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Chapter 931 - Gu Song Dies, Powerful Poison Physique, Sacred Venom Jade Art

Poison weapon!

When Qing Shui saw that poison weapon, he was shocked but he calmed himself down quickly. That poison weapon was much worse off, as compared to his Poison Dragon Dagger. It could only be considered the weakest poison weapon.

The main thing to a poison weapon was that it must have a poison core, a tempered poison core. Only a weapon which had a poison core could be called a poison weapon. One's Qi of Xiantian could pass through the poison core, stimulating its poison nature, causing one's attack to be poisonous by nature.

Gu Song activated his poison weapon. That black aura was a clear indication to other people that it was a poison weapon and that this was an open and aboveboard battle. He then stomped down hard with both legs.

A faint black aura spread out and he slashed toward Mu Lang with in mid-air.

Mu Lang circulated his abilities to its peak and the Violet Jade Pendant he was holding let out a cooling aura which circulated in his body, causing his mind to be very much awake.

Reverse Chop of the Weeping Willow!

Mu Lang's body suddenly inclined forward as his thin sword slashed out toward Gu Song as if it was a fine sword net. The Duality Steps allowed him to instantly reach a spot which Gu Song would find hard to reach.

Poison Jade Sword!

Gu Song suddenly twisted his body weirdly, the longsword in his hand exuded a great black glow and slashed against Mu Lang's sword net.

Ding ding...

A crisp sound rang out as the two of them retreated quickly. Gu Song first retreated before dashing out toward Mu Lang fiercely. Right now, the fight had already escalated into the air.

Mu Lang was pushed back from the impact and a hint of black aura was seen on him, as he kept up with his fighting stance. Right now, Mu Lang's heart was in turmoil. He realized that his body had become stiff and when such a situation happened in battle, it could be fatal.

He knew that this was the effect of the opponent's poison Qi. Right now, Gu Song swung his black sword and pounced toward Mu Lang, his sword piercing toward Mu Lang's throat.

"Lad, you dare?!" An old man from the Mu Clan let out a loud bellow and was about to step up.

After all, this was a wedding banquet, but the people from Poison Mountain Stockade had wanted to deal a fatal blow. Mu Lang held an important role in the Mu Clan. In such an arena battle, other people were not allowed to step up to stop it, regardless who the person was. This was unless the person who interfered was one who could dominate the rest of the people. However, the participants on the arena

could admit their loss since it was not a battle to the death. However, one could only count themselves unlucky if they were to be killed if they didn't throw in the flag. It was normal for accidents to happen.

The old man was stopped by a few other old men.

Mu Qing looked toward Qing Shui who didn't show any changes to his expression and then turned her gaze toward the arena. Gu Song's expression was very twisted and he said, "It's not too late to admit your loss."

His voice was very loud, clearly letting the others hear. It was because he knew that Mu Lang could neither move nor talk.

"Brother Mu really has a strong backbone. Then let's just fight it out! We'll leave our lives to fate!" With that, he suddenly accelerated and dashed out toward Mu Lang.

Mu Lang's consciousness was very clear, but he couldn't move. He looked at the longsword that was thrust toward him, but was not able to say a single word. At that moment, he was not afraid of death. If he could kill this sly guy, he would have no regrets even if he were to die.

"Channel your Qi of Xiantian into the Violet Jade Pendant and recite the Violetjade Pureheart!" Just then, Qing Shui's voice rang out next to Mu Lang.

When Mu Lang heard Qing Shui's voice, the feeling was as if a drowning person had managed to grab a life buoy.

He followed Qing Shui's instructions without any hesitation and true enough, he managed to regain control over his body. Before he moved, Qing Shui's voice rang out once again.

"Use the Duality Steps' Duality Tornado to advance, then use Brushing Willow Slaughter!"

Hearing Qing Shui's instructions, Mu Lang did as instructed without any hesitation.

With a flash, he managed to dodge that incoming longsword just in the nick of time.

Brushing Willow Slaughter!

A killing move in the Brushing Willow Sword Art!

Pfft!

The crisp sound of a throat being slash rang out. When Mu Lang knew that he could move, he had wanted to kill his opponent. When he heard Qing Shui's words, he didn't care if he could kill but trusted what Qing Shui had said without any hesitation.

When he saw Gu Song collapsing, he felt very happy. It was because he knew that Qing Shui also wanted to kill him. This was for the best.

"It was a moment of life and death and I wasn't able to hold back in time. Life and death are decreed by fate. I'm very sorry." Mu Lang cupped his hands together and said apologetically.

Silence filled the place. The situation at that point was very dangerous, but for some reason Mu Lang could suddenly move. However, seeing that the Poison Mountain Stockade's Young Master was killed, many people still felt very happy.

This was the case especially for the Mu Clan. Earlier, they had known that the Young Master from the Poison Mountain Stockade had wanted to kill Mu Lang and now, he had managed to turn the tables back on him. The prowess of that last move even caused everyone's eyes to light up.

This time around, it was very quiet, with no one saying a word. The people from the Poison Mountain Stockade glared at the young man on the arena in fury, but there was nothing they could do. Very quickly, two members from the Poison Mountain Stockade went up to retrieve Gu Song's corpse.

Gu Wu sat at the side, his fist clenched tightly. He suddenly stood up like a huge black eagle. A faint layer of black fog started to surround his body, causing others to be unable to see his face clearly.

Poison Mountain Stockade's martial madman!

People started to talk within themselves. Many people knew of this guy from the Poison Mountain Stockade. After all, he had claimed the limelight for himself when he wiped out an entire aristocrat clan. He was said to be the top expert amongst the younger generations.

The people from the Poison Mountain Stockade were feeling very grim. Everything was dependent on Gu Wu who was now on the arena. If Gu Wu could hang on, then Poison Mountain Stockade would still have hope. If anything were to happen to him, then Poison Mountain Stockade would have to lay low and live their lives in the future...

"Are you ready?" Gu Wu looked at Mu Lang and said softly. It had been a while since he had fought. He looked at the surroundings and squinted his eyes slightly.

"Qing'er, I'll go up and take a look. You can go have a rest at where Sister Yu is at."

"Qing Shui..."

"Don't worry, I'll be fine!"

This was the big day for him and Mu Qing. He didn't wish for there to be any accidents or unhappiness. Therefore, he decided to step up himself. The opponent was a little eerie and even he felt a little uneasy.

It was fortunate that his spirit energy had attained a breakthrough. Otherwise, he would really have to deploy other means.

"Let me have a go! Brother Mu, you must be tired too, go take a break!" Qing Shui suddenly appeared before Mu Lang.

Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui had used the Nine Palace Steps to head up to the arena.

Qing Shui's movement caused many people to draw in a breath of cold air. If Qing Shui were to launch a sudden attack, how many of them would be able to dodge the attack? Many people were wondering if they themselves would be able to dodge.

Mu Lang looked at Qing Shui gratefully and left the arena. Qing Shui looked at the guy, his Nature Energy circulating automatically. The same went for his Diamond Qi, Diamond Protection and Diamond Crossing Rivers.

The other thing was that his other techniques were also circulating to the limits and also initiated his expert level Focused Concentration.

Yu He was also looking at Qing Shui, feeling worried. She had no idea what level Qing Shui had attained, but she knew that that guy from Poison Mountain Stockade was very strong.

"Sister Yu, you're very worried for Qing Shui," Mu Qing looked at Yu He's expression and said softly.

Yu He shivered, smiled and looked at Mu Qing, "We came from the same place and had even partnered up to manage a restaurant before. He was also the one who had cured my grandfather's injuries. He calls me Sister Yu."

"Haha, Sister Yu, you're thinking too far. He has a few wives and I'm only one of them. For a guy like him, no one is able to keep him for herself." Mu Qing thought of how he had repeatedly emphasized that he already has wives and there was still that drawing. She really wanted to have a look at what the other women in his life looked like.

She even heard that he already has children...

"Sister Yu is old!" Yu He smiled, shook her head and said.

"Sister Yu isn't old. You still have great elegance and talent. Even my heart beats quicker when I see a mature beauty like Sister Yu. Didn't you see the gazes from the people around you? They can't wait to devour you," Mu Qing smiled and said.

"So even the domineering and dignified Miss Mu will say something like this." Yu He smiled and blinked at Mu Qing. The mature lady's cuteness caused even Mu Qing to be stunned. However, she flushed up and hadn't even had a chance to say anything when the fight on the arena had already started.

Gu Wu reached out his right hand and a gush of black Qi spewed out, turning into what seemed to be a material longsword. It was flashing with a heart throbbing aura that seemed to be like black flames.

Qing Shui brought out his Violet Star Thunder God. No matter how weak his opponent was, he planned to do his best to deal with him. He hadn't expected this guy to have an inborn poison physique and this made him give the thought of using poison.

He felt that even the Five-Colored Poison might not be that effective. There were many amazing and strange people in the world of the nine continents. Although he had felt that his cultivation realm was considered to be not bad or rather, quite good amongst the younger generation, he hadn't ever thought of the possibility that there were no youngsters who would be able to surpass him.

Ten Thousand Great Thunderbolt!

Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui leaped up and in an instant, reached behind Gu Wu and smashed down with his hammer.

Boom!

A ripple appeared behind Gu Wu and then it shattered, as if it had hit against a barrier. Then, Gu Wu's "black sword" thrust toward Qing Shui at great speed.

The strong stench caused him to feel nauseous and Qing Shui leaped away, stopping his breath.

Poison Qi!

To think that he had such a treasure with him that could protect himself. To think Gu Wu had managed to stop his Ten Thousand Great Thunderbolt attack.

The hammer's damaging prowess was very strong but it was slightly slower. Moreover, Qing Shui's Nine Palace Steps was best matched with agility and thus, after over ten rounds of exchanges with Gu Wu, he changed to his Violet Jade Sword.

"It seems like I'll need to forge my Big Dipper Sword."

Basic Sword Techniques!

Nature Energy!

Qing Shui channeled his Nature Energy onto the Violet Jade Sword!

Brilliant violet light from the Violet Jade Sword surged up, however, the pressure was getting increasingly stronger. When it swung out, it was as if it brought along with it the powers of Heaven and Earth.

Boom!

Gu Wu was pushed back and Qing Shui quickly retreated as well. The Nature Energy, together with the Violetjade Pureheart, was able to barely push back Gu Wu's poison Qi.

"Inborn Poison Physique is truly powerful!"

He knew why the Poison Mountain Stockade dared to act like such a big shot here now. With just this ordinary attack, as long as he were to come into contact with the opponent, most early Martial Emperor wouldn't be able to accept this.

He was filled with poison all over. However, it was a pity that such a heaven-defying existence was a strong contender against the Heart of Seven Orifices. It also had a fatal flaw—short lifespan.

Gu Wu was also astonished. He had initially thought that it would be an easy feat to deal with this fellow. He hadn't expected for his opponent to be able to withstand his Sacred Venom Jade Art. Furthermore, he had sensed that the pure Qi of Heaven and Earth his opponent had was a power that could go against all evil. It was fortunate that his Sacred Venom Jade Art wasn't something ordinarily evil and poison could deal with. However, a large part of it was still being pushed back.

Chapter 932 - 12 Heavenly Meridians, The Primordial Flame Whip 'Breaking' Jade Jiao

Gu Wu stared at Qing Shui standing adjacent to him, while rising above the sky with both hands emitting streams of black colored Qi that quickly transformed into two 30 meter long black pythons. The pythons shot out their pitch-black tongues as they slithered menacingly, terrorizing the hearts of the crowd with their wicked demeanor.

Qing Shui's expression changed for the first time since the beginning of the disturbance. Clearly, he had underestimated this man. So without a second to spare, he conjured a five meter long Primordial Flame on his hands and slowly condensed the flame into two Primordial Flame Balls.

This battle had no mercy for carelessness whatsoever. He initially wanted to use the Heart Toxin Talisman against Gu Wu, but felt it unsuitable at a time like this. These thoughts were quickly discarded, leaving him the choice to use it when he really needed to.

Qing Shui did so because he had a feeling that the man might have some kind of treasure in his possession. The Ten Thousand Great Thunderbolt Qing Shui had unleashed had been blocked completely and he was also unsure whether this man could block the same attack for the subsequent times. This was indeed troublesome, especially when the man had two black pythons slithering from both of his hands right now.

The pythons weren't just poisonous by Qing Shui's speculation, because they were not real to begin with. Certainly, the surreal pythons had a terrifying level of agility and ferocity and it might be impossible to defend against beings of such power. Before that should happen, Qing Shui decided to stall for as much time as possible and use his killer move to strike them down.

Twin Dragon Pearls!

Qing Shui immediately formed two Primordial Flame Balls in his hands. His spiritual energy and spiritual sense as well as his power had undergone a slight change, achieving a small success stage especially after he had decided to stay with Mu Qing. Suddenly, he realized what had exactly changed inside him.

Twelve Heavenly Meridians!

The four channels had been cleared among the Twelve Heavenly Meridians. Indeed, human bodies were one of the greatest mysteries in the world. Besides the normal channels, there were other channels hidden deep within the human body. In spite of that, the hidden channels were considered to be quite strong and only a handful of people in the world could clear these particular channels successfully.

Qing Shui was able to realize the hidden channels within a human body from the moment the four channels had been cleared, thus granting him a characteristic change in his spiritual ability. The pearl from the Niwan Palace had become twice as big, almost like the size of a small marble. The Yin-Yang Image had experienced a change as well.

However, unlike the spiritual ability, his powers did not receive an impressive change after a tremendous breakthrough. Ten stars of strength was quite powerful and substantial, but more rigid. Despite this, it wasn't all that bad. He could always refine his powers, much like the process of tempering a weapon or armor.

