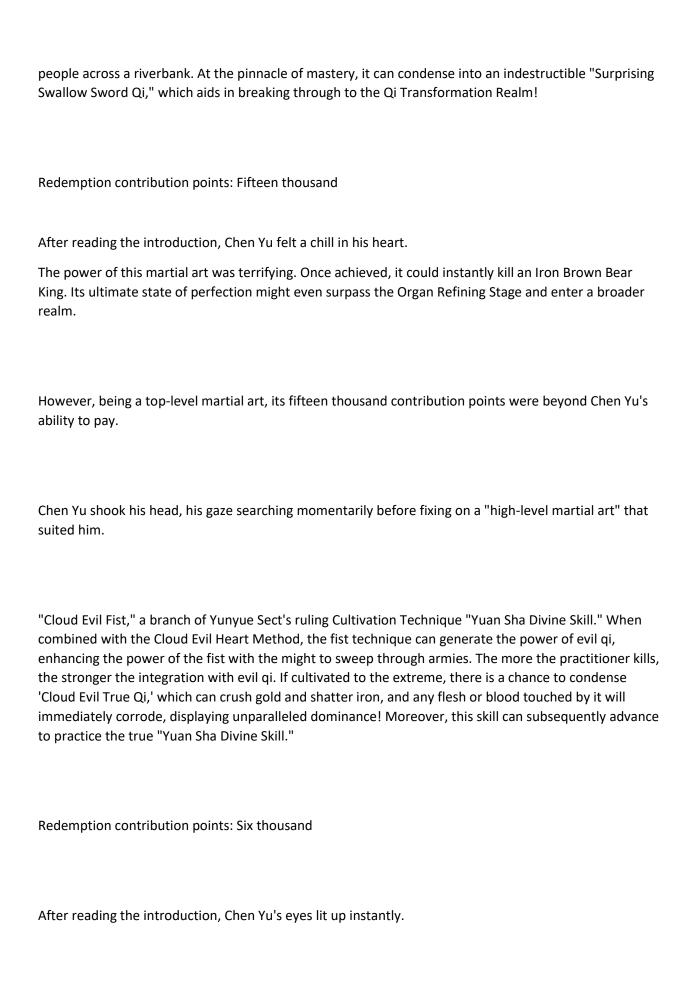
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Chapter 14: Copper Statue Technique

At this moment, when Mu Xueqing faced the noble man in front of her, her tone carried a hint of helplessness, yet she dared not easily offend him.
Because the other party was Chu Country's "Seventh Prince," with a noble status, and the powerful energy of the royal family behind him could affect the rise and fall of her own family.
Families like the top three in Xiangyang City were completely beneath their notice.
At the same moment,
Chen Yu had taken a step forward and entered the second floor of the Heavenly Martial Pavilion.
The space on the second floor was smaller, and the martial arts manuals placed here were reduced by more than half compared to the first floor.
However, most of the martial arts here were high-level, and there were even a few top-level ones, requiring an exorbitant amount of contribution points.
"Surprising Swallow Sword," a sword that strikes like a startling swallow, exorcising demons and slaying monsters! When this sword technique is cultivated to great success, it can cut through water and harm



As a high-level martial art, the "Cloud Evil Fist" was so domineering in power that it almost rivaled top-level martial arts. Additionally, the progression of this Cultivation Technique could lead to the choice of Yunyue Sect's ruling Cultivation Technique "Yuan Sha Divine Skill"!
Compared to other high-level martial arts that required four or five thousand contribution points, the cost-effectiveness of "Cloud Evil Fist" was extraordinarily high.
But soon, Chen Yu saw the reason.
There was a note below the introduction of "Cloud Evil Fist."
It stated: This skill has certain drawbacks. Since it is not the original entry-level of the "Yuan Sha Divine Skill," it is easy for practitioners to have their minds influenced by evil qi during practice, risking deviation and insanity. Non-willful individuals are advised to learn cautiously.
Upon seeing this, Chen Yu could not help but feel a bit hesitant.
The power of "Cloud Evil Fist" was domineering, and its cost-effectiveness was high, but its drawbacks posed a life-threatening risk.
Immediately, Chen Yu searched for other high-level martial arts.

The martial arts on the second floor were all high-level or even a few top-level ones, and their number was not large.
Among them, Chen Yu did not have enough contribution points for the top-level martial arts.
As for high-level martial arts, they generally required four to five thousand contribution points, and their power and prospects were not as good as "Cloud Evil Fist."
Of course, there were high-level martial arts that were on par with "Cloud Evil Fist."
"Golden Wave Saber," like a golden wave when drawn, sweeping through autumn leaves. This saber technique is balanced in offense and defense. When cultivated to great success, the saber waves can cut bridges and waterfalls; the ultimate condensation of 'Golden Pattern Blade Radiance' can cut people through walls and almost rival Postnatal True Qi!
Redemption contribution points: Seven thousand
In high-level martial arts, this saber technique was also outstanding, and its power was not much inferior to "Cloud Evil Fist."
The important thing was that this saber technique was balanced in offense and defense without any drawbacks.

However, unfortunately, it was a saber technique.
The best advancement Cultivation Technique for Chen Yu would focus on fists and palms. The style and meaning of "Cloud Evil Fist" also fit well as an advancement for the "Iron Plow Fist."
"Among the Cultivation Techniques that suit me, the power and cost-effectiveness of 'Cloud Evil Fist' are higher."
Chen Yu's eyes flickered.
Just as he was about to make a decision, a voice came from behind.
"Xueqing, it seems that your contribution points are a bit lacking to exchange for 'Wind Shadow Steps.' Would you like me to give you two thousand contribution points?"
The voice of the Seventh Prince came through.
"Thank you for your kind offer, Your Highness. 'Wind Shadow Steps,' being the best high-level movement technique here, I am only a bit more than a thousand contribution points short. Going out for a task should be more than sufficient," Mu Xueqing courteously responded.

Hmm?
Chen Yu couldn't help but turn around, just in time to see the captivating girl in his memory.
"Brother Chen?"
Mu Xueqing's graceful figure stiffened, and her bright eyes happened to meet Chen Yu's.
When she first entered the second floor, she noticed that silhouette, but only found it somewhat familiar and did not recognize Chen Yu.
At this moment, the changes in Chen Yu's image slightly surprised her.
It's only been a little over ten days, and the boy, who was once naive in her impression, had grown a few inches taller, with a whiter and more radiant complexion; his aura and demeanor exuded an indescribable masculinity and competence.
It even reached a point where Mu Xueqing almost didn't recognize him at first glance.
Perhaps even Chen Yu himself hadn't realized that after merging with a mysterious heart, his body and mind had undergone a complete transformation from the inside out.

At that instant, Mu Xueqing's heart couldn't help but skip a few beats.
"So Xueqing is also here to choose martial arts."
Chen Yu calmed his emotions.
At that moment,
He finally made a decision, decisively grabbing the "Cloud Evil Fist" manual in front of him.
"'Cloud Evil Fist'?"
The Seventh Prince's eyes were sharp, and the corners of his mouth curled into a playful smile, "You, an Outer Disciple, have enough contribution points to exchange for this nearly top-level martial art?"
"Why not?"
Chen Yu remained expressionless. He did not know the Seventh Prince, but from his attire and demeanor, he could see this person's extraordinary nature.

After speaking, he took the "Cloud Evil Fist" and walked out.
Mu Xueqing's bright eyes flickered with curiosity; did Chen Yu really have that many contribution points?
It should be noted,
The "Wind Shadow Steps" she intended to exchange for, being the best high-level movement technique here, required only four to five thousand contribution points.
"Young man, are you sure you want to exchange for this martial art and intend to use it as your primary practice?"
A red-faced elder appeared out of nowhere.
"Yes, senior," Chen Yu replied solemnly.
The red-faced elder couldn't help but shake his head, "Aside from the intrinsic danger of 'Cloud Evil Fist,' this martial art, as a branch of the ruling Cultivation Technique, has high demands on martial aptitude."
Yet, his words did not sway Chen Yu.

The red-faced elder spoke no more, handing the complete version of the "Cloud Evil Fist" manual to Chen Yu and deducting the contribution points.
Seeing Chen Yu successfully exchange for the "Cloud Evil Fist," both the Seventh Prince and Mu Xueqing showed surprise.
"Haha, your friend is quite something."
The Seventh Prince slightly narrowed his eyes, seemingly a bit interested in Chen Yu.
Of course, as the Seventh Prince of Chu Country, he saw no reason to provoke an Outer Disciple for no reason, nor would he regard the other as a competitor.
This young man before him only piqued his interest slightly, nothing more.
Upon receiving the full manual, the red-faced elder, as was customary, issued some warnings to Chen Yu.
First, the borrowed manual must be returned within two months, without copying any duplicates.
Second, the manual is for personal practice only and must not be circulated.

Violating any of these rules would lead to abolition of cultivation and expulsion from the sect according to the rules!
"Xueqing, since this boy has exchanged for 'Cloud Evil Fist,' how could you, as an Inner Sect Disciple, do any less? If needed, I can provide you with the remaining contribution points anytime."
The Seventh Prince maintained a genteel smile and demeanor.
He vaguely guessed Chen Yu's identity and used it to motivate Mu Xueqing.
"No."
Mu Xueqing still shook her head, not accepting the Seventh Prince's offer.
The Seventh Prince wasn't annoyed, gazing at Mu Xueqing as she descended the stairs, a hint of a smile on his face, "Interesting, this girl can withstand the temptation of external benefits multiple times. Her high character is quite unexpected. However, getting such a woman is the real achievement."

Chen Yu, with the "Cloud Evil Fist" in hand, walked down from the second floor of the Heavenly Martial Pavilion.
He was about to leave when his steps suddenly halted.
He waited for a moment, watching as the Seventh Prince and Mu Xueqing left. It appeared that Mu Xueqing had not accepted the Seventh Prince's favor.
"Youngster."
The red-faced elder appeared beside him, holding a wooden box.
"Senior, why did you call me? Is there something you need?"
Chen Yu inquired respectfully.
It turned out, while descending the stairs, he suddenly heard the elder's transmission, asking him to stay for something.
"Old as I am, I cannot bear to see such a fine foundational physique wasted. Here's a unique Cultivation Technique which might be worth a try for you."

As he reached the end, the red-faced elder opened the wooden box in his hand.
The box revealed a dusty, ancient yellow manual, with even a layer of dust visible on top.
"'Copper Statue Technique'?"
Chen Yu accepted the manual, blowing off the thick dust to reveal its title.
He couldn't help casting a skeptical look, "If this were truly a great Cultivation Technique, would it be locked away like this? It seems it hasn't been touched for many years."
"Ahem!"
The red-faced elder coughed lightly, "Boy, what's with that look? This Cultivation Technique, if mastered, is only stronger than your 'Cloud Evil Fist.'"
Could it really be that formidable?
Chen Yu was greatly surprised; if its power was beyond "Cloud Evil Fist," wouldn't it be a level higher than top-level martial arts?

"However."
The red-faced elder paused, "This martial art cannot be given to you for nothing. At its original value, it's worth at least six to seven thousand contribution points, but I am willing to offer it to you for a discount, at only twenty-five hundred."
"But why have I never heard of the 'Copper Statue Technique'? It seems no one practices it?"
Chen Yu couldn't help but say.
No matter how he looked at it, the dust-covered manual gave him an unreliable feeling.
Coincidentally, after paying the twenty-five hundred contribution points, Chen Yu's contribution points were just about used up.
"The choice is yours. This 'Copper Statue Technique' is indeed peculiar, requiring extremely stringent physical conditions from the practitioner, and one needs immense perseverance to successfully cultivate it."
The red-faced elder maintained a solemn expression, awaiting Chen Yu's final decision.

"Alright."
Chen Yu finally agreed, reasoning that with the elder's high status in the sect, he was unlikely to deceive him too greatly.
Moreover, he dared not refuse the elder's kindness repeatedly. Without the support of a sect elder, how could he continue in Yunyue Sect?
"Very well."
The red-faced elder smiled satisfactorily and exchanged the "Copper Statue Technique" with Chen Yu.
In this way,
Chen Yu left the Heavenly Martial Pavilion with the martial arts manuals of "Cloud Evil Fist" and "Copper Statue Technique."
Swish!
As Chen Yu departed, a white-bearded elder appeared before the red-faced elder.

"You actually gave the 'Copper Statue Technique' to an Outer Disciple. No one has succeeded in cultivating this skill for nearly twenty years."
The white-bearded elder stated.
"Heh, just a small gamble. If successful, it would be of great help to that plan."
The red-faced elder wore a crafty expression.
"Alright, it's my turn to take over guard duty," the white-bearded elder replied indifferently, evidently not hopeful about the red-faced elder's gamble.