#### **Ancient ST 991**

# Chapter 991 - Who's Arrogant, Who's Funny, Instant Kill

"You killing one person as a warning could ruin an entire family, how about I kill one of you as a warning?"

The voice came from below. However, the moment the words ended, a young man and an old man were standing in mid-air, about 100 meters away from them.

The people who had arrived were Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang. Their appearances and Qing Shui's words caused the two old men to be stunned. At their cultivation level, they would never activate their spiritual sense to investigate if there were any other powerful people or dangers lurking around.

It was because there were too few people who could really hurt them. Moreover, in the five continents, the strongest people would only be able to use a strength of 5,000 stars, even if the person had a physical strength of 10,000 stars.

In these five continents, their cultivation level was already considered top notch. As long as one couldn't break through the regulations of the world, even if they were from the other four continents, they would still only have a strength of 5,000 stars.

At their age, they were already able to accept a lot of things and even if Qing Shui were to scold them, they wouldn't be infuriated. It was because they felt that they would be able to kill the people before them with just a move of their fingers. They would just be using their lives in exchange for a few words. Moreover, most people wouldn't really get the chance to meet them.

"It's you. Why, you're looking to a little kid for help?"

The old man surnamed Wan looked at Ji Yunlang and said calmly. He only threw Qing Shui a quick glance and didn't look at him anymore but just continued to look at Ji Yunlang.

Qing Shui didn't pay him much heed. He had seen the other party's look of contempt and it wasn't the first time he had been looked down on. He was already used to it. Action speaks louder than words.

He took out the Violet Star Thunder God. It was only after he took it out that the two old men looked at him in great astonishment. They'd finally turned to look at him straight in the eyes, their gazes filled with increasing astonishment.

"Leave Greencloud Continent and compensate the families of the people you've killed until they're satisfied. What do you think of this suggestion?" Qing Shui's voice rang out once again. Right now, many people were around and watching.

A number of them were wearing mourning clothes. Right now, this was the only way they could protest since the other party would definitely not go easy on them. Additionally, they didn't want to throw away their lives uselessly. Many of them had already lost their lives like this. However, they still couldn't take this lying down and there was even an old lady who was so angry that she had fainted quite a number of times.

When everyone heard the conversation that was going on mid-air, they were all stunned. At the start, the people on the ground couldn't hear what the old men were saying but Qing Shui could hear the

conversation they were having very clearly from the ground. Therefore, when he shouted out, many people had heard him.

Right now, although their voices weren't loud, it could disseminate to quite a distance. Qing Shui looked at how helpless those people on the ground looked and thought of his past self. He understood their feelings and was also very infuriated. He couldn't stand it when the strong bullied the weak, especially when it was people from other continents coming over to act like bandits.

This sudden situation made a lot of them stunned, but there were also many of them who were looking at them with curious and hopeful gazes. It seemed that in the past few days, Beiming Clan and Wan Clan had really angered the people.

The number of people on the ground quickly grew by multiple folds and many people were cheering Qing Shui on. There were even people who shouted for Beiming Clan and Wan Clan to scram out of their continent.

"Scram! Leave this place!"

"Kill them! Kill them!"

"These bandits... Give me back my child who you killed!"

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Old Man Wan didn't feel anything from the shouts and chidings coming from the ground. He looked at Qing Shui and smiled, "Young man, it's important to think before you speak. Don't you think that what you've just said is very funny?"

"Funny? Very soon, you might not think so anymore. In a while, you'll know whose words are the funny ones," Qing Shui replied calmly before turning to look at Ji Yunlang.

"Elder Brother, you should go down first!" Qing Shui gave it some thought and said.

"Brother, I'm fine. Elder Brother isn't that weak," Ji Yunlang shook his head and replied.

"Then Elder Brother can just watch first. If I can't deal with the situation, then you can help me out," Qing Shui gave it some thought before he smiled and said.

Ji Yunlang gave it some thought and nodded, taking a few steps back!

Qing Shui looked at the two old men and said, "You guys came from Northern Sacred Lu Continent to Greencloud Continent and are acting so arrogantly. Do you really think that there's no one who could stand up to you in Greencloud Continent? If you guys were to die in Greencloud Continent, would there be anyone to help you retrieve your corpses?"

At that moment, tens of silhouettes gradually appeared behind the two old men respectfully. There were also another four old men who were standing next to them.

Through their clothes and accessories, it was clear that they were people from Beiming Clan and Wan Clan. The people from Beiming Clan were in white clothes while the ones from Wan Clan were in crimson

red ones. An old man with a strong build and crimson red clothes stood out. His nose was very flat and he gave off an honest and amiable feeling. However, his pair of eyes were like blades with cold gleams.

"I thought it was some powerful person. To think that it's just a kid. However, this kid is quite strong, at least amongst kids that is."

This old man's voice was very calm and he looked at Qing Shui with his bright eyes. Holding onto the Violet Star Thunder God, Qing Shui's strength was close to 3,000 stars. It was just that his aura was very ethereal and even the people around him couldn't really grasp his real powers. Some of them might not even be able to sense his cultivation level at all.

They guessed that the martial techniques which Qing Shui cultivated could conceal his Qi activities and that it must be some extremely good techniques. What astonished them was the Violet Star Thunder God which Qing Shui was holding. The domineering aura this weapon gave out allowed them to gain a basic grasp of Qing Shui's abilities.

"Lad, there's no one who'd dare to be so arrogant before our two clans. Let me test you out and see what rights you have to act so arrogantly." A man wearing crimson red clothes walked out, his face full of unrestrain.

"Mobai, don't act recklessly," Beiming Jiannan quickly said.

"Brother Beiming, have you been scared out of your wits by this lad? I'm going to teach him today that there are people who he cannot afford to offend," Wan Mobai turned and said as he looked at Qing Shui. His eyes were extremely cold and sharp.

The surroundings fell quiet, not even a single person from the crowd on the ground spoke a word. All of them lifted their heads and looked at the sky, hoping to see a miracle. This was especially true for the individuals who were wearing snow-white mourning clothes.

"Since you guys insist on doing it this day, I hope you won't regret this." Qing Shui looked toward the two clans who didn't seem to be taking him seriously. They had all grown up from threats and had experienced many battles. Not a single one of them would be scared of the words of a young man with a cultivation that was only slightly decent.

Moreover, in the five continents, one could at most hit out with a strength of 5,000 stars. Amongst them, there were already two who could deal out such a high level of damage. Thus, they weren't worried. They acted like they were enjoying a show, as if they were looking at a sparring session between juniors.

"Make your move. Otherwise, I'm worried that you won't have another chance!" Qing Shui looked at Wan Mobai and said calmly.

"Arrogant!"

Wan Mobai wielded a crimson backhanded saber. Qing Shui sensed that it could increase one's strength by three times. This could be considered quite good. This person was likely highly regarded in Wan Clan.

In Wan Clan, Wan Mobai was the top amongst the people of his generation. In the future, he might be the one to lead Wan Clan. This time around, the biggest reason he was here was that they hoped that

Wan Mobai would be able to attain a breakthrough by using the spiritual herbs in the Sacred Land. They might be able to come across some fruits or things with amazing effects.

Wan Mobai didn't say another word and swept out with his crimson backhanded saber horizontally. Immediately, it turned red like blood and even Wan Mobai's body was like a heap of fire, his strength swelling out at a crazy speed.

Mmm, over 2,400 stars. He was only at over 1,800 stars previously but now his strength had increased suddenly by 600 stars. He had temporarily reached the strength of a Grade Three Martial Emperor and it should be thanks to the effects of that blood-red light.

#### Crimson Fire Slash!

Wan Mobai leaped up into the air. His silhouette was like a flash of fire, streaking out in a brilliant arch. When he reached the highest point of the arch, he suddenly pushed toward Qing Shui, attacking from above. An even more brilliant fire saber slashed out toward Qing Shui's head, bringing about a pitch black ripple.

Qing Shui hadn't moved at all. But at this moment, he finally moved.

Nine Palace Steps!

Tiger Tailwhip Kick!

Qing Shui didn't even bother to use Raging Blow and just kicked out toward the opponent's Dantian. In terms of strength and cultivation, Wan Mobai was far from a match for Qing Shui. Moreover, when Qing Shui was using the Nine Palace Steps, dealing him an instant kill was easy.

However, Qing Shui didn't kill him. He merely crippled him and let him drop down towards the ground and landing before the people who were wearing mourning clothes.

Having been crippled, although Wan Mobai wouldn't die from the fall, he would be unable to move at all. The people in mourning clothes gushed up towards Wan Mobai, crying, shouting, scolding, and most importantly, beating him.

The pitiful Wan Mobai who was a Martial Emperor, died just like that. It was because he had killed many family members of those who were dressed in mourning clothes.

The world was very quiet right now, even those dressed in mourning clothes had become silent. However, they couldn't hide the happiness that they were feeling. They were able to relieve some of the fury in their hearts. It was a way of venting their hatred.

Both Wan Clan and Beiming Clan were first astonished and soon became furious, especially Wan Clan. That old man with a flat nose, who was dressed in crimson clothes, looked so angry that it was like he could spew flames from his eyes. He looked at Qing Shui, his body trembling.

"The conditions are still the same as before. Do you guys want to give it some more consideration?" Qing Shui said expressionlessly.

"To hell with considerations! Today, I'll let you know what it means by living a life worst than death! I'll let you know that even death would be an extravagant wish." The old man drew out a similar crimson backhanded saber, unleashing his aura violently as he walked over to Qing Shui.

4,800 stars!

Qing Shui's current spiritual sense could clearly sense the other party's cultivation, but he didn't think anything about it. It was because very soon, this old man would die. A person like him couldn't be spared.

With each step the old man took, the pressure in the air increased. Suddenly, the old man pounced toward Qing Shui with a flash, his backhanded saber creating a series of afterimages as he slashed out towards Qing Shui's right arm.

Fast, too fast!

Qing Shui felt a pressure, as if there was an aura that was trying to confine him. This was a type of pressure exerted by someone who was more powerful on someone weaker. The weaker party would find it hard to take even a single step.

Qing Shui's Nature Energy dissolved the other party's pressure in an instant.

Raging Blow!

Qing Shui had a strength of close to 3,000 stars to begin with but it now increased by another fold explosively. It was a pity that he could only perform an attack with a strength of 5,000 stars. Therefore, Qing Shui's current strength was limited to 5,000 stars.

Nine Palace Steps!

The explosive increase in Qing Shui's strength caused the old man to be shocked. He then clenched his teeth and went all out with a slash towards Qing Shui.

"Since you wish to chop off my right arm, then I'll take your right arm. One more thing, there hasn't been a person who had scolded me that still remains alive."

Boom!

Ding!

The old man stumbled backward. In addition to the small gap between their strengths, the clever angle at which Qing Shui attacked from caused him to be pushed back multiple steps. Qing Shui moved with his Nine Palace Steps once again, not giving his opponent any time for a breather.

Boom!

Boom!

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Kacha!

**Chapter 992 - Slaughter Begins, Snow Dance Bloodlust Death Formation** 

#### Kacha!

Qing Shui's Violet Star Thunder God directly hit the old man's right shoulder, causing his arm to go flying. His entire shoulder was crushed and blood spewed everywhere. Qing Shui then used Nine Palace Steps.

Bang!

"Kid, you dare?!"

One of the elderly men shouted. Qing Shui's hammer directly smashed into the enemy's chest. He was struck down and fell to Wan Mobai's side, barely holding onto his last breath. This critically injured person had at most fifteen minutes left to live.

The two clans were angered when Qing Shui murdered Wan Mobai. However, it was not just anger, they were also astonished by the fact that Qing Shui was able to kill Wan Mobai. They were aware of the strength of this elder, it was not a simple feat to win against him.

The reaction from the people below was even more intense and many people were frantic. Some came to Qing Shui's defense immediately while others were yelling in support of the murder. Others were in tears.

Members of Beiming Clan and Wan Clan could not react in time. Since the events had unfolded too quickly, they were standing there dumbfoundedly staring at Qing Shui.

Some people had laughed at Beiming Jiannan's demise. Now they were silenced by what unfolded before them. Their anger could not subside now that a Wan Clan's elder had been eliminated.

Wan Mobai was the leader of this generation of Wan Clan. His death would be a huge blow to them. The huge shock had not subsided yet and suddenly another elder was dead, this time the damage was like an attack on Wan Clan's limbs.

So much had happened in such a short amount of time and no one had a chance to react. Qing Shui was composed. Ji Yunlang, who was in the distance, was paying close attention to Qing Shui.

A demon. Greencloud Continent having a genius like this was some good fortune. The General Manor will depend on him in the future. Even Greencloud Continent would change because of him.

If today's event spread outside of the Greencloud Continent, some stronger powers would be revealed. Greencloud Continent had some very powerful hidden clans, the only thing was that the Guardian Clan was not strong enough. They never wanted to bear the brunt, so they had gradually dwindled to the point where Greencloud Continent had no Martial Saint residing on it.

Greencloud Continent was weak, but it was not the absolute weakest given it was one of nine continents.

Ji Yunlang was happy but worried at the same time. He was worried that the remaining opposition would all gang up on Qing Shui with everything they had. Of course they would prevent harming the bystanders, since if they joined forces and still could not beat Qing Shui, it would become an annihilation. It was a bet against whether Qing Shui could handle every member they had.

Qing Shui's expression did not change even after murdering two people consecutively, as though it had been a small matter to attend to. It was for this reason that people of Wan Clan were left speechless and could not react.

"I don't know if I could accept the same conditions as before," Qing Shui said while smiling. His voice had not changed at all from when he last spoke.