With four channels cleared, Qing Shui seemed to have realized something different about himself. His spiritual ability had reaped most of the benefits from this breakthrough. Still, he felt odd having thoughts like this during a battle with a ferocious opponent like Gu Wu.

All of that happened within an instant. Qing Shui watched on as the flame balls shrouded with ferocious streaks of dark silhouetted energy flew towards the unfazed man from the Poison Mountain Stockade.

Gu Wu was cautious as well, as he simultaneously released the 'black pythons' in his hands towards the incoming Primordial Flame Balls without hesitation. The pythons sprang across the flames while they hissed, baring their fangs in a lifelike motion.

Hiss hiss!

Bang bang!

The high-pitched hisses were followed by the dull sounds of collision, which simultaneously created an explosion in the air, filling the empty space with thick smoke and toxic gas.

"Young man, you are very strong. Unfortunately, you are against me and I don't have time to play with you any longer. Sainly Venomous Jade Jiao, arise!"

Gu Wu rushed towards Qing Shui while flashing a wicked smile that could send shivers down his spine. After that, he shouted in a roaring tone that echoed throughout the sky.

A gleam of light the color of jade flashed from his body when he uttered the last word. Both of his hands erupted in a dense jade-like aura, which simultaneously extended to about 30 meters long.

Roar roar!

Two distinct roars could be heard bursting in the sky, as the elongated aura transformed into two Jade Jiao crossing each other in a circular motion. The bodies of the twin Jiao were gleaming in a brilliant luster of jade, which was exquisite and beautiful to look at. However, Qing Shui's spiritual sense was telling him that the jade-colored Jiao was at least ten times more toxic than the previous 'black pythons'.

Nevertheless, he had already prepared a Heart Toxin Talisman on his hand to throw at Gu Wu!

There was nothing else to think of right now. All he had to do was to kill this man, because if Gu Wu was left breathing after this fight, Qing Shui would be the one to die today. Of all places, Qing Shui didn't expect that there would be such a freak like him within the Poison Mountain Stockade.

The Heart Toxin Talisman of absolute accuracy was torn apart yet again when the distance from the opponent was getting close. Qing Shui released another Heart Toxin Talisman towards Gu Wu without the intention of giving up.

Roar roar!

Just then, Gu Wu shook both of his hands, followed by two giant Jade Jiao letting out two thundering roars before they leaped towards Qing Shui. As they opened their ferocious jaws to let out a piercing cry, a blazing stench of 'jade aura' was subsequently released to the air.

The jade colored aura was sparkling brilliantly like a lustrous jade, but was swept across the sky at an accelerated rate. The jade aura seemed like a streak of icy flames shrouded with a hint of ghastly radiance that gave Qing Shui a brief fright.

His spiritual sense could now detect the menacing threat of the jade aura clearly and distinctively.

Fiery Golden Eyes!

As soon as he used the weakening technique on Gu Wu, a stream of ripples appeared around his body, indicating the ineffectiveness the technique against him. Qing Shui was clearly shocked and worst of all, he was unhappy about it!

Emperor's Qi!

This time, there were no ripples to be seen. The domineering Emperor's Qi has the ability to ignore the opponent's strength and defenses!

The domineering Emperor's Qi did not let Qing Shui down. 20% debuff was a terrifying reduction, because the weakening ability had affected all aspects of his opponent's power!

With that, the imposing forces of the twin Jade Jiao were immediately reduced. And at the same time, Qing Shui shot two Primordial Fire Balls, which had hit the Jade Jiao, but did not burn them to crisps.

Despite being unable to burn them, he was able to melt one of the heads successfully. However, in a mere few seconds, the head was regenerated, as if they hadn't been hurt in the first place. The twin Jade Jiao assumed their demeanor and rush towards Qing Shui in a quick motion.

Coagulating the Primordial Flames required time. However, time was not a privilege he was given by his opponents.

Feeling annoyed, he shot out two 10,000 Years Frosted Iron Balls immediately, which were promptly blocked by the twin Jade Jiao. Even though the Jade Jiao had turned darker in color, they were able to recover quickly, reverting the darker color to its original color.

In any case, Qing Shui didn't want the Jade Jiao anywhere near him. His spiritual sense was telling him that the poisonous beings were extremely dangerous and he didn't want to risk himself to find out. So with a flash of his silhouette, he transversed behind Gu Wu and shot a 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needle at his head.

With the Roc Spreading Wings at its large success stage, Qing Shui was able to nab the advantage of speed with his Nine Palace Steps. However, his opponent had an inborn poisonous physique, as well as two poisonous Jade Jiao akin to two ferocious giant pythons. The Jade Jiao were perhaps even stronger than the giant pythons - they were untouchable.....

Ding!

Blocked once again, Qing Shui finally realized his opponent might have something valuable up his sleeves. Or perhaps he had a technique that resembled Qing Shui's 'Divinity Protection' and that would certainly have a cooldown time as well.

Even so, Qing Shui's opponent was visibly frightened. The twin Jade Jiao flew in a circle around Gu Wu, placing him in the middle. After that, the twin Jade Jiao rushed towards Qing Shui in a flash.

"He's scared!"

Qing Shui had a feeling that the 10,000 Years Coldsteel Needles might be at their limit. If these Coldsteel Needles had a bit more prowess in them, perhaps the battle would have ended earlier than this.....

He could only use his Nine Palace Steps to run away. He felt a bit annoyed seeing how his opponent was able to control the twin Jade Jiao efficiently. What he didn't expect either was the fact that Gu Wu had mastered the Transformation Technique as well!

Of course, the Transformation Technique!

The user of this technique would be able to combine his Qi of Xiantian to form a powerful demonic beast to participate in the battle, just like how Gu Wu had called forth the Jade Jiao. The Transformation Technique was known to be powerful as it was a technique exclusively for those who had reached the level of a Martial Emperor. Moreover, it was rumored to be a technique of a legendary level as well.

He was also wondering whether the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique that he had cultivated would be able to transform.....

There was no time to lose. He figured that he must stall for more time, but stalling might be a bit risky for now.

With another Nine Palace Steps, he evaded the incoming attack of the twin Jade Jiao in a flash.

The slithering of the giant Jade Jiao was as fast as lightning, as well as flexible in its movement. If Qing Shui didn't have the Nine Palace Steps in the first place, he would have been wounded the moment the Jade Jiao unleashed an assault. Gu Wu was a man to be feared and the Mu Clan would not even stand a chance against him at this point.

Even if Gu Wu were to be attacked from all sides, the members of the Mu Clan would never stand a chance. The twin Jade Jiao might seem beautiful from their gleaming appearance, but the humongous beasts were nevertheless poisonous to touch.

The Primordial Flames were now about a foot thick, spreading across the battlefield at about 5 meters in length. When he was still in the middle of coagulating his flames, he could see the roaring Jade Jiao swirling towards his direction from the corner of his eyes.....

Qing Shui could now use the Primordial Flames with superb efficiency - one of the changes brought about from his breakthrough. Since he could conjure the flames quite efficiently, a daring thought then popped up in his mind.

He retreated abruptly and quickly pulled his flames apart, extending its length to about 20 meters long.....

The thickness of the flame was about the size of a thumb. Even though the whips were long, Qing Shui also noticed that the strength of the whip was in correlation to his powers. He was overwhelmed with a sudden surprise, clearly excited to unleash the force of the flames once more.

The 'Primordial Flame Whip' about 30 meters long oscillated across the battlefield in a nimble motion, breaking one of the Jiao's heads in a successful strike.....

Hiss hiss.....

The giant head that had been whipped had turned into an obscure image, as if it was going to disappear at any second.

Haha.....

Qing Shui burst into laughter, as he began to move his hands, making the flame whips seem increasingly nimble, as if they were two life-like snake whips. With that, he continued to strike the whips against the bodies of the twin Jade Jiao relentlessly.

The pace of his strikes was agile, unlike before when he had prioritized the force of the attack more than the whip's agility. Even though he was able to destroy their heads successfully or destroy one-third of the Jade Jiao, his opponents would regenerate in an instant. The conjuring of his Primordial Flame Balls required a bit more time to form, thus it was unable to keep up with the pace of the Jiao's regeneration rate.

Now that he had the whips, he was able to match up against the regenerative ability of the twin Jade Jiao. The power of the 'Primordial Flame Whips' was able to block against the assault of the Jiao as well, becoming nimbler by the minute. He hadn't needed to evade anymore and he was able to stay on his ground while forcing the twin Jade Jiao to retreat from his attacks.

"So the Primordial Flames can be used this way, rather than shooting them as flame balls." Qing Shui was elated by his new discovery.

The crowd was stunned as they would never have imagined the battle to go on to such an extent. Most of them were beginning to feel concern about Qing Shui because Gu Wu was an extraordinary cultivator honed in the Poison Mountain Stockade. The strongest one in the Poison Mountain Stockade wasn't one of the old fools from before, but this man pitting himself against Qing Shui in the field.

Crack crack!

Hiss hiss!

The Primordial Flame Whip was able to crack open the heads of the twin Jade Jiao and Qing Shui continued to lash the whip as much as he could to defend against the soaring beasts. As the time passed by, the 'toxic gas' inside Gu Wu's body was starting to run low.

Meanwhile, Qing Shui's golden pellet in his Dantian circulated very quickly, with an enormous amount of energy flowing to his limbs and bones continuously. The Yin-Yang Image was also circulating at a fast speed as well, one could tell with their naked eyes that he was swiftly being replenished with an abundance of Qi. Although the output rate of his Qi was comparatively higher than the replenishing rate, the replenished amount was able to make up to the rate of his loss.

The twin Jade Jiao had become shorter in length, which made Qing Shui increasingly uneasy. With another Heart Toxin Talisman flung across his opponent, the twin Jade Jiao simultaneously extended

towards Qing Shui in an abrupt movement, stretching to one-third longer than that of their best forms. The speed of the twin Jade Jiao was as fast as the hisses of their tongues.

Qing Shui quickly retreated as he lashed the Primordial Fire Whip at the Jade Jiao to block their attack.

He evaded it, but or to better put it, he countered the Jade Jiao with his Nine Palace steps, causing the twin Jade Jiao to soar upwards abruptly before backing off in a hurry. At the same time, the Heart Toxin Talisman had successfully hit his opponent, staggering Gu Wu an instant before he started acting in a frenzy from the psychological attack.

The Heart Toxin Talisman had allowed Qing Shui to witness its peerless power...

And in that window of time, Qing Shui struck the Primordial Flame Whip against Gu Wu's head without hesitation!

Chapter 933 - The Fall Of Gu Wu, Encouragement, The Participation Of The Silken Web Ridge

Before that, Qing Shui could feel a subtle green aura seeping into his body. The aura was leaked from the Jade Jiao when it had ascended to the sky abruptly. In the end, he didn't really dodge their attacks at all...

Gu Wu was dead after he was struck on the head by Qing Shui's Primordial Flame Whips, splitting his brain apart in an instant. Overwhelmed with a sense of relief, Qing Shui watched as Gu Wu fell straight to the ground from the sky. The Heart Toxin Talisman was nonetheless invincible - psychological offense would always be the best tactic in a battle.

Unless the person affected had a heart of a stone or was a kindhearted person of righteousness who would not be tempted by corrupt thoughts, the Heart Toxin Talisman would immediately attack the psychological mind without a doubt.

However, Qing Shui still wasn't sure what kind of effect the Heart Toxin Talisman would inflict against those with weaker cultivation and power. But if the talisman was used against an early Martial Emperor, he or she would be greatly affected, causing their minds to be susceptible to psychological attacks. In any case, Qing Shui was satisfied as long as his opponents were affected by the talisman.

Thump!

Gu Wu's corpse landed on the grounds of the arena with a loud but dull thump. The body of a Martial Emperor had been strengthened to become as sturdy as solid steel, which explained why his bones and limbs weren't shattered when he fell from a high altitude.

Qing Shui then slowly descended to the arena. There was a great benefit in battling this man from the Poison Mountain Stockade and that was the discovery of the 'Primordial Flame Whips' attack. The whip attack was not only convenient and fast, but also nimble due to the sentient characteristic of the Primordial Flames. With time, the Primordial Flames would be able to achieve the ability to transform into something much greater.....

When he was presented with the possibility of transformation, he became excited by the idea of the Primordial Flames transforming into a demonic beast, which he surmised to be extremely powerful and

intimidating. A skill that could transform would at least be considered a skill of legendary level. In spite of that, not all legendary skills have the ability to transform.

The crowd below the arena were stunned by the outcome. No one said a word, filling the atmosphere with a moment of eerie silence. However, they were relieved that it was Gu Wu who had fallen, because nothing bad would happen if the Mu Clan emerged victorious. But if it was the other way around, no one would be able to stop Gu Wu from spreading death throughout these lands.

Even if Qing Shui were to be defeated and the Godly Sword Clan was to intervene in the fight with Gu Wu, a bloody war would break out with no way to tell who would win and who would lose. The innocent bystanders would be desecrated as well.

Now that Qing Shui had won, their peace would be secured. If the Poison Mountain Stockade were any wiser, they would not stir up trouble anymore. Should they decide to ignore their wisdom and ruffle Qing Shui's feathers in the future, the annihilation of their sect would become a reality, rather than a fictional fantasy.

Qing Shui folded his fists and bowed to the crowd surrounding the arena. Then he looked towards the members of the Poison Mountain Stockade and said: "Seniors of the Poison Mountain Stockade, are there any more words you wish to speak to us?"

