

Chapter 700 - Obtaining the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox blood!

In an instant, the entire place was already in ruins. The entire place was a mess. Luckily, the battle only took place in the middle of the sky. Otherwise, the surface wouldn't have only been a mess, the entire stone forest would have been totally destroyed.

The fight between giant demonic beasts looked really spectacular and marvelous. Not only did they use their Inner Core to initiate Inner Core attacks, they also relied on their strong physiques to continuously clash against and bite one another.

Bang-bang!

The loud and clear oppressive noise echoed really far away. The powerful colliding force was definitely beyond that of what human warriors could take because the bodies of the demonic beasts were several times tougher.

The Ice Fire Ferocious Lion took the opportunity to breathe out an abundant blue ice flame at the Skywolf's nape. After that, it took yet another opportunity and consecutively breathed out two ice blue flames and swiftly scratched the Skywolf with all four of its claws. With its stately action, the lion created a series of enormous dark shadows. Its speed was as fast as lightning.

It was in the nature of wolves to be sly. They were also professionals when it comes to hiding themselves. This time, however, the wolf had to face dangers one after another. Despite this, the Skywolf didn't seem to show the least bit of concern.

Suddenly, it let out a loud roar into the sky.

Roar!

A faint circle of light emerged from its jet black body and completely blocked the thick ice flame. After that, it suddenly turned its body around and abruptly scratched the belly of the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion with its steel-like claws.

The entire thing happened really quickly. It's worth-noting that a demonic beast's weakness often lay in its belly.

The Ice Fire Ferocious Lion immediately withdrew its claws to protect its belly. But right at this moment, the Skywolf fiercely whipped its tail towards the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion's nape.

Bang!

The Skywolf continued to scratch the Ice Flame Fierce Lion's belly with its claws in an attempt to break its defense but its huge tail continued to whip it like a huge whip.

Ming!

At this moment, the Mystic Bird violently spat out a green fireball towards the Skywolf. The fireball was only the size of a fist. It swiftly made its way towards the Skywolf's Inner Core.

Greenwood Flame!

Qing Shui knew that this was the Mystic Bird's most powerful flame. It was almost on par with the Fire Bird's Hellfire. However, the Mystic Bird not only had powerful strength, it was even able to compress the flame into such a small size. It definitely possessed terrifying strength.

For both Sword Qi and demonic beast's Core Qi attacks, larger size didn't necessarily mean more power. On the contrary, for both the Fire Bird's and Mystic Bird's attacks, their flame attacks would have even more power if they were smaller in size.

The Skywolf swiftly flipped over and avoided the flame. The Greenwood Flame almost scratched past the Skywolf as it flew through.

Qing Shui was really surprised. The demonic beasts at these kind of cultivation levels were truly intelligent. They actually knew this method of saving their companions. Qing Shui looked towards the Mystic Bird, it seemed that this really wasn't mere coincidence.

The Mystic Bird was intelligent. The skywolf was not bad either.

While the Mystic Bird was distracted, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox took the opportunity and swiftly moved to the side of the Mystic Bird. It formed a large web with all five of its enormous tails and enveloped the Mystic Bird.

Ming!

The Mystic Bird felt intimidated and immediately opened up both of its wings.

Bang-bang-bang.....

It was a series of enormous loud noises. Feathers that looked as if they were tangled up with metal dropped down one after another. The Five-Tailed Immortal Fox penetrated through the Mystic Bird's wings with its long tails and immediately bound it tightly.

Roar!

The Ice Flame Fierce Lion let out a furious roar of rage and wanted to save the Mystic Bird. However, the sly Skywolf beside it was stubbornly suppressing it.

Ming!

The torso of the Mystic Bird was bound by the Immortal Fox's tail. Under the confinement of the Immortal Fox, it was unable to even shoot out a Greenwood Flame. Being bound this way, the Mystic Bird was already considered to be useless. The Immortal Fox's most deadly weapon was its five tails.