What Qing Shui had done left everyone else in a cold sweat. Was this person even human? To have killed like this at such a young age, if they continued to fight the result would be unpredictable.

Even though some members of Beiming Clan and Wan Clan were scared, they were still emboldened since several formidable fighters were still hidden amongst the crowd. They felt that they could kill Qing Shui without any issue if they combined their forces.

"We will leave. The incidents here, how about we treat this as a write off and call it even?" said an elderly man after thinking for a long time. This elderly man from Wan clan was standing in front of him clan members.

He understood that Wan Clan could not withstand the impact of another death. They had already lost two of their strongest fighting forces. They could recuperate if they rested for a bit. Just like losing a finger, it was something that they could live with. However, if they were to lose a limb, then Wan Clan may not last long.

Qing Shui had not thought the opposition would make such a decision, however, he just laughed while shaking his head. "You have to pay the price if you did something wrong. You have to satisfy them somehow."

Qing Shui's words left the opposition silent, however, the people below starting roaring.

"Kill them, kill those bastards!"

"To take advantage of the weak and fear the strong, using such ruthless methods, inhumane, scumbags!"

"What skill would it take to kill us weaklings? Now they want to leave. Hero, please kill these scumbags."

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"It seems today, only one side will walk out alive." An elderly man and the rest of Beiming Clan gave each other a look before looking towards Qing Shui.

"This is also good. All of you come at me at the same time, so I can go home for dinner early." Qing Shui looked at the sky, he had already seen through their plan to join forces to attack him. Thus, he provoked them with words.

"Even if you a one person, we will fight together. Even if you are an army of one hundred, we still fight together." The elderly man said while taking out his weapon.

A battle sword that was crimson like blood, the Scarlet Flame Bloodblade. The back of the knife had three grooves to allow blood to pass and the tip of the blade edge was like a red venomous fang. From one glance, one could tell that the Blade of Scarlet Flames emitted a vicious killing intent.

Members of Beiming Clan revealed their weapons, which were all swords. Wan Clan, on the other hand, were all using blades.

"So shameless, a group of people ganging up on one person, such a bunch of old bastards."

"Exactly, to fight one person with so many using such a lame excuse. Would you like a memorial arch when you are a prostitute?"

"The heavens will strike these people with a thunderbolt."

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Qing Shui waved his hand around.

Raging Blow!

To utilize Raging Blow, he didn't want to switch to the Big Dipper Sword. In any case, it only had the strength of 5,000 stars. Even with the Violet Star Thunder God, Raging Blow would only strike with a strength of 5,800 stars. The extra 800 stars were wasted.

Beiming Clan was very hesitant. They only wanted to leave but they did not believe they could leave unscathed. They had to summon the courage to risk it all. If they lost, Beiming Clan would be left with no hope of reprieve.

The instant the leading elders made their move.

Qing Shui used his Nine Palace Steps to dodge.

At the same time, he used his Emperor's Qi to lock up the elders. Right now, Emperor's Qi could target several people, it was no longer restricted to a single target like before. At the most crucial moment, there would only be one chance.

The five elders were at least 4,000 stars in strength and two of them were 5,000 stars. If not for the Nine Palace Steps, he may not have been able to withstand the onslaught from their joint forces.

In the Nine Palaces, Qing Shui was absolute. He calmly avoided the attacks coming his way. Furthermore, with just with one Emperor's Qi, he had turned the entire situation on its head. He had managed to stall the five elders with one Emperor's Qi. With one wave of Raging Blow from the Violet Star Thunder God, the elders were swept away.

Qing Shui rushed towards the backline of the two clans. Their backline consisted of the elderly. Even if they were a bit younger, their strength would at least be a Grade One Martial Emperor. Traveling so far, they would have brought their strongest main force. This was because they hoped to enter the Sacred Land of Panacea so that their strength would be raised by several steps.

And now, several people had been killed by Qing Shui's Raging Blow. Since the battle started, Qing Shui had no intention of leaving any of them alive. If he was going to kill, then he would eliminate all of them. This was a reminder to other people that he was also capable of these things.

Several of the elders had been weakened. The two elder who used to have 5,000 stars strength were now down to 4,000 stars. The other three were now down to 3,000. One of them only had 3,200 stars

left. The sudden change caused the five of them to be shocked enough to desire death. This change was way beyond their imagination.

After a moment of absent-mindedness, the screams from their surroundings had almost no impact on them. To be weakened by 1,000 stars was something that they could not accept. It was unbelievable that he had practiced his debuff ability to such a realm.

Debuff techniques would generally weaken the enemy by a very minimal amount. Usually, it was harmless, unless the practitioner had cultivated to an unimaginable realm. There were many objects that could resist a debuff. For example, the three jewels on their bodies were such items. However, their resistance to the negative effects was absolutely useless in this case, even though they were some of the strongest amongst the five continents.

To make matters worse, the elders had watched the strongest two in their clan murdered. Now, bodies were dropping from the sky one by one, almost lining up next to the ones from before.

The elders' eyes were bloodshot. Watching their closest members being killed one after another was unacceptable, even if they had withdrawn from worldly affairs. Suddenly, the five of them split into a formation of three in the front, two in the back. A light blood haze began to dance, as though they were snowflakes dancing in the wind.

"Brother, be careful, this is the Snow Dance Bloodlust Death Formation," Ji Yunlang said loudly in panic, as though he had just thought of it.

Qing Shui never thought he would see a formation. What effect did this formation have? Qing Shui could feel the bloodlust from the opposition. In addition, they seemed to have regained their strength. Qing Shui felt that a bit of unease. Something was wrong. Seeing the crimson mist, he struck it with a Raging Blow.

## Bang!

## Thunder Deflect!

Qing Shui was surprised, it was as though he could clearly feel it. Not only had their strengths returned to 5,000 stars, all five of them were at 5,000 stars. The Raging Blow from earlier had not been able to dissipate the opposition's crimson mist.

Now, Qing Shui finally understood that large clans were still tight lipped about some things. This Snow Dance Bloodlust Death Formation was their trump card.

Qing Shui was familiar with the Five Elements, the Book of Changes and the Eight Trigrams. Formations never deviated from the position of these forms. Thus, Qing Shui understood that he had to break their formation somehow, or he would be in serious danger.

The early strike reminded Qing Shui that he needed self-preservation first. He took out a Formation Flag, knowing that most of the battle would be in the air, he used Formation Flags crafted from wind element beast materials. These formation flags could float in the sky. He then directly placed them in the surroundings to create the Duality Minutest Formation.

Placing this formation was fast, but the effects were not as strong as Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation. By the time he had finished setting the formation, the opposition had also finished assembling their formation. The five elders were enveloped by a faint crimson mist and snowflakes floated around them. They emitted a strong killing intent, as if they were cornering prey.

"Kid, we will teach you what a Formation Destroyer is today. Eh, what is that?" said a Wan Clan's elder. This man had a healthy glow on his face. He suddenly noticed the surrounding Formation Flags placed by Qing Shui.

In the World of the Nine Continents, formations were usually formed from people, just like the current Snow Dance Bloodlust Death Formation and Qing Shui's Five Elements Minor Formation, Four Phases Formation, and Ten Paramitas Formation. Those who knew formations were few in number. Some people who knew a little about formations were even fewer. Thus, the members of Beiming Clan and Wan Clan being unsure about the purpose of the surrounding Formation Flags was not a surprise.

# Chapter 993 - Four Phases Formation Against Snowdance Blood Killing Formation, Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm

Qing Shui watched as his opponent's killing aura surged. He wasn't very worried but he knew that if he wished to break through the opponent's formation, he would first need to get pass that 'cocoon'.

Although Qing Shui didn't have much experience with breaking formations, he could still be considered someone who had knowledge in formations. He would only be able to attack them after he broke through that thing that look like a cocoon.

Even the critical attack from earlier hadn't even managed to smash it.

Qing Shui no longer tried to test it out with his hidden weapons. Although he could use them while he was holding the Violet Star Thunder God, it was a pity that he couldn't use them together with the Raging Blow. Therefore, the impact dealt wouldn't be as strong as the Raging Blow. Hidden Weapons were intended to be used craftily, catching opponents unaware and to attack their weak points.

That cocoon seemed to have an especially high resistance to physical attacks. His Violet Star Thunder God couldn't attack it but Qing Shui felt that his opponents' attacks would definitely be able to pass through the cocoon and reach him.

Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui directly appeared next to the five people and hit out with a Raging Blow.

"Haha, it's useless. In these five continents, there's no one who can break through the guards of our Snowdance Blood Killing Formation." When they saw Qing Shui's Violet Star Thunder God lashed out toward them, they didn't pay it any heed and attacked Qing Shui with their weapons.

Their weapons had a brilliant Core Qi which penetrated the cocoon and lashed out toward Qing Shui.

Qing Shui quickly jumped away but the other party was like a latched on shadow, their speed increased at the same time as they attacked once again. Qing Shui dodged again. This carried on for up to 100 rounds and neither side could get the upper hand against each other.

"Don't think of escaping. You must die today. They as well. Everyone here must die. As long as our Snowdance Blood Killing Formation is not broken, it'll recover our strength and depletion. I shall see how long you can hold on for." Old Man Wan bellowed out with a twisted expression.

The two clans were done for and only a few of them were left behind. The more he thought about it, the more infuriated he was. The cocoon that surrounded them had also gradually changed into a faint red color and released an aura which was increasingly violent.

#### Blood sacrifice!

A bleak sound rang out and the cocoon fluctuated once again, turning into a blood red color this time. It was already impossible to see the people inside. Suddenly, this blood red cocoon appeared before Qing Shui with a flash.

Swords and sabers slashed out again towards Qing Shui as if they were the death god's scythe.

There was no way to dodge them. Qing Shui clenched his teeth and blocked with his Violet Star Thunder God while he concurrently retreated with the Nine Palace Steps. He barely managed to get away. If not for the Nine Palace Steps, he wouldn't have been able to deal with this blow.

He had already made several attempts previously. It was just like what they had said. In the five continents, there was probably no one who could break this powerful cocoon. However, Qing Shui knew that there must be a flaw somewhere. He just needed to find it.

At this moment, Qing Shui had already entered the Duality Minutest Formation. His mind continued to think, as even his powerful physical attacks were unable to break it.

Physical attacks couldn't break it?

Qing Shui seemed to have suddenly thought of something. The other party had already entered the Duality Minutest Formation and Qing Shui could see the five people who were still wrapped up in the cocoon.

Gales blew and huge boulders shattered as they knocked against the cocoon. However, the cocoon didn't change at all and the five didn't move either after it had came to a stop. Qing Shui knew that they must be definitely up to something.

Them staying still didn't mean that Qing Shui wouldn't move. He suddenly appeared not far away from the cocoon. He moved his Violet Star Thunder God to his left hand, then he quickly drew out a thin and long Primordial Flame Whip with his right.

#### Pa!

It lashed out on the huge cocoon, which created fluctuations and tremors. Qing Shui was stunned but he broke into a smile. The cocoon really did have a strong resistance to physical attacks but its resistance against magic was much weaker.

However, even though the primordial flames were very powerful, it was still insufficient to break the cocoon. His strength could reach over 5,000 stars but he didn't know how much damage his spirit energy could deal. It should also be restricted by the world's regulations. The primordial flames shouldn't have reached the maximum level of the five continents yet.

The prowess of his Primordial Flame Whip was still at a level which could be further improved. It could be that the limits on the spirit energy's impact in the five continents were not only at 5,000 stars. He now felt that he had found a way to break through the opponents' cocoon.

He lashed out his whip several times but it only caused the cocoon to tremble for a bit.

Primordial Flame Drill!

Qing Shui's primordial flames changed into a Primordial Flame Drill, drilling toward the cocoon like how it dissolved the wolf's fang. The cocoon shook violently this time but it seemed that he still needs to use something a little more stronger.

The five people in the cocoon quickly attacked him. Qing Shui quickly retreated and disappeared from their sights as he went into the Gate of Illusion. The cocoon followed him as a sea of fire surrounded all of them.

Qing Shui smiled and retreated. He called out his three demonic beasts as he left the place.

Four Phases Formation!

This time around, Qing Shui stood at the Vermilion Bird position, the position which lead the spirit energy. The prowess of his magic's five elemental attacks had increased in many folds.

The five people also seemed to have some knowledge about formations and not long after, they also left the Gate of Illusion. At that moment, Qing Shui removed the formation flag at the eye of the formation.

The Duality Minutest Formation vanished.

They once again appeared before everyone and Qing Shui stood in the air with his three huge demonic beasts. Opposite of him was a huge blood red cocoon.

Roar!

Ning!

The demonic beasts' tremendous cries, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant's powerful bellow and the Fire Bird's crisp cry, had caused many people's blood to boil. They looked at Qing Shui hopefully.

The moment Qing Shui unravel the formations, he once again drilled toward the cocoon with his Primordial Flame Drill.

Pa!

This time around, the cocoon shattered easily and the five people within appeared. Their countenance seemed to be a little pale. Activating the Snowdance Blood Killing Formation required their blood and life essence and each time they used it, they would need some time to recover. No one had ever broke their killer move, or rather, their ultimate skill to protect themselves. This was also why they had never thought of the consequences involved.

Emperor's Qi!

Without the Snowdance Blood Killing Formation, Qing Shui once again used his Emperor's Qi. His opponents had dashed upwards before him, he swept out a Raging Blow with his Violet Star Thunder God.

Difference in power!

Their powers had been around the same level from the start but right now, without the Snowdance Blood Killing Formation and with their powers diminished, they were no longer of any threat to Qing Shui. However, it was still better to be safe than sorry.

Primordial Flame Whip!