"No more!" After a brief moment, the old leader of the Poison Mountain Stockade spat out two words unwillingly and arduously.

"Today is an auspicious day for Mu Qing and I. Thank you for the 'entertainment' you had gifted to us. I hope there will be no more cases of such amusement. A man as wise as you should never do such shocking things from now on. I don't wish to see the Mu Clan getting hurt. Should they be hurt, I will repay their sufferings 100 times more to the assailant, regardless of who they are. Whether they are from a large sect or an aristocratic clan, it doesn't matter - more of them are being annihilated everyday." After giving his final speech, Qing Shui turned away and slowly descended from the arena.

The members of the Poison Mountain Stockade went up the arena and collected Gu Wu's corpse. Meanwhile, the old man turned to the crowd while cupping his hands and said: "The Poison Mountain Stockade has further matters to attend to, so we will take our leave now. Farewell!"

Such behavior wasn't strange, after all, they had lost their face completely, so staying any longer would be pointless. Losing Gu Song and Gu Wu had cost them dearly, leaving them with two options to choose in this situation.

One, either continue to fight with Qing Shui or two, swallow their pride and leave quietly without ever retaliating. The latter would be possible if Qing Shui and Mu Clan could show how strong they would be in the future. If they managed to soar to a high position, then the Poison Mountain Stockade could only remain silent for the sake of their survival.

But if it was otherwise and the Poison Mountain Stockade gained a high position instead, they would definitely come back and settle their score with Qing Shui, crushing the Mu Clan in the process.

If Qing Shui could let them leave quietly, then he must have the confidence to brush them off should they retaliate once more. Letting them go served as an encouragement to the Mu Clan and himself. The

Poison Mountain Stockade could be seen as a poisonous wolf that would devour them anytime. They would always need to be cautious of their surroundings and they had to be diligent in their cultivation. If they were able to do all of the above, then the poisonous wolf would eventually become as insignificant as a tiny ant.

After all, a tiny ant would definitely have a hard time rising up to the top again.

The wedding ceremony continued as normal, but progressed at a hasty speed instead. Around mid-afternoon, most of the guests had left, leaving only the members of the Godly Sword Clan, Dong Clan and Sun Clan, as well as the Silken Web Ridge.

These members were welcomed into the large hall of the Mu Clan, this time for the banquet that only close friends and family were allowed to join. After watching Qing Shui's performance today, they knew what they should do next - form an alliance with one another.

The Silken Web Ridge were made to stay by Qing Shui, which the others had acknowledged. Everyone knew there was something mysterious between Qing Shui and the leader of the Silken Web Ridge, but no one said anything about it. Both of them didn't have any particular interaction that could arouse their suspicion. In any case, the members of the Mu Clan were already informed about the existence of Qing Shui's other wives and they were not really surprised. After all, most of them had a number of wives themselves too.

They knew Qing Shui would become a man of utmost importance in the future, so no one in the family expected Mu Qing to be his only wife. The members of the Mu Clan were already quite old and with that came the experience and wisdom to judge things with clarity. Whatever Qing Shui had set his mind to do, they decided that they would not interfere with his decision.

Mu Qing sat on Qing Shui's left side, while Yu He sat on his right, which she invited herself to do so. Qing Shui took the opportunity to ask Yu He why she had come to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent and she gave him a simple explanation before ending the conversation.

After that, the Mu Clan, Godly Sword Clan, as well as the Dong Clan and Sun Clan requested to form an alliance once again. The key member would of course be Qing Shui himself. At the same time, Yu He was also requesting to join the alliance, which Qing Shui was more than happy to welcome her into.

He was also pleased to know that the Silken Web Ridge would be joining the alliance as well. Should anything happen in the future, things could be settled without much resistance.

And so, the banquet lasted until late at night. Mu Qing and Yu He left first, so that Mu Qing could show Yu He her room. Before Yu He left, she had a depressed expression on her face, but she only revealed it when she had her back turned from everyone else. Tonight was Qing Shui and Mu Qing's wedding night, after all.

The members of the Godly Sword Clan, Dong Clan and Sun Clan were also staying in the Mu Residence for the night before leaving tomorrow morning. Qing Shui knew he wouldn't be able to enter the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal tonight, so he had already used up his time for today in the morning just before dawn.

Their newlywed room was Mu Qing's building that she had designed herself. The decorations inside the rooms were elegant and not a shred of girly items could be seen inside. The elegant air of the room had given the entire place a sense of nobility. The bed was covered in a golden satin blanket embroidered with the golden luan and phoenix design to signify their status as husband and wife. Beside Qing Shui stood his wife wearing a golden phoenix dress, as he glanced at her lovingly.

Mu Qing was shy and bashful when she noticed the loving look in his eyes. The subtle curve at the corner of her lips was too seductive and with such display from an elegant and intellectual woman like her, Qing Shui couldn't resist the temptation to conquer her entire body for himself.

He scooped her up from her feet and placed her on the bedsheet. The softness of the bed and the loving woman in his arms made him growl in passion, filling the room with a layer of romantic air that would linger until dawn...

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Yu He stood in front of the bedroom window watching the lights pouring in from the festival lights. The whole area was still brimming with the atmosphere of new year, so she might have to stay for a few days before she could go back home. Besides, the Mu Clan was still in celebration of two happy events, making it worse to go away now. Even though the sky had turned dark, laughs and giggles could be heard from some of the rooms in the Mu Residence.

When the image of Qing Shui and the eldest daughter of Mu Clan making passionate love flashed through her mind, she felt a painful throb in her heart. She came all the way for him, but she realized the past feelings between the two of them had already faded away. It has been a long time since they had seen each other.

She was afraid of losing what they had before. All of her efforts were because of him and she was prepared to give herself to him. She only had Qing Shui in her heart and nobody else could replace him anymore.

She had never thought of marrying someone other than Qing Shui. If they could not be together, then she would rather be alone for the rest of her life. All the years of effort were for her to catch up to his footsteps, so that she would not be a burden to him...

Looking at the illuminated window in the building far away, she recognized that room as the bridal chamber for Qing Shui and Mu Qing. Yu He had a yearning expression on her face. One day, she might be able to become a bride to someone who would love her unconditionally.

During the day, she noticed his gaze when he saw her. There was a hint of pleasant surprise and sincerity in his eyes, but they were completely different compared to his eyes back then at the Hundred Miles City. He was already a man of high position and there was no need for him to take advantage of her like before...

The next day, Qing Shui woke up late yet again, an unusual occurrence for a man who prioritizes morning training. Last night was his wedding night, so he decided to cut himself some slack. When he and Mu Qing finally woke up, they went back into having sex again. After they were done, the sky was already bright, illuminating the room with a subtle daylight from the outside.

The daylight in the winter was late as usual.

“Qing Shui, I am officially your wife now,” Mu Qing said with a chirpy mood.

“You have been my wife even before the banquet. You will still be my wife even without the formalities and the ceremony.” Qing Shui embraced Mu Qing while he spoke with a grin.

“It’s weird, you know. Fate is a curious thing. You are from the Greencloud Continent and I am from the Eastern Victory Divine Continent. The distance between us is millions and billions li away, yet we were able to meet each other and walk down this path.” Mu Qing stared at Qing Shui with her beautiful eyes, as she pondered their destiny to become one with each other.

“And that’s why I said our marriage is a gift graced by the heavens. You are destined to be with me,” Qing Shui chuckled.

“Qing Shui, does Sister Yu like you?” Mu Qing asked with a smile, suddenly changing the topic to something else.

The sudden question caught Qing Shui by surprise, but he managed to maintain his smile and said: “Are you jealous?”

“I am serious. The woman came all the way here to find you, don’t you feel anything for her?” Mu Qing scoffed.

“She came here to find me?” Qing Shui was confused as he looked back at Mu Qing.

“She didn’t exactly say that but I know she was talking about you. All the effort she had put on herself was because of you and that she wanted to match up to you. I don’t know what happened between you and her to make her change to the way she is, but did you abandon her long time ago?” Mu Qing blinked profusely, clearly curious about their past.

Slap!

After being stunned by her question, he quickly slapped her butt and said: “What nonsense are you talking about, we haven’t seen each other for many years, that’s all.”

Mu Qing blushed as she squinted her eyes at Qing Shui, but then quickly reverted to her cheerful self and said: “You know, you can actually marry sister Yu if you want to.”

Mu Qing’s words shocked Qing Shui thoroughly. It would be normal if Huoyun Liu-Li had spoken those words instead, but coming from a refined woman like Mu Qing was a bit unexpected. He could only remain silent as he looked at her with a smile curled at the corner of his mouth.

“Don’t look at me like that. I just think Sister Yu has endured enough hardship as it is,” Mu Qing said with an embarrassed expression on her face.

“Silly woman, are you willing to share your man with someone else just like that?” Qing Shui was entertained by his wife for being naive in matters of romance and relationships.

“I’m not willing to share my husband with anyone else. How should I know that a woman like her would have feelings for a blockhead like you.....”

Qing Shui was utterly silenced by his wife in an instant!

The Godly Sword Clan, Dong Clan and Sun Clan had already left in the morning. However, Dong Yan and Sun Yan stayed behind because they knew Qing Shui would be leaving in a few days. By then, they would be able to send him off personally as his sworn brothers.

Behind the courtyard, Qing Shui and Yu He sat opposite to each other around the table in a pavilion.

Yu He smiled while staring at Qing Shui the whole time they were sitting down.

“Sister Yu, even though we haven’t seen each other in a long time, you don’t have to stare at me like that!” said Qing Shui as he looked at the elegant woman in front of him.

“You really have grown much more mature, in fact. You and Mu Qing are made for each other.”

Chapter 934 - Benefactor, Seventh Grade of Nature Energy

“You have grown. You are now more mature. You and Mu Qing are a good match.”

Qing Shui looked at Yu He who was in front of him. Although her tone was very dull, he could still feel some hidden bitterness in her voice. It was especially clear to him, causing him to not know what to do.

“Elder Sister Yu, you are more mature than you were before and even prettier,” Qing Shui smiled. After not meeting her for a long time, he had an odd feeling that he was not able to describe.

“Mature already, is Elder Sister Yu old now? Even I suspect that I am old already,” Yu He drank tea and chatted with Qing Shui casually.

“How can that be? Elder Sister Yu is an absolute beauty. Every man who sees you will be tempted. I just wonder which man would have that kind of fortune.” Qing Shui looked at Yu He in a regretful manner.

Women can be scarier than men at times. When he spoke to Mu Qing previously, Qing Shui felt that he had caused her to change. He had never expected that this would happen...

“Then do you wish to be the fortunate one?” Yu He looked at Qing Shui and smiled.

Qing Shui saw that there were no fluctuations in Yu He’s eyes. Her smile was also very calm, even now, they seemed like good friends joking with each other. However, he knew that she was not joking.

“I do wish to be that person, but it is not something that I can have just by wanting it. That’s right? Elder Sister Yu, you still have not told me how have you been for the past few years.” Qing Shui laughed out loud and quickly changed the topic.

He felt that he was too serious earlier. If she pressed further, he would not know what to do. Furthermore, so many years had gone by, people change.

Yu He naturally could tell what Qing Shui was doing. Even if she wanted to press this topic, now was not the time. Qing Shui had just celebrated his big night. She would not say anything now. Furthermore, it had already been so many years.

Following that, Yu He told him of the things that happened to Hundred Flowers Valley. Of course there were many details that were skipped past. She had only given him a brief summary. However, she did not hide the fact that Hundred Flowers Valley had footholds in five continents.

Hearing Yu He's words, Qing Shui smiled, "Elder Sister Yu met with your benefactor, resulting in a meteoric rise."

"In my heart, there is still another important benefactor." Yu He looked at Qing Shui and laughed loudly.

"Oh, just meeting one benefactor is sufficient to change one's life. In that case, congratulations to Elder Sister Yu." Qing Shui smiled, as he poured more tea for her.

Yu He smiled and did not say anymore. She knew that Qing Shui understood what she meant. He just did not want to bring up this topic. This caused her to be happy and sad at the same time.

"What about you? How have you been all these years? Why are you here in Eastern Victory Divine Continent?" Yu He was very curious.

Qing Shui had too many things that happened to him, it was not possible to finish speaking of it within an hour and a half. Yu He actually already knew of many of Qing Shui's deeds. After all, Qing Shui was very well known in the Greencloud Continent.

When she heard of Qing Shui's matters, she felt a sour feeling in her heart. He had been struggling alone, unlike herself. In comparison, she had risen to her position very smoothly. Her master was her benefactor. However, without Qing Shui, she would not have been able to wait until her master appeared. Furthermore, it was Qing Shui that had changed her entire life.

"Are you going to go back soon?" after a long period of time, Yu He looked towards the sky and smiled.

"It should be somewhere between the day after tomorrow to a week. I have not been home for two years already." Qing Shui missed his home and wanted to go back as soon as he could.

"I came here in order to deliver something, I wish to go back too. Shall we go back together?" Yu He smiled at Qing Shui."

"Of course, however, what will happen to Silken Web Ridge after you leave?" Qing Shui was puzzled. He was now sure something was going on.

"Silken Web Ridge already had someone managing it before I came. Furthermore, I am just here to deliver something. This place will still be managed by the original person. The relationship with the Mu Clan will not change, they are good friends of the Mu Clan." Yu He put on a shallow smile, she seemed to be very happy.

"Then stay in the Mu Clan for two days. When I leave, I'll let you know and we can go together."

"I still have some things to do. When it is time to leave, I will come and meet up with you."

"Alright then, I'll send you off!"

"Mn!"