Even if it was to grow to adult size and turn into the Nine-Tailed Immortal Fox in the future, it would still be able to change the size of its tails at will. In fact, it would be even stronger and it would be able to bind creatures that were hundreds of meters long.

The Mystic Bird chirped continuously but only in a futile attempt. It couldn't do anything about it and seemed to be asking the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion for help. It may have a beautiful dream, but often, reality was cruel.

It's true that similar things would often end up together. Considering that foxes were also sly, it's normal that the Skywolf and Five-Tailed Immortal Fox would end up together. In comparison, the Mystic Bird and the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion were at a disadvantage.

Mystic Bird was an honorable bird. It had an upright attitude and was also one of the most righteous flying beasts across the World of the Nine Continents. It would never attack humans without cause. In fact, it would even save them. There were a lot of legends about the Mystic Bird. Basically, it's thought to be a beast which brought blessings.

Yet now, it was being tightly bound by the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox. At this moment, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox turned around and looked at the tightly bound Mystic Bird. There seemed to be an arrogant and sly smile on its fox face.

"Mystic Bird cannot die." Qing Shui was at a loss. However, he knew that the Mystic Bird couldn't afford to die. Once it died, the Ice Flame Fierce Lion would also end up really vulnerable. By then, his plan to get the Immortal Fox's blood would be ruined.

"Stay here and don't move. Remember, don't move." Qing Shui gently whispered to Hai Dongqing's ear.

The numb and itchy feeling in Hai Dongqing's ear made her blush. But very quickly, she was shocked by Qing Shui's words: "What do you want to do?"

"Be a good girl and listen to me. Remember what I said." Qing Shui once again reminded her.

He slowly walked out and immediately operated his strength all the way to its peak. He also summoned the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and took out both the Violet Gold Divine Shield and Big Dipper Sword.

Vajra Subdues Demon!

Heavenly Talisman!

Fiery Golden Eyes!

Emperor's Qi!

Qing Shui didn't care about anything. He immediately charged towards it with Instantaneous Diamond Evasion. He used all his weakening abilities as well as summoning the Jade Emperor Queen Bee and Gold-Silver Colored Butterfly.

Poison Killer Sting!

Petrification!

Qing Shui didn't dare to hide any of his skills, He used up whatever he deemed useful under the situation. After he did all of this, he took out two Frosted Iron Balls and immediately tossed them towards the head of the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox with the hidden weapon technique—Twin Dragon Explosion.

Ming!

Qing Shui didn't know if the Heavenly Talismans from before actually worked. However, a few of the weakening techniques were unavoidable. He didn't go on to thoroughly feel the drop in strength of his enemy.

Following a reverberating chirp, a wood green colored light flashed. The Mystic Bird broke free from the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox. At present, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox no longer possessed enough strength to trap the Mystic Bird.

Actually, the side which Qing Shui assisted would definitely emerge victorious. This was because the four powerful demonic beasts had almost equal strength. Previously, Qing Shui didn't dare to step in because demonic beasts were different from humans. If he was to be assaulted by all four of them as soon as he appeared, things would turn out even uglier.

Hence, Qing Shui made his move at the moment when the Skywolf and the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion was still battling against one another and when the Mystic Bird was struggling from the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox. The reason why Qing Shui chose Mystic Bird was because of its honorable trait, unlike the sly Skywolf and Five-Tailed Immortal Fox. Not to mention that his purpose in coming here was precisely to make the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox bleed.

This was the most important thing!

Even though Qing Shui chose the Mystic Bird, it still bore the same risk. Fortune comes from danger, not to mention that Qing Shui had also prepared himself an escape route. Hence, this was his last resort. If he didn't make his move and both the Mystic Bird and Ice Fire Ferocious Lion ended up getting killed, he wouldn't be able to do anything but watch as the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox left.

The Mystic Bird that managed to break free seemed to be quite furious. Previously, if it hadn't been for the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion, it wouldn't have been bound so easily by the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox.

As soon as it opened up its mouth, a green fireball could be seen shooting towards the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox's head. Simultaneously, as it flapped its wings, a pair of steel-like wings whizzed through the air towards the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox.

