

Domination 271

Chapter 271: Chi Xiaodao's Secret Crush

Li Qiye stayed at the Lion's Roar Gate for a short period of time. During this time period, outside of teaching this elder about the alchemy dao and cultivation, he was contemplating about the Ghost's Origin Ancestral Key.

As a result of his contemplation, he began to see some clues and found out a few secrets of the key along with some of its profundity.

The Lion's Roar Gate treated him as the most esteemed of guests during his stay. If Li Qiye didn't already have a sect, then the gate would have tried to recruit him. They would even let him enjoy the benefits of an elder.

"Brother Li, there will be a dao lecture party later inside the imperial city; do you want to go?" Chi Xiaodao, who had disappeared for several days, rushed in and told Li Qiye; he was clearly unable to hide his excitement.

Li Qiye noticed this excitement so he immediately looked at him and said: "Your excitement, don't tell me your spring is coming? It is only a dao lecture; do you need to be so excited for something so ordinary?"

"This..." Chi Xiaodao was quite embarrassed after being seen through by Li Qiye and gave a mirthless smile.

At this time, a voice rang from the door as Chi Xiaodie was standing right there. She looked at her little brother and said: "Princess Bao Yun is coming." [1. Princess Bao Yun = Princess Jewel/Treasure Cloud.]

Chi Xiaodao immediately forced a fake smile and spoke to cover it up: "There will be many people coming this time. One could say that all the heroes and young talents of the Eastern Hundred Cities will be there."

"However, Princess Bao Yun will definitely be there, right?" Chi Xiaodie looked at him and finally said: "If you like her, why don't you tell her? Since you like her, don't worry about the Tiger's Howl Gate. Be courageous and tell her, then chase after her!"

With a greatly changed expression, Chi Xiaodao replied: "Sister, leave me alone. Even you, yourself, is not in control of your own situation. You clearly don't like Sima Longyun so why didn't you oppose the proposal from the Furious Immortal Saint Country and speak to Royal Father?"

Chi Xiaodie immediately lost her colors once the conversation changed to this matter. She didn't say anything before turning around to leave.

Chi Xiaodao could only sigh as he watched his sister walking away and shake his head. He also wanted to help her, but his sister wouldn't talk to their Royal Father about it; there was nothing he could do.

"What is this matter about Princess Bao Yun all about?" After Chi Xiaodie left, Li Qiye smilingly asked Chi Xiaodao.

Chi Xiaodao coughed and revealed some embarrassment, but he still spoke: “She is the princess of the Bao Yun Clan; I met her at an event three years ago.”

“You like her?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh at seeing his expression.

Chi Xiaodao bashfully smiled and said: “This...” He hesitated for a bit before continuing: “I don’t know how to say this... I, I like her, but I don’t know if she likes me or not.”

“If you like her, then go after her, there’s nothing to be afraid of.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “You are not bad at all. Don’t tell me you feel that you are not good enough for her?”

Chi Xiaodao wryly smiled and shook his head: “It’s not like that; however, I heard that the Tiger’s Howl Gate had already proposed to the Bao Yun Clan, and the master of the clan is very willing to become in-laws with the gate. I heard this matter will very likely be successful. Some news even said that Hu Yue of the Tiger’s Howl Gate came several times to discuss about this marriage.” Having said this, he gave a dejected look. [2. Hu Yue = Tiger Peak.]

Seeing Chi Xiaodao looking so sad, Li Qiye burst out in laughter and said: “A free man and an unmarried woman; if you like her, then just go for it. The Tiger’s Howl Gate is just proposing and she hasn’t married him yet. You can compete for her against the Tiger’s Howl descendant — this is not a big deal. Even if she was married already, you can still rob her away. That year, Immortal Emperor Fei Yang did this kind of thing before.” [3. Fei Yang = Soaring/Fly. There is another Immortal Emperor Fei, but Fei and Fei Yang are different.]

“Brother Li thinks too highly of me, you even compared me with Immortal Emperor Fei Yang. I know who I am very clearly.” Chi Xiaodao said with a wry smile.

He hesitated for a moment before speaking: “I won’t hide it from Brother Li. I also want to court Princess Bao Yun, but unfortunately...” He sighed at this point and then said with some disappointment: “My Lion’s Roar Gate, today, is not the same as the Chi Clan of the past. We have fallen, and the Bao Yun Clan would not put my Lion’s Roar Gate in their eyes with our current status within the Eastern Hundred Cities. At the same time, my gate cannot compete against the Tiger’s Howl Gate.”

“The current Tiger’s Howl Gate is a grand sect; even though it cannot compare to Immortal Emperor lineages, they are still quite illustrious and influential within the Eastern Hundred Cities. My Lion’s Roar Gate is far too lacking compared to them.” Chi Xiaodao then bitterly smiled and kept on going: “If my grandfather personally came forward to propose for me, then there would be a little bit of hope. Unfortunately, after my grandfather went into his death meditation, he never showed his face again.” [4. Reminder, death meditation is a very important cultivation. Either break through successfully and leave, or die in there. It is a last chance/resort.]

“It is nothing special.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “So be it, I will be a good person to the very end. If you want to court girls, I will support you. Go ahead and boldly chase after this Princess Bao Yun. As long as she likes you back, everything will be easy. If this Bao Yun Clan does not agree, I will help you beat them up until they agree. If this Tiger’s Howl Gate dares to steal your woman, I will beat them until even their parents wouldn’t be able to recognize them.”

“This...” Chi Xiaodao’s mouth was wide open after hearing Li Qiye’s domineering words. This was a bit too tyrannical.

“But, but, the Tiger’s Howl Gate and the Bao Yun Clan are great powers renowned in the Eastern Hundred Cities! It is not so easy to mess with them; my Lion’s Roar Gate is definitely not their match.” Chi Xiaodao hesitantly spoke.

Li Qiye calmly declared: “With me here, everything will be fine as long as you can win her heart. Your Chi Clan and me are brought together by fate, so I will help you to the very end.”

The Chi Clan Ancestor was an absolutely loyal general under Li Qiye, and he died in the Immortal Massacre War. Today, Li Qiye also liked Chi Xiaodao so, out of love for his ancestor, Li Qiye decided to lend him a hand.

Chi Xiaodao’s heart couldn’t help but beat faster. Before this, his cultivation was stuck; one could say that his heart had turned cold and became drowned in despair about this matter. Today, his matter was taken care of and he could cultivate normally again. This was his renewed hope as his will to fight surged once more.

“So? You don’t even have the courage to chase after a girl?” Li Qiye smilingly said after being met by Chi Xiaodao’s hesitation.

Chi Xiaodao clenched his fists and said: “Good, even Brother Li will support me. If I don’t try my best, then it would be a shame to your goodwill! Don’t worry, Brother Li, I will not back down. If she doesn’t like me, then so be it. However, if she is willing, then no matter what, I will battle to the end!” At this point, his blood was boiling as his fighting intent surged high.

Li Qiye laughed and patted his shoulder before saying: “Now you sound more like a man.”

Chi Xiaodao was quite bold at the moment. At this time, his feelings were out of control and he wished that he could see Princess Bao Yun right away.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile after seeing Chi Xiaodao’s current appearance. Young love was quite a sight — worthy of remembrance. After traversing the eras, there might not be a woman capable of causing his heart to burn brightly like this anymore.

“So your sister will marry that little pretty boy, Sima Longyun?” Li Qiye asked about a different matter.

Chi Xiaodao was worried about this matter. He shook his head and said: “Not marry, but the Furious Immortal Saint Country had come to propose even as early as two years ago. And recently, they have been more fervent about it. My Royal Father is a bit unable to withstand their pressure while my grandpa has not said anything about it.”

“What is your father’s opinion on this? Or rather, what is your sister’s opinion on this?” Li Qiye asked.

Chi Xiaodao shook his head in response: “As for my sister, there’s no need to say it. Basically, she does not like Sima Longyun. However, if my Royal Father truly tells her to marry him, then she has no choice! She had always sacrificed herself to protect the Lion’s Roar Gate. If she were to decline, then maybe it would bring about some attacks from the Saint Country. Even if my sister is not willing, she will agree to this marriage for the sake of the Chi Clan and the gate.”

“What is your father’s opinion?” Li Qiye asked.

Li Qiye didn't have much to say about Chi Xiaodie, but out of love for the Chi Clan Ancestor, he will still lend her a hand.

Chi Xiaodao bitterly smiled: "If my Royal Father was willing, then he would have already married her off. Royal Father believes that the Saint Country only wants our supreme Immortal Physique Law and that they have no good intentions. If my sister wanted to marry, then he wouldn't stop her. If she didn't want to, then he wouldn't force her either. However, in my opinion, if the Saint Country keeps on pressuring my Royal Father, then I'm afraid my sister will agree to protect our country."

Having said this, he couldn't help but sigh. He desperately wanted to help out his sister, but with his strength alone, how could he fight against a monster like the Furious Immortal Saint Country?

"Furious Immortal Saint Country." Li Qiye smiled. He knew its Progenitor — a grand completion Immortal Physique. He went on to say: "The lower Tyrannical Immortal Physique Law — it is flawed."

"My Royal Father also guessed the same thing!" Chi Xiaodao shockingly exclaimed: "Brother Li also knows this secret!"

"It is only a secret for now." Li Qiye smilingly said. The Furious Immortal Ancestor cultivated the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique, one of the twelve Immortal Physiques. After he reached grand completion, he swept through the Eight Desolaces. This matter was quite shocking at that time. There used to be a saying in that era — unless an Immortal Emperor came out, no one would be able to defeat him!

In fact, Li Qiye — as the Dark Crow — had seen his Physique in that era! The truth was that his Physique was flawed; even though people said that he created a supreme law for the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique, unfortunately, he was missing just one part. Logically speaking, he had no chance of reaching the grand completion stage of the Immortal Physique, but he obtained a miracle that allowed him to survive the powerful Physique tribulation. If it wasn't so, then he surely would have died under the terrifying tribulation.