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In the morning, Qing Shui entered into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Even though they were celebrating, they did not stop practicing. Now was a period of high speed growth. They knew that Qing Shui would be leaving soon. Thus, they were working very hard. The problems that they had would be resolved.

After entering the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui started to look into himself. There was a jade-green aura that was pushed into a corner by the Nature Energy. However, it wasn't able to be dissolved in this short period of time.

This was just a very small portion that had entered his body. Back then, he had not completely avoided it and some of it had entered his body. It was a good thing that the Nature Energy in his body was strong. It was able to suppress that jade-green aura. That poison aura wanted to enter his Dantian but was forced back by the Emperor's Qi...

Now, it was nested in a corner. This caused Qing Shui to feel very unsettled. It was like a bomb hidden in his body. He had to force it out as soon as possible. Leaving it in his body would cause Qing Shui to feel very unsettled. It may be fine now but he was afraid that when he was in a battle and was not able to pay attention to it, it might take advantage of the opening and explode out. It might even cause his death.

Thus, Qing Shui wanted to see what methods he had to force out this poison aura now.

He sat down cross legged and started to circulate the Ancient Strengthening Technique. Combining it with the Nature Energy, it headed to that jade-green aura. As it pushed it, the speed of circulation increased.

That jade-green aura seemed to have spirituality. It tried to escape in the meridians. This was a very frightening thing. The meridians were like a spider web, there were many branches to them. If the poison aura escaped, there would be no way to find it in his meridians. He was able to suppress it earlier because the distance and location were at a good spot. After he forced it to a corner near the Dantian, he had not dared to force it too much.

Now, he circulated his Qi and used a great force to fiercely push on it. The poison aura took advantage and tried to flee. This aura was very mysterious, causing Qing Shui to be extremely frustrated. It was as slippery as a loach, when he managed to dissipate a small amount, it would quickly run away. However, when it was far away, it would not move.

Dissipating some was still progress. However, the amount that was dissipated caused Qing Shui to feel depressed. At this rate, he would require a very long time. Feeling the slipperiness of this poison aura, Qing Shui was very determined to force it out as soon as he could.

This carried on for another hour. In this period, he managed to dissipate some of it twice. If only he could catch it anytime he wanted, Qing Shui felt that he would be able to finish this within a day.

With the current situation, it caused one to be driven mad. However, Qing Shui was prepared. He took out a brocade box filled with Gold Needles that were as thin as cow's fur.

Originally, he wanted to test out the strength of his Nature Energy. However, he discovered that the jade-green aura was very strong as well. He could only use the Gold Needles to assist.

The Nature Energy was chasing it within his body. Qing Shui was watching the insides of his body. Every time it was in a meridian, he would suddenly jab the needle down, causing the poison aura to be trapped.

Following behind was the Nature Energy.

Qing Shui's Gold Needles had blocked up the path of the poison aura, naturally the Nature Energy's path was blocked as well. Thus, this was only an aid. However, with this method, Qing Shui felt a lot more relaxed.

Following the passage of time, there was an increasing number of Gold Needles in Qing Shui's body. The poison aura in his body was getting smaller and smaller. He slowly started to relax. Without this Gold Needles, he did not know how long would it take to completely dissipate this poison aura.

Very soon, one third of the aura was cleared out. The Nature Energy continued to dissipate the poison aura. Every time it dissipated some of it, there seemed to be some minute changes to the Nature Energy.

The Sixth Grade Nature Energy was already at the great perfection stage long ago. It had not broken through yet. Qing Shui felt that it was like a tightly wrapped cocoon, there was no way to break through it. However, now, he found that there seemed to be some tears on the cocoon. This caused Qing Shui to be very excited.

Could the Nature Energy be able to make a breakthrough?

Although the Nature Energy was not his strongest supplementary technique, it allowed Qing Shui to withstand the pressure that was many times more than Qing Shui's own abilities. It was able to withstand poison and enticement. Any techniques that walked the path of evil would be suppressed by the Nature Energy. The Seventh Grade of Nature Energy should be a threshold. He felt that the Seventh Grade of Nature Energy would be very strong.

He originally intended to take a break before continuing. Feeling this miraculous change, he decided to speed up instead. After dissipating some of the escaping poison aura, before Qing Shui could do anything, he discovered that the Nature Energy started twisting in his meridians.

The swelling of his meridians felt very intense, his inner vision discovered it was moving like a snake, moving at an increasing speed. Qing Shui felt very excited and pulled out all the Golden Needles.

The Nature Energy in his body grew even stronger and it wound back to the Dantian. Once it returned to the Dantian, the Emperor's Qi circulated automatically for the first time. The two tyrannical Qi clashed against each other.

The purple Emperor's Qi and the Nature Energy intertwined with each other and circled the Dantian. The speed of the Jindan's rotation was increasing, spreading the Qi of the outwards.

Pu!

In about seven and a half minutes, there was a dull sound. The Emperor's Qi returned to the Dantian and stayed at a spot. In the middle was the golden Jindan. The Qi of the Mental State akin to that of

immovable mountains was on the other side. The Nature Energy also occupied a side. They were all revolving around the Jindan.

The Nature Energy seemed a lot denser than before. It was also much larger. Qing Shui knew that the Nature Energy had broken through.

Seventh Grade Nature Energy.

Increase in grade!

Qing Shui still felt like he was a little confused. He activated the Nature Energy and a surging strength arose. It felt much stronger when compared to before its breakthrough. It felt like his spirit was strengthened. There was a strong aura of self confidence.

The mysterious Nature Energy indeed had some changes at the Seventh Grade, Although it only increased 70% of his abilities, that self confidence, ability to resist poison and pressure had increased by many times. Furthermore, he felt that his ability to resist spirit energy also had a great change.

“Let’s see where you are going to hide this time!”

Qing Shui activated the Nature Energy and increased the circulation speed of the Nature Energy by many times. He caused it to chase after that jade-green aura. This time, he rushed directly at it, without using the Golden Needles.

Chapter 935 - Roc’s Might, Departure, Ancient Legends

That emerald colored poison Qi seemed to have sensed how terrifying the Nature Energy was, but the Nature Energy which had been through a breakthrough wasn’t something that could be compared with what it was previously. In the past, it was like a small stream, but right now it was like a great river. The Nature Energy caught up very quickly and like a big fish devouring a small one, swallowed up that emerald colored poison Qi.

The remaining half of the emerald poison Qi couldn’t even do anything and was dissolved. The difference of the Nature Energy before and after it had leveled up was too great. A Grade Seven Nature Energy was much more powerful than the Grade Six Nature Energy.

After repeated checks to make sure that the emerald colored poison Qi had already disappeared, Qing Shui was now relieved. He then started to sense the Nature Energy which had leveled up, which gave it a stronger air of oppression.

Oppressing with aura!

Qing Shui tried to bring up his Qi, gathering up all his aura together through the Nature Energy. It was only after it had reached the Niwan Palace and mixed with his spirit energy before they started to surge out.

“Mmm, very powerful!” Qing Shui sensed the changes to the aura, but kept having a feeling that something was wrong. It wasn’t a smooth feeling and just felt like many things put together randomly.

It might be because this was the first time he was using it!

Qing Shui then made a few more attempts and his mastery increased. Oppressing with aura, using Nature Energy to draw out the Qi of Heaven and Earth, allowing his aura to borrow the help of Heaven and Earth to oppress the opponent.

This was the ability that only the Grade Seven Nature Energy had.

Once the opponent's aura was suppressed, his Qi's activity would be suppressed and his abilities would suffer a huge setback. What was most commonly seen was powerful martial arts cultivators suppressing low level ones. Spiritual Confinement was also, in a way, using pressure to oppress the opponent. When the pressure reached a certain limit, one could use aura alone to kill the opponent.

It could be used for confinement and could cause the opponent to lose the motivation to continue the battle.

What Qing Shui needed to cultivate right now was the "Roc's Might", using Nature Energy to guide the powerful spirit energy to act as a foundation, applying pressure and oppressing opponents who were of the same level or even higher.

Gradually, he became more and more familiar with the mastery. Now, he had the means of using the "Roc's Might". This was a battle technique from the Roc form which had appeared after Qing Shui attained a breakthrough to the Martial Emperor level. It was only after the Nature Energy had attained a breakthrough to the Seventh Grade that Qing Shui felt that he was able to cultivate it.

Soaring vertically upward 90,000 li into the skies ... The legendary roc was said to be able to travel 90,000 li each time it flapped its wings. The normal flying speed of the roc was comparable to Qing Shui's Nine Continents Steps before it had leveled up.

Wherever Qing Shui's eyes focused, there would be a wave which appeared to be like a spatial ripple. This was pressure, something which ordinary people wouldn't be able to see. It was the movement of spirit energy and had a similar effect as the Heart Toxin Talisman, but yet they weren't completely the same.

His grasp of the skill got better and better. The Roc's Might was best used against people with weak spirit energy, willpower and minds. However, no matter if one was strong or not, they would be affected.

Unknowingly, he had already spent half the time he could remain in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He could be considered to be able to use the Roc's Might now. However, he would still need some time before he could get it to the Small Success Stage. Such pressure wouldn't be able to increase his abilities and it would only be a feeling. As for how much it could weaken his opponents, it would also be dependent on how strong the opponent was.

Tempering!

The Soulshake Bell had reached quite a high grade and was on the verge of attaining a breakthrough for quite a while, yet he had not been able to succeed. However, Qing Shui didn't let it get to him and only persisted with the daily tempering. As for whether he'd attain a breakthrough or not, he didn't think too much about it.

The Spirit Channeling Jade had attained a breakthrough from the first grade to the third, reaching the Intuition Realm. This was quite a great breakthrough. The advancement of the Spirit Channeling Jade was the slowest, but the great power it brought with its level up was undeniably strong.

The Spirit Gathering Lamp was still on the verge of leveling up. The advancement of these items grew increasingly slower toward the end and it was even possible for there to be no breakthrough, even after a very long period of time.

The Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb had leveled up by one grade, reaching grade five, the Heaven's Mysteries Realm. Qing Shui saw that the realms of the various treasures were all different, but he didn't think too much into it. He only cared about which grade they were at and if it was sufficient to know that the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb was at grade five, one grade higher than before.

The Demon Binding Ropes had also increased by one grade, reaching grade seven. It looked two times thicker than before and its color had turned deeper. He could sense that the spiritual energy on it had grown increasingly strong. This was a good item and it was now at grade seven, the Realm of Subduing Dragons and Taming Tigers. It had caught up to the Soulshake Bell, but the latter was on the verge of leveling up to grade eight.

After attaining a breakthrough to become a Martial Emperor, Qing Shui realized that the treasures he had in the past had temporarily become pretty weak and were not effective for serious situations, unless they were put to use with careful timing. It was just like how the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb and the Five-Headed Demonic Spider's Corrosive Poison Web had been used together. If the Blackjade Poisonous Spiderweb was used just by itself, he had no idea if it would have any effect.

Thank goodness it had now increased by one grade. Its abilities should be greater now and it should be better able to absorb poison. After a period of time, Qing Shui would soak it in poison, allowing it to absorb the poison.

In the interim, when Qing Shui was practicing the Roc's Might, he would attempt to add in Emperor's Qi, only to find that it went against the Nature Energy and the two domineering Qis were not able to merge at all. He then dismissed the thought of attempting to merge them together.

When Qing Shui went out, it was already noon. He walked out of his room and saw that Mu Qing was sitting at the pavilion downstairs. When Qing Shui saw her, she seemed to have sensed something and turned her head.

She broke into a light smile and her expression made Qing Shui feel as if the entire world was much brighter than before.

Qing Shui went down and sat opposite her.

"Are you hungry? Do you want to get some food?" Mu Qing looked at Qing Shui and asked, smiling.

"Eating one less meal isn't a big deal to a cultivator. When I see you, no matter how hungry I felt, I won't feel hungry anymore." Qing Shui held Mu Qing's hand over the stone table and smiled.

"The blockhead only knows how to cheer me up when he's about to leave." Mu Qing looked at Qing Shui, not blinking. Although she was smiling, Qing Shui could sense that she was very disappointed.

“Qing`er or do you want to follow me back?” Qing Shui gave it some thought and said.

“I’m already very satisfied to be able to meet you. Moreover, I’m already your wife and I can still go to look for you in the future. Right now, I can’t abandon the Mu Clan. Promise me, if you come to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent, you must come and look for me.” Mu Qing lowered her head. She didn’t want to let Qing Shui see her weak and fragile expression.

“You’re my wife. Even if I don’t have to come to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent, I’ll still come to look for you.” Qing Shui couldn’t bear to part with her either, but he still had things he had to do. In a few years...

“With these words from you, Qing`er is satisfied,” Mu Qing lifted her head, her eyes slightly moist, as she smiled and said.

“We’re already married, but Qing`er has yet to call me husband. I’m going to be leaving soon, come, let me hear you call me that.” Qing Shui propped the weight of his upper body with his elbows on the stone table, as he leaned in smiling.

“I’m not going to!” Mu Qing chided shyly.

“Oh, then I’ll give way. You can call me dear elder brother.” Qing Shui smiled and continued saying.

“I’m older than you... You rascal...” Mu Qing pondered Qing Shui angrily, but soon broke into a smile. Unknowingly, Qing Shui was already sitting right next to her.

“You must choose either one today, else your husband is going to pleasure you here.” Qing Shui looked at Mu Qing, whose face was flushed red.

“Ah, you dare...”

“You’re doubting me?” Smiling, Qing Shui’s left hand skillfully reached in under her clothes.

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Two days passed by very quickly.

Today, many people from the Mu Clan were around and there were also quite a number of people from the Godly Sword Clan. Dong Yan and Sun Yan were around as well. Qing Shui and Mu Qing stood together. Today was the day Qing Shui was leaving.