At present, Qing Shui's brain was working very hard. He hoped that neither side would win so that he would be able to gain the most benefit out of it. However, he knew that the possibility of this happening was quite low. Even though the demonic beasts didn't have high intelligence, they still had very keen senses. For example, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox was planning to throw away everything and escape,

Like Qing Shui would let it get away. When he saw the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox give off silver light, he quickly tossed the Demon Binding Rope at it.

Qing Shui didn't know what battle technique the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox used. However, he knew that it was definitely not a battle technique used to escape. Coincidentally, the Demon Binding Ropes could also interfere with it using battle techniques.

At this moment, the Mystic Bird arrived, causing the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox to flee right away. But now, there was a huge gap between their strengths. Even though the fox managed to avoid its claws attacks, its belly still got injured from the Mystic Bird's enormous wings.

Fresh blood immediately started flowing out.

Qing Shui didn't dare to slow down.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion!

He quickly appeared below the place where the Five-Tailed Demonic Beast was bleeding and pulled out the huge porcelain bottle that he had long since prepared. After filling it, he sealed it and threw it into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui was afraid that it was not enough. So, he filled up two more bottles.

This amount blood was just like a hair from nine oxen to the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox, especially now that the blood was constantly flowing out of its body. This made Qing Shui feel particularly wasteful since he had been putting in so much effort looking for the Immortal Fox's blood.

As soon as Qing Shui got his hands on the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox's blood, he felt a lot calmer and less anxious. Now, he was hesitating about whether he should leave this place because actually, the fate of this place had nothing to do with him.

Due to his interruption, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox and Skywolf that were initially at an advantage instantly got all of their advantage turned against them. This seemed to be unfair to them.

There seemed to be no such thing as fairness in the world, including that of humans. Powerful humans would be given the privilege to have harems and live an extravagant life whereas some people wouldn't be able to even marry an ugly woman. The later generations of a rich family in particular, they're already destined to have a lot more things than people who spent their live fighting for a living.

Similarly in the animal's world, for example a pack of wolves, the leader of the wolves would have all the female wolves. Wherever you go, the rules stayed the same. The ones who were capable would end up gaining a lot of things.

Qing Shui was planning to let the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox live. In any case, he managed to get the Immortal Fox blood because of it. But as he saw its malicious expression, he took back his intention to do so.

Fox type and wolf type demonic beasts were the most vengeful and ungrateful demonic beasts. Since that was the case, them dying here should be for the best. Also, Qing Shui had long since taken a fancy to the valuable fox skin. That was the skin of the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox.

Every time the Mystic bird used the Greenwood Flame to burn Five-Tailed Immortal Fox, Qing Shui would feel an excruciating pain in his heart. It was such a waste because the skin of the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox was worth several cities.

Luckily, the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox was only a hundred meters long, he already had all the beast parchments that he needed. Qing Shui saw the injured Five-Tailed Immortal Fox slowly turning its head to look at the Skywolf and Ice Fire Ferocious Lion that were struggling against one another.

In comparison, even though the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion was almost on par with the Skywolf in terms of strength, it wasn't as experienced and sly. Hence, it would only be able to hold it off for a short period of time. As the battle dragged on, it would start to be at a disadvantage.

The only thing was that the Skywolf seemed to want was to escape now but it was bound stubbornly by the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion. If this went on, the two would be occupied with fighting against each other. They were both already injured.

Binding Talisman.

Qing Shui took the opportunity and tossed the Binding Talisman at it.

These demonic beasts were all speed type demonic beasts. Since he didn't plan to let the Five-Tailed Immortal Fox leave, he naturally came to the conclusion of not letting the Skywolf flee either. Both of these demonic beasts had sly natures. The first thing that came into their minds as soon as they encountered danger was to flee. In comparison, the Ice Fire Ferocious Lion and the Mystic Bird were different. It didn't matter if it was humans or demonic beasts, Qing Shui hated the cold and ruthless things the most.