Chi Xiaodao emotionally said: "My Royal Father also thought the same. He speculated that they only want our Immortal Physique Law. After their Progenitor, they no longer produced another grand completion Immortal Physique so my Royal Father guessed that there is a problem with their law. They want to start with our Immortal Physique Law in order to find a solution."

Chapter 272: Goddess Mei Suyao

Chi Xiaodao's ancestor was Lion Monarch Ba Xian. The Lion Monarch cultivated the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique. During that era, people said that he himself personally created a supreme Immortal Physique Law, but others said that he obtained an extremely ancient version of this Physique Law.

Li Qiye looked at Chi Xiaodao and asked: "Does your Lion's Roar Gate have the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique Law?"

A supreme Immortal Physique Law was something coveted by all great powers. Even Immortal Emperor lineages wished to obtain such an item.

"This..." Chi Xiaodao hesitated for a moment before finally answering Li Qiye: "This is our Chi Clan's secret, but since I owe Brother Li a great debt, I can divulge a thing or two to you. The truth is, I don't

know the exact details. Our ancestor's supreme law has been lost, but ten years ago, my grandfather went to the Heavenly Dao Academy because my maternal ancestor had cultivated at the academy. And so, my grandfather hoped to find an answer there. After his return, he underwent his death meditation and he never revealed the exact details to us..."

"... My grandfather is a natural born Saint Physique. Alas, his youth was a struggle since he did not have a suitable Saint Physique Law, thus his Saint Physique suffered great limitations. Regarding this meditation session, my grandfather told me that if he was successful, then he would obtain a grand completion Saint Physique. Because of this, outsiders always thought that my grandfather found our ancestor's supreme Immortal Physique Law. However, since outsiders didn't have absolute certainty, there have not been people attacking all the way to our door yet." At this point, Chi Xiaodao was quite worried. Their current Lion's Roar Gate was weak and far from being a match for a gigantic monster like the Furious Immortal Saint Country.

Li Qiye smiled and understood the inside reasonings, then he asked: "All the elders are devilishly training via meditation while maintaining a heavy guard. Is this to prevent outsiders from stealing the supreme Immortal Physique Law, or is it for a different reason?"

"I'm afraid that it is both." Chi Xiaodao wryly smiled and said: "At the same time, it might be out of fear of an attack from the Saint Country so they made good preparations. Ever since the Saint Country came to propose to my sister, my Royal Father ordered for us to be on guard. My Royal Father himself does not dare to leave the Lion's Roar Gate and had always been residing inside the imperial city, lest he risks internal unrest."

Li Qiye stroked his chin and asked: "When is your grandfather coming out? I want to meet him for a bit."

He still had the treasure box of Lion Monarch Ba Xian in his possession. This was meant to be passed down to his descendant. The Lion's Roar Heavenly King, Chi Xiaodao's grandfather, was the descendant of Lion Monarch Ba Xian.

"It's hard to say, and I also don't know. Royal Father said that if grandfather was successful, then it could be within three to five years. If not, then it would not be any time in the foreseeable future." Chi Xiaodao said.

Li Qiye pondered for a moment after hearing such an answer. His karma with the Lion's Roar Gate was not shallow. The Chi Clan Ancestor was his general while there was a karmic fruit formed between him and Lion Monarch Ba Xian.

"Brother Li." At this time, Chi Xiaodao lifted his head to look at Li Qiye while scratching his head, then he asked: "How do you feel about my big sister?" He wanted to hook Li Qiye up with his big sister. In fact, he also felt that Li Qiye was completely worthy of his big sister.

Li Qiye simply smiled and didn't answer Chi Xiaodao.

"I understand." Chi Xiaodao wryly smiled. Even a supreme character like Bing Yuxia could only be a maid in Li Qiye's world; even though his sister was the Lion's Roar Princess, but compared to Bing Yuxia, no matter whether it was their status, beauty, or talents, she was far from being Yuxia's match.

Bing Yuxia could only be a maid in Li Qiye's eyes, let alone his sister.

“Brother Li must come to this dao preaching.” Chi Xiaodao became spirited and changed the subject: “The person preaching the dao this time is quite amazing; maybe this person could enter Brother Li’s sight.”

Li Qiye smiled and asked: “What makes you say that?”

“The dao preacher this time is the Eternal River School’s Goddess Mei, the contemporary number one prodigy of the Eastern Hundred Cities. She can also be considered the number one person in the region.”

Chi Xiaodao quickly explained to Li Qiye. He couldn’t help but admire Goddess Mei. In fact, no one would be able to stay calm when it came to Goddess Mei of the Eastern Hundred Cities.

“Eternal River School.” Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and murmured.

Chi Xiaodao continued on: “Yep, the Eternal River School, the Eastern Hundred Cities’ number one sect. Goddess Mei is its current successor, and she is also their spokesperson for this generation.”

Only admiration could be found when the name Eternal River School was brought up at the Eastern Hundred Cities. Even in the entire Mortal Emperor World, this name was like thunder next to one’s ears.

Eternal River School — one sect three emperors! One of the most ancient heritages in the Mortal Emperor World. There were only a few existences capable of being compared to the Eternal River School, such as the Southern Barren Earth’s Mysterious Bamboo Mountain from the legends. [1. Cool fact, the man with the wound in his chest in the coffin at the peak of the Burial Ground was most likely from the Mysterious Bamboo Mountain.]

One sect three emperors — just how frightening was this existence? A sect with dual emperors, like the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, was enough to become the most powerful heritage in the Grand Middle Territory.

This one sect three emperors Eternal River School was unfathomable. It was established in the ancient Desolate Era and thrived all the way to the Desolace Expansion Era, to the Ancient Ming Era, and then the Emperors Era until now. It was a heritage that embedded itself through the rivers of time in the Mortal Emperor World.

It could withstand the test of time without any sign of declination; this was indicative of its monstrous might.

“A bit interesting.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile. Eternal River School ah! In that distant era, it once had quite a memorable item.

Chi Xiaodao went on to say: “Goddess Mei is the successor of the Eternal River School. She is now travelling throughout the world in this era to cultivate. She has been part of the mundane world for very long now and had preached the dao for many geniuses. In recent years, many prodigies chose to follow her. My Royal Father paid a hefty fee to invite her to preach the dao at our imperial city during her travels.”

“Upon hearing this, needless to say about the geniuses in my country, even the prodigies of nearby heritages and countries all came running in hopes to hear her preaching the dao in person. It is not

convenient for my Royal Father to show himself this time, so my sister is the host for this dao preaching session.” Chi Xiaodao explained.

Li Qiye let a smile bloom and looked at Chi Xiaodao before saying: “Is your father using this dao preaching opportunity for your sister to meet some men, or is he using this opportunity to climb up the Eternal River School?”

“Umm...” Chi Xiaodao coughed and had to answer: “Probably both. Many geniuses from the powers nearby will come here to listen, and my Royal Father hopes that my sister could find someone she loves. If my sister marries away, then the Saint Country can’t really say anything else.”

Li Qiye simply smiled and did not add anything else. He only thought that the Royal Lord of the Lion’s Roar Gate truly gave his daughter a lot of consideration.

“For this dao preaching session, my sister will be the host and I will only be helping out.” Chi Xiaodao quickly said: “How about Brother Li help my sister out? I trust that Brother Li can deal with anything.”

Although Chi Xiaodao understood that his sister didn’t have a chance and that his efforts were useless, he still tried his best to create such an opportunity for his sister.

“I’ll just watch from the outside.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “You and your sister can take care of such a small matter.” How could he not know Chi Xiaodao’s intentions?

Chi Xiaodao said no more. After staying together with Li Qiye, he understood that one must grasp their own opportunities. His sister really missed a good chance and didn’t win Li Qiye’s favor.

Goddess Mei’s dao preaching at the Lion’s Roar imperial city became sensational news throughout the entire country, maybe even the entire Eastern Hundred Cities. In just a short amount of time, there were many rowdy discussions.

Countless cultivators came to see the famous person, especially the younger generation who were too excited in wanting to see the supreme air of the goddess.

“Goddess Mei, the Eternal River Successor; the person who entered the secular world, Mei Suyao! Anyone who had ever met Mei Suyao all proclaimed that a person like her should only appear in the high heavens. For what reason did she descend down to the mortal world!?”

There were once countless saintesses and princesses along with noble daughters who were proud of their appearances and talents, but rumor has it that after these girls met Mei Suyao, they couldn’t help but become dejected with low self-esteem from being utterly eclipsed. They became afraid of walking together with Mei Suyao and didn’t dare to compete with her.

Mei Suyao was not simply a person entering the secular world from the Eternal River School. Her fame was also not because of a shallow reason like her beauty. The more frightening part was that legends stated that she was a natural born Immortal Bone — unrivaled and extremely rare even through the rivers of time.

A cultivator’s talents had to do with their Life Wheel, Physique, and Fate Palace. Outside of these three things, other things rarely had a direct effect on cultivation, but an Immortal Bone was one of these rare things.

Moreover, an Immortal Bone was extremely unique and rare. Rumor has it that a person with the Dao Bone would be invincible in their era. There was even a rumor stating that a person with the Dao Bone was comparable to having an Immortal Physique!

Of course, they were only legends and people could not gather accurate speculations because ever since time immemorial, very few people had the Dao Bone.

However, Mei Suyao's Dao Bone was even more amazing. Legend has it that her Dao Bone was located between her eyebrows. This was the soulbone, so it was called the Immortal Soulbone. [2. Soulbone is a made up term. 眉心, or eyebrows + heart/soul/mind/intelligence is the area between the eyebrows, usually where there dao markings or the third eye in eastern literature is; it's an extremely important/profound part of cultivation. But this doesn't translate too well into English, and I especially didn't want a medical term so I'll use soulbone for this.]

Hearsay stated that the Immortal Soulbone was the number one Immortal Bone. Whether this was true or not, people did not have a way of finding out. However, Mei Suyao possessing an Immortal Soulbone was extremely frightening.