“Qing Shui, be careful on the way. You must remember to think of me,” Mu Qing let Qing Shui hold her hand and said.

“I will. I’ll think of you everyday. You must be careful as well. Practice formations whenever you’re free and the steps as well. That is very important,” Qing Shui repeated once again.

“I know, don’t worry. Sister Yu is here,” Mu Qing put up a forced smile and said.

A huge snow-white bird flew toward them, with Yu He on it. It arrived above the Mu Clan very quickly and then slowly descended. That charming figure and her dignified disposition made her seem to be like a fairy from the heavens. Many people fell into a daze.

They exchanged a few polite words and Qing Shui gave Mu Qing a tight hug before letting her go and waving to the others. Dong Yan and Sun Yan had wanted to send him off, but were rejected by Qing Shui.

They would eventually have to part, so why was there a need to feel unhappy for a second time.

Qing Shui called out the Fire Bird, waved to the others and then he quickly flew out of everyone's sight together with Yu He.

The Fire Bird and Yu He's huge snow-white bird flew next to each other. When the two beasts were flying next to each other, they looked like a large stretch of flat land.

Thinking that he was going to be returning home, Qing Shui felt very agitated. Just as he was thinking of his family, a fragrant scent drifted over and he turned his head to find that Yu He was standing behind him, smiling.

"I'd like to chat with you." Yu He smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"I was just about to call Sister Yu here." Qing Shui rubbed his nose.

"Whenever you rub your nose, it means that you're not saying the truth. You're still not able to change your habit." Yu He suddenly felt very close to Qing Shui, as if she had found the feeling from the past.

Qing Shui was stunned for a while before smiling, "I'm speaking the truth."

"Sister Yu, do you think that something major will really be happening to the five continents?" Qing Shui gave it some thought and said.

"The five continents have not been at peace all along. It has always been a case of the strong holding supreme and powerful sects and aristocratic clans would monopolize a large part of the resources in an area and wield absolute power. However, there's more than one powerful sect and there's no way that they can always remain powerful. Therefore, it's very normal for there to be endless killings happening everyday," Yu He shook her head and said.

"Then why are there rumors that a great chaos will be happening across the five continents soon? There might even be great, powerful experts who would be taking part in it." Qing Shui frowned. After all, they were but rumors and the land across the five continents was vast and he felt that it was hard for such an event to happen.

"Rumors are but rumors. However, a site of ancient ruins has been found in the Northern Sacred Lu Continent. It was just that it had been sealed up. The estimation was that that three years later, the seal will weaken and the experts from the five continents may gather there," Yu He gave it some thought and said.

"Ancient ruins?"

Qing Shui was astonished. This was something which many people knew or had heard of. Deity statues were already amazing enough, but when compared to ancient ruins, it was only like a drop in the ocean.

The pressure near the deity statues would be very strong, but the ancient ruins from the legend would be even more plagued with dangers. However, the benefits it brought were also tremendous. The place

would be filled with opportunities and dangers, as well as endless heavenly and earthly treasures, Spirit Beasts, divine weapons and treasures. With just a little luck or if one was able to leave the place, their lives might change forever.

Extract from a Chinese poem by Tang Dynasty poet, Li Bai.

Chapter 936 - Using the Nine Continents Steps, An inhospitable environment has many wicked people

“Indeed, it has been 2000 years since an ancient relic had appeared. Every time an ancient relic appeared, some large sects would end up being eradicated. However, after many years, even hundreds of years, there would be some new big sects or large clans.”

Yu he raised her head and looked into the distance. She spoke very fast, it was still considered keeping it short.

Although Yu He did not say much, the most important bits were said. Furthermore, Qing Shui was quite familiar with the ancient relics. Every time an ancient relic appeared, countless experts would be killed, likewise, many new experts would arise.

This was the trend of a fatal attraction. Despite knowing about the danger, they could not help but go forward. The bigger the risk, the greater the rewards. For this matter, only those qualified could enter, basically anyone that could arrive could enter.

Of course, there were some exceptions. There were people who were satisfied with what they have. Many people also knew that it was a deathtrap, only one would live out of ten. Most people understood this. However, those who could make a rational decision were few.

The seal of the ancient relic was very strong. Even at this weakest, it was not that everyone could enter. As to what level of strength was required, no one could say until it happened.

Furthermore, the ancient relic in the Northern Sacred Lu Continent still needed another three years before it opened. He never expected that Yu He would already have obtained news about it. Not counting this piece of news, the things that were known about it were few.

Although many people knew that the great powers had some movement, even those who knew about the ancient relics and that the time was coming, the number of people who knew the location were few. By the time the exact location was found, only a few would be able to rush to it. Cultivators below Martial Saint would not qualify to enter. Thus, those who entered, were experts. That was why it was easy to cause a change in the powers.

“Will Elder Sister Yu go?” Qing Shui said after thinking for a while.

Actually, Qing Shui felt that he would definitely go. In three years of time, he did not know if he would have the ability to bring Yiye Jiange to the Lion King’s Ridge in Northern Sacred Lu Continent. If he had the ability to do so in these three years, he would do his best to help her resolve this matter.

He felt that in three years, his strength would be sufficient. When that happened, he would resolve Yiye Jiange’s dream. He would then go to that ancient relic. After all, it was extremely dangerous there, even he could not guarantee his survival. However, he was still confident.

"I do not know, in three years time... I wish to go but we will see when the time comes. I know you will definitely go. That's why I am telling you in advance, so you can make your preparations." Yu He sighed.

"You also said it, there are still three years. Who knows what will happen. However, I will be sure to prepare for it." Qing Shui looked forward to that ancient relics.

Although it was dangerous there, there were a lot of benefits that he could obtain. There was still a group of Demonic Beast in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Qing Shui felt that three years later, he should be able to protect himself.

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They managed to make great headway in one day. The speed of the Fire Bird had increased significantly. Unfortunately, Qing Shui was unable to use the Nine Continents Steps, causing him to feel depressed.....

Seeing that the sky was turning dark, Qing Shui returned eagerly. If he wasted the Nine Continents Steps, he would have wasted a lot of time. This was something that Qing Shui could not accept. He rubbing his nose countless of times and wanted to tell Yu He. However, he was not able to do so.

Right now, they happened to be in the wilderness. There were no villages or shops around. They were prepared to eat something and rest here for a night. Then they would continue on their journey the next day.

It was simple and fast for Qing Shui to prepare some food.

"I miss the days in Hundred Miles City. I want to eat the things that you prepared," Yu He looked at Qing Shui expertly cooking something.

Qing Shui's hands trembled, then he quietly continued cooking. The smile on his face did not change. A familiar fragrance wafted out. Yu He had a satisfied smile on her face.

After drinking some fish soup and eating half a fish, Yu He stopped eating. She watched Qing Shui eat. She felt that the situation now was good, she was not able to explain it, nor did she know why. She had been hesitating. She was afraid of the consequences. If that would be the result, she'd rather remain as his good friend.

Very soon, the two of them finished eating. Qing Shui looked at the surroundings. The sky just turned dark. He had opened his mouth a few times. Although he was determined to say something, it still felt very difficult.

However, if he used the Nine Continents Steps, they would be much faster. He had to say it anyway, so he took a deep breath and looked at Yu he.

"It seems that you have something to say. You have already opened your mouth a few times. When did you become so reserved? Just say it. If I can do it, then I will do it." Yu He saw his expression and knew that he might have something to speak about, that was difficult to say.

"I have a method to travel very fast, but I would require your cooperation....."

"Travel fast? How do we cooperate?" Yu he looked at Qing Shui in astonishment.

It was not pleasant to rush. Furthermore, Yu He did not wish for her time to be wasted on rushing.

“Come, since we are going to travel that way, let us get into the sky first.” After Qing Shui said this, he pulled on Yu He’s hand and headed to the sky.

Yu He’s body trembled slightly, but she did not resist Qing Shui’s pull. She found that she was nervous and also anticipating it. An anticipation of something she was not sure of.

The two of them stood across from each other high in the sky. Yu he looked at Qing Shui, but he still held onto one of her hands.

“Elder Sister Yu, please don’t take offense at this, it is for the sake of traveling faster.” Qing Shui took a step forward. One of the hands grabbed onto Yu He’s waist. Just when Yu He frowned...

Nine Continents Steps!

Qing Shui’s hand that was holding onto her hand grabbed her tightly. He had no choice, he was afraid of a mistake. The consequences would be terrible.

The Nine Continents Steps only lasted for an instant.

After the Nine Continents Steps was used, it became Yu He’s turn to hug Qing Shui tightly. She now knew why. She did not blame Qing Shui. She was even secretly happy.

Standing high in the air, there was a city of Eastern Victory Divine Continent below. As to which city it was, Qing Shui did not know. The lights below were very bright, but as they were at a high altitude, there was only some starlight and moonlight in their surroundings. The lights from below were not able to shine that far.

Qing Shui saw that Yu He was holding onto him very tightly. This was normal. This was the reflex caused by using the Nine Continents Steps. He stretched out his hands, grabbed onto her again and used another Nine Continents Steps.

Fortunately, there was a city below as well. However, it was the outskirts of the city. The surroundings were completely dark. Yu He closed her eyes, as though she was enjoying the Nine Continents Steps. Qing Shui did not disturb her...

“How many times can you use this?” Yu He raised her head, but her two jade like arms were still hugging Qing Shui’s neck. He could feel some pressure coming from her chest.

“I can use it twice everyday.” Qing Shui looked somewhat weakly at Yu He, as he spoke.

“That’s great, if I have any urgent matters in future, I can come look for you. So you can send me to where I need.” Yu He smiled at Qing Shui

Qing Shui: “.....”

It was only the early evening. The two of them descended onto the large street. There was a night market. This was a bustling street with many people shouting out their goods and joyous laughter resounded.

There were many people who noticed the appearance of Qing Shui and Yu He. Many men were sneaking peeks at Yu he. However, most of them just took a look because they knew that a woman like her was not something they could possess.

Qing Shui and Yu He did not know what city they were in, nor were they interested. They were just here to stay for a night.

“Shall we go get a room first?” Qing Shui smiled at Yu He who was looking at the sky.

“No, accompany me to shop first. We will get a room later. If there are no more rooms later, then you will have to accompany me shopping for the whole night.” Yu He seemed to enjoy the surrounding environment. She was looking everywhere.

Actually it was not that she liked this place, it was because of the person beside her. This caused even the surrounding environment to become pleasant for her.

Hearing her say this, Qing Shui did not have any other opinion. He accompanied Yu he as she shopped. This street was very wide and long, there were also many snacks, games and clothes here.

The new year had not passed yet, the atmosphere of the new year was still quite heavy.

The two of them walked amongst the crowd. However, despite the bustling crowd, there was no one in within two meters of them. Those that wanted to get near would automatically be pushed aside.

Time slowly went by, at the front of this street, there was a crossroad, a huge crossroad. This was the intersection between two streets. Although the two streets were very wide, beast carriages were prohibited.

At the left of the crossroad, there was a big plaza. There were many sounds of praises coming from there and fireworks being fired into the sky. The fireworks were just fired off one by one, unlike those of New Year’s Eve, where the entire sky would be filled with fireworks.

“Qing Shui, let’s go take a look. It is very lively there,” Yu He said happily to Qing Shui.

Most of the people here were ordinary people. There were dragon dances and lion dances, sword dances, martial arts performances...

These were not strange to Qing Shui, it was very similar to his previous life. Looking at those sword dances and martial arts performances, he would have looked forward to those, thinking that they were very strong, that they had to practice for many years to reach that level of proficiency. However, now when he looked at it, he felt differently.

Yu He was different. Although she was from a small city like Hundred Miles City, she was from a large clan in that small city. Thus she was not able to mingle with the common folk. It was different now, maybe she had wanted to experience it. She felt that everything was new, this was like the popular customs of Hundred Miles City.

However, there was a disturbance. Qing Shui looked suspiciously at his surroundings. They were actually surrounded by at least 40 men. The ones leading them were two bald men. Their bodies were sturdy and tough. They looked very similar to each other, if they were not twins, they were at least brothers. At this moment, they were looking at Yu He. They seemed like they wanted to eat her up.

Qing Shui looked at Yu He and found that she was smiling gently at him. She seemed to be saying someone is bullying me, what are you going to do about it?

"It's the Tu Clan brothers. Hey, it seems that these two are outsiders. Are they being targeted by them."

"That is not strange, they can only blame the fact that this woman is too pretty. Now that they have their eyes on her, they are done for. Even the City Lord have to give them some face."

"These two seemed to be the descendants of some rich nobles. Why are they here in this unsavory place?" An old man shook his head and sighed before leaving.

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Qing Shui looked at the surroundings. It was a bustling place, but it was not one of those strong cities. He felt that they were not likely to be much stronger than Hundred Miles City. Then he looked at the two study men across him.

An inhospitable environment has many wicked people. This place could be considered to be an inhospitable environment!

Chapter 937 - Kill, Nature Energy Pellet, Sixth Grade Mental State akin to that of immovable mountains

Qing Shui did not feel anything, he originally did not want to kill anyone. Seeing that the surrounding people feared these men, Qing Shui decided to make a move. Consider it cleaning up the place or perhaps he and Yu He leaving a mark here.

After getting rid of these people, after they left, there would be a new tyrant soon. It was just a matter of time. However, this would warn them that there was someone stronger than them. That there are hidden experts hidden in the city, strong enough to kill them.

"Kid, you must be a foreigner!" A loud and clear voice came from the man on the left. Even as he was speaking, his gaze did not leave Yu He even for a moment.

"What you do want?" Qing Shui looked at the group of people across him. He wanted to see if they still had any conscience left.

"This is Ancient Mountain City, we are stranded in the middle of nowhere, you could say that we are a very isolated city. The two of you are not dressed like the locals here. I wonder what you are here to do. Speaking of which, our Brotherhood of Steel is quite lucky," the man smiled and said in a forthright manner.

"Lucky?" Qing Shui burst out in laughter. Yu He looked at Qing Shui with a slight smile.

The two men may be a little thoughtless but they still noticed something. Most regular people would have already panicked. However, their opponents did not show any signs of anxiousness. In fact, they were looking at them as though they were looking at a bunch of clowns.

"Leave the lady behind as well as all the money on you and I will leave you a path to live." That man knew that now that things have gotten this far, he had to do what he had to do. Furthermore, the earlier situation was just his own guesswork.

Qing Shui looked that the two peak Xiantian across from him. The rest of them were only in the Houtain realm. There were only two Martial Commanders among them, the rest were Martial Generals. Looks like these two men were the peak cultivators around here.

“Are you afraid of death?” Qing Shui looked at the two men across him and said suddenly.

Qing Shui’s words were very sudden but they were serious. Many of the surrounding people seemed to have felt something. They felt that this youth was very special because he did not seem afraid at all.

“If we are afraid of death then we would not be in this line of work. How funny! The life we live is one of bloodshed.” The other man laughed out loud. Seeing that Qing Shui did not take any action and had just spoken, he felt that Qing Shui was just bragging.

Qing Shui smiled and used a great pressure to pressure that man. This was the Roc’s Might that he had been cultivating recently. He pressured him without restraint.

Pu!

Pa!

Qing Shui felt that the Niwan Palace in the opponent’s brain exploded. He vomited a mouthful of blood and died. This result had surprised Qing Shui was well.

Earlier, he could feel the Gold Pearl in his Niwan Palace rotating faster, the Yin-Yang Image was also spinning faster. Under the guidance of the Nature Energy, the majestic spirit energy pressured that man.

There was a vast difference in their strengths. Before the opponent’s Niwan Palace had opened, it exploded. The Niwan Palace was very important to a person. It is the heart of the brain. After it exploded, it would lead to brain death. Even if they did not die, they would become a vegetable. Furthermore, not only did Qing Shui’s pressure explode the opponent’s Niwan Palace, he had ruptured all his organs.

At first, Qing Shui was astonished, then he was pleasantly surprised. However, there was no change to his expression. Yu He was not surprised because with Qing Shui’s level of abilities, it was not surprising that he could kill a Xiantian with just his pressure. However, she was not aware that Qing Shui had exploded his Niwan Palace. According to rumors, only spiritual attacks could destroy the opponents Niwan Palace. Yu He thought that Qing Shui had ruptured all of the opponents organs.

When one of the Tu Clan brothers suddenly died, there was a temporary silence. The remaining man opened his mouth in shock as he stared at his now dead brother. He did not understand what was going on at the moment, he did not even believe that it was done by the youth in front of him.

All of that man’s subordinates turned pale, they all wished to flee. Qing Shui shook his head, these men were useless but there was no need to keep these people alive.

“It’s your turn, it’s a good thing that you do not fear death.” Qing Shui’s words sounded like a demonic curse.

When the man heard Qing Shui’s words, he turned pale. He trembled as he looked at Qing Shui. At this moment, he found out that death was actually very scary. Before this, he had been the one to control

the life and death of others. Seeing others tremble before him, it gave him a sense of satisfaction. He never thought that such a day would come for him.

“Big Brother, I do not wish to die. Can you let me go? I can do anything, I will give you everything.....”

There was a black line on Qing Shui’s forehead. He directly waved his hand and killed the remaining Tu Clan brother. Then his figure flashed by and rushed into the group of subordinates. He waved his hands and there were many miserable shrieks. This time, he did not kill anyone but he crippled all their originally abysmal cultivations. Although their cultivations were no good earlier, they were still able to beat down tens of ordinary man.

After he defeated them, Qing Shui did not linger, nor did he care about the change in everyone’s gazes. When he left with Yu He, the crowd automatically opened up a path for him. Even after he had gone a distance, he could still hear their cheers.

“Although these people were not strong, the trouble they caused was significant. Just killing them was already letting them off easy. As for the others, after being crippled, they would lose all their power,” Yu he laughed loudly.

“Mn. However, soon there will be new villains to replace the Tu Clan brothers.” Qing Shui shook his head helplessly.

Yu He was stunned for a bit, then she laughed, “Indeed, it is impossible to eradicate all these villains. In front of benefits and greed, lives were secondary, they are worth fighting for.”

Qing Shui stared blankly for awhile before smiling, “Elder Sister Yu is right, I am a greedy person too. There are few who are not affected by greed, what do you think?”

Yu He stared blankly for a while as she blushed. Earlier she said that in order to persuade Qing Shui to not go to the ancient relic. She did not expect Qing Shui to retort that he was greedy too.

Yu he looked at Qing Shui, she wondered if he knew that his greed was very simple, however, only he could fulfill his own greed.....

“Elder Sister Yu, it’s no longer early, let us go and find someplace to rest. We still have to continue on our journey tomorrow.” Qing Shui looked at the slightly shy Yu He beside him. She did not know why did she suddenly became shy.

“Alright!” Yu He liked speaking to Qing Shui like this, it felt like they were husband and wife.

They walked by many streets. However, everyone was talking about the demise of the Tu Clan Brothers and the destruction of the Brotherhood of Steel. Most of them were talking about this in a very excited manner.

After walking past another two streets, maybe because it was night or maybe Qing Shui’s actions were too fast, there were not many discussions about what just happened. However, this might change after a while. Thus, the two of them quickly looked for an inn and got two rooms that were across from each other.

Many people were breathtaken at Yu He’s charm but they did not say anything. The waiters at the inn brought Qing Shui and Yu He to their rooms and then left.

“Goodnight!” Yu He waved her hands at Qing Shui before going into her room.

“Goodnight!”

Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal!

All the way until the late night, Qing Shui entered the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Qing Shui had used the Roc’s Might for the first time in Ancient Mountain City. He discovered that it was not just a simple pressure, it could be said that it was a spiritual attack.

After practicing the Roc’s Might, Qing Shui started to practice the Buddha’s True Eyes. This was a true spiritual attack but because of its current realm, it was useless. However, it should still be quite effective in dealing with Xiantians. He could only do his best to practice it and see how it went in the future.

A Mysterious Fruit had matured, the other still required some time. The time of maturity of the two Mysterious Fruits was very different. The chances of success of these things were too low and they were too precious. It was fortunate that his odds were pretty good so far when he consumed them, it could be said that they were pretty high.

Feeling excited, Qing Shui ate it.

The Mysterious Fruit was also known as the fate fruit. There were great benefits that could not be felt. Qing Shui was looking forward to it. Although even time he tried it it was a success, he was still afraid of failure.

Suddenly a certain energy surged from his Dantian unexpectedly. Qing Shui was very happy, he knew that at least he had gained some benefits from this. He just did not know what it was. The energy pervaded his entire body. A profound calm caused Qing Shui to be astonished. It was a kind of aura that had the pressure of Mount Tai. It flowed along the meridians of his body and circulated once before going to the Dantian. When he felt the Qi of the State of Immovable as Mountains throb, he knew that the State of Immovable as Mountains was leveling up.

The Mysterious Fruit had improved the State of Immovable as Mountains. Qing Shui was not sure about how he felt. It had succeeded at least. However, he was not as happy as he was when the Nature Energy had improved. However, there was no point in thinking about this. Not only had this improved his overall abilities, it improved his aura as well. It should have its own strength.

Bang!

That energy merged directly with the Qi of State of Immovable as Mountains. The Qi of the State of Immovable as Mountains exploded apart, then condensed, then rotated, then exploded again, then condensed again...

Suddenly, the ball of Qi from the Nature Energy also gave off a golden glow. The Jindan in his Dantian also spun rapidly. Following that, the ball of Qi of the Emperor’s Qi also started to spin. In that instant, Qing Shui discovered that there seemed to be a great wave in his Dantian, causing Qing Shui’s complexation to change.

He felt that his body was filled with an explosive energy. However, he was not in any pain. He just felt unsettled. He discovered that he had no control over what happened in his Dantian.

Pa!

Suddenly there was a crisp sound. Qing Shui was astonished to discover that the Grade Seven Nature Energy Qi ball had turned into a small pellet. It was smaller than a BB pellet but it was larger than a soybean.

Nature Energy turning into a pellet.....

Qing Shui was stunned, the Nature Energy that had turned into a pellet reached the Small Perfection Stage . This caused Qing Shui to feel that the Nature Energy in his body had turned manyfold more plentiful, its might had also increased. However, its effect of increasing ability did not change. Even so, its ability to resist poison and evil had a heaven-changing change.

Righteous energy of Heaven and Earth, Nature Energy!

The joy from this incident was indescribable. He had never expected that the State of Immovable as Mountains could affect the Nature Energy like this. Looking at the continuously spinning Emperor's Qi and the ball of Qi of the State of Immovable as Mountains, Qing Shui felt full of anticipation.

The Jindan in his Dantian was rapidly spinning. What led Qing Shui to be astonished was that it was slowly getting stronger. The strengthening of his Jindan was an increase of his abilities, it was a direct increase of his abilities.....

Pa!

The State of Immovable as Mountains ball of Qi condensed into a pellet, it was an earthen-yellow about the size of a soybean.

Breakthrough!

Sixth Grade State of Immovable as Mountains!

Chapter 938 - Qing Shui's level of abilities, Tiger Form evolving, Raging Blow

Sixth Grade of State of Immovable as Mountains!

Qing Shui looked at the soybean sized earthen-yellow pellet. He was incomparably excited. Once the Qi mass formed a pellet, it was considered to be a huge breakthrough. It was a transformation and a huge qualitative change.

The thing in the middle of his Dantian was the Jindan, condensed from the Qi of the Ancient Strengthening Technique. Now, it was slightly larger than a walnut. This time, it had changed even further and the strength it now had, made Qing Shui want to laugh. He had never expected such a big change to happen this time.

The Jindan was in the middle and beside it were two other pellets. One was the size of a toe and the other was the size of a soybean. They were slowly revolving around the Jindan. There was no conflict between them and in fact, they seemed to be in a certain harmony. Like planets revolving around the sun, the system was very mysterious.

The only revolving Qi mass was the Emperor's Qi. Qing Shui did not know what the change to the Emperor's Qi had been. Nonetheless, it could decrease 20% of the opponent's abilities. Anyone within his vision could not escape.

The most important thing that he already knew was that it was impossible to level it up further. That it could not be leveled up further was not a surprising thing. After all, it was already a very tyrannical technique. If it could still be leveled up, Qing Shui would not know what else to say.

Pa!

Qing Shui was startled and then looked into his Dantian. He discovered that the revolving violet Qi mass had also turned into a pellet that was about the same size as the Nature Energy pellet, about the size of a toe. The violet color was very pretty, causing one to not want to look away from it.

It was filled with the Emperor's Qi. As the revolving pellet gave off a purple Qi, it slowly swam into the body, as though it was trying to dye it purple.

This could also be condensed into a pellet...

Now, there were four pellets in his Dantian. However, the one made from the Qi of the was the largest. The others were quite small. This made it look more harmonious. The Qi of the Jindan was in the middle, golden-bright and dazzling. The Nature Energy was golden-bright and dazzling as well, but it was much smaller. The State of Immovable as Mountains was earthen-yellow in color and was also smaller. The Emperor's Qi was violet in color and looked very obvious in the Dantian. It looked proud and aloof, because although the Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains were close to each other, the Emperor's Qi seemed lonely.

Qing Shui looked at the Jindan that had grown slightly larger, the Qi of the Jindan. Then, he tried slowly circulating it. A surging energy came rushing from it, causing Qing Shui to feel excited because it had been strengthened significantly again. Although it was not enough for Qing Shui to go crazy, he was still very excited.

20 Stars!

Right now, the abilities of Qing Shui reached 90 stars. He was getting close to 100 stars.

Having the abilities of 100 stars was the weakest level of abilities for a Martial Emperor. 1000 stars was the Grand Perfection Stage, signifying a Grade One Martial Emperor.

Qing Shui had not expected that there would be such an effect when the State of Immovable as Mountains broke through to the sixth grade. He could actually use this steady aura to cause the other Qi's to condense into a pellet.

The Nature Energy and State of Immovable as Mountains both went up by a grade. Based on their original principles, they should increase the body's abilities by another 10%.

The Diamond Qi, Diamond Protection, and Diamond Crossing Rivers circulated automatically!

The Nature Energy circulated automatically too!

Shield Attack!

High Grade Focused Concentration!

Qing Shui slowly circulated all his abilities. The Nature Energy increased 70% of the body's abilities, the State of Immovable as Mountains increased 60% of the body's abilities.....

Circulating his abilities to their peaks and adding on the Heavenly Talisman, Qing Shui's abilities without any weapons was already at 430 stars. He had to use weapons in order to execute the Combination Sword Technique.

Holding the Violet Star Thunder God, Qing Shui's abilities increased to 1300 stars. This included the feedback from the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. This was just Qing Shui's base abilities, not taking into account the Raging Blow.

Qing Shui brandished the Violet Star Thunder God in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. He was stunned after discovering that his hammer techniques had undergone a small change.

Qing Shui felt as if he had the stability of a large established clan.

State of Immovable as Mountains!

Qing Shui knew that this was the effect of State of Immovable as Mountains, a kind of mental state akin to that of immovable mountains. Now, it could be considered that he had stepped through the threshold of the true Mental State of Immovable as Mountains.

Qing Shui's figure kept flickering in mid-air. The Violet Star Thunder God no longer felt as heavy as it had in the past. There was none of the clumsiness of a hammer type weapon.

Naturally, his speed had also increased. The Violet Star Thunder God added 10% to his speed. After practicing for a bit, Qing Shui was delighted to discover that he could use the Raging Blow whenever he wanted.

However, the Raging Blow exhausted a lot of energy. The burden on his body would be too big if he kept on using it continuously. However, that was not too important. The most important thing was that he could use it any time. The Raging Blow would be his strongest battle technique.

At his current realm, he could double his damage, having 2600 stars of strength!

This would be one of Qing Shui's trump cards. Although he already had the Raging Blow in the past, he was not able to use it in battle. It was like dying of hunger while guarding a gold mountain.

[Note: Dying of hunger while guarding a gold mountain, means it is precious, but not useful in the current situation]

Before, it was like guarding a gold mountain on a desolate island. Now it was like bringing the gold mountain to a bustling city. The feeling was indescribable.

The excited Qing Shui brandished the Violet Star Thunder God in midair. A ball of black light dispersed, accompanied by a loud explosive sound. The sound was very resounding, but Qing Shui did not feel anything. However, he knew that it would definitely affect any opponent.

After brandishing it for two hours, Qing Shui stopped. That uninhibited, carefree feeling caused him to feel an indescribable happiness. Then he tossed aside the Violet Star Thunder God that was in his hands.

Tiger Form!

He no longer knew what realm his Tiger Form was in.

Roar!

Just by taking up a stance, there was a shocking roar. The sound resembled that of a beast king roaring on top of the mountain. It was not echoed very far, but it was full of a strong oppressive might. It seemed like it was ringing in his heart.

Deterrence!

Qing Shui was sure that in his heart, he had comprehended the aura of the State of Immovable as Mountains when he had looked at the Tiger Form inscription steele. When the State of Immovable as Mountains had reached the sixth grade, he had guessed that the Tiger Form would also have some changes.

Tiger Laceration!

Qing Shui suddenly waved his hands and was immediately stunned by the three-foot long golden energy claws that appeared in front of his hands.

Tiger Claws!

Taking Form!

Tiger Form Taking Form!

Qing Shui stood there and stared blankly for a long time. Then he rapidly struck out. Tiger Claws, Hunting Tiger Claw, Ripping Tiger Claw.....

Every move he used resulted in a golden claw condensed from the Qi of the appearing in front of him, just like that man hitting out at the Jasper Quartz Jiao in the Poison Mountain Stockade.

He could feel that the might he struck out with was very strong. Qing Shui discovered that the Nature Energy and the aura of the State of Immovable as Mountains were both merged into this attack. The strength of the Nature Energy was in no doubt and this strike seemed to contain the might of Heaven and Earth.

The might of this Tiger Form actually raised his abilities by one fold. Without a weapon, the Tiger Form achieved an attack of nearly 900 stars.

What an unexpected surprise. One mysterious fruit could actually cause a chain of reactions resulting in an explosive increase in his abilities. The most important thing was that Qing Shui discovered that his foundation was very stable. It was unlike most other explosive increase in abilities, where the foundation would be shaky. If that was the case, getting stronger so quickly would not be a good thing.

All of this was related to the State of Immovable as Mountains. The sixth grade was a particularly important threshold. Qing Shui had never expected this. The State of Immovable as Mountains could actually have such miraculous effects and did not seem inferior to the Nature Energy.

He spent another hour on the Tiger Form.

There were too many surprises today already. Qing Shui felt that it was too much, as though he was in a dream. He stared blankly for awhile before breaking out in laughter. Although his abilities now were pretty strong, he knew the abilities of a Martial Emperor. With his full force, he could just barely attack with the power of an ordinary Grade Three Martial Emperor. After all, he could not keep on using the Raging Blow, as it exhausted too much energy.

Qing Shui finally looked at the Emperor's Qi that had condensed into a pellet, to see what the changes were.

With a look, Qing Shui was quite happy. The distance the Emperor's Qi could activate over had increased. Furthermore, he could affect multiple targets in a small area by using his Spiritual Sense.

This was a significant improvement. Before, he could only target one opponent at a time. Furthermore, the total number of uses was limited. It was a good thing that it could not be evaded. However, although he hadn't needed to use it too many times before, the time it lasted and its cooldown were pretty decent. Unfortunately, he had only been able to weaken the strongest experts first.

Now, the total number of targets the Emperor's Qi could work on at one time had increased. He had not expected that it would have such a change after it turned into a pellet. Overall, it was very good, as he hadn't expected there would be such a change with the Emperor's Qi.

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The second day, Qing Shui got up very early and did his morning practice. There were no changes to his Taichi Fist. It would probably take a lot of effort before it could Take Form. It seemed that the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique should be at least a legendary level technique.

Furthermore, Qing Shui did not understand why when he had used the Tiger Form, only the Tiger Claws had appeared. Qing Shui did not think it was because his realm was too low. He knew that that man from the Poison Mountain Stockade was not higher than him in terms of realm.

Thinking of the Poison Mountain Stockade, Qing Shui thought of the Mu Clan. Although he had only left for a day, he already missed Mu Qing. He remembered the first time he saw her, the time he went to Sky Penetrating Mountains, her ten Treasure Hunting Pigs, Lightning Bees, Golden Beasts...

After he had confirmed their relationship, he had given her a lot of medicinal pills. Of course, these included the ones that raised the strength of her Demonic Beasts. Those few Golden Beasts were also part of a mutated species. The Golden Beast did not have the bloodline of any Demonic Beast. Qing Shui's pill would allow them to awaken their bloodline and stimulate their potential.

Thus, Qing Shui was not very worried when he left. Those Golden Beasts would be very strong in the future. Back then, under the effect of that 'pearl', their strength had undergone an explosive increase.

It was a pity that those pigs with the sturdiness of heavy metal did not have any attacking capabilities.

When he came back, he was just in time to see Yu He walk out of her room. Seeing Qing Shui coming back from outside, she smiled, "Did your practice?"

"En! Had a good sleep?" Qing Shui smiled.

"En, let's go down and have something to eat!"

"Sure, wait for me!"

Qing Shui walked into the room and washed himself up. Then, he came out and went down with Yu He. Their room was on the highest floor. This had been specially requested by Qing Shui when he had ordered the rooms.

They found seats in the corner of the great hall. There were not many people here in the morning. Soon, a waiter came over and brought them breakfast.

Breakfast did not have to be ordered, as it was the same for everyone. Of course, they could also order some other dishes.

Seeing the expression on the waiter's face, Qing Shui knew that he was aware of his and Yu He's identity.

Chapter 939 - Jade Mountain Village of Bole Country's Tigerfang City

After breakfast, Qing Shui and Yu He continued on their way again. The winter's sun was very warm. At their cultivation level, they were no longer bothered by cold or heat, however, the sensation was still very clear to them. No matter how strong one was, one would still get wet when drenched by water. It was a feeling, and those who were powerful had stronger senses. It was only that their ability to withstand the weather was also stronger, unless they were to use their Qi of Xiantian to cut themselves off from the rain.

Although they could still feel cold, powerful warriors were very different from ordinary people. For example, an ordinary person would find it hard to move a single step in a strong gale and could only hear the strong gush of wind. On the other hand, they were like a slight breeze to the experts. This was the difference between them.

Therefore, both the strong gales and loud noises from flying at a high speed were unable to affect them right now. The two of them could talk very leisurely, as if they were standing between the heaven and earth with a slight breeze blowing and they weren't affected in the least.

Only those who had reached a breakthrough to the Martial Emperor level would be able to reach the realm where they had an individual world within them. In the past, although they could still converse, they would still sense that the gales in the surrounding were very strong.

Now that the sun has risen, they could see the scene below them very clearly. This Ancient Mountain City was truly an isolated city that was very out of the way. There was only a single main path that lead towards the direction of the main city, with no other main roads heading to other directions. This meant that one could basically only head out and there were only a few people who would enter.

The city was surrounded by mountains, but thankfully they were not extremely dangerous. Qing Shui also didn't sense any powerful demonic beasts in there. Otherwise, there was no way for this Ancient Mountain City to survive.

"Qing Shui, how long can you stay when you return this time?" Yu He asked, as she looked at Qing Shui with a smile.

"I don't know. It might be for a while." He had no idea either. This time around, he planned to stay a little longer. There was a need to strengthen the Qing Clan.

The people from the Qing Clan need to learn formations to the best that they could, he also planned to spend some time studying formations. He would let them comprehend some stone tablets to see if they could sense something, especially Mingyue Gelou.

He had no idea what her mastery of the Tiger Form was at right now, but it shouldn't be lower than his. It was just that he had suddenly attained the Manifestation Realm and didn't know if Mingyue Gelou could do the same.

There was also Luan Luan. He should also impart the other forms of the Nine Animals Mimicry Technique to her. Although they didn't have the Qi of to act as the foundation, it would be good to allow them to grow stronger, even if it was just a little.

"How are the Qing Clan's three generations right now? Has Di Chen returned?" Qing Shui started to let his thoughts run wild, but he suddenly recalled that there was still someone waiting for him in the Central Continent.

Hai Dongqing, Yun Duan, and there was also Di Qing!

Qing Shui was overwhelmed. He really felt that he had a strong affinity now with the Portraits of Beauty. What secrets did the women in the portraits hold? Why didn't the Art Maestro state them down clearly?

Why were there twelve? Were the remaining portraits in other people's hands or were they hidden somewhere? He thought of how he had eight of them now, and it seemed like there was a high chance of them to appear where deity statues were.

"What are you thinking about? You're so engrossed!"

When Qing Shui heard Yu He's words, he smiled, "I've been distracted by the thoughts of my family."

"That's right, you've been out for so long and should miss them. Mmm, you're already in your early thirties, but I still subconsciously felt that you're that young lad who's not even in your twenties." Yu He broke into a smile.

"Time passes really quickly. When we look back, it seemed as if a lot of time had passed, but in the blink of an eye, it has already been over ten years." Qing Shui also felt very emotional when he thought of this.

"That's right. Time waits for no one." Yu He looked into the far distance, as if feeling great pity, yet also like she was lamenting.

“Sister Yu’s tone sound like you’re very world weary. You’re now at the prime of your life, how can you be so negative?” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“Do you think my wish will come true?” Yu He turned to look at him, her beautiful eyes had a faint layer of mist, which caused Qing Shui to be in a daze.

“What is Sister Yu’s wish?” Qing Shui asked. At this moment, he felt that he was very fake. In relationships, he had always been the one who would seem to be putting up an act, or one who was hesitant and indecisive.

Most importantly, he didn’t have absolute confidence regarding relationships due to his inferiority complex. It might be because the ladies around him were all too outstanding and he had always felt that just having one of them was already a great blessing from the heavens. But right now, he felt just like a person who acts like a whore, but yet expected a monument created for her chastity.

With this thoughts, Qing Shui smiled bitterly. He didn’t deny that he had a strong sense of monopolizing, but he couldn’t remove the burdens in his heart. A person would find it the hardest to win against his own heart and change it.

He was already trying very hard to change himself, but yet he still couldn’t let himself loose. He was not a playful and flirtatious person, but yet he had done things which a person like that would do...

“I’ll tell you in the future.” Yu He smiled.

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When they passed by the Golden Buddha Temple, Qing Shui didn’t go down. They would meet again if it was meant to be, and just merely flew along.

The old man in the temple opened his eyes, as if his heart was connected to Qing Shui. An amiable expression was hung up on his face, “Soaring up to the heavens, no one can stop your progress.”

For the past few days, Qing Shui traveled in the day and stayed in an inn when they came across a city or town at night. If they were in the wilderness, they would set up tents. Everyday, he would carry Yu He and used the Nine Continents Steps twice.

Gradually, the two of them grew very accustomed to this. Most importantly, after Qing Shui had performed the Nine Continents Steps while he carried Yu He, she wouldn’t let go immediately, but continue to wrap her arms around his neck as she chatted happily with him. Her lazing charm made Qing Shui unable to let her go, and he would always feel an indescribable feeling. After all, their relationship had been ambiguous since many years ago.

Qing Shui didn’t know if love would blossom from frequent hugs, but it could be due to the deeply buried emotions within him. This emotion made him felt that Yu He was slowly permeating into his heart and it was unstoppable.

He performed the Nine Continent Steps once again. This was the second time he was doing this for the day and this time around, they didn’t talk but Qing Shui didn’t let go of his hands either. He continued to wrap his arms around her slender waist, as he looked at this tame lady. There was only a slight difference between good fortune in love and calamity in love. He didn’t know which this was.

Was this considered a relationship debt? Qing Shui thought of the Skysword Sect's Zhu Qing. Although she didn't ask him anything for fear that he would feel burdened, he knew that it was impossible for him to let her go. He wondered how she was now.

"Hey, why are you always thinking of some other lady when I'm in your arms? Am I really lacking in charm?" Yu He said to Qing Shui angrily.

A Woman's sixth sense was truly very sensitive. Qing Shui smiled, not saying a word. However he suddenly felt a pinch at his waist.

It wasn't painful in the least and there was even a strange feeling that was growing between them.

"In the future, when I'm in your arms, you must only think of me." Yu He smiled and said, her tone very relaxed.

Qing Shui nodded. Right now, he felt that their relationship was getting increasingly ambiguous. Humans have fear of getting too close to others, especially when it was someone of the opposite sex, let alone a beautiful lady who had set her eyes on him.

Although he was slow in the area of relationships, he wasn't stupid. Yu He was there when he held his wedding banquet with Mu Qing in the Eastern Victory Divine Continent. If she was only there to offer her congratulations, he wouldn't be alone with her right now. For a lady like herself to want to return together with him and pulling him close, not even letting go. Everything was very clear to him now.

Moreover, Mu Qing said that she came to the Eastern Victory Divine Continent to look for him. He didn't know if this was true, but it was hard not to believe it when she decided to leave together with him, even though she had just arrived in Eastern Victory Divine Continent.

His arms tightened uncontrollably, without any evil thoughts. He just felt thankful to her from the bottom of his heart. It was an honor to him!

Yu He looked at Qing Shui. She could clearly sense the stir of his emotions. She smiled and pushed him away, "Let's go down and look for a restaurant!"

After she said that, Yu He descended. It was already dark. Qing Shui rubbed his nose, women were truly unfathomable creatures. He then kept the Fire Bird and descended as well.

After using the two Nine Continent Steps, they would be able to reach the Eastern Victory Divine Continent's borders. Right now, the Fire Bird's speed was much faster. However, it still took them several days.

A dreamless night!

The next day, they continued on their journey. Qing Shui used the Nine Continents Steps right from the start. Yu He didn't understand why he was in so much of a hurry. For the past few days, he had only used it at night.

"Could it be that he wants to hug me..." Yu He blushed from her own thoughts.

Qing Shui didn't realize the changes on Yu He, who had lowered her head. He called out the Fire Bird and they went on their way. It was only in the afternoon when he found the place he was looking for. He

was not good at remembering the routes, but the Fire Bird was. It could remember all the places it had been to before.

Jade Mountain Village, Bole Country's Tigerfang City!

It was a quiet and unnoticeable small village. Qing Shui had received the Spirit Channeling Jade from the head of the village, and he also met the two siblings who were the reincarnation of the devil. It had been a year since he last saw them and he decided to drop by for a visit on his way back.

When the Fire Bird stopped in the air and the two of them landed, many people had already gathered in the village.

"Teacher is here!"

"It's teacher!"

"This is the teacher who had taught us the Tiger Fist Technique! He's so young!"

"Uncle!"

"Is this teacher's wife? She's so pretty!"

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When Qing Shui saw them, he also felt very warm inside. He realized that there were many new faces who were youngsters. It seemed like quite a number of them had come back in the past one year.

Qing Shui also saw Chi Ao and Chi Feng. Only the two of them called him uncle. Yu He, who stood next to Qing Shui, stared at him in astonishment. She didn't expect that there would be people from the village who would know him.

She also realized why he was in such a hurry to hug her now...

"Sister Yu, shall we stay here for a day?" Qing Shui said, as he looked at Yu He with a smile.

"Alright. I'll leave it all to you." she blinked and smiled.

To the others, the two people's expressions made them believe in their earlier guess even more.

"The head of the village is here!"

Qing Shui watched as the old man walked over happily. He was walking very fast. After all, he was also a Xiantian cultivator now.

Qing Shui and Yu He quickly walked over.

"Sir!"

"Mister, you're here! Hello, miss!" The old man knew that a lady who could be together with Qing Shui would definitely not be an ordinary person. Moreover, this lady was extremely charming and was definitely not from an ordinary family.

"Hello, Sir!" Yu He greeted the old man.

The old man was very happy. He then looked towards the villagers.

Chapter 940 - Trifling Issues, Chi Ao and Chi Feng, Hidden Reason

The old village head looked at the surroundings and said, "Everyone go back and have your meals first. Gather here earlier in the afternoon and let the Mister give you some guidance."

"Mister, what do you think?" the old man smiled and looked at Qing Shui.

"I'll leave that up to you. I'll be staying here for a day." Qing Shui looked around and smiled.

Cheers broke out and the group was dispersed. Everyone knew that Qing Shui had something to discuss with the village's head, so they all smiled and left.

Qing Shui looked at the old village head and then he looked at the siblings and was taken aback. As expected devil reincarnations... their potential and talent did not lose out to Luan Luan in the slightest.

He wondered who their parents were, to be able to give birth to these kids.

There were rumors that their parents had died. It was said that after their birth, their family members had died one after another. Qing Shui didn't dismiss this rumor, but there was one thing he couldn't agree with. It was said that reincarnations of the devil tended to bring great negative influences to the people around them, causing them to die one by one. It wasn't to the extent that all of their family would die from the moment they were born. Their pernicious aura wasn't as strong at their birth and the pernicious aura was only especially strong and malicious toward the person's kin. Those who weren't blood-related would be unaffected. This was a pernicious aura that came from one's blood and bones and would be extremely detrimental to individuals from the same bloodline.

If the siblings had been taken in by the old village head since they were young, then there were two possibilities. The first one was that their parents were left with no choice but to abandon them. The second possibility was that their parents were aware that the siblings were the reincarnations of the devil and had heartlessly thrown them away in fear of encountering a great disaster.

Qing Shui guessed that their parents were still around somewhere. It was impossible for people from ordinary families to have such physiques. As such, Qing Shui felt that the clan which had abandoned them must be very powerful—they might not be from the five continents.

Qing Shui looked at the siblings in astonishment. In the past year, they had experienced a tremendous change. Even their heights and appearances had changed. People with such physiques were all elites.

In just one year, the two of them had already reached Xiantian. Additionally, Qing Shui knew that their progress would be even faster from now on. Their progress speed was like Luan Luan's. After reaching Xiantian, they would advance very quickly and would rarely come across bottlenecks. Even if they met bottlenecks, they would be able to break through them very quickly. They were born with their lifespans ripped off from them and their short lifespans wouldn't increase even when their cultivation did.

However, God was fair. When it took away some things, it would make it up with something else.

Chi Ao and Chi Feng were still young, but it would be the prime chance to raise their cultivation from now onwards. Within ten years or so, they would be able to reach a considerable height. However, they would also face the problem of their short lifespan in that time. Their lifespans were destined to be

similar to a person who had a Heart of Seven Orifices. It was destined to be tough for them to live past 40 years old.

The last time he was here, Qing Shui had left them a few things. He left them each a Wondrous Fruit and a Physique-Enhancing Fruit. These fruits could slightly increase their potential and lifespan. He had made a ten-year promise with them and he wouldn't break it. He would lend them a helping hand when the time comes—as long as he had the ability to do so.

“Uncle!” Chi Feng was very happy to see Qing Shui.

Although this lass looked very shy, she was very intelligent. However, individuals with a powerful spiritual sense would be able to sense the powerful pernicious aura she had.

Qing Shui could sense that their pernicious aura was stronger than before and fell into contemplation. As they grew stronger, their pernicious aura would become stronger and it could have negative effects on the people around them.

“Mmm, Lass Feng has grown taller.” Qing Shui smiled. He really wanted to treat this pair of siblings well.

It was rare to encounter people with these physiques even in a hundred years. He didn't wish to see them die after only living for 40 years.

He also wanted to see what level their physiques and Luan Luan's Heart of Seven Orifices could reach. He could help them along the way. After all, it would be hard for them to rely on themselves alone.

“Uncle, we feel that our aura has grown increasingly stronger. The people around us can't get used to it. Why is it that grandfather and Uncle don't have such aura?” Chi Feng gave it some thought before asking Qing Shui.

“Tomorrow, Uncle will give you something. It can block off some of your aura. Don't think about it too much. This aura can hasten your cultivation speed,” Qing Shui said as they walked.

“Thank you Uncle!” Chi Feng said happily.

Compared to Chi Ao, Chi Feng was slightly more outspoken.

“No need to stand on ceremony. If you have anything you want or anything you need help with, just let me know.” Qing Shui's tone was very soft, but it felt very sincere.

“Uncle, your wife is so pretty!” Chi Feng smiled and looked at Yu He.

“She is very pretty, but she's not my wife.” Qing Shui smiled and said.

“In the future, she will be. It's just a matter of time.” Chi Feng blinked. Her eyes had a slight cold gleam. She now looked very cute, but she'll probably change slowly in the future...

After saying that, Chi Feng secretly smiled and looked at Yu He. Although she was young, she was very intelligent. She only said what she said because she could tell that Yu He wasn't against it.

Qing Shui didn't say anything, but Chi Feng got called over by the old village head. Experienced in worldly matters, he could naturally tell that there was something between Qing Shui and Yu He. This was why he only got his granddaughter to stop, but didn't say anything else.

The stone house was basically the same as it was a year ago. It wasn't very big but it was still relatively spacious, even after they had all entered.

"Our stone house is run-down. I hope you don't mind." The old man politely invited Qing Shui and Yu He to sit down.

"Sir, there's no need to stand on ceremony."

"Many people have returned to the village and are all putting in a great amount of effort into their training. We can get enough to feed our families just by hunting now and still have some food to spare. There was only one incident where someone got hurt, but it was a minor accident and wasn't a serious injury. Recently, we've even found a small-scale jade mine and it has increased the village's income by quite a bit." The old man sounded very happy.

Hearing this, Qing Shui also felt very happy. He had never denied that he was a kind man. Seeing that their lives had been improving, he felt happy from the bottom of his heart.

Their lunch was very sumptuous. Since they hunted, they had both meat and vegetables. The old village head's culinary skills were quite good and Chi Feng also helped out. The meal was prepared very quickly.

When Qing Shui and the others arrived at the square in the afternoon, there was already quite a number of people from the villages nearby. This time around, there were a lot more youngsters when compared to before.

"Hello Sir!"

"Hello teacher!"

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Qing Shui waved his hand and said, "Everyone stand properly and perform the Tiger Form together. There's no need to go all out. Just try your best to perform your Tiger Form perfectly."

Chi Ao and Chi Feng also joined the crowd. With them in the lead, the others naturally followed. Although the two of them were young, they were already at the Xiantian realm. To the others, they were their role models.

Chi Ao and Chi Feng stood in the lead and the others followed the two of them.

"Remember, you can have different momentums. Don't use too much strength and aura. Just perform the Tiger Form which you feel is the most perfect." Qing Shui repeated.

"Start!"

Thanks to Qing Shui's words, the Tiger Form that they displayed wasn't neat at all. Right now, Qing Shui primarily wanted to see who could show the charm to the Tiger Form.

He was first astonished by Chi Ao and Chi Feng. Their pernicious aura was really powerful. Although it was still insufficient to take form, they were already able to do it with such power. When their cultivations improved in the future, how strong would that pernicious aura be? Qing Shui felt that when

their pernicious aura reached a certain level, there would naturally be a way to control it. Right now, he needed to help them keep it in control.

The others didn't manage to catch his attention. This was a small village and it was hard to encounter real geniuses.

Qing Shui then started to demonstrate the Tiger Form. He started off at a slow pace and merely displayed the movements. He then gradually sped up, bringing in the charm of the move. What he wanted was for them to comprehend the charm of the Tiger Form.

Only by successfully comprehending the charm would they then be able to improve by leaps and bounds. If he were to give them verbal guidance only and let them think through his words, it would be too slow. He wanted to forcefully fill them in and then observe how much they were able to digest.

Qing Shui's Tiger Form slowly increased in speed, and eventually even reached the Manifestation Realm. The people around him were all astonished. After all, this was the first time that they had seen a powerful expert like Qing Shui. This left a strong mental impact on them.

What Qing Shui wanted was results. If this could allow them to have a stronger mentality, they might be able to achieve something in the future. If their minds were not strong enough, it would be a blow to them. He had actually wanted to show this to Chi Ao and Chi Feng. As for the others, he just let it all to fate.

Unknowingly, it was already late in the afternoon. Qing Shui continued to give them guidance. Qing Shui liked the villagers, as they were honest and easily satisfied with what they had. Sometimes, this was a flaw but sometimes it was a merit. There were always two sides to any matter.

Qing Shui saw the surprise in Chi Ao and Chi Feng's eyes. Additionally, he saw determination and hope. When he saw their gazes, he felt relieved. This trip hadn't been wasted and he had helped them set a life goal, which was to reach the level he was at now.

One year was neither long or short. Seeing their current achievements, Qing Shui knew that they had put in a lot of hard work in the past year. Moreover, they had been eating meat since a young age and had good physiques. This was a village in the mountain and there was always the threat of wild beasts. Therefore, they had trained since they were young and now they were tempering their bodies with the Tiger Form. The one year period had allowed them a small but qualitative improvement.

Although it was only one afternoon, many people had learned a lot. Just that short amount of time was sufficient.

It was turning dark soon. Many people warmly invited Qing Shui to their homes for dinner. Qing Shui smiled and politely declined them. They went back unwillingly and knew that this might be the last time that they could meet Qing Shui.

At night, both Qing Shui and Yu He found a stone house for themselves. Thankfully, the rooms were very clean. However, Qing Shui gave Yu He a large piece of clean beast hide and blanket. Both of the items were very thick and extremely comfortable. It was the hide of a Peak Martial Saint demonic beast that had recently been tempered by Qing Shui.

Yu He had her own to use, but when she saw the hide that Qing Shui took out, she took them happily. She liked Qing Shui's attentiveness. The bed in the room was a stone bed and although the beast hide and other stuff were all new, the smell of wild beasts still lingered. She wasn't able to get used to it.

This was the scent that couldn't be removed from the hide of low level wild beasts, It was unlike high level demonic beasts whose hide would be extremely clean with a fresh smell as long as they were Xiantian or stronger no dust would gather on them. The hide of a Peak Martial Saint demonic beasts was even cleaner and was so pure that they could even slightly provide warmth in winter and a cooling effect in summer.