He whipped out towards the old man who was the weakest amongst them. With the support of the Four Phases Formation, the prowess of Qing Shui's Primordial Flame Whip sent him flying while letting out an agonizing cry.

The primordial flames were also known as the yin-yang flames. It didn't only inflict harm on the physical body but it whipped the 'soul' as well. It had a similar effect to the Buddha's True Eyes.

Although the Fire Bird attacked with its Hell's Inferno, the prowess of the attack wasn't of much use to the people before them. Even with the Spirit Gathering Lamp and the Four Phases Formation, it was still not possible. However, Qing Shui believed that he would become powerful very quickly.

Nine Palace Steps!

Raging Blow!

Primordial Flame Whip, head smashed!

Very soon, only an old man from the Beiming Clan was left. During the whole process, two old men called out their own demonic beasts. It was a pity that their strengths weren't even at 3,000 stars and they were instantly killed by Qing Shui.

At their level, perhaps only powerful Beast Tamers would have demonic beasts which were powerful enough to help them out in their battles.

Qing Shui looked at the last remaining old man who had already lost his will to fight. His gaze when he stared at Qing Shui seemed to have lost its vigor and looked dead. He didn't seem to have any intention to fight either.

However, this old man must die no matter what. When one did something wrong, they would have to pay the relevant price. With a flash of his thought, a hint of golden light flashed out at Qing Shui's chest.

Marrow Nibbling Golden Silkworm!

A trickle of blood flowed out from the old man's forehead, his eyes wide-agape as he quickly fell down toward the ground. The golden light returned to Qing Shui and the whole world had turned quiet once again.

All of them had died! The crowd on the ground cheered!

The Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan had killed quite a number of people here. To clans like them, anyone else was all useless as ants. They felt that only the things which they needed to do were important.

However, they would never have expected that there was someone in the Greencloud Continent who would make them to be unable to fight back.

A wrong step causes an eternal regret. They didn't even have the chance to turn back.

"Good job killing them!"

"These people deserve to die a horrible death. Killing them like this is going easy on them!"

"My son, they've all died, they've all died..."

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"Brother!" Ji Yunlang walked up to Qing Shui, his face flush red.

"Elder Brother, it should be fine now. There shouldn't be anyone else coming." Qing Shui chuckled.

"News of this matter would spread out very quickly. No one else would dare to come anymore." Ji Yunlang said excitedly.

"Elder Brother, does the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan have any other experts?" This was something which Qing Shui was very concerned about. If the two clans still had a few experts of their level, then it would be the greatest threat to them in the future.

"They deserved to be wiped out. This time around, they were determined to enter the spiritual herb sacred land and was confident that no one would be able to stop them. Therefore, all the powerful experts in the clan had come, leaving only a few others who aren't worth caring about." Ji Yunlang let out a few laughs and said.

Hearing Ji Yunlang's words, Qing Shui heaved a sigh of relief too. As the saying went, it was scarier for one to be constantly be wary of thieves than to have things stolen by them. He wasn't afraid if more people of the same level were to see him as a target, but he was more concerned with the safety of his family.

"Elder Brother, let's go down and take a look. You can deal with the rest of the things!" Qing Shui smiled and said.

This was the General Country, and thus Qing Shui let Ji Yunlang head down to pacify the crowd, to reassure them and to gain their trust at the same time. After the two of them went down, the people who wore mourning clothes came over.

"Benefactors..."

"Heaven is partial!"

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Together with Ji Yunlang, Qing Shui smiled and helped some of them up to their feet. There were people from the Ji Clan in the area and they were told to give them some money. Qing Shui kept the enemies' interspatial silk sachets. He had wanted to pass the money to the victims, but he could only do so secretly and not the contents in their entirety since it would only cause them harm otherwise.

Although the General Manor's reputation in the area wasn't especially good, it wasn't bad either. There were a few profligate sons who had spoilt their reputation, but today's events had raised their reputation greatly. Many people turned to support the General Manor, and felt happy that they themselves were a part of the General Country.

The crowd was sent off, and both Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang left, leaving behind some people from the Ji Clan to deal with the aftermath. The people from the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan had all been brought away. When people died, there was no grievance left, and thus they still buried them properly.

Back in the General Manor, many people were waiting in the front courtyard. They all knew that this meetup was very important and also concern the General Manor's life or death.

## **Chapter 994 - On the Eve of Entering Greencloud Mountain**

As Yiye Jiange saw Qing Shui return, her heart burst with excitement. He really exterminated the two Guardian Clans. Just like how he had told her, thinking closely about the details, he had never told any lies. Once he said he would do it, it would definitely get done.

If he could really do it, should she just marry him now?

That was the moment Yiye Jiange blanked out. Until Qing Shui embraced her, she finally realized that the people around them had started laughing at her. Seeing the warm look of her man, her face had become crimson - as beautiful as the rainbow in the sky.

"Sister Jiange, the way you look at Qing Shui, even I am jealous." Huoyun Lou-Li said as she laughed.

Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang greeted everyone. Qing Shui then went about to hug each of his younger children. But once he saw Yiye Jiange's expression, his heart suddenly felt pity, so he directly embraced her

"Daddy hug me, don't hug other people..."

Qing Shui looked at the clingy Qing Yu and embraced her again. He pampered her a little and pinched her nose lightly. Yiye Jiange also pinched the cheeks of the laughing little girl "Baby girl, your daddy has already embraced you for so long. He only held auntie for a second and you are already not happy."

Yiye Jiange finally relaxed, the embarrassment that was on her face had disappeared. She happily played with Qing Yu, then everyone took the opportunity to greet Ji Yunlang as they walked towards the courtyard to where they all lived.

Qing Shui's return was within everyone's expectation but it was still a happy occasion. There was only approximately ten days left for the opening of the Sacred Land of Panacea, thus they had to live here for a few more days.

The courtyard here was rather big and there was also a very spacious backyard. However, this did not disturbed Qing Clan's cultivation. Now that everyone was sitting in the living room, they started to discuss some interesting matters.

In a flash, several days had already gone by. These last couple of days, the Qing Clan had been cultivating seriously in the backyard. Basically, their training would span the entire day, which even moved Ji Yunlang. With such hard work, it was impossible for the Qing Clan to not be powerful. Especially given how Qing Shui was their leader.

Qing Shui was also not stingy, he also gave some things to Ji Yunlang so he could also participate. Their relationship was clear between them. An alliance between brothers and a friendship that goes beyond years, where age was not a problem. Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang addressed each other as brothers, while the others had to address him as Elder.

The things that he had given Ji Yunlang were shocking. In the battle between Qing Shui and the Beiming Clan and the Wan Clan, he had already known how strong they were. From such a young age, to had already reached such strength was purely from his hard work. Still, Qing Shui had given some stuffs to help him.

Martial arts and lineage was the basis to every clan and sect. This was something that would not be passed on to people outside of the family. However, Qing Shui had given some of it to Ji Yunlang. He knows it was only a portion but he had already felt that it was incredible. At the same time, he had a better grasp of Qing Shui's strength and charm.

On this day, the Qing Clan and the members of the General Manor left on birds. There were a couple days left but Qing Shui had decided to wait on the location. Once they knew the time it would open, they would be the first to rush in. Understandably, this was a fate changing opportunity.

The Greencloud step was situated within the General Country's central mountain ranges. It was surrounded by forests and marshes that were filled with strong beasts. Of course, it was not like that no one had tried to travel into it. But when the Sacred Land of Panacea only opens for one day every three hundred years, and the fact that there was members of the General Manor to guard the gate, only very few people had had the opportunity to enter.

They had attracted some attention along the way. People had to look again when they saw such a strong flying beast. Although it was not far from the General Manor and only would only take half a day's worth of travel, their travelling speed was a bit slower since there were children with them.

The Greencloud mountain was at the center of a mountain range. It was not very large but the plant growth on the mountain appeared to be very dense, to the point that it would surprise people. The flourishing growth meandered up and down. From a distance, it looked like a huge green dragon.

Qing Shui felt that the mountain was releasing a formless Spiritual Charm, a feeling that he could not describe. Additionally, the rocks on that mountain had a darker shade compared to the other mountains. If one was to take a closer look for a long time, it was as though those rocks were metal.

Qing Shui walked up towards the cliff and knocked on it lightly. When he knocked on it with a bit of strength it had the same feeling as jade. The rocks were rather tough and would only crack if he use some monstrous strength.

A single line of people followed the mountain path forward that was full of twists and turns. Qing Shui held both Qing Yu and Qing Yan, while the other children walked on their own. They would have to get past this bit of harshness to get to where they want to go.

Suddenly a strong, pressuring Qi rushed out. As they raised their head up, they saw a hidden cave entrance just in front of them where the pressure was coming from. Perhaps that was the entrance to the Sacred Land of Panacea?

The line of people entered the cave. Once they were inside, Qing Shui could not help but open his eyes widely. There was a giant hall, and it could not be said that it was really clean but there was not as much dust as one would imagine.

Sixteen giant pillars that would require the strength of tens of people towered at a hundred meters. The embedded pearl that hangs in midair gave off a dim light, it was neither bright nor dark.

## Statue! Pressure!

Qing Shui soon realized that there were some strange statues in the surrounding. These statues all had different poses, but the statues' action was interesting and even carried a trace of pressure.

From the north, a faint halo that was quite hazy could be seen. Qing Shui's sharp senses could feel the spirit energy moving. That must be the seal.

"Qing Shui, this is the entrance to the Sacred Land of Panacea. Though it is still sealed, it would open exactly at noon after a couple of days. After 24 hours, the seal would close again." Ji Yunlang said to Qing Shui with a smile.

"Oh, let me go see, what's so special about this seal?" Qing Shui said with a smile.

"Rumor has it that this seal was made by someone who had a strength beyond Martial Emperor." Ji Yunlang said with a laugh as they walked towards the halo.

# **Beyond Martial Emperor?**

Qing Shui was shocked when he heard about someone who was beyond Martial Emperor strength. He didn't know many things about Martial Emperor. All he knew was that the strength of a Peak Grade Five Martial Emperor was around 5000 stars while a Peak Grade One Martial Emperor was about 1000 stars. For someone with a strength beyond Grade Five Martial Emperor, he wouldn't know how many stars it could be. He expected no one knows within the five continents since the strongest in the five continents were all Peak Grade Five Martial Emperors.

The feeling of an invisible resistance would get stronger the closer they were. There was no way of moving any closer about five meters from the seal, just like a child that was being pushed back by a strong man.

Qing Shui still could not advance another step even after he used his strength to the max of his abilities. This was a result he expected. Shaking his head, he decided he would not try again. It probably required breaking the laws of heaven and earth to break this seal. Even people who were from the surrounding areas were unable to break the seal. They could only use the strength of about 5000 stars here.

Since he could not enter now, he would have to wait for another three days. Qing Shui took the opportunity to look around in the hall and to familiarize with the surroundings since he had nothing better to do.

Several members of the Qing Clan and the General Manor went out to hunt. He had carried some dried foods in the Interspatial Silk Sachet. However, everyone wanted to have some game meat, especially the children. Members of the General Manor could not allow the Qing Clan to go by themselves, so they went with the others.

There were several smaller inner halls within the surroundings of the main hall. Only the north side didn't contain one, the other sides all had one for a total of three. In the end, the ladies set up tent in the last inner hall while the men gathered just outside.

Although the inner hall was small, it still had adequate space. Qing Shui helped his mother and women to properly tie down the tents. The female members of the Qing Clan took over a different inner hall and the female members of the General Manor had taken over another one. The other one was left as a spare.

Soon, the people that had gone out to hunt had returned with two wild boars, several musk deers, wild mountain rabbits and mountain goats. These were some nice game meats since the land didn't lack in beasts. Men and women of the World of the Nine Continents could eat meat every day. Martial artists do not get fat because of their constant cultivation. Only the wealthy who lacked practice would turn obese.

Of course, there were people that chose to be vegetarian. Eating plain and lightly was not bad either since there was no shortage of wild legumes, vegetables, herbs, etc. Nutritional value of the vegetables was also substantial so it all depended on the person's interest.

This time they only added some ordinary seasoning. However, since Qing Shui and the Qing Clan had decent cooking skills, a sweet barbeque fragrance permeated the entire area.

The General Manor side was doing well too, their roasted meat was just as good. They traded meats with each other after they had finish roasting. People surrounded the fire and ate their food together as some people discussed about blood boiling topics. Everyone had a smile on their face.

Qing Yu ran around between Qing Shui, Qing Yi and several of the women.

Two days went by in a blink of an eye, but the seal showed no changes. Ji Yunlang had said that the seal would only be released only on the specific day. Even if there was still a minute left before it was to be released, it would still not have any changes.

Qing Shui was curious about the seal, but he could not grasp what was behind the it. The Spiritual Qi within the Sacred Land was also a mystery of nature. Just like how the Spiritual Qi was unevenly distributed amongst the nine continents, it was not rare to have treasured location to appear at random.

Today was already the third day. If everything went smoothly, at noon the seal would be release. Thus, everyone who waited was especially excited. They were aware about the benefits of entering the Sacred Land of Panacea. Going inside was already equivalent to one year's worth of continuous cultivation. On

top of that, there were rare medicinal herbs and treasures in there. It was all up to chance whether one of them will obtain it.

Qing Shui embraced Qing Yu and chatted with Ji Yunlang.

"Qing Shui, if you enter don't head forward blindly. There will only be one day of time, within ten miles was the safe zone. Within the safe zone there is basically no danger. However, beyond the ten miles perimeter, there is no more guarantees. Only one day of time, you must exit before tomorrow at noon." Ji Yunlang repeated his words to Qing Shui making sure that he was actively listened.

"Brother, your last entry, how far did you get?" Qing Shui asked while laughing.

"Five hundred miles, there's no limit of strength in the Sacred Land. Beasts with strengths of 5000 stars could appear, so please be careful." Ji Yunlang said with a bit of fear.

Qing Shui could tell from Ji Yunlang's expression that he must had met such danger before. Else, it would have been someone in the General Manor who had a brush of death with a beast, probably over 5000 stars in strength.

Qing Shui thought about his Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. Within it, there were also beasts with over 5000 stars of strength. Thus, the Sacred Land having it is also possible. Looks like within that Ancient ruin, there could also be beasts with strength of over 5000 stars.

# Chapter 995 - Entering the Sacred Land of Panacea, Legend of the Heartmatched Fruit, Six Hundred Li

Qing Shui got a little emotional thinking about it. He didn't know why he got emotional either. Perhaps, gaining the strength of 5,000 stars had stirred up his emotions. Soon he realized that it was the anticipation of battle.

Qing Shui now had the strength of the Violet Star Thunder God that had over 5,000 stars in strength, close to 6,000 stars. Using the Big Dipper Sword, his strength could reach up to 4,000 stars and there was even a 20% chance of doubling an attack. That was indeed an attack of 8,000 stars and the 20% chance was not little at all.

The Big Dipper Sword had been tempered again and was much stronger than before. However, the Seven Star Armored Vest from before was now gone. Even without the Seven Star Armored Vest, the Big Dipper Sword was definitely still an extremely powerful weapon.

Therefore, Qing Shui felt that if he entered the Sacred Land of Panacea and met a demonic beast with the strength of over 5,000 stars, he would definitely have to battle it. Perhaps, there would be an unexpected surprise from it.

At the very least, he would be able to increase his fighting strength a little. Actual combat could help stabilize his strength even more, especially the battles that surpassed his limits. With that, he began thinking of Ji Yunlang, who was able to enter five hundred li deep.

His progress in searching was very slow. However, it was dangerous inside, being that he was not strong enough.

This led Qing Shui to think of Mu Qing's ten Treasure Hunting Pig, the spirituality of those little ones was really a treasure. If he had one now, he probably would have gained quite a number of treasures.

"Look at this, the seal has moved!"

"It really moved, it's opening!"

"We are able to get in at last."

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# 青水的思绪回来

Qing Shui snapped himself back to reality The fluctuations of the halo before him resembled a wave, it looked like 1,000 layers of wave. At the same time, it looked like a ripple that was constantly prolonged. In the end, it turned into something like a transparent band-aid.

"We can go in now. Qing Shui, let's go in!" Ji Yunlang smiled and said to Qing Shui

"Good, let's go in together and open up a pathway for them," Qing Shui said as he passed the green jade to Huoyun Liu-Li.

Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang were the first to set foot inside. Qing Shui had set up the Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation at the opening of the cave. Thus, he was not worried about anyone coming in to steal or people who held other intentions.

This transparent door was about about ten meters wide and circular in shape. Qing Shui had told them to stop for a little while. Looking in from the outside, there was nothing dangerous about it. With the fine sunny weather, it looked really beautiful, the vegetation and the grass with some little birds .....

Upon entering, Qing Shui felt the vast Spiritual Qi. There was a nice smell which had an indescribable, particularly relaxing quality. The air in the World of the Nine Continents had Spiritual Qi that Qing Shui was already very satisfied with. After all, the environment of his previous life and the World of the Nine Continents was miles apart. However, Qing Shui felt like he is in the wonderland of the human realm.

Feeling that the surroundings beneath him had not change at all, Qing Shui felt his body frantically absorbing the Spiritual Qi around him, as though he was a sponge that was placed in water.

He called out to the others outside, and all of them came inside quickly. Ji Yunlang talked to them for a while before turning to a few from Ji clan. "All of you can take a stroll here, but be mindful and do not go beyond the ten miles mark."

A few from Ji clan had already spread out, while some of them stayed close, not walking further.

"Zhu Qing, stay here with your elder sister and the few of them. Do not go anywhere else. Just rest here for a day." Qing Shui smiled while taking out a few chairs, aside table and a couch. He even placed down a few fruits to eat. After that, Qing Yu stopped harassing them

Qingqing and Zhu Qing nodded happily. Guo Polu laughed as he was satisfied with just watching Qingqing.

"Brother in law, stay here and train your martial skills, practice a little and look after them at the same time." Qing Shui didn't want him to take risks.

"Alright, I shall remain here to practice!" Guo Polu laughed.

The others from Qing Clan were not allowed to go further than ten li. Even though there would be greater chances of better finding treasures beyond the ten li mark, Qing Shui did not want them to risk it.

Qing Shui let all of his demonic beasts out since this was a rare opportunity which could allow them to grow.

Qing Shui and his demonic beasts could communicate mentally, so he told them not to go too far. He told the Five-Headed Demonic Spider to look after this place. The Five-Headed Demonic Spider had the highest Spiritual Intelligence. However, as far as Qing Shui knew, it had the voice of a little girl.

Qing Shui arranged a giant Nine Palace Eight Trigrams Formation, telling them that if they happened to have any mishaps, they should enter the Formation or run out immediately. Although he knew that the chances of this happening was low, Qing Shui still left a way for them to escape. After all, he was not to familiar with this place.

This was why Qing Shui left all of his demonic beasts here.

After doing all of that, Qing Shui started his journey. Others had already begun to search the nearby areas. Generally, a few of them were grouped together and there was even an especially big group of them. After all, they were a clan.

Ji Yunlang had left already. The previous time, his group was able to enter 500 li deep and he believed he would able to enter there this time as well. Generally, the deeper you went, the better the items. However, as a matter of course, the deeper you went, the more dangerous it was.

Humans die in pursuit of wealth, just as birds will die for food. Benefits and risks were directly proportional. To gain a greater amount of benefit, one had to take a greater risk, it could even lead to losing their lives.

Armed with the Big Dipper Sword, Qing Shui could hit over 5,000 stars in strength. The most important thing was that while using the Big Dipper Sword, his speed would be much quicker.

Having prepared the Heavenly Talisman, Gale Pellet and the Agility Enhancing Fruit, Qing Shui expanded his spiritual sense. With that done, he then headed towards the abyss.

Standing in the sky, Qing Shui noticed that he was unable to see the end of this world with a glance. Qing Shui could not seem to understand where this sealed place was. This should still be the Main Continent, just that it had been separated.

500 li... Qing Shui thought about Ji Yunlang entering 500 li deep. He should have ran into some strong Demonic Beasts. Furthermore, they should have abilities of more than 5000 stars. However, there should not be too many of them, or else, he would not have been able to return.

Stretching out with his spiritual sense, Qing Shui went in deeper. This place had a lot of great treasure and was definitely not short of them. Moreover, those who were able to get in here would have mostly searched within ten li or a 100 li.

Very quickly, Qing Shui reached a distance of ten li. Upon reaching this area, he immediately noticed aura that was different from before. There were dangerous demonic beasts in the area, but they were not a threat to him.

100 li!

Qing Shui's speed was fast, he only had a day's time and he did not want to waste any time in this area. He wanted to use his abilities to its limit or go further to search.

300 li!

In less than an hour, Qing Shui had surprisingly advanced 300 li. The aura was more or less the same now as the previous 100 miles. His sharp spiritual sense allowed him to know that there was no danger.

What!

Heartmatched Fruit!

Qing Shui looked dumbfoundedly at a little red tree not far away. This tree was a meter tall and had two flaming red fruits that were heart shaped. These fruits were about the size of a fist and were brightly colored and glistened.

"There really is such a thing, there really is such a thing?" Qing Shui stared blankly for a long time.

The Heartmatched Fruit was a fruit from legends, it was only recorded in history books. Legend said that the fruit could lead a man and a woman who were previously unattracted to each other to fall in love and even tie the knot. It was said that this fruit would work even if the two hated each other.

Of course, this was just a legend. However, the Heartmatched Fruit Tree before him looked identical to the one recorded in history books. A Heartmatched Fruit would not increase strength but it could last for ten years. In history, it was said that the Heartmatched Fruit could be eaten alone. Only if two people eating the same Heartmatched Fruit from the same Heartmatched Fruit Tree then would tie the knot and like each other.

Qing Shui hesitated for a moment before he knocked the Heartmatched Fruit down to store in the metal box

He did not transplant the entire Heartmatched Fruit Tree. That was because a Heartmatched Fruit Tree could only bear two Heartmatched Fruits. Qing Shui then left quickly, heading deeper inside.

Roar!

400 li in, Qing Shui met a strong demonic beast, the Three-Horned Fire Bull.

It was a huge fiery ox that grew three horns, its height was about 30 meters and its length was about 100 meters. It looked like a small mountain with a flaming red body that flashed with a crimson blaze, giving off a berserk aura.

3,500 stars of strength!

As soon as the Three-Horned Fire Bull saw Qing Shui, its entire body arched towards the sky, letting out a tremendous howl. After he came to the World of the Nine Continents, he knew that the howl of an ox

would not be inferior to that of a tiger. Or at least, the roars of the tigers that he had heard were all incomparable to the howl of this Three-Horned Fire Bull.

Qing Shui wished to engage in battle as seeking treasure was his main purpose. He raised his strength to its peak and he jumped.

Sword of Sixth Wave!

Bang Bang .....

Qing Shui then stared blankly at the Three-Horned Fire Bull that had exploded into a pile of mud.

The Sword of Sixth Wave have stacked with the 20% chance of doubling the attack. Striking out with the strength of 8,000 stars while using the Sword of Sixth Wave, it was only normal that an ox with the strength of 3,500 stars would have exploded like this.

However, Qing Shui felt that it was a bit of a pity. He had wanted to keep some fur and the ox's core. After all, it was a demonic beast with the strength of 3,500 stars.

Only Qing Shui was here. If Ji Yunlang was here too, he would definitely be startled to the point that his eyeballs would pop out. To be able to explode the Three-Horned Fire Bull into dregs in one strike, what kind of strength was it? The defense of the Three-Horned Fire Bull is very strong.

500 li!

As soon as he entered this area, Qing Shui felt a dangerous aura. However, he still believed that he would be able to handle it. Being in here, Qing Shui would not advance forward blindly since he felt that this area could be considered as a dangerous zone.

Within ten li, it would still be a safe zone. In fact, it should still be a relatively safe zone within ten to 100 miles. A 100 to 500 li would be another stage and he could possibly meet another strong demonic beast similar to that Three-Horned Fire Bull from before.

Beyond 500 li should be considered as an extremely dangerous zone. Since he only had a day's time, this sacred land should not be that big or there would be another exit on the other side, just like the sealed opening. Qing Shui guessed that there would be several exits in this area.

Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor!

At close to 600 li, Qing Shui could see a circular lake. It measured 20 li from north to south and about 30 li from east to west. As soon as Qing Shui reached the lakeside, he saw a huge crocodile swimming in the water.

Qing Shui had seen the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor in the Archive of Demonic Beast, the strength of it was unclear, but it was definitely a king in shallow sea waters of the lake.

6,000 stars!

With a beast that had a strength of 6,000 stars, it was no wonder that Ji Yunlang had warned Qing Shui not to go too deep. He had to be very careful as he was only at the 600 li mark yet there was actually such a strong demonic beast.

The Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor was 200 meters long, its back was a golden color whereas the other parts was black. Emerging from the lake, its long body looked made it look like a gold jiao dragon.

# Chapter 996 - Great Takeaways, Purple Qi Star Grass

## Roar!

A clear and loud roar that was like the clanking of metal rang out, causing the world to tremble, resounding through the clouds.

"Damn, to think that this creature can cry out like this!"

Qing Shui fixed his gaze on the giant which was pouncing at him.

Qing Shui wasn't too worried. This was a demonic beast which could be either on land or in water. And although it was stronger in water than it was on land, it was now on land. Looking as the huge body pounced toward him, Qing Shui calmly took a few consecutive steps.

# Nine Palace Steps!

Qing Shui dodged and attacked with a Combination Sword Technique. His target was the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor's stomach. He knew that it was impossible for him to be able to penetrate its shiny back.

## Roar!

The Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor which was in mid-air flipped its huge body, whipping out its big tail toward Qing Shui across space. It was quick as sparks and it didn't seem to experience any resistance in the air. It was as if it had instantly appeared before Qing Shui without any warning.

#### Golden Tail Whip!

This was the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor's killer move and many demonic beasts had died to this attack. It wasn't just extraordinarily fast but its force was also strong and valiant.

#### Boom!

Qing Shui flashed repeatedly and the Big Dipper Sword rapidly moved away from the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor after a quick tap. He had initially thought that the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor wouldn't be too hard to deal with and he would probably only need only a few rounds to kill it. However, looking at it now, it wasn't that simple. The damaging prowess of that huge tail was far too great.

# Emperor's Qi!

Qing Shui weakened the beast's strength by 1,200 stars and his Big Dipper Sword allowed him to receive 10% less damage. With that, the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor, which had a strength of 6,000 stars was reduced to be less than 4,400 stars.

After the weakening impact, its speed would be too great a match for Qing Shui. Qing Shui would have no problems even if he were to face it head on. Therefore, he dashed over and attacked with his Combination Sword Technique.

In the past, Qing Shui had only used his Combination Sword Technique in practice and not in battle. Thankfully, he had mastered his Four Moves Combination Sword Technique extremely well and when he hit his target for the 4th time, his attacking prowess was doubled.

Boom!

Roar!

There was an agonizing roar, the spurting of its blood all over the place and the shattering of bones. Qing Shui had struck it in the stomach where it was much weaker as compared to its back. The Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor was now heavily injured.

The 20% chance of increasing the damaging prowess felt very good. Qing Shui pounced once again. It was simpler this time around. He had even attacked its back once and was surprised that even when the attack prowess had increased, only a piece of its back the size of a fist had fallen off.