The Immortal Soulbone could turn complexity into simplicity. This meant that no matter the merit law, even if they were Emperor Laws or Heaven's Will Secret Laws, as long as Mei Suyao took a glance, she would immediately be able to grasp their profundities. She could learn anything in an instant.

This was still not the most terrifying matter. Rumor has it that Mei Suyao's Immortal Soulbone far exceeded people's imaginations. She could drain the Heavenly Dao and surpass the True Gods; she was completely unique in this world.

As the successor of the Eternal River School and someone who had entered the secular world, Mei Suyao's natural born Immortal Soulbone was unfathomable. Not to mention the younger generation, even predecessors were wary of her.

Chapter 273: Dao Preaching Event

The imperial city of the Lion's Roar Country suddenly became very lively after the news of Mei Suyao coming to preach the dao traveled far and wide. The sea of people was ten times larger than normal. One could say that anyone who had previously heard of her good name all wanted to see her supreme elegance. Even if they had no way of getting close to the goddess, catching just a glimpse of her from the distance was more than enough.

"Rumor has it that she also wanted to go to the Southern Barren Earth before this. I didn't expect her to return so soon." In just a short period of time, the entire bustling imperial city, no, the entire country was talking about Mei Suyao.

"Yeah, I did hear that Goddess Mei went to the Southern Barren Earth to visit the Mysterious Bamboo Mountain." An informed cultivator immediately spread the word.

After hearing this news, there were some Enlightened Beings and Ancient Saints who were not too surprised; one Ancient Saint couldn't help but say: "Eastern Eternal River, Southern Mysterious Bamboo — the two strongest contemporary forces of the Mortal Emperor World. Both of these grand heritages

are one sect three emperors. The descendants of these two sects have a tradition of competing against each other; Goddess Mei going to the Barren Earth to visit the Bamboo Mountain is quite ordinary.”

“The descendant of the Bamboo Mountain this time is also quite amazing. I wonder who won in their competition?” A southern cultivator knew even more about this matter.

“Goddess Mei’s dao preaching is like the deluge of heavenly flowers fluttering down from above, causing others to lose their way back home. After it is over, it becomes ingrained into the hearts of the listeners and it won’t dissipate for a long time. Three years ago, I had the fortune of listening to Goddess Mei preaching the dao back at the Eternal River School. I benefitted so much from it that I won’t be able to forget it for the rest of my life.” A young prodigy who once heard Goddess Mei’s dao preaching before didn’t mind traversing millions of miles to come here. Those who had previously heard her preaching became even more charmed and lost.

The Lion’s Roar Gate was only a minor country. There were very few great sects inside its territory and there was also a paltry amount of cultivators. However, after Mei Suyao arrived, there were so many cultivators here that it crowded the imperial city.

The Lion’s Roar disciples mustered all of their strength in order to maintain order within the imperial city. The entire gate expended quite a bit of effort regarding this matter.

In fact, the royal lord of the Lion’s Roar Gate spent a great deal of time contemplating in order to successfully convince Mei Suyao to have her preach the dao at their imperial city. [1. The royal lord is Chi Xiaodao’s father.]

The country actually used the imperial palace’s garden as the place for her dao preaching. [2. This is a big deal because the imperial palace is always meant for the king and his harem.]

Countless cultivators wanted to enter the city in order to hear this dao preaching session, but it was not such an easy matter. If everyone could enter the imperial palace, then the palace itself would be flooded. As such, they all had to go through a selection phase before being able to join in.

First, all the older cultivators were declined at the door. This was because Mei Suyao’s dao preaching was extremely beneficial to the younger generation, so the older ones shouldn’t take this opportunity from the young. Second, people with too low of a cultivation would also be kicked out. In the end, for the weaker ones, even if they were to hear the dao preaching, they most likely would not be able to understand. It would be like playing the zither to an ox. Third...

As the host and organizer for this session, Chi Xiaodie was extremely busy. Even Chi Xiaodao had to arrange many things and became as tired as a servant.

Of course, even if he was even more drained, Chi Xiaodao would still be smiling nonstop. This brat was this cheerful due to a very simple reason — because the Princess Bao Yun in his heart was also coming to listen to Mei Suyao.

Especially after sweeping through all of his previous worries, Chi Xiaodao became even more bright. After winning Li Qiye’s support, he was determined to chase after the princess and he wanted to see her as soon as possible.

The only free person at the Lion's Roar Gate was Li Qiye. He stayed behind in secluded meditation without caring for external matters. He would stroll around the gate during his free time to bask in its scenery, so he spent his time quite comfortably.

Li Qiye finally entered the imperial city one day before the dao preaching event. He noticed that it was filled with people and shook his head, thinking that this was a bit too much. The current Mei Suyao of the Eternal River School was not necessarily able to transcend the Eternal River Progenitor — Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui! [3. Xiu Shui = Water Sleeve. Hmph, sleeve made out of water? It is a bit of a weird title. Her affinity is of course water because it is the Eternal River School. Sleeve must be describing her gentle and elegant manner.]

Just imagine that year when Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui, Jue Tianyu, was preaching her dao. Not to mention the Mortal Emperor World, even the cultivators and rulers from all over the Nine Worlds came just to see her prestige. However, at that time, she was not even an invincible Immortal Emperor. [4. Her real name is Jue Tianyu, meaning Severing the Heavens.]

Thinking back to that far era with its lustrous romantic spring filled Li Qiye with remembrance. During that era, he did not have the strength to personally groom an Immortal Emperor. Back then, Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui was truly renowned in this world with her extreme talents; even the kings of all the Nine Worlds fell over for her.

Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui, the Eternal River Progenitor, the person who formed the emperor foundation that allowed the Eternal River School to stand strong throughout the ages! Li Qiye couldn't help but become emotional as he looked towards the Eternal River School's direction. Their first meeting was truly something worth remembering.

Eternal River School — one sect three emperors. Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui was its progenitor and one of the very few female Immortal Emperors.

The school had three Immortal Emperors: Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui, Immortal Emperor Nu Zhan, and Immortal Emperor Guan Feng. Even though it was considered one of the strongest heritages of the Immortal Emperor World, only Immortal Emperor Nu Zhan was human. Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui, on the other hand, belonged to the first branch of the Charming Spirit Race. [5. Nu Zhan = Furious Battle, Guan Feng = Observing Phoenix or Phoenix Gate]

The Charming Spirit Race were the high heaven's favored child, and it could be considered the most gifted race out of the myriad of races.

Immortal Emperor Xiu Shui came from the Charming Spirit Race and finally became an invincible Immortal Emperor with the Heaven's Will. Her life could be considered to be the most brilliant during the Desolate Era. Even though many eras passed, even today, many people still relished in her old tales.

"Immortal Emperor ah, that year..." Li Qiye couldn't help but lament after recalling the old matters from a long time ago.

"Goddess Mei has arrived!" Right when Li Qiye was in a daze while recalling his past, the imperial city suddenly went into an uproar as waves of people like primordial wild beasts rushed out. As Li Qiye was just standing there, he was pushed around until he arrived at the side of the monstrous crowd.

“Goddess Mei is here, hurry and come watch.” Suddenly, deafening cries resounded everywhere. Both men and women were excited, especially the younger males who were extremely obsessed.

Li Qiye could only smile while shaking his head at the sight of these obsessed male cultivators. He had witnessed this familiar scene countless times throughout the ages.

“Gallop gallop gallop...”

A horse carriage approached on a winding path that had faint green smoke, just like a rainbow in the sky. Anywhere this horse carriage passed seemed to turn into a paradise. It was as if there were hundreds of flowers showing off their beauty amongst the lush vegetation and flowing springs.

One could feel the immortal rhythm even before the person appeared. The loud imperial city fell silent in an instant. It was quite frustrating being at this scene as countless cultivators in the imperial city were constantly pushing each other.

However, when this carriage arrived, it was as if the ruthless summer had turned cold; a sensation penetrated one’s soul, allowing them to be very refreshed.

The carriage driver was an old man and Mei Suyao was nowhere in sight. The only discernible thing was a faint shadow inside the horse carriage; it was like a graceful present, like a fairy coming into being — extremely peerless.

This graceful shadow swayed countless cultivators in the city. At this moment, all of them held their breath and stared at the faint shadow inside the carriage.

“It is Goddess Mei...” A person excitedly murmured, but even with all of his enthusiasm, he didn’t dare to say it loudly.

Li Qiye glanced from the far distance with a smile while gently shaking his head. This was too exaggerated. However, the Eternal River School was truly formidable to be able to groom such a descendant. Li Qiye didn’t look for a long time so he quickly entered the imperial palace.

When Mei Suyao’s carriage traveled by, another unit came in suit. This unit was extremely gallant and all of their mounts were mysterious beasts, including heavenly stallions, winged tigers, and even dragonhorses...

This unit was led by a young man. He was extremely handsome and tall and was adorned with silver armor and a silver spear. His aura was extremely bright; he would be the swan amongst the chickens no matter where he went.

“It is Saint Child Qian Yue!” A person recognized his identity after seeing him. [6. Saint Child Thousand Mountains.]

An Eastern Hundred Cities’ cultivator said: “Saint Child Qian Yue is truly sincere. I heard that he became charmed the first time he laid his eyes on Goddess Mei. He wanted to chase after her and was willing to be her follower, but unfortunately, Goddess Mei declined him.”

“Yeah, I heard that when Goddess Mei went to the Southern Barren Earth to preach the dao, Saint Child Qian Yue also followed.” Another cultivator added.

“Saint Child Qian Yue was someone loved by all in the Eastern Hundred Cities. How many girls have fallen for him? But who would have thought that he was willing to lose it all just to follow Goddess Mei. He’s even willing to become her servant.” A girl said with regret.

An Ancient Saint predecessor shook his head to say: “It is easier said than done regarding being accepted into the Eternal River School, especially its first branch; being admitted into the first branch is harder than reaching the sky. The first branch — in the secular world — represents the Eternal River School; only amazing geniuses throughout the eras were able to join this branch. I heard that Immortal Emperor Nu Zhan and Immortal Emperor Guan Feng all came from this branch! Saint Child Qian Yue is indeed a dragon and phoenix amongst men within the Eastern Hundred Cities, but it is impossible for him to enter the first branch. Otherwise, countless young prodigies of the cities would be willing to follow Goddess Mei.”