However, the powerful force once again sent the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor flying several consecutive times. Occasionally, the attacking prowess was doubled. Very quickly, the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor collapsed.

Qing Shui didn't stand on ceremony and cut open its stomach to retrieve its Core. He also took the golden hide on its back. To think that this was leather with lumps in it and it looked good. He took out his Gold Essence Carving Knife and Gold Essence Scissors, circulated his Qi of and cut it up into pieces with great craftsmanship before putting them into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui planned to make armor. With such a big piece of leather and with his Art of Forging having improved, he could now make some. He now had the necessary ingredients and could make battle armor or a battle skirt. It was a pity that he couldn't make an inner armor.

This was also considered quite a good takeaway. The battle also brought Qing Shui quite good battle experience and it allowed him to gauge how powerful a demonic beast he could deal with. He realized that it was still relatively easy for him to deal with a demonic beast with a strength of 6,000 stars.

After all, after the demonic beasts had been weakened, their strength would not even be 5,000 stars. Moreover, his Nine Palace Steps was very powerful as well. The only thing was that Qing Shui's attack was at 4,000 stars and that Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor had extremely strong defences. Therefore, it would only be effective when his attacks were twice as strong and they had hit the flaws.

The only thing Qing Shui had the advantage of was speed. This was why he could beat the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor so quickly.

Next, Qing Shui looked toward the lake and he was stunned for just a moment. There were many Golden Snake Grass and Silver Snake Grass. Although it wasn't as if the entire lake was filled with them, he could still see many of them here and there.

He collected them and threw them into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal...

Qing Shui was in a very good mood. This stuff was extremely valuable and the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal's pond was sufficiently big too. Qing Shui collected them very quickly. At the start, he collected

Golden Snake Grass and Silver Snake Grass but toward the end, he collected only the Golden Snake Grass.

Qing Shui's action was very fast and he only looked for those on the surface of the water. He cleared the surface of the lake very quickly. The reason he was here was to look for treasure and to take in some Spiritual Qi while he was at it so as to become stronger.

After every short while, Qing Shui would sense that he had gotten slightly stronger but the increase was very small. After all, Qing Shui had the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and one year of hard work to Qing Shui was only the equivalent of training for less than four days in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal. Sometimes, it could take up to a maximum of eight days since he cultivated many things in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Qing Shui could tell that not a lot of time had passed and this was a piece of treasured land. Earlier, he hadn't only collected Golden Snake Grass and Silver Snake Grass. He had also collected some other medicinal herbs which had an age of 3,000 years or more. There were also some which were 5,000-6,000 years of age. Qing Shui hadn't come across any of greater age and thus he decided to fish for a while.

He took out his Pure Gold Fishing Rod and quickly put it into the lake. He felt very calm. There weren't many things now which could faze him. Of course, he still held great anticipation toward fishing for items.

After all, this was a Sacred Land of Panacea.

After the time for less than it would take for half an incense to burn, the fishing rod moved and Qing Shui pulled it up.

7,000 Years Moon Flower!

Fish again!

6,000 Years Starry Grass!

...

Purple Qi Star Grass.....

Qing Shui stared in a daze at this medicinal herb which had been filled with Spiritual Qi for a very long time. It was like a violet colored orchid and was translucent, giving the feeling that it was more of an artistic craft masterpiece. Qing Shui was very agitated.

"The main ingredient for the Violet Qi Pellet is out. I can refine it now." Qing Shui had a surprised smile on his face. This was a great surprise. As expected of a Sacred Land of Panacea.

Although Qing Shui knew that there were many medicinal herbs in the Sacred Land of Panacea, especially valuable and precious ones, one would only have one day to come in each time and it was extremely dangerous. This was also why people who came in here seldom managed to get their hands on good items.

It was just like how these medicinal herbs were all guarded by the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor.

In the five continents, one would have a strength of 5,000 stars at most. Or rather, one could only display a strength of 5,000 stars. Therefore, it was hard to find a cultivator with a strength exceeding 5,000 stars even in such sacred lands. It was because people who were beyond this level would choose to head to the other four continents outside.

Of course, there might also be some people who had strength exceeding 5,000 stars fighting in such sacred lands. It was a pity that such situations were rare and the Sacred Land of Panacea in Greencloud Continent was well hidden and relatively young. This time around, the reason Northern Sacred Lu Continent knew of it was because General Manor's Zu Clan and Tie Clan had revealed the secrets. Both clans had already left but Ji Yunlang chose to not pursue them, leaving them a way out.

Suddenly, the fishing rod sank again and Qing Shui pulled it up. What he was astonished about was the powerful Spiritual Qi the item exuded. The Spiritual Qi made its surface appear to be slightly foggy.

It was the size of a fist and in a milky white color. Just from its Spiritual Qi alone, Qing Shui could tell that it was a treasure and it might even be a "spiritual item". Qing Shui was very agitated and looked at it with his Heavenly Vision Technique.

Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl: The pearl formed from the condensation of all the essence of a Spirited Turtle of at least 10,000 Years. It has powerful spiritual nature and has amazing effects.

The introduction was very simple but Qing Shui was overjoyed. Spiritual item, it was really a spiritual item. There was a spiritual item that was like this, formed from the condensation of a part of a spiritual beast. Usually, the lifespan of these spiritual beasts must be very long or that they must be extremely powerful. Of course, opportunity was also required.

Spiritual items were different from magic treasures. It was just that spiritual items were expendables and could only be used once. They couldn't be taken by humans. There was once when a person ate a spiritual item but eventually ended up dying with his body exploding.

However, spiritual items could be used for alchemy. Of course, if a Beast Tamer had it, he could give it to his demonic beast. By rights, any demonic beast would be able to take it but it would be best if it was taken by a demonic beast which was of the same type as the one the spiritual item was condensed from or even have its bloodline. This could ensure that the absorbent rate was maximized.

# Spirited Turtle Pearl!

Qing Shui thought of the pond in his Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and decided to keep it first and study it at a later time. He fished again and very quickly, two hours passed by.

He had gotten quite a number of precious fish and also six Purple Qi Star Grass. Qing Shui was overjoyed.

#### This was sufficient!

He had spent quite a long time here and Qing Shui was satisfied with the things he had gotten. Frankly speaking, he would be satisfied even if he were to just get the Purple Qi Star Grass. However, he had still

gotten a lot of Golden Snake Grass, Silver Snake Grass and a spiritual item, the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl.

Leaving the place, Qing Shui continued to proceed on, searching the surroundings. Unknowingly, four hours passed by. He didn't come across anyone and when he entered this area, he continued to hear tremendous roars.

The place was filled with mountains and forests. Of course, there were also wide plains. In this area, if one wasn't strong enough, one's legs would turn to jelly just from hearing the roars.

Qing Shui's primary goal was to search for treasures and not to kill demonic beasts. Therefore, he did his best to avoid them. From the 500 li mark to the current 800 li mark, none of the demonic beasts he came across had a strength exceeding 6,000 stars.

This made Qing Shui feel that his guess should be accurate. From the 500 li mark to quite a distance away, the level of danger should be the same. He progressed steadily.

It wasn't as if spiritual herbs or treasures could be found everywhere in the Sacred Land of Panacea. Good things won't come falling down from the sky for no reason. Even if one wished to obtain treasures from the Sacred Land of Panacea, the person would still need to have power.

In the blink of an eye, six hours passed by. Half of the time he had in this place had gone by. The sky had darkened but it wasn't completely dark. It was already completely dark outside but this place just seemed to be as the weather was, gloomy.

His takeaways for these six hours were quite good. He managed to collect some medicinal herbs. Most importantly, he even got his hands on a large piece of meteorite. This item was very valuable and could be used in forging. It was required even for forging armor.

Another two hours passed by and Qing Shui arrived at the 2,000 li mark and came to a stop. In this area, all the demonic beasts he came across were still around the strength of 6,000 stars but they would definitely not exceed a strength of 6,500 stars. For the past 2 hours or so, he had only killed two demonic beasts and there was once when he escaped from a group of demonic beasts. Even though it had been extremely dangerously, he hadn't used the Nine Continents Steps.

It wasn't because he didn't dare to use it but it was more of he couldn't bear to do so.

Standing on top of a mountain at the 2,000 li mark, Qing Shui glanced out at the endless view. There were only mountains extremely far away and thus there was nothing which obstructed his view.

Over 14 hours had passed by and there was still less than 10 hours left. He was hesitating if he should do what he was thinking of. It was a little crazy but extremely tempting.

# Chapter 997 - Two Hundred Thousand Miles, Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent, Hallow Fruit, Spirit Deer

Qing Shui stood there for nearly fifteen minutes in hesitation. There was a crazy idea that was tempting him. Right now, he was thinking about whether he would do it or not.

He would use Nine Continents Steps to reach the far places once, look around that area, if there was danger he would immediately use Nine Continents Steps to return.

Earlier, Qing Shui had not used Nine Continents Steps to run away even in a herd of beasts. He had not wanted to waste this chance, the distance of Nine Continents Steps could be freely controlled between Two Hundred Thousand Miles.

"Coming here was difficult enough. Let's give it a try, if there is danger then I'll return immediately."

"No, if I had an accident, what would happen to the Qing Clan?"

The two countering thoughts resounded in Qing Shui's mind. This was a dilemma, going forward was an unknown territory that could lead to death or opportunity, going backwards would leave nothing but regret. This was an opportunity that was difficult to come by.

At the same time, he was concerned about the dangers ahead. He could not afford a single mishap; else it would be too late to regret. Qing Shui struggled internally with these thoughts.

Right now, he was two thousand miles out, his next distance would be two hundred thousand miles out. This was the Sacred Land of Panacea which was more dangerous than the Sky Penetrating Mountains. He feared for the worst.

Seek wealth within risk. Time to try... ...

Qing Shui did not move one inch. However, the scale in his consciousness had already began to sway to one side. In front of him was the furthest direction he could go, he gripped the Big Dipper Sword in his hand.

Gale Pellet, Agility-Enhancing Fruit, Heavenly Talisman. He had re-cast all these then gritted his teeth and stepped forward.

Nine Continents Step!

Hot!

Qing Shui's activated his spiritual sense. In an instant, Nine Continents Steps had taken him elsewhere. At his first landing, it felt extremely hot. The ground was covered in a red soil. It felt like being in a steamer basket, surrounded by scorching heat.

Suddenly Qing Shui felt goosebumps all over his body because a formless pressure had suddenly blown by. He reacted by using Nine Continents Step into the sky and looked down at the ground.

Once Qing Shui landed he discovered the den of a beast, following the trace of invisible pressure, Qing Shui was shocked to near death.

Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent!

Qing Shui could not accurately detect the opposition's strength. Its giant body was like a hill. Seeing the seven giant heads, Qing Shui had finally realized that he had come across its den.

However, Qing Shui had inadvertently hidden himself on a green and vigorous tree that was ten meters away. There was a white crystal fruit that was emitting a tempting fragrance.

Qing Shui was approximately five hundred meters from the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent. He had used Nine Continent Steps and stopped here, almost instantaneously he had detected danger while his spiritual sense was activated.

The Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent was resting with its eyes closed waiting for the fruits to ripen. There were no other beasts that would fight over the fruit but it suddenly felt an existence emitting Qi appear right in front of it.

Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent violently opened its eyes, its seven giant eyes coldly staring at Qing Shui. Qing Shui shivered, the Yin-Yang Image in his body began to spin rapidly.

Nature Energy instantly peaked.

Roc's Might!

Advanced Spirit Concentration!

Qing Shui knew it was best to retreat. He cursed at his own bad luck, to run into the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent. Qing Shui could not even fathom what strength the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent could have. From the history books that he had read, a Five-headed Scarlet Serpent had a strength of over ten thousand stars. Having one extra head was already a doubling in strength.

Just as Qing Shui made up his mind to run, he noticed the fruit hanging right in front of him. He could tell from one glance what fruit it was.

Hallow Fruit!

From coming here until Qing Shui had discovered the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent and Hallow Fruit, had only be a matter of an instant. After seeing the Hallow Fruit, he wanted to directly reach for it without thinking much about it.

Roar... ...

A series of roars could be heard. Qing Shui pulled and removed the Hallow Fruit, the Hallow Fruit tree immediately wilted. Qing Shui used Nine Palace Steps immediately but the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent's tail swept over like a giant pillar.

It was galaxies stronger in terms of strength compared to the Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor.

**Divinity Protection!** 

Nine Continents Steps!

Bang!

Qing Shui directly turned around to do all that but he was still swept by the giant snake's whip. Even under the buff of Divinity Protection his consciousness became a blur.

Frightening, way too frightening!

It was on a completely different level. Qing Shui knew all the bones in his body were broken. His internal organs were all critically damaged. He was left without an ounce of strength left. He was only able to

keep his consciousness because of the Yin-Yang Image within his consciousness and the Advanced Spirit Concentration.

#### Qi of Rebirth!

At this time, a Qi of Rebirth flowed within his Dantian. It activated the Qi of the and began to regenerate the damaged parts.

Qing Shui felt cultivating from the Ancient Book of "Rebirth" was a serious treasure. He did not have to use it ordinarily but it could strengthen a person's willpower. Especially when it came to a life and death situation, it could potentially change fate and save lives.

Seeing the mountain peak that was not too far in the distance, returning to the area within two thousand miles, Qing Shui could only lay on the ground without any energy left. He had thrown the Hallow Fruit into the Realm of Violet Jade Immortal. Qing Shui began to slowly recover while laying on the hillside. Right now, he did not have the strength to move.

Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent was too fearsome. This was the first time he had seen a beast with seven heads. Even with the buff of Divinity Protection he was still beaten to a critical state. Had he not had Divinity Protection, he could not fathom the result.

This world was too dangerous. The other four continents and five continents have many dangerous areas in existence. For example, areas like the deep areas of Sky Penetrating Mountain, Giant Beasts Mountains, Southern Sea, Eastern Sea, Polar Icefield, etc...

From the use of Nine Continents Steps to return to the middle only required the time equivalent to taking one breath.

However, Qing Shui was happy right now. It was every bit worth it. Once he had recovered a bit more, he took out a petal of the Golden Buddha Aura Lotus and ate it. This thing was being worn down faster than it could recover. It had nine petals before but he had already eaten six of them. Now that it had regrown a petal, Qing Shui felt a bit more reassured. Even though it took many years to grow one petal, it was better than not growing at all. This type of object like the Bones of the Living Dead was an absolute treasure.

If slowly recovering required some time, this was not the place for it. Qing Shui ate the next Golden Buddha Aura Lotus petal, immediately recovering to the strength he had at the beginning. The effectiveness of these medicinal herbs was unthinkable.

In the previous lifetime, sickness came like a landslide but went away as slowly as spinning silk. Destroying this was fast, just like how easy it would be to crush human bones. But to have those bones heal, it would take a very long time. Now Qing Shui realized the potency of some medicinal objects. Every time he used one he could not contain his surprise.

Not long after recovering, he was quickly surrounded by a pack of a thousand groundhogs. Qing Shui went into hiding. Groundhogs were not very strong, each of them would be born with peak strength. They could dig into the ground and drill through rocks. They were about a foot in length but they carried poison on their bodies. Their teeth were also corrosive. They were rumoured to be able to bite through diamond. But the main point was that their numbers were huge. The leading pack was small but

following them would be the main force. Even a Golden-back Giant Crocodile Emperor would hide seeing a pack of groundhogs.

With the rest of his time, Qing Shui travelled around the nearby vicinity. After a while, he had returned to the entrance area. Seeing that everyone was safe, with about eight hours of time left, Qing Shui decided to explore the nearby surroundings.

Luan Luan walked to Qing Shui's side.

"Daddy!"

"What is it darling?" Qing Shui looked at Luan Luan as if she had something to say.

"I want to tame these beasts." Luan Luan said while looking at Qing Shui.

Qing Shui did not want Luan to go too far, he knew that Luan Luan had the Heart of Seven Orifices and that there was some time left. He said while smiling, "I'll go with you."

Luan Luan said happily.

Though Qing Shui was here, she still would not dare be careless. Though the danger here was mostly due to the beasts, Luan Luan had the Heart of Seven Orifices on her side.

A huge profit. Qing Shui had decided earlier that he would spend some time to help Luan Luan tame some formidable beasts. Was this not the perfect opportunity?

The two of them travelled to the area that was ten miles away. The target was within five hundred miles. He was not certain what strength cap was within Luan Luan's taming abilities.

Three hundred miles out, they had met a strong beast.

A Spirit Deer with the strength of five hundred stars.

Luan Luan's strength and abilities have a limit, though she possessed the Heart of Seven Orifices she could not tame whatever beasts she wanted. Moreover, Martial Emperor beasts already possessed a high level of spirit intelligence

This Spirit Deer had a height of five meters and a length of fifteen meters. From seeing the giant beasts, this Spirit Deer felt kind of small. However, the Spiritual Qi that emitted from its body was significant for its size.

It was love at first sight for Luan Luan seeing the Spirit Deer. She let out some noise that Qing Shui could not understand.

Qing Shui looked at the Spirit Deer that was hesitating. At first when the Spirit Deer saw Qing Shui and Luan Luan it had not attacked. What was weirder was that it had also not run away but was hesitating.

Luan Luan continued to let out weird noises. Qing Shui knew this was a way to communicate, like how he and his beasts communicated telepathically. However, Luan Luan was born with the talent to communicate with beasts arbitrarily which was unlike how he could only communicate with his tamed beast. Of course, the stronger the beast, the higher their spiritual intelligence.

After a moment, Luan Luan took out the pellets that Qing Shui had given her. She poured one out and threw it towards the deer. Luan Luan made those weird noises again, Qing Shui then watched dumbfoundedly as the Spirit Deer walked to Luan Luan's side. It lowered and rubbed its head on Luan Luan.

Luan Luan then let out a crisp laugh, joyfully stretched her hand out to pet the Spirit Deer.

Qing Shui curiously asked what Luan Luan and the beast was talking about.

Luan Luan looked at Qing Shui and smiled, "Just like how Daddy pampers kids. But once the beast gets coaxed over, they will not rebel anymore."

Although Qing Shui understood that was because of Luan Luan's constitution. Beasts had sharp spiritual sense. Had Luan Luan not been the carrier of the Heart of Seven Orifices, no taming would have worked.

The Spirit Deer swallowed the pellet and its strength quickly spiked in growth. After consuming two pellets, it surprised Qing Shui with its one thousand two hundred stars in strength. Qing Shui could not help but use Heavenly Vision Technique to look at the Spirit Deer.

Spirit Deer, spirit type of heaven and earth, already awaken. A formidable beast of ancient times. Expert in speed and heavy strikes. Strong sense of protection towards its master. High spiritual intelligence, high growth.

That was it. Qing Shui was surprised after reading everything. A formidable beast from an ancient bloodline. Protective of its master, with high spiritual intelligence and ability for growth. On top of that, it had already awakened. Qing Shui was certain that it was the effect of the pellets since Qing Shui had not felt the same spirituality earlier.

#### Chapter 998 - Luan Luan's formidable beast, Leaving the Sacred Land of Panacea

Having high growth was very important. Fundamentally, beasts can grow infinitely. Just like how a human's strength fundamentally could grow infinitely, only bottlenecks would prevent many from advancing to the next stage. This was also the case for many beasts. Beasts with high growth could easily surpass bottlenecks and hurdles, becoming formidable beasts.

"Little Darling, this Spirit Deer will become formidable in the future." Qing Shui was happy. This was the first-time Qing Shui saw a tamer with a beast greater than one thousand stars.

The strength of his strongest beast was the Five-Headed Demonic Spider that was barely seven hundred stars. Even though he had experienced many battles, he had not seen a formidable Beast Tamer. His own daughter was actually a very strong Beast Tamer.

"Daddy, coming here turned a huge profit!" Luan Luan said happily.

Continuing to search some more, the Spirit Deer joyfully followed Luan Luan around. Qing Shui smiled while looking at Luan Luan and said, "Darling, for beasts with approximately the same strength as the Spirit Deer, given your remaining spirit energy, how many do you think you can tame?"

Luan Luan thought for a bit, "I can still tame four or five more!"

Hearing that answer, Qing Shui stood there in shock. The Heart of Seven Orifices was too mighty. Luan Luan's actual strength compared to the Spirit Deer was light years away. In a normal situation, a typical person would never be able to tame it.

Taming beasts required spirit energy to communicate. It was taming relying on spirit alone. Thus, a typical Beast Tamer would have a large reserve of spirit energy. Their beasts typically would not have high spirit energy, however there are exceptions but only very few. Taming beasts that were stronger than themselves was considered the pride of the Beast Tamer. Beast Tamers were formidable compared to their peers of the same level because they could legitimately win by numbers.

If they have high energy and luck, then they could tame beasts that were many times stronger than themselves. They could also tame many beasts that were about the same strength as they were.

People like Luan Luan would only appear once every thousand years. Luan Luan's spirit energy was decent but her level was not one that could tame beasts of this level. She still relied on the help of the Heart of Seven Orifices. Other people would require at least a thousand stars to tame the Spirit Deer but Luan Luan only required a thousandth of the same strength to achieve this feat.

# What kind of idea was this?

She was an innate Beast Tamer. Sooner or later, she will be one of the strongest Beast Tamers. Thereafter, Qing Shui spent the rest of his time by Luan Luan's side to help her tame beasts. Qing Shui also wanted to observe Luan Luan's changes.

One day was the equivalent of cultivating for a full year. Qing Shui did not know when Luan Luan reached the strength of almost one star. Peak Martial Saint! It was only natural for Luan Luan given her innate ability and the equivalent of one year of cultivation. She had already been a Grade Nine Marital Saint before they started anyways.

Luan Luan successfully tamed four more beasts. It could be said to be a large harvest. One of them was two thousand two hundred stars powered Golden Jiao King.

After seeing the beast, Qing Shui thought about giving Luan Luan a hand in taming. Though Luan Luan could be considered as the weakest Peak Martial Saint, she still had many beasts by her side. In particular, Spirit Deer had the strength of one thousand two hundred stars and had already awakened the Blood of Spirit Beasts. In addition, there were ten Earth Devouring Mice and three other thousand star strength beasts.

Qing Shui thought about the Golden Jiao King from Sky Penetrating Mountains. It was about the same in strength. The first time he was cornered until he had to retreat. Once he had enough power, it ran away. Thinking back, that feeling was pretty good.

This Golden Jiao King was not the same one from Sky Penetrating Mountains. There was not just one Golden Jiao King. Golden Jiao King was not the Emperor of Golden Jiaos. They were beasts that were so formidable that people called them Golden Jiao Kings. They do not have underlings.

Golden Jiao King was the last beast that Luan Luan tamed. The first one was Spirit Deer, the second one was Mystic-Armored Ice Ox, the third and fourth ones were a pair of Silver Armored Beast; a spirit type beast.

Mystic-Armored Ice Ox was a giant. Towering at thirty meters tall with a length of a hundred meters. Its entire body was ice blue. Its strength was close to two thousand stars. Though the Mystic-Armored Ice Ox was powerful, its spirit energy and spirit intelligence was not anything special. Spirit Deer cheered Luan Luan on. Adding the temptation of pellets, taming the Mystic-Armored Ice Ox was basically a success. This felt overly smooth for Luan Luan.

Only when meeting the Golden Jiao King had there been a small battle. Spirit Deer's heavy strike was effective but the strongest one was the Mystic-Armored Ice Ox. This giant was not inferior against the Golden Jiao King. The overpowering defense could stand toe-to-toe with the Golden Jiao King. In terms of attack, its snow breath had effects of slow and ice, given that it was a variant; rumor had it that it carried the blood of Azure Ox.

# Azure Ox was a beast of legends!

Qing Shui had secretly used Emperor's Qi on the Golden Jiao King. In the end, Golden Jiao King fell at the combined forces of Mystic-Armored Ice Ox and Spirit Deer. After much effort, Luan Luan communicated with the Golden Jiao King for a long time before it would follow obediently.

Golden Jiao King's formidability could not be questioned. However, Golden Jiao King's obedience did not feel practical in any sense. Even though he could instantly kill the Golden Jiao King in his current form, Luan Luan was only at the strength of one star. Being able to tame a two thousand two hundred star beast and other beasts at that...

If Luan Luan broke through to Martial Emperor, then she would be the weakest Martial Emperor. The beasts before were all tamed with such ease, Luan Luan's strength would only become a defiance to the natural order. It was no wonder that her ancestors were able to annihilate a large sect before they reached forty years of age.

At this rate, in ten years Luan Luan would become a frightening existence. He was not sure whether this ability would be on par with Lion King's Ridge, since Qing Shui did not know the actual strength of this super sect.

Qing Shui felt the auras the beasts Luan Luan brought. He was not sure how many she could bring but it was definitely a sight to see. However, she would not tame too many but many beasts would obey her.

Right now, she had five beasts at the strength of Martial Emperor. Seeing Qing Shui, Luan Luan was overjoyed. She knew she could tame high leveled beasts but did not think it was going to be this high...

Time was almost up. Qing Shui and Luan Luan went back to the entrance area. Though Luan Luan could barely tame one more with her remaining spirit energy. After asking, Qing Shui understood that Luan Luan could tame many beasts, it was only tenfold that of a typical Beast Tamer's amount but the key point was that she could tame beasts with strength many times stronger than she was.

Whether fifty, five thousand stars beasts could take on Lion King's Ridge, Qing Shui thought while walking. In the end, he shook his head, he did not want to think about it anymore. To complete this, he needed more than just one person.

Returning to the area near the entrance of the Sacred Land of Panacea, he discovered everyone was around. However, Qing Shui's sharp spiritual sense felt that General Manor was missing several people.

However, this was a normal sight. Qing Shui did not ask too much. Ji Yunlang happily smiled at Qing Shui and said, "About thirty minutes left, let's wait a bit, any gains?"

"Pretty good, what about you guys?" Qing Shui asked.

"Haha, we were alright. It was mainly for people in the family to come here to gain an equivalent of a year's worth of cultivation. Especially when they can have some enlightenment in this day. It would be beneficial in the long run," Ji Yunlang said with a relaxed smile.

The halo just up ahead began to activate, Ji Yunlang said while smiling to the others, "The seal is about to activate again, everyone hurry up and leave."

Roar ... ...

Suddenly a faint roar could be heard from a distance. It was oppressive and loud which could shake a person's soul. Ji Yunlang could only express shock as he looked at a shocked Qing Shui.

"Run! Everyone hurry up and get out!" Ji Yunlang was shocked but calmed down immediately. Even if they were formidable beasts, they still would not enter the area within ten miles of the safety zone.

Qing Shui could hear that the noise belonged to the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent. His beasts were already retrieved into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and Luan Luan's beasts were retrieved in the Beast Token.

Soon, everyone had left the Sacred Land of Panacea. Within fifteen minutes, the ripple got more violent then quickly restored it to how it was before. A familiar repelling pressure reappeared again.

Leaving through the cave entrance, there was nobody outside since it was quite hidden. After travelling for some distance, Qing Shui and Ji Yunlang said their goodbyes. Ji Yunlang invited Qing Shui and crew to stay at his place for several more days but Qing Shui excused himself with a smile.

"Brother, if you have time come to the Continent's Capital," Qing Shui told Ji Yunlang as he stepped onto the Fire Bird's back.

"Ok, I will definitely be there later."

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Qing Shui felt this visit to the Sacred Land of Panacea had been valuable. Although General Manor used this as a means to seek help from him, Qing Shui was still thankful to the General Manor from the bottom of his heart. After coming to a better understanding, he felt that General Manor was worth being friends with.

On the back of the Fire Bird, Qing Shui began to observe the changes with the people close to him. A year's worth of cultivation could result in no changes in some people but for others it could result in huge gains.

Zhu Qing and Qing Spent the day resting. Their ability was not high, nor was their innate skill. However, their strength still increased a little. What was important was that they felt comfortable throughout their bodies. This was also beneficial to the child inside their growing baby bumps.

The person with the greatest change was naturally Luan Luan. The benefits that Luan Luan received out weighted everyone else. Even without today, Luan Luan would eventually excel by leaps and bounds. However, in tonight's events, the gains were huge. It was like comparing a person using their lifetime to earn a million dollars against a person who only used one year to earn a million dollars and stopped working for money. The difference was in the interest.

In addition, the younger children had the greatest change after spending time cultivating in the Sacred Land. Basically, the experience was equivalent to the effect of one enlightenment.

Currently, each of them had an excited expression on their face. All of them surrounded Qing Shui talking about things. Qing Yu was laying in Qing Shui's embrace while eating fruit.

Qing Shui was sitting on the back of the Fire Bird. He held Qing Yu on one side and Qi Yan on the other side. The others sat beside Qing Shui. Qing Shui had a look of satisfaction.

Luan Luan was chatting about something with Yiye Jiange. She seemed to be full of joy and excitement.

Zhu Qing glanced over at Qing Shui several times. Seeing Qing Yu's reaction on her own baby bump, she could not help but smile.

When they left, it was exactly at noon. Not long after just exiting General Country, the day had already turned to night. Though they were in the wilderness, they decided to camp at a spacious area. Right now, Luan Luan felt that the worries on Qing Shui's chest had become a little lighter.

# Chapter 999 - Changes to the Spirited Snake Turtle, Refining Hallow Pill

Everyone set up their camps here. The plains were cleaner than the plains back from Qing Shui's previous life. The children started playing on the thick layer of grass.

The others started to prepare dinner. Since there were a lot of them, they basically formed small groups to roast their food. A few of them had been tasked to hunt some game and after skinning the beasts and cleaning them up, they would bring them back to be cut into pieces.

In the past, only some of them would cook while the other rested or did other stuff. But eventually, Qing Shui made it compulsory for all of them to learn how to cook. What they learned were extremely precious soups and dishes. They enjoyed cooking them too. What they were doing was no longer mere cooking but was something similar to the level of Beast Tamers and Alchemists. It was because the effect of the soups they made were in no way inferior to medicinal pellets.

Qing Shui had taught them these in order to increase their survival skills as well as allowing them to become stronger as much as possible. After all, Qing Shui wouldn't be with them forever.

Qing Shui, Qing Yi, Qing Shui's wives, Qingqing, Guo Polun and the children sat around the campfire and cooked their food. The others were also cooking around a campfire but Qing Shui's group was the biggest.

Qing Luo, Lin Zhanhan, Elder Ge and the others sat together, occasionally laughing out heartily.

Everyone was chatting about the benefits they had gotten from the Sacred Land of Panacea this time around. They also felt that it was a pity that they could only stay here for a day. How nice would it be if they could stay for a year.

Everyone knew what Luan Luan had gained and they all felt that what she had gotten alone was already a big win for Qing Clan. Right now, Qing Clan had improved by great leaps and bounds.

After having their meal, Qing Shui called out his demonic beasts and put them on guard. With Luan luan around, he was assured. He then told the others not to disturb him unless there was something urgent, before he entered his tent and then the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal.

Upon entering, Qing Shui took out boxes with the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl and the Hallow Fruit. He had sealed them in boxes for storage previously and wanted to take them out now.

After much consideration, Qing Shui still decided to let the Spirited Snake Turtle into the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal's pond. It was a major contributing factor for how big the realm had become since it was a guardian spiritual creature which had the effect of Area Dominance.

Throughout such a long time, the Spirited Snake Turtle had always been very quiet, so much so that Qing Shui had almost forgotten about it. After taming this demonic beast, he had basically not paid it much heed.

In the past, the old turtle in the crystal palace had given him a Water Repelling Pearl or Divine Turtle Spirited Pearl but he had returned it to the old turtle. Right now, looking at the Ancient Spirited Turtle Spirit Pearl's introduction, it had seemed that this was very much similar to the Divine Turtle Spirited Pearl but their effects seemed to be different. One was extremely amazing while the other was edible even though it was also very amazing.

Qing Shui gave it some thought and still finally decided to give it to the Spirited Snake Turtle. He had originally wanted to give it to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant but decided against it on the thought that the effect would be heavily reduced.

Qing Shui called out the Spirited Snake Turtle and handed it the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl. The Spirited Snake Turtle appeared far from ordinary to Qing Shui. It was just like a combination of a huge python and a huge turtle. Moreover, it was a spiritual species.

After seeing that pearl, the Spirited Snake Turtle's eyes shot up with a powerful glow of yearning. It took a look at Qing Shui and in that moment, it was as if he could see the turtle's eyes or snake's eyes having a hint of hope and questioning.

Qing Shui could now communicate with the Spirited Snake Turtle through his consciousness but he didn't do so this time. He could tell what it meant and nodded. The Spirited Snake Turtle bit the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl and then swallowed it down directly.

Qing Shui hadn't thought of what powerful demonic beast this Spirited Snake Turtle could grow into. He only treated it as a guardian beast for the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal with the Area Dominance effect.

After swallowing the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl, the Spirited Snake Turtle became very quiet and Qing Shui also looked at it quietly. After the time it would take for one to drink a cup of tea passed, the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl still continued to stay there without moving. This made Qing Shui very stumped.

Just as his imagination was running wild, the Spirited Snake Turtle let out a short cry which sounded very weird. Then, its snake-like head and tail, as well as its turtle shell let out a rustic glow.

"It's bigger!"

Qing Shui watched as the Spirited Snake Turtle's body gradually grew bigger. At the same time, the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and the pond was also growing bigger. Before he could feel surprised, he realized that there was a scorching aura on his forehead.

His spirit energy had increased, no, his overall cultivation levels were all increasing.

Qing Shui looked in a daze at the Spirited Snake Turtle which was still changing.

He had never expected that it could caused him to become stronger and it seemed to be very much stronger than before. It was because he realized that his physical strength had already increased by 20 stars but the rate was starting to slow down.

It stopped. Qing Shui looked at the Spirited Snake Turtle which was now bigger than it was before by several times. It was only about ten meters to begin with and a now it was over 30 meters. Compared to other old turtles, the Spirited Snake Turtle looked more savage and the runes inscribed on its turtle shell looked extremely profound. Qing Shui was astonished to see that its strength had increased from almost none to 100 stars.

The Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl was a condensation of 20% of the essence to a 10,000 Years or more Spirited Turtle's essence but it seemed unbelievable that it had let the Spirited Snake Turtle become a demonic beast with a strength of 100 stars directly.

He looked at it with his Heavenly Vision Technique.

Spirited Snake Turtle, a spirit beast of the Heaven and Earth, with an ancient bloodline, with the nature of Area Dominance. It allowed its owner's spirit energy depletion to be reduced by 20% and spirit energy damage received to be reduced by 20% too.

#### Excellent!

Although it still couldn't participate in fights, Qing Shui felt really good. Right now, what he was most afraid of were spirit energy attacks. It was just like when he had encountered the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent in the Sacred Land of Panacea. If his spirit energy was powerful enough, the prowess of his Divinity Protection would definitely increase. The prowess of the Divinity Protection had a direct relation with the amount of his spirit energy.

20% reduction in the depletion of spirit energy allowed Qing Shui's primordial flames to be able to sustain longer. 20% reduction in the damage received from spirit energy allowed the person who attacked with his spirit energy to cry helplessly.

To think that his strength had now increased by 25 stars. Right now, Qing Shui's physical strength alone was at 175 stars. He was getting closer and closer to his goal.

He looked at the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal which had grown to be about two times as big as before. Qing Shui felt that it was a great decision that he had given the Ancient Spirited Turtle Pearl to the Spirited Snake Turtle. The Spirited Snake Turtle shouldn't have reached a mature age yet but it

already had the strength of an early Martial Emperor. Turtle' lifespan could only be described as terrifying and with the Spirited Snake Turtle guarding the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal, Qing Shui had nothing to be worried about.

Although the Spirited Snake Turtle was now bigger, so was the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal and the pond. Right now, it was like a small-scale lake, giving Qing Shui a great sense of satisfaction.

He then looked at the Hallow Fruit. Qing Shui was very agitated. In all, the greatest takeaway he got this time around was this Hallow Fruit. Even when compared to the Mysterious Fruit, it wouldn't lose out and might even be better.

However, his understanding of this item was only based on what that was recorded in historical books. The Hallow Fruit could be refined into medicinal pills and there wasn't a need for any other medicinal herbs. Of course, he could also add in stuff like the Golden Snake Grass, Silver Snake Grass or other items which could increase his success rate.

The Hallow Fruit was the legendary sacred fruit which could be used by both demonic beasts and humans. However, legend had it that it was very dangerous to eat a Hallow Fruit, since most people wouldn't be able to withstand the impact of the powerful energy. Therefore, this was why the historical books had records of people using the Hallow Fruit in alchemy, refining the Hallow Pill.

Qing Shui didn't have any hesitation. Right now, he felt that his spirit energy was powered up. Moreover, the Spirited Snake Turtle could allow the depletion of 20% of his spirit energy. This was a great benefit for when he performs alchemy and refining demons. 20% was very powerful.

He had no lack of Golden Snake Grass and thus, Qing Shui wasn't too nervous in refining the Hallow Fruit, just a little. After all, the Hallow Fruit was extremely precious. However, even if most people were to get their hands on it, they wouldn't be able to refine or use it. Of course, there would be exceptions when one has Golden Snake Grass.

Without the Golden Snake Grass, the success rate of refining the Hallow Fruit was horribly low. There were many records of such things in historical books but most of the people involved would purchase Golden Snake Grass regardless of the price they had to pay. They would then find a powerful alchemist to refine the Hallow Fruit.

While it seemed like it was very easy for Qing Shui to get his hands on the Golden Snake Grass that wasn't the case. When he first got the Golden Snake Grass, there was the Golden Jiao King and it was primarily because he had the Pure Gold Fishing Rod. And this time around, there was even a 6,000 stars Golden-Back Giant Crocodile Emperor. One had to raid the item from the mouth of dangers...

Refining. This time around, Qing Shui hoped that he would be able to refine more Hallow Pills. This refining was to condense the fruit into micro size. While the Hallow Fruit was translucent, even blades wouldn't be able to harm it in the least.

Qing Shui prepared the Vital Essence Pill and the other items before he started refining. The time he had in the Realm of the Violet Jade Immortal had just started and even if the entire process took a whole eighty-one days, he wasn't afraid of being kicked out.

In the blink of an eye, one month passed!

Qing Shui had no distractions in his mind. In the middle of the process, he had already taken four Vital Essence Pills. He had already dissolved the Hallow Fruit and was now condensing it. Qing Shui now understood that it was extremely difficult to refine the Hallow Pill and there would probably not be many people who would be able to withstand the spirit energy depletion.

All of the alchemists mentioned in the historical books who had refined the Hallow Fruits were extremely powerful and were prominent characters of the time. Even if ordinary alchemists had gotten their hands on the Hallow Fruit, they wouldn't be able to do anything to it.

Another month passed by!

By now, most of the Hallow Fruit had already condensed. If there was even a little mistake or if he couldn't withstand it, the whole thing would explode. Taking form didn't mean that it was a success.

Time was a powerful sign in alchemy. One times one (one day), two times two (four days), three times three (nine days), four times four, five times five, six times six, seven times seven (49 days), eight times eight (64 days) and nine times nine (81 days). Nine was the maximum and under ordinary circumstances, the longer the duration, the stronger the medicinal pill. While this was how the principle went, it wasn't something absolute.

Another four days passed and Qing Shui focused all of his attention on the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron. His two hands moved about slightly. The primordial flames were now so weak that they was almost non-existent.

#### Ding!

The familiar melodious rang out, causing Qing Shui's heart to calm down but great happiness surged. When the primordial flames in his hands slowly extinguished, Qing Shui just laid down on the spot.

Although he didn't feel like sleeping, he still decided to take a break. It would still take some time before the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron cooled down and he had some time to sleep.

After eight hours, Qing Shui woke up promptly, rejuvenated and was in peak form.

He quickly sat up and opened the Golden Flint Iron Cauldron. A spiritual aura came out, making one feel refreshed yet enlightened. It was like a light fragrance but at the same time, it wasn't. However, it was more addictive than any other fragrances.

The Hallow Pills were snow-white like jade and were glittering and translucent. They were the size of soybeans and exuded a holy glow. Qing Shui quickly took out a specially made porcelain bottle and stored all of them inside, leaving only one behind.

99 pills!

Qing Shui was astonished by the number. In the historical books, the highest number of Hallow Pills refined by a person was only 49.

Chapter 1000 - The Almighty Hallow Pill, The Surge of Power (1)

Looking at the last remaining Hallow Pill, Qing Shui was filled with intense excitement. He then poured out 40 or more pellets, almost half of the 99 pellets and proceeded to store the other half inside the bottle before sealing it shut.

He took another bottle and stored the pellets he had poured out inside it. After the pellets were contained in the bottle, he closed the opening as means of sealing it completely. However, he could still open the bottle anytime. He knew he wouldn't be needing the other half that had also been sealed for the time being.

Right now, Qing Shui was filled with hope as he observed the Hallow Pill in front of him.

Heavenly Vision Technique!

Hallow Pill: A pellet refined from the Hallow Fruit, allowing the user to gain a power with the strength of 100 stars. This pellet could be consumed by both demonic beasts and humans, which could strengthen the power of one's bloodline, enhancing their natural talent. Each demonic beast and human could only consume a maximum of two pellets. Consuming more than two would not yield any more results. Only those with Martial Emperor cultivation were allowed to consume the pellet, otherwise the possibility of severe injury to the meridians would occur.

When he read the description of the Hallow Pill, his hands trembled with astonishment. The pellet was too powerful and too terrifying - nothing less expected from a pellet refined from the Hallow Fruit. The Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent was protecting the fruit when he encountered the dreadful beast, so he knew the fruit must be extremely powerful. Despite knowing that, he was still blown away by the information received about the Hallow Pill.

He was dumbfounded for a while until he managed to calm himself down. Indeed, the pellet was powerful but only those with Martial Emperor cultivation could consume it. However, it wasn't that surprising, given that only those above Martial Emperor level would possess enhanced capability and strength, thus allowing them to endure the powerful effect of the pellet.

Qing Shui was deep in thought for quite a while before he made up his mind and took out a number of Hallow Pills from the bottle. He decided to feed the pellets to the Five-Headed Demonic Spider, Fire Bird, Diamond Gigantic Elephant and the Spirited Snake Turtle!

Even though both Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Fire Bird did not possess the power of more than 100 stars, they could still be considered demonic beasts of an early stage Martial Emperor. Moreover, the bloodlines of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant and Fire Bird weren't a problem for them to be able to consume the Hallow Pills.

The Five-Headed Demonic Spider had already possessed the strength of a Martial Emperor, which would be the same case for the Spirited Snake Turtle as well. In any case, he didn't need to worry. After watching his demonic beasts consume the Hallow Pills, he stood aside and waited for any sign of their development patiently.

When he thought about Luan Luan's demonic beasts, he felt happy for them, yet sad at the same time. He was naturally stronger than his own demonic beasts but Luan Luan was different - she was far weaker than her own demonic beasts. There was no need to be concerned about that, as her powers would surely surge in the future. After that, he turned his thoughts towards his demonic beasts and

quickly felt unsatisfied about their speed - they were not as fast as he imagined. But that could change and he had a feeling that the change would come very soon. They had unique bloodlines and the Hallow Pills were said to have the capability to enhance their bloodlines with certainty.

Qing Shui looked at the pellets and decided to save some for Luan Luan, as well as for Qing Qing. His sister has a very powerful demonic beast too.

#### Roar!

Qing Shui didn't expect that the first demonic beast to show any reaction would be the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. A clear roar was surprisingly high-pitched and the metallic roar was more distinct, almost like a dragon's roar, albeit only slightly. All in all, the roar was a pleasant sound to his ears.

The halo surrounding the Diamond Gigantic Elephant flashed abruptly, turning into a ray of golden light instantly and only for a while. Qing Shui looked at the current Diamond Gigantic Elephant and noticed no visible changes to its body. However, its elephant head had changed slightly - it had become a bit ferocious. The slightly longer neck had become twice as thick as before and the nose had shrunk to less than half of its previous length. Qing Shui felt the current appearance of his demonic beast was more appealing to his eyes and he felt quite happy about it.

The elephant looked quite sturdy and a bit violent, as well as savage looking. Qing Shui continued to observe the slightly different appearance of the head before he activated his Fiery Golden Eyes to analyze its power.

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant had its power surged towards the amount of 130 stars! It could only gain the strength of seven stars during Qing Shui's exploration in the Sacred Land of Panacea.

Dragon Elephant Force: A passive ability that could increase the overall power by four times permanently!

Qing Shui was stunned. The Dragon Elephant Force had unexpectedly increased from three times to four times. The Hallow Pill was indeed a great item, allowing the powerful bloodline of his elephant to receive a great benefit for its skill.

Mighty Elephant's Recklessness: Twice the power of the indiscriminate attack that could lock onto a maximum of ten targets.

Mighty Elephant Stomp: Great Perfection Stage. The stomp could unleash ten times the power of its attack damage.

Still a bit weak in his opinion, otherwise the force of this stomp would be extremely deadly.

Instantaneous Diamond Evasion: Instantaneously flash towards the perimeter of 300 meters!

Diamond Sword Qi: The Diamond Gigantic Elephant would spout a burst of Core Qi attack that could prove to be extremely lethal. This ability could decrease 20% of the opponent's speed that would last about an hour.

Vajra Subdues Demons: After activating this skill, opponents within the surrounding perimeter of 100 meters would lose 10% of their overall power. This effect would last for an hour!

Ferocious Diamond Attack: The Diamond Gigantic Elephant's instant physical attack. This skill could double the attack power of its physical body.

Dark Infernal Flames: The ability to launch the Dark Infernal Flames attack against any opponent!

Diamond Gigantic Elephant could unleash a power of 650 stars under the effect of the Dragon Elephant Force. But what caught Qing Shui by surprise was the Dark Infernal Flames, which was an ability the elephant had after consuming the Demonic Beast Origin Essence Soul Pearl a long time ago. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant hadn't had a chance to use it in a battle. All he could remember was that the black flames that appeared under its feet resembled four lotus flowers in full bloom.

The flames would always stay beneath its feet, so Qing Shui eventually forgot about the Dark Infernal Flames ability. Moreover, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant hadn't even used it once, even when it was left to unleash its attacks of its own freewill.

When the elephant had finally calmed down, Qing Shui proceeded to feed another Hallow Pill to his demonic beast. At the same time, the black flames surrounding the Fire Bird had already faded, allowing Qing Shui to observe its change.

The color on Fire Bird had became darker, essentially turning its body to a full black color. The overall power of the Fire Bird was now the strength of 150 stars. It had also gained a strength of ten stars during its time in the Sacred Land of Panacea.

Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens: A passive ability with zero energy consumption. The Fire Bird would gain four times the power permanently. All subsequent skills would require half the energy to unleash!

No change. Qing Shui quickly read through the rest of Fire Bird's data. With the exception of increasing its power by 100 stars, nothing else had changed. However, Qing Shui decided to try his luck and fed it another Hallow Pill.

Fire Bird's power was instantly boosted by the strength of 150 stars, which would become 750 stars under the effect of the Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens. The destructive power of the Phoenix Dance of Nine Heavens could reach the strength about 1500 stars - an advantage of being a demonic beast of powerful bloodline. If only its power was a bit higher, the damage power would be boosted to a terrifying amount in an instant.

But that shouldn't be a problem to latch onto right now after feeding it two Hallow Pills. Qing Shui was still happy to see that his demonic beasts had gained a tremendous amount of strength and had their abilities enhanced.

After the time required to burn an incense stick had passed, the Five-Headed Demonic Spider was beginning to show an exceptional change. The body of the spider had become sturdier and it had finally reached a power of 220 stars. While in the Sacred Land of Panacea, the spider had gained a strength of 12 stars as well. The Five Qi Origin was also able to allow the spider to gain five times the amount of its overall power permanently, boosting its power to about 1300 stars immediately.

Like the other two, Qing Shui also fed one more Hallow Pill to the Five-Headed Demonic Spider. He was also aware that it would be quite difficult for the spider to grow out the sixth head but once it could, it would be a terrifying breakthrough that would surpass his expectation.

When he recalled the Seven-headed Scarlet Serpent he had encountered in the Sacred Land of Panacea, he sensed a difference between this beast and his Five-Headed Demonic Spider. The ancient records stated that the Five-headed Scarlet Serpent would have at least the power of 10,000 stars. It seemed like there was a huge contrast between the bloodline of the spider and that of the serpent. Naturally, the Five-headed Scarlet Serpent was exceedingly stronger than the Five-Headed Demonic Spider. Perhaps the spider could reach the power of 10,000 stars as it continued to grow out its heads but he had no idea when that would be. It could be during the growth of the sixth head or its seventh head...

Just then, he recalled hearing the voice of the Five-Headed Demonic Spider during their telepathic communication with each other. The spider had the voice of a little girl, which caused Qing Shui to think that this Five-Headed Demonic Spider was different than the common spiders one would encounter almost anywhere in dangerous areas. Just as he was about to delve into his nonsensical thoughts, the Diamond Gigantic Elephant began to emit a golden halo once again.

Qing Shui rubbed his nose. The Hallow Pill seemed to be the right palate for the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. Fire Bird's change was less exceptional than that of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant. He remained enthusiastic as he waited to see the final change of the elephant as soon as the halo light began to fade away.

But what he got was a great shock to his heart!

The giant elephant's head had changed. It was a bit ferocious before but it was still visibly an elephant's head. This time, it was more ferocious and most importantly, the half-shortened nose was completely gone. The head was more like a dragon's head now. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant looked quite docile before but now it was the complete opposite. Moreover, there was a murderous intent emitting from the elephant. The will to battle was quite intense, much like the will of a large behemoth battling in a war zone.

Although the Diamond Gigantic Elephant didn't look quite docile, Qing Shui regarded its current look as more magnificent than before. Others would only look at it with envy due to the golden gleaming figure of his demonic beast. The overall look of the elephant felt quite solid and substantial, with the highlight of its features mostly on its ferocious yet impressive head......

The Diamond Gigantic Elephant currently has the power of 230 stars and most importantly, the Dragon Elephant Force had jumped to another level, allowing the elephant to gain five times of its overall power permanently.

It was hard to believe that the Hallow Pill could allow the Diamond Gigantic Elephant to undergo a tremendous change like this, with the others skills being exeptions as they did not change this time. With the current state of the Dragon Elephant Force, Diamond Gigantic Elephant could reach a power of nearly 1400 stars. The Mighty Elephant Stomp and the Ferocious Diamond Attack had the ability to multiply the power of its attack, which could turn its power to about 2800 stars. While the Mighty Elephant Stomp could be used to strike against ten targets, the Ferocious Diamond Attack could only be used against one target, making it seemed like the latter would be useless in an actual battle against multiple enemies.

Regardless, Qing Shui was quite satisfied with the tremendous changes to the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, which led his demonic beast to gain a whopping 227 stars of power with two Hallow Pills. Qing

Shui hadn't applied the supplementary power he had received from the elephant onto himself yet. The mass formed in his Dantian seemed quite impressive at the moment too.

Before Qing Shui could think of the amount of supplementary power he would gain from the Diamond Gigantic Elephant, Fire Bird abruptly let out a high-pitched cry, which was followed by a circle of black-colored halo enveloping the entire body of his demonic beast.

Instantaneously, the black halo turned darker, as black as ink. Qing Shui felt a bit excited, yet dubious at Fire Bird's current situation. He was looking forward to its change but he couldn't help but feel odd when the color of Fire Bird's body was beginning to turn darker.

When the halo finally faded, Fire Bird had turned from the previously fiery red color to a completely pitch-black color. The black was as cold as night but the color looked magnificent on Fire Bird nonetheless. However, Qing Shui was more worried for his children, because they might be frightened by the black color Fire Bird was currently wearing.

'Impressive' was one word to describe the current Fire Bird. Qing Shui could feel an aura of coldness, as well as an air of ferocity emitting from the Fire Bird. Of course, this was nothing new to him as Fire Bird was already fierce and magnificent to begin with.

Fire Bird's power had reached to the strength of 250 stars. When he turned to read the Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens, he burst out laughing.

Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens: A passive ability with zero energy consumption. The Fire Bird would gain five times the power permanently. All subsequent skills would require half the energy to unleash!

The amount of power gain of the Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens had changed to five times. Under the effect of this skill, the Fire Bird could reach the power of 1500 stars immediately. The Diamond Gigantic Elephant's Dragon Elephant Force, Fire Bird's Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens and Five-Headed Demonic Spider's Five Qi Origin were all passive abilities that would last forever without the need to activate the skills manually. Additionally, no energy would be consumed and these abilities would only grow accordingly to overall power of the respective demonic beasts. This was way better than an instantaneous increase to its power. Such a powerful battle skill like these could only be possessed by demonic beasts of the Martial Emperor level. Moreover, Fire Bird's power could be doubled or tripled but anything beyond that would be considered rare in most circumstances.

Fire Bird's other skills did not change but Qing Shui was already satisfied with the changes to the Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens. Under the influence of the Phoenix Dance of Nine Heavens, Fire Bird could unleash a damage power about 3000 stars but only for a limited time and uses. Luckily, the cooldown time for the skill was quite short, so Fire Bird could use it again in no time.

Qing Shui was extremely satisfied with his Fire Bird. The color change of his demonic beast was due to the awakening of its bloodline. That was a change worth celebrating but because Qing Shui was used to the color red, the sudden change to black as dark as the calligraphy ink would require a bit more time to get used to.

What Qing Shui had always striven for was power. Regardless of the color change of his Fire Bird's body, he had no qualms about it as long as his demonic beast continued to become stronger. After he was

done observing his Fire Bird, he then turned to the Five-Headed Demonic Spider, who did not change at all.

Could it be that the Hallow Pill was more effective towards certain bloodlines?

The Dragon Elephant Force of the Diamond Gigantic Elephant received twice the upgrade, jumping from three times increase of power to five times increase of power. Fire Bird's Dark Phoenix of Nine Heavens had jumped from four times the effect to fives time the effect of its power.