“No matter what, we have to enter the imperial palace this time to listen to Goddess Mei.” A young prodigy clenched his fists tightly and set his goal.

Even watching Mei Suyao from afar or just a glimpse of her beautiful shadow was enough to make people swoon and cause them to go crazy.

Chapter 274: Heaven’s Secret Valley

This was the appeal of the Eternal River School, and this was the personal charm of Mei Suyao.

Mei Suyao’s dao preaching event started right on time in the palace garden. The garden of the imperial palace was quite aesthetically pleasing as there were ancient trees and vines filled with the fragrances of grasses and treasure medicines along with pretty blooming flowers. There were also flood dragons swimming in the pond along with old turtles and spirit cranes...

Although the Lion’s Roar Gate was no longer the same as it used to be and was far less powerful than the great powers, as the descendants of the Chi Clan, it still had a certain strength that was apparent from witnessing the palace garden.

Many young prodigies who qualified to be inside had entered a long time before the start of the event to not miss such a rare opportunity. It was as if a waterfall made of people was entering the imperial palace. Some prodigies were riding their ancient chariots, signaling the pride of their clans. Others rode rare and precious beasts while some soared with their flying swords. Then, there were those who were sitting on their treasure mountains and came from above...

In a short amount of time, the palace garden became very bustling and crowded. Most of these young prodigies all had exceedingly high statuses. There were princesses and saint child as well as descendants from the great powers or giants from different countries...

As the organizers, the Chi duo were quite busy. They quickly greeted the guests that came from everywhere without any breaks.

The young prodigies all came in groups of three or five. They were all dragons and phoenixes amongst men. It was quite a beautiful spectacle to behold when all the men were extraordinarily handsome and all the women were pretty enough to cause fishes to drown and the birds to fall down from the sky.

These groups were talking about all the important matters inside the Eastern Hundred Cities and other geniuses of the great powers.

“I heard Ba Xia was in the vicinity. I wonder if he will run here for this event or not.” A young Saint Child said.

Many of them were quite wary of Ba Xia. A royal prince shook his head and said: “I hope he doesn’t come here. That guy is too crazy and will always cause trouble wherever he goes.”

“He has been even more insane recently. Some people said that his Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique made some progress. I wonder if he had surpassed his minor physique tribulation or not.” A different friend said.

Ba Xia, the descendant of the Furious Immortal Saint Country, was the oldest royal prince. This was an amazing character, and he cultivated the country’s defining treasure — the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique!

A descendant from an ancient sect smiled and said: “Don’t worry, Ba Xia will definitely not come. Just recently, he was chasing a fierce beast and entered an ancient ridge. I’m afraid he won’t be able to come back so soon.”

“Ba Xia might not come, but his martial junior brother, Sima Longyun, will definitely come.” The royal prince said.

A Saint Child sneered and said: “What is so special about Sima Longyun? He is only one of the forty-eight Xiantian Physiques! He simply relied on the prestige of his older brother, Ba Xia. Hmph, he himself is very unlikely to be more powerful than me.”

Places with people will have jianghu; even the people of the younger generation of the Eastern Hundred Cities were not always friendly to each other. There was jealousy and revenge amongst many other things... [1. Jianghu, or rivers and lakes, is a hard concept to translate to English in one or two words. An easier way to think of the word jianghu is that it is the cultivation world in a xianxia.]

On the other side, there was another group of prodigies discussing the matters of the cities. An oldest disciple of an ancient sect with a lot of information revealed: “I heard that Great Child Yao Guang came out from his meditation.” [2. Yao Guang = Brilliance.]

All the sitting prodigies were shivering in their mind after they heard the name Great Child Yao Guang and changed their expressions. In fact, they couldn’t be blamed. When it came to the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom, not too many people could stay calm within the Eastern Hundred Cities.

The Brilliance Ancient Kingdom was one of the oldest kingdoms in the Eastern Hundred Cities — one sect two emperors. Very few heritages could compare to its true strength.

Great Child Yao Guang, Zu Huangwu, was extremely talented as he also possessed two emperors’ best techniques. [3. Huangwu = Emperor Martial.]

“Three years ago, Zu Huangwu came to the Heavenly Dao Academy to challenge Yue Yi. After returning home, he went into secluded meditation without leaving. This time, since he came out, I’m afraid that he has merged both of his emperors’ arts. At this time, Yue Yi might no longer be his match and only

Goddess Mei would be able to suppress his prestige in the entire Eastern Hundred Cities.” A Royal Noble emotionally said while sitting.

A royal prince shook his head and rejected that notion: “Not necessarily. I heard that Deity has arrived. Someone saw him descending down from the sky straight into the Heavenly Dao Academy with their own eyes!” [4. Deity here is not an actual god, but it is the combination of the two words god (shen) + man (ren). It is signifying the greatness or transcending factor of this person; just a really prestigious title.]

“Deity Jikong Wudi!” When this person was brought up, even the prodigies sitting nearby were alarmed and they all came together. [5. Wudi = Unbeatable or unequalled. One can clearly sense just how arrogant and great this name is, just like the character along with his title.]

“The Space Trample Mountain’s descendant wants to enter the secular world — truly great ah. Could it be that he wants to compete for the Heaven’s Will of this generation against Goddess Mei?” Another Great Child lost his colors and said.

The Space Trample Mountain’s descendant, Jikong Wudi... Even though he debuted very recently, he had already become a legend! People regarded him as a deity. There was even a saying in the contemporary times that, outside of the Eternal River Mei Suyao, no one else was comparable to him.

Even though Deity Jikong Wudi was not from the Eastern Hundred Cities, his fame was widespread and eclipsed countless young geniuses.

The Space Trample Mountain was Immortal Emperor Ta Kong’s heritage. Even though it was considered an Immortal Emperor lineage in the Mortal Emperor World, it was not situated in the Five Desolaces, Eastern Hundred Cities, nor the Grand Middle Territory. It was built in a foreign space, high and hidden in the firmament where outsiders could not easily enter.

“Deity is coming.” Even the most talented prodigies became dejected after hearing this name. A person comparable to Mei Suyao was definitely not just with hollow prestige.

Li Qiye also came. He silently sat in an ordinary obscure corner of the garden and poured his own drink. Even though there were countless Saint Childs and princesses in the garden, Li Qiye didn’t want to start a conversation with any of them. He simply sat there in silence in a forgettable corner.

Li Qiye also didn’t want to go bother Chi Xiaodao, who was very busy at this moment.

“Big Brother is sure enjoying yourself.” After Li Qiye finished drinking a cup, a person immediately poured him another. With a tanned skin color, this young man carried a heroic presence. His body was the embodiment of natural sunlight; especially his little smirk hanging above his slightly dark face, it gave him quite a different style.

This person sat down and immediately poured a cup for Li Qiye while revealing a big smile.

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: “Do you not feel itchy after changing your face every day? Isn’t it a great thing to just be yourself?” Having said that, he started drinking along; he didn’t hand another cup to the young man either.

The young man dryly smiled and said: "Big Brother is messing with me. I am not as confident as Big Brother, heh. I have many enemies at the Eastern Hundred Cities, so I have to hide from the wind." This guy was not a new person, it was Sikong Toutian who escaped some time ago!

At the moment, Sikong Toutian returned once again and actually penetrated the royal palace. This brat was truly skilled; however, he had completely changed his appearance at the moment, and outsiders did not know that he was Sikong Toutian. Of course, he couldn't escape from Li Qiye's eyes.

"Big Brother, the Space Trample Mountain's Deity also came." Sikong Toutian passed a message to Li Qiye.

"So what if the people from the Space Trample Mountain came? What does it have to do with me?" Finished speaking, he drank another cup.

Sikong Toutian hurriedly poured another cup for him and said: "I heard Big Brother killed Jikong Jian back at Ancient Sky City. I'm thinking that Jikong Wudi will find you to get even."

Sikong Toutian himself was quite amazing. However, in front of Li Qiye, he didn't dare to bluster and actually went as far as acting like a little brother.

"You really have some abilities ah, you actually ran over to the Grand Middle Territory in such a short amount of time and found out about this matter so clearly." Li Qiye glanced at him and said: "Are you scheming against me?"

Sikong Toutian's expression immediately changed as he pointed his finger towards the sky and said: "Big Brother, your joke is too much. I, Sikong Toutian, am only a little punk. Big Brother, you are a god from the nine firmaments. Even if I am one hundred times more courageous, I still wouldn't dare to have the slightest shred of disrespect towards Big Brother. Big Brother slays True Gods in the Nine Heavens and massacres Demon Kings in hell. As for such a lowly character like me, I am too busy being respectful and in awe of Big Brother, so how could I have time to even dare be disrespectful towards Big Brother?"

"Fine, stop your flattering." Li Qiye continued on: "If someone who comes out of the Heaven's Secret Valley was a punk, then there are too many punks in this world." Having said that, he placed his cup in front of Sikong Toutian.

With a shiver in his heart, Sikong Toutian immediately turned pale after hearing Li Qiye words! Ever since he came into being, no one had ever been able to see through his origin because it had always been a mystery. He had met countless powerful characters, including Mortal Kings of Ancient Kingdoms, but they were not able to recognize his origin. Yet today, Li Qiye easily revealed his secret.

Sikong Toutian's heart fluttered for a moment before taking a deep breath. Then, he poured more wine for Li Qiye and immediately smiled: "Big Brother's vision is as bright as a torch; nothing can hide from you."

"Don't worry, if you don't annoy me, I won't go to the Heaven's Secret Valley and flip over your Mortal King Palace." Li Qiye nonchalantly said as he looked at Sikong Toutian.

The hands that Sikong Toutian was using to hold the wine gourd couldn't help but shake. He had met countless great characters, but no one was able to make him so fearful like Li Qiye.

“How is the Old Mortal doing?” Li Qiye instilled even more fear into the dazed Sikong Toutian.

Sikong Toutian took another breath to compose himself, then he forced a smile to say: “I won’t lie to Big Brother. In fact, I have never seen Mortal Ancestor in all of my years. I heard the other ancestors say that Mortal Ancestor had been cultivating for a long time.”

“Since he was able to withstand the Heavens, there is still a chance.” Li Qiye leisurely said.

It was very likely that no one in the contemporary times knew of a heritage like the Heaven’s Secret Valley. People who were privy to this were all extremely ancient old undyings and could be considered legendary characters. If these characters were alive in this world, then they were all halting their blood force.

Chapter 275: Princess Bao Yun

“Well, let’s not talk about your Heaven’s Secret Valley anymore; it is just an old and rotten matter.” Li Qiye noticed the fear in Sikong Toutian and didn’t want to make it hard for him.

Sikong Toutian sighed in relief. He had always been very mysterious and he always hid his identity. However, he felt naked in front of Li Qiye as if nothing could escape his eyes.

“It is still better if Big Brother is more cautious about Jikong Wudi.” Sikong Toutian regained his composure and whispered to Li Qiye: “Jikong Wudi is definitely a demon; he is a natural born Saint Fate, Saint Wheel, and Saint Physique! Three saint aptitudes, number one in the contemporary times; even Goddess Mei’s natural born Immortal Bone might not be more devilish than him.”

Anyone who heard about the three saint aptitudes would faint from fear. From the ancient ages till now, not many people actually had three saint aptitudes.

“He is only a three saint aptitudes.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “As long as he doesn’t provoke me, I won’t care for his three saint aptitudes. But if he does, then even if he had three immortal aptitudes, I would still personally destroy his bones! Even if Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was still alive, I would still find him to take care of business!” He said as his eyes narrowed!

He knew who committed the deeds back at the Evil Infested Ridge. If Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was still in this world, then he would use his killing methods to annihilate the Space Trample Mountain!

However, if Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was not in this world, then he was too lazy to find his descendants and destroy the Space Trample Mountain just because of Immortal Emperor Ta Kong’s actions. Of course, if its disciples dared to come bother him, he would be happy to kill all of them.

Sikong Toutian felt a dreadful sensation in his heart after hearing these words as a cold chill surged. He absolutely didn’t think that Li Qiye was just blustering; he was definitely capable of carrying out this task.

“Oh, Brother Li is right here. Don’t be offended at my lack of hospitality.” Chi Xiaodao finally had a chance to take a break from his busy schedule. He noticed that Li Qiye was drinking in the corner so he quickly came to see him.

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Don’t be so overly cordial with me, you are still busy. Look at your sister over there. Even though she is overloaded, she must be very excited.”

“Ah, do you want me to tell my sister to give you a tour of the royal palace?” Chi Xiaodao immediately smiled while looking at his sister.

Li Qiye glanced at him and shook his head: “Okay, Brat, I know what you are thinking. Don’t worry, nothing will happen to your sister. I will help her a little bit about that other matter.”

Chi Xiaodao would not let a single chance of hooking his sister up with Li Qiye slip by, but how could Li Qiye not know his good intentions? Li Qiye was very approving of Chi Xiaodao, but as for Chi Xiaodie ah, it was normal for a golden girl like her to have some arrogance so he had no ill will towards her.

Since Chi Xiaodao was trying so hard for his sister, Li Qiye would help Chi Xiaodie just to give Chi Xiaodao some face.

“Ah, is this a friend of Brother Li?” Chi Xiaodao immediately greeted Sikong Toutian who was sitting together with Li Qiye because he did not recognize him.

“It is that thief.” Li Qiye looked at the embarrassed Sikong Toutian and smilingly replied.

“The little bandit!” Chi Xiaodao stared after hearing Li Qiye’s words and immediately glared with caution at Sikong Toutian: “Little Bandit, why did you come to this place? Don’t ruin this, this dao preaching event is a grand matter to our Lion’s Roar Gate. If you mess it up, then we will have an irreconcilable grievance!”

Chi Xiaodao’s reaction was understandable. He especially didn’t want to mess this event up, and Sikong Toutian — in particular — didn’t have a good history with him. Who knows what heaven-frightening matter he would cause after sneaking into the royal palace?

“Must you be so dramatic?” Sikong Toutian wryly smiled and said: “I am a good person; I came here this time to give Brother Li some news.”

“Really?” Chi Xiaodao skeptically asked: “You even dared to dig the ancestral graves of the Tiger’s Howl Gate; who knows whether you are here to steal our treasures or not!”

Sikong Toutian was suddenly speechless, but there was nothing he could do. His notoriety was quite well known to the point where everyone wanted to hunt him down.

“Don’t worry, I will observe him. Nothing will happen.” Li Qiye didn’t know whether to laugh or cry at Chi Xiaodao’s caution and said.

Sikong Toutian immediately smiled: “Is it okay now? With Brother Li’s assurance, you can rest assured, I will absolutely be good and not do anything. I am only here to hear Goddess Mei’s dao preaching for a bit.”

“If he dares to do anything, I will help you destroy his bones.” Li Qiye also smilingly said.

Sikong Toutian, who was excited for a bit, immediately became dejected, so he had to say: “I definitely will not do anything, I will guarantee it right now!” He patted his chest right after speaking.

“So, earlier you were still planning on doing something bad?” Li Qiye looked at him and leisurely asked.

“No, absolutely not.” Sikong Toutian immediately denied the accusation and pointed to the heavens to swear: “Brother Li, do not worry. I will be a good boy in the Lion’s Roar Gate’s territory; I will not even touch a single blade of grass or a single petal on a flower!”

Chi Xiaodao did not trust this guy even when he swore. His bad name had traveled far and he had committed a plethora of bad deeds, ranging from digging ancestral graves to stealing treasures. When it came to fooling and tricking, he was a master scoundrel. However, Chi Xiaodao was at ease with Li Qiye vouching for him.

“Aizz, is my character really so poor?” Sikong Toutian couldn’t help but moan after being suspected so heavily by Chi Xiaodao.

Chi Xiaodao angrily exclaimed: “How can your character be any good? You still haven’t returned my ingredients back to me. Once you give them back, then we can discuss about your character.”

“Of course, of course, of course I will pay you back.” Sikong Toutian embarrassingly smiled and assured him: “I have been a bit strapped recently. Wait until I find enough money, then I will personally hand everything back to you.”

Chi Xiaodao couldn’t trust such words from Sikong Toutian. He already felt that the medicinal ingredients that fell into the hands of this little bandit were meat buns thrown at dogs; there was no hope of getting them back.

At this time, a round of applause sounded with the arrival of a girl. The flowers would give way while the moon was ashamed at her appearance. There was a hidden sense of nobility which incited a sense of admiration from others because they instantly knew that she was a girl made from golden branches and jade leaves. [1. Golden branches and jade leaves just means a noble girl, or a beautiful girl with high status. I figured I’ll leave it in instead of using peerless beauty all the time.]

The moment this girl came in, Chi Xiaodao — who was wary of Sikong Toutian — suddenly forgot everything and stared at her in a daze.

“The princess of the Bao Yun Clan.” Sikong Toutian explained.

At this moment, even if Sikong Toutian didn’t say anything, Li Qiye would still know after seeing Chi Xiaodao’s expression.

“Xiaodao, hurry up and greet our esteemed guest!” Chi Xiaodie immediately called for Xiaodao after seeing the arrival of Princess Bao Yun. She wanted to give her little brother an opportunity.

Chi Xiaodao regained his composure and glanced at Princess Bao Yun from the distance; he was still a bit hesitant.

“You’re already shy before the battle, this attitude will not do.” Li Qiye reminded him: “Go, demonstrate a man’s courage, you have to be bold to conquer a woman! Whether you are successful or not, you have to let go of it all for one gamble. Even if you fail, it is not a big matter for you didn’t lose anything. If you don’t even give it a shot, then your defeat has already been determined! Losing before the battle begins — this is even more shameful than completely losing after the battle! Remember well, even invincible Immortal Emperors had moments of defeat, let alone you. This is no big deal. Go, the beauty is waiting for you over there!”

Li Qiye's encouragement shook Chi Xiaodao's heart. He took a deep breath and lit up his spirit. His eyes became bright and his aura changed, just like a gladiator inside an arena. He walked towards Princess Bao Yun with an impressive demeanor.

"This brat's spring is coming." Sikong Toutian couldn't help but murmur after seeing Chi Xiaodao's refreshed air.

"I apologize for our poor hospitality when Miss Bao Yun came from so far away to visit." Chi Xiaodao was glowing with confidence as he went to greet Princess Bao Yun. He was already a handsome man so when he exuded so much confidence, it was indeed quite charming.

Princess Bao Yun also revealed a slight smile after seeing Chi Xiaodao and gently nodded her head: "Brother Chi, long time no see."

Chi Xiaodie tried to create a chance for her brother so she immediately told Princess Bao Yun: "Little Sister Bao Yun, I can't accompany you at the moment, so my little brother will be your guide. If he does anything that lacks manners, then just give him a good beating." Princess Bao Yun immediately laughed at Chi Xiaodie's words. Chi Xiaodao also used this opportunity to take the princess to another quiet place away from the people so that they could be alone together.

Chi Xiaodao was a cheerful and talkative person so, in just a short moment, voices of laughter came from that place. Without a doubt, he was getting along very well with Princess Bao Yun.

"I didn't think that this brat would be so good at courting girls." Sikong Toutian stared at Chi Xiaodao and Princess Bao Yun having fun in the distance and said with some surprise.

Li Qiye gave a faint smile and said: "There are no cowards amongst the Chi Clan's disciples. Back in the grand era of the Chi Clan, even during the most dangerous of times, they had always moved forward with their heads held high. Although millions of years have passed and the Chi Clan has fallen, how could the Chi descendants throw away the glory of their ancestors?" Having said that, he couldn't help but feel a bit emotional.

Sikong Toutian was touched and didn't say anything. He had also heard of the Chi Clan's ancestors; a generation of supreme fighters who fought in the Immortal Massacre War and were renowned in the historical annals.

"Sima Longyun came." Someone announced this and many young prodigies stood up.

Sima Longyun came in with quite a personable and extraordinary bearing. His haughty air from his powerful background was apparent from just a glance.

Many young prodigies stood up to greet him as he was quite popular. Both Sima Longyun himself and his upbringing from the Furious Immortal Saint Country decided that he would be high above in status and well-received everywhere.

Chapter 276: Arrogance With No Consideration For The Opponent

Although Sima Longyun was not the clan member with the most promising future and that there was even quite a big gap between him in both background and talents compared to Oldest Prince Ba Xia, but by being bestowed the Royal Noble title at such a young age and having a Mysterious Fate cultivation

meant that he was truly a genius of the Saint Country. He was quite well known in the Middle Eastern Hundred Cities as someone who has a bright future; many of the younger generation cultivators were willing to win his favor.

“Sister is so beautiful tonight, anyone will surely fall in love at first sight once they see you.” Sima Longyun immediately praised Chi Xiaodie upon his arrival.

Even though Chi Xiaodie hated Sima Longyun, but as the host of this event, she had to put on a smile to greet the approaching Sima Longyun.

After he took his seat, Chi Xiaodie let other disciples take care of him. Meanwhile, many other young prodigies immediately rushed forward to greet him in order to form some ties.

As the moon surrounded by the stars and being called friends by everyone, Sima Longyun was riding high with quite an impressive aura. Even though some of the prodigies present did not like Sima Longyun, they couldn't deny that coming from a powerful country like the Saint Country gave him some advantages that other powers could not compare to.

Sima Longyun was laughing and enjoying himself as the star of the room, but when he saw Li Qiye sitting silently in a corner, he suddenly became serious with a feeling of annoyance.

He suffered quite a loss not long ago at the grave auction; he even lost quite a bit of face. Today, when he saw this nobody Li Qiye at this place, how could he maintain his good mood?

“Today, at Goddess Mei's dao preaching session, anyone who can enter are all exceptional people — all prodigies. Don't tell me a few nobodies took advantage of the situation and secretly snuck in?” At this time, Sima Longyun coldly stared at Li Qiye, and everyone here could hear his words.

Thus, many people looked over at Li Qiye who had kept a low profile in his lonely corner this whole time. They only now noticed him after Sima Longyun's provocation. In fact, they didn't even know who Li Qiye was; the Grand Middle Territory was too far from the Eastern Hundred Cities. The previous Difficult Dao Era had just ended recently so very few of the younger generation entered the Grand Middle Territory. It was understandable that they didn't know about Li Qiye.

Many people felt strange regarding Sima Longyun's sudden attack on Li Qiye. Of course, him being arrogant was not a matter of just one or two days, so they weren't too surprised. However, some of them carried a bit of schadenfreude while others lamented the person who provoked the Saint Country. This was causing trouble for oneself, especially as an unknown junior — this was akin to courting death.

Li Qiye, who was drinking alone, lifted his head at this time and saw Sima Longyun provoking him; his eyes couldn't help but narrow.

On the other hand, Sikong Toutian was laughing because he knew this Sima Longyun who doesn't know life from death actually came here to provoke Li Qiye. He wouldn't even know how he died after the matter was over.

“Only contemporary heroes can come to this dao preaching today; you're just a nobody yet you still dare to come here, will you even be able to understand the mysteries of the grand dao? You aren't embarrassed at all.” Sima Longyun smilingly said.

A few young prodigies who wanted to flatter Sima Longyun also added with laughter: “Brother Sima, even if they don’t understand it, there are those who will pretend they do. They will close their eyes and meditate on the ground. Even if they fall asleep, at least others will think that they were listening to the dao preaching.”

A wave of disdainful laughter suddenly appeared. As for the young prodigies who didn’t want to mingle with Sima Longyun, they simply shook their heads and felt that this unknown junior ahead could only lament his misfortune; he would absolutely suffer humiliation after provoking Sima Longyun.

Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and also smiled back at Sima Longyun’s sneering, then he said: “Ah, isn’t this the foolish Sima who used one million refined jades to buy some trash rotten beans? You’re dumb to the point where you can’t even distinguish between good and bad Underworld Rotten Beans, yet you still came running here to listen to the dao preaching session. In this society, even a little three year old child would be able to discern between good and bad Rotten Underworld Beans. You are even dumber than a three year old child! Coming for the dao preaching session — this is even more nauseating than an ox chewing on peony. At least, when an ox does it, it will learn the taste of the peony. As for you ah, I’m afraid you won’t even know how to write the two words ‘dao preaching’ afterwards. You have such a low level of intelligence yet you still don’t mind showing yourself in public...”

“... With your level of comprehension, even if you take off your pants and reveal the short-to-the-point-of-negligible thing on your crotch, you would still be proud of it. It is not shameful to be foolish, but coming here as if you are afraid of others not knowing just how dumb you are, then starting to display your stupidity like this — this is just too embarrassing. You should just go back to your Saint Country’s playground and play in the mud. But watch out, don’t mistake the shit in the manure pit for mud, otherwise the stench on your body will be unbearable.”

Li Qiye leisurely spoke without any sign of annoyance. These words should be coming from a fishwife shouting profanity in the streets, yet when they came from the composed mouth of Li Qiye, they sounded as if they belonged to the preachings of a heavenly scripture. [1. I wonder if this is sexist, but it is a well known “joke” that older ladies, especially vendors, in Asia are the best at cursing and retorts.]

Li Qiye’s profanity turned many people here dumbfounded. Many thin-skin girls couldn’t help but cover their ears. One of them had to complain: “This, this is way too vulgar.”

“That really felt good to hear. I didn’t think Brother Li’s ability to curse people is also like preaching the dao — continuous and readily at hand. This little brother feels inferior at your abilities.” Sikong Toutian burst out in laughter and clapped his hands to cheer Li Qiye.

At this time, Sima Longyun immediately turned red and was ready to vomit blood after being enraged by Li Qiye’s words. After such vulgarity, he couldn’t muster a suitable retort.

“You, you...” Sima Longyun pointed at Li Qiye while shivering. His blood energy then surged as he wanted to cut Li Qiye right at this moment. Li Qiye slowly glanced at him and said: “You, you what? Don’t come outside if you are so intellectually impaired. Stuttering the whole time and can’t even finish an orderly sentence... Run and hide back in your Saint Country, don’t show your face around here and embarrass yourself.”

“You’re seeking your own death...” In just a second, Sima Longyun unleashed his rolling momentum towards Li Qiye. [2. Raw is this thing doesn’t know life from death, but I feel like I typed that out at least 50 times in ED already...]

“What are you trying to do!” At this time, Chi Xiaodie scowled as her pretty eyes became serious with golden lights. Chi Xiaodie already hated Sima Longyun; at this moment, even before the event had begun, he was already causing trouble. This was truly the same as destroying her reputation so she was quite enraged.

Sima Longyun replied: “Sister, this is not me wanting to cause trouble, but this brat is going too far and doesn’t know life from death. Today, I will teach him an unforgettable lesson so that he won’t cause trouble in the palace.” Sima Longyun was still a genius and somewhat witty, so he immediately came up with a decent excuse.

Chi Xiaodie’s angry heart became even more annoyed with Sima Longyun. If she was not cautious of the Saint Country, then she would have immediately kicked a person like this out of the royal palace.

“Brother Li is our Lion’s Roar Gate’s esteemed guest and has been in the palace for some time. How could he have caused any trouble?” Chi Xiaodie said.

“Sister...” Sima Longyun hurriedly said.

But Chi Xiaodie cut him short and coldly said: “I am the organizer of today’s dao preaching session. I do not wish for any controversy; today, I will gladly welcome everyone who came to my royal palace as guests. However, if there are any grievances, then wait until the end of the event and take it outside of the royal palace to resolve it!” Over the years, Chi Xiaodie was very cautious towards the Saint Country so her attitude today was very tough.

“Fine, I will give some consideration to Sister today.” Sima Longyun took a deep breath and suppressed his anger. He then stared at Li Qiye and coldly declared: “You better not leave the Lion’s Roar Country, or you will die without a grave!”

Li Qiye was too lazy to give him another glance and continued to drink. Sikong Toutian poured him another cup right away. To Sikong Toutian, Sima Longyun was not someone that could get into his sight.

Chi Xiaodie silently looked at Li Qiye and secretly shook her head in her mind. She knew that Li Qiye was a bit unfathomable, but she couldn’t understand where Li Qiye got his confidence from. He actually dared to use the strength of one person to provoke the Saint Country. One has to know that the Saint Country was not so easily provoked in the Eastern Hundred Cities, not even by the other great powers.

Chi Xiaodie’s apprehension was not without reason; the Saint Country was indeed very formidable. Their power compared to the Heavenly God Sect — as a newly risen power — was much more impressive.

Unfortunately, Chi Xiaodie simply didn’t know that Li Qiye didn’t put the Saint Country in his mind at all. He even killed experts from the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, so was the Saint Country actually a problem for him?

The atmosphere quickly recovered again after Sima Longyun’s episode. Many prodigies began to have fun conversations again. At the same time, some of them were also inquiring about Li Qiye’s origin. Unfortunately, no one at this place recognized Li Qiye.

Meanwhile, as the moment of the dao lecture drew closer and closer, there were more and more young prodigies arriving. When the curtain of night fell, a lively atmosphere permeated throughout the beautiful garden.

Chi Xiaodie busily greeted these young ones from all the sects and countries throughout the Eastern Hundred Cities. She prepared everything without asking for Chi Xiaodao's help since it was not easy for him to spend some time together with Princess Bao Yun.

At the same time, Chi Xiaodao and Princess Bao Yun got along very well. They were alone in front of a quiet pond outside of the pavilion with quite a romantic atmosphere under the moonlight. Sometimes, there would be laughter from both of them. Clearly, they were very happy to be speaking to one another.

"Haha, Big Brother Li, to be honest, the little girl from the Chi Clan is not bad." Sikong Toutian poured more wine for Li Qiye and said.

Li Qiye glanced at him and asked: "How old are you?"

"Around five hundred, but in front of Big Brother, I am still the little brother." Sikong Toutian smiled "hehe" as he replied.

Li Qiye flicked his sleeve and said: "Fine, stop the flattering, what do you want?"

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"Nothing." Sikong Toutian said with a smile: "The Chi brat is actually not bad. Even though I cheated some medicines from him, I do want to become friends with him; the brat is a good person. I can see that the brat is trying his best to set you up with the little Chi girl..."

"... Although the little Chi girl is a bit arrogant, it is fine for she has not experienced enough things. However, since you treat the Chi brat quite well, if you don't mind the little Chi girl who has eyes yet does not see Mount Tai, then let her stay by your side, even just as a maid. This will be a great fortune to her. At the end of the day, you already have two supreme beauties by your side, adding one more isn't a big deal." Sikong Toutian busily tried to convince Li Qiye.

Compared to the Chi duo, Sikong Toutian's eyes were much more experienced. The Chi duo were still too young and had not seen enough waves and winds. Sikong Toutian was different because he had seen many things in this world. He knew when to go forward and when to retreat as well as weighing the various situations.

"I will not take random people to my side. Those who are able to stay are at the very least people worthy of my grooming." Li Qiye glanced at Sikong Toutian and said: "If you stay and work for me, I can think about it a bit."

Sikong Toutian's personality reminded him of Nan Huairen who was adept at dealing with people. However, Nan Huairen lacked the scoundrelly characteristic of Sikong Toutian.

In fact, Nan Huairen's talent was not up to Li Qiye's standards and was not worthy of his grooming. However, Nan Huairen was the first to join his ranks when he first arrived at the Cleansing Incense

Ancient Sect. Because of this loyalty, Li Qiye did not mistreat him and even obtained an Emperor Law for him!

Li Qiye drank another cup and said with ease: "I enjoy your deceitful nature. Follow me, and I will not mistreat you. As long as you follow me with your heart, you will be the second Monarch Ren of the Heaven's Secret Valley!"

These words immediately shook Sikong Toutian's mind! He definitely knew what Ancestor Ren represented in the Heaven's Secret Valley! And not just their valley; in all of the Mortal Emperor World, their Ancestor Ren was quite renowned! Unfortunately, his end was approaching and their valley could do nothing about it."

"Big Brother has seen our Ancestor Ren before?" Sikong Toutian couldn't help but ask.

Li Qiye smiled and drank another cup without saying anything. Meanwhile, Sikong Toutian was in a daze and even forgot to pour him another.

"The Tiger's Howl Gate's successor, Hu Yue, is here." A small uproar occurred in the yard as many young prodigies stood up to come greet the person who had just arrived at the door.

A young man with tiger-like eyes and a tiger-like forehead walked in at this time with a suppressive, beast-like aura like a tidal wave sweeping through the scene. Anyone met by his gaze would feel the sensation of being observed by a fierce beast, giving birth to an uneasy and dangerous sense of crisis.

Chi Xiaodie also changed her expression at this young man's arrival! Rumor has it that Princess Bao Yun was most likely betrothed to this person. This was her little brother's biggest love rival and also the most dangerous rival.

Even though Chi Xiaodie held some hostility against Hu Yue, but as the host, she still personally went to greet him.

"Brother Hu Yue, long time no see." At this time, many young talents went up to greet Hu Yue one after another while clasping their hands together. No matter how arrogant they were, they couldn't afford to let it show. Even Sima Longyun from the Saint Country came to greet him.

The Tiger's Howl Gate was a very powerful inheritance within the Eastern Hundred Cities. Legend has it that their Progenitor was a demon tiger who became a god, and he called himself a True God. He left behind a considerable amount of power to the gate.

The Tiger's Howl Gate was not necessarily stronger than the Furious Immortal Saint Country, but Sima Longyun did not dare to be too arrogant in front of Hu Yue.

At the Eastern Hundred Cities, Hu Yue was a top ranked youth. Someone actually listed the top young geniuses in the city and Hu Yue was among the top five. One could even say that Hu Yue was not much worse compared to Sima Longyun's martial brother and the oldest prince, Ba Xia.

This was why the always-arrogant Sima Longyun had to show some respect to Hu Yue.

Li Qiye narrowed his eyes the moment Hu Yue came in. Like what Chi Xiaodao had said, Princess Bao Yun was likely to marry Hu Yue, and the Bao Yun Clan was very happy about this possible marriage. This was

Chi Xiaodao's biggest rival, and since he agreed to help Chi Xiaodao, he absolutely would not give Hu Yue a chance.

"This brat is also not simple." Sikong Toutian immediately said after seeing Li Qiye gauge Hu Yue: "He is the successor of the Tiger's Howl Gate and is already a five celestials Enlightened Being. Rumor has it that in his veins runs the blood of their Progenitor, the Tiger God."

One of the younger generation yet he was already a five celestials Enlightened Being — this was truly amazing and could even be considered supremely talented! No wonder why outsiders said that he had the blood of the Tiger God.

Cultivators of the Star Plucking realm were called Enlightened Beings. This was an extremely difficult dao test to pass on the cultivation path. As a five celestials Enlightened Being at such a young age, Hu Yue was indeed formidable, and he was not necessarily any weaker than the descendants of the Immortal Emperor lineages!

After Hu Yue entered and nodded his head to greet everyone, his tiger eyes swept around as if they were searching for something. After seeing Chi Xiaodao together with Princess Bao Yun, his gaze immediately turned cold, then he started walking towards them.

"He is walking towards the Chi brat; this guy is definitely his most powerful rival. At the moment, the Chi brat's cultivation won't do ah, he cannot compete against the other brat." Sikong Toutian murmured as Hu Yue walked over towards Chi Xiaodao.

"I hope he is smart and won't touch my little brother. Otherwise, I will break his bones." Li Qiye drank his cup in one gulp and slowly stood up.

Since he agreed to help Chi Xiaodao chase after Princess Bao Yun, naturally, he would not sit idly by and do nothing!

Sikong Toutian immediately followed with excitement since there would be a fun show to watch. He had heard of Li Qiye's tales back in the Grand Middle Territory; this was a beast who dared to slay experts from an Ancient Kingdom and a monster who massacred the Heavenly God Sect. If Hu Yue truly didn't know when to back off, then he would die a miserable death.

Chi Xiaodao, who was talking with Princess Bao Yun, noticed Hu Yue walking over and his heart shook for a bit as he took a deep breath. He then stood up with surging battle intent, not willing to take a step back. Today, he will strike to make his own opportunity!

Princess Bao Yun also changed her colors the moment she saw Hu Yue; her pretty face also turned cold. The one she did not want to see the most was Hu Yue, but this marriage was outside of her control!

Chi Xiaodie was also quite alarmed at the scene since she knew something big was about to happen. She clearly understood that her little brother was far from being Hu Yue's match.

In just a short moment, the atmosphere became tense to the point of being noticeable by those present as they all looked over at this direction. Then, the silence was broken.

"Brother Chi, thank you for your hospitality towards Bao Yun in my stead. You are a busy person, so allow me to accompany Bao Yun right now." Hu Yue came and spoke to Chi Xiaodao with polite words.

Chi Xiaodao then took a deep breath to calm down and calmly said: "Brother Hu is too cordial. Princess Bao Yun is a guest, so I will do my best as the host."

Hu Yue laughed in response and said: "The dao preaching session is about to begin so I'm sure you are all busy. I'll stay with Bao Yun, and we'll talk about the marriage between our two houses as well."

Chi Xiaodao's expression greatly changed after hearing these words. Princess Bao Yun's face also dimmed down, but she couldn't comment on it.

At this time, Chi Xiaodie clenched her fists tightly, but the situation was not appropriate for her to act.

"So you are Hu Yue." Right when Chi Xiaodao was in a bind, Li Qiye's carefree voice appeared as he slowly walked towards them.

Hu Yue's cold tiger eyes swept by and slowly said: "I don't care who you are, I'm not interested in being polite at this moment!" He carried an aggressive aura as he spoke.

"Polite?" Li Qiye smilingly replied: "You think too highly of yourself; I'm not here to be polite with you."

Hu Yue immediately turned around as the cold flashes in his eyes became even brighter and oppressive towards Li Qiye. As a rising murderous air like a fierce beast, like a hungry tiger wanting to devour human flesh erupted, it caused all the spectators to become fearful.

"It doesn't matter who you are, if you are smart, then get the hell out of here. Otherwise, I don't mind staining my hands with blood even before the dao event." Hu Yue's murderous aura instantly rose, causing many people here to have shivers without being cold.

Li Qiye batted his brows and said: "A five celestials Enlightened Being, right? Okay, today, I will break the bones of a five celestials Enlightened Being."

Li Qiye's words were immediately met by an uproar. Many young prodigies glanced at each other, and a prince said: "This brat is too crazy, does he not know who he is messing with?"

Suddenly, numerous people present all thought that Li Qiye was courting his own death. Hu Yue at the Eastern Hundred Cities was a grand character; as a five celestials Enlightened Being, he could sweep across the younger generation.

"Blind little beast!" At this time, Sima Longyun suddenly stood up and coldly shouted: "A nobody like you is not worthy of Brother Hu personally making a move. I alone will be enough to slay a little beast like you."

"Scram..."

Li Qiye didn't even move his eyelids; his hand turned into a fist, and the fist turned into a hammer as he chopped downward. His Hell Suppressing Godly Physique immediately exploded. Under this chop, thunder and lightning broke out and space itself shattered. The power of this fist was as strong as the earth itself — capable of crushing a myriad of domains. A minor completion Immortal Physique was unstoppable!

Chapter 278: Goddess Toppling Myriad Kingdoms

“Open...” As his face greatly changed, Sima Longyun shouted and summoned a shield. With powerful blood energy, this shield confidently met Li Qiye’s fist.

“Bang!” This fist heavily assaulted the shield as Sima Longyun continuously pushed back. The ground behind him was stomped by his feet and from the force exerted by his body, one hole formed after another. Then, with a snapping sound, the shield in his hand immediately cracked into several pieces that fell to the ground.

The scene was suddenly silent; all the young prodigies were shocked. Li Qiye’s casual punch was able to destroy a treasure shield in an instant — this was like a giant axe smashing into their hearts. What kind of frightening flesh was this?

“Little Beast, you don’t know who you are provoking!” Upholding an ugly expression, Sima Longyun crazily roared. His blood energy immediately surged and the energy around his body turned into a powerful ox. At this time, his body was encompassed in a golden light as if it was a set of golden armor!

A huge ox with golden brilliance surrounding its body as if it was made from gold appeared right before Sima Longyun’s body.

“Moooo!” A cow’s bellow rang as the ox’s aura slammed into the air like a tidal wave. In a flash, it was as if there was an army of stampeding oxen breaking the dam!

“Golden Ox Physique!” Many young experts lost their colors after seeing the majestic aura of Sima Longyun.

“A grand completion Xiantian Physique!” A person took a deep breath and murmured.

“Only a minor art.” At this time, Li Qiye turned around and didn’t even bat an eye for he did not place Sima Longyun in his sight. In a flash, Li Qiye’s ocean-sized blood energy appeared along with his Fate Palaces. The Kun Peng appeared in the air as its emperor energy also assaulted the atmosphere.

The moment the spectators felt this presence, they couldn’t help but exclaim: “An Emperor’s Law!”

Even Sima Longyun was alarmed after hearing the words “Emperor’s Law.” he then coldly shouted: “Kill!”

“Bang--bang--bang!” In just a second, the Golden Ox ran like crazy as its four hooves punished the heaven and earth. Its steel heel kicked forward as fast as lightning with a force capable of destroying the mountains and rivers.

“Scram...” The mad cow, with its steel hooves carrying a monstrous force, did not daze Li Qiye. He shouted and his hand that was akin to a heavenly rod suddenly smashed forward. The invincible Hell Suppressing Godly Physique took action with an unstoppable, suppressive might.

“Boom!” Li Qiye immediately struck the Golden Ox flying away. Sima Longyun’s entire body also flew outside as he spat out blood. Next was a series of explosions as Sima Longyun slammed into and collapsed parts of the palace. He was quite a mess after he struggled to crawl up from the broken debris.

This course of events rendered everyone astonished. With a grand completion Golden Ox Physique, Sima Longyun, a Royal Noble, was struck flying away by one fist. The enemy simply did not regard him as an opponent.

At this point, Chi Xiaodie was also quite amazed and couldn't calm down for a long time. Until now, she had always assumed that Li Qiye was only versed in the alchemy dao and didn't feel that his cultivation was particularly stronger than her. However, it was one thing if he didn't take action, but once he did, it was quite unbelievable.

Even Chi Xiaodao shouted out in fear from witnessing Li Qiye's dominance as he drew in a cold breath.

Needless to say about other people; even Hu Yue's expression sank as the cold glimmers in his tiger eyes carried a frightening murderous intent.

At this time, Li Qiye didn't bother to give Sima Longyun another glance. He turned around and revealed a calm smile as he spoke to Chi Xiaodao: "I am always ruthless and cruel when killing tigers and dragons. Xiaodao, take Miss Bao inside the palace lest fresh blood spray on her." [1. Hu Yue means tiger; Longyun means dragon. He isn't calling them dragons and tigers amongst men.]

Chi Xiaodao immediately understood Li Qiye's intention and asked Princess Bao Yun to leave this battlefield in order to spare her from this difficult situation.

With a darkened expression, Hu Yue wanted to step forward, but Li Qiye blocked his path. Li Qiye slowly rubbed his hands together and leisurely spoke: "Earlier, someone said that they wanted to stain their hands with my blood. It seems that I would be doing a disservice to myself if I didn't kill a tiger at this moment."

Silence permeated the atmosphere as everyone drew in cold breaths. If this was before, everyone would be laughing at Li Qiye for speaking such words. However, shivers ran down the spines of the spectators for they understood that this person was not a nice fellow.

Hu Yue's tiger eyes flashed with killing intent as he spoke: "I don't care who you are, the Eastern Hundred Cities is not the place for you to run wild! If you are courting death, then I will help you by personally tearing you to pieces!"

"Run wild?" Li Qiye slowly smiled and said: "In the nine heavens and ten earths, there are not many places where I dare to not run wild. As for you wanting to tear me to pieces... A short time ago, there was an old fool named Mo Shen from the Heavenly Southern Kingdom ah, I almost forgot about it. I accidentally grinded him into meat paste, and I wonder if your bones are harder than his or not."

Everyone present felt suffocated the moment they heard Li Qiye's words. Even though the Hundred Cities' information regarding the Grand Middle Territory was sparse, everyone knew about the Heavenly Southern Kingdom. It was definitely stronger than the Tiger's Howl School, not weaker!

"Hmph..." Hu Yue only snorted. He then took one step forward and, within this moment, tiger roars resonated. It was as if he became the king of beasts, one who was capable of ordering all the fierce animals in this world. He emanated waves of aura that resembled a prehistoric wild beast, causing many people to take several steps back.

"Everyone has come together to explore the meaning of the grand dao, why should we kill each other?" At this time, a pleasant voice like immortal hymns appeared. This sound immediately dissipated the murderous intent in the garden. In just a blink of an eye, the atmosphere of the scene was soothed as if

spring had come again to the earth, as if a nice coldness came during the scorching weather, causing everyone to become relaxed with great spirit.

This sound swept away the hatred and sternness of everyone's hearts; it was as if it was the sound of an immortal from the nine heavens. Even a monstrous butcher who was ready to kill wouldn't be able to help but calm down.

Li Qiye gently nodded approvingly at this sound. This girl had trained this supreme art to minor completion.

"Goddess Mei..." At this time, everyone forgot about the battle earlier as they quickly turned around towards the voice.

A woman adorned with a snow-white outfit arrived by treading on the moon. She carried an unrivaled ethereal appearance like a descending goddess — like a fairy beneath the moonlight. The pen and ink could not describe this woman nor her transcending aura. It was as if the flames and smoke of mundanity could not touch her peerless grace. Her shape was just perfect — a bit skinnier would be too thin; a bit more round would be too plump. Both her features and figure could be considered supreme. [2. Treading on the moon here means she is flying in the air in a graceful manner; I don't think she is actually using a treasure moon to fly here. It is more of a literary expression of how godly she is in the night curtain.]

Along with a gentle atmosphere, strange images appeared due to her arrival. It made others feel as if they were merchants trapped in the desert only to suddenly find an oasis with hundreds of blooming flowers and budding seeds; the snow was starting to melt and the water began to form gurgling streams... These strange images made others forget about worldly troubles, leaving behind all disputes and grievances.

Humans were truly susceptible to such an aura. Even Hu Yue, who wanted to deal with Li Qiye, lost his anger; he simply snorted towards Li Qiye before his gaze completely fell on the woman without being able to change his sight for a long time.

"Goddess Mei." Many people were toppled at her sight as someone murmured. Even all the delicate golden girls with noble birth couldn't help but suffer from an inferiority complex.

Chi Xiaodie could be considered a heaven's proud daughter in both her appearance and cultivation. She was not the type to belittle herself, but after seeing Mei Suyao, she couldn't help but lament with a sigh for she felt menial in comparison.

"Today, us virtuous friends came together to address the mysteries of the grand dao." As someone who was not tainted by the mundane world, Mei Suyao only used one word to resolve the conflict; this was indeed a frightening woman.

Everyone sat down after Mei Suyao took her seat. They focused their thoughts with an air of solemnity while listening. To all the cultivators, being able to listen to Mei Suyao's dao preaching was a great fortune. Many people had a great harvest after hearing just one of her lectures.

“Suyao will first reveal my lacking aspects and start with a section. If it is flawed, please correct me.” Mei Suyao sat in an orderly fashion with the air of a supreme goddess. [3. The first part is just her being humble.]

“The origin of the dao is the heart, and it is also the origin of the heaven and earth — the origin of all the myriad of existences...” Suyao’s dao preaching was pleasant and sweet to the listeners; it had the power to linger in their hearts for a long time.

Her dao preaching contained a profound content along with an easy-to-understand rhetoric. She used simplicity to explain complexity, then she turned complex ideas into simple concepts. Strange images started to form at the height of her lecture as the heavenly flowers bloomed amongst the golden spring that gushed forth from the earth. It was as if an Immortal Monarch was preaching the dao as the visiting saints and the holy buddha were also chanting...

In just a moment, everyone here became fascinated; many of their questions regarding the grand dao were suddenly solved! Many young people here felt as if their souls were drifting in the air; even characters like Hu Yue became spellbound from the lecture.

While sitting in his corner and carefully listening to Mei Suyao, Li Qiye also nodded his head. It was truly not simple for a girl this age to understand such profundity. The Eternal River School was truly unfathomable to train a successor of this level. This girl was worthy of her natural born Immortal Soulbone. Other geniuses could not compare to such a peerless advantage.

Once one had such a supreme talent like the Immortal Soulbone, all techniques would be made simple and all dao were common! It would be difficult for someone of this talent to not be heaven-defying.

After listening to a section, Li Qiye silently left and entered the depths of the royal palace to truly enjoy its beauty.

This time, Li Qiye did not enter the royal palace to listen to Mei Suyao’s dao preaching; he was only here to support Chi Xiaodao. At this moment, he had given Chi Xiaodao a chance, so after listening to a part of the lecture, he became disinterested and decided to leave in order to enjoy the dim moonlight overlooking the pretty scenery of the royal palace.

Chapter 279: Alaya Heavenly Fragrant Dao

It was not because Mei Suyao’s dao preaching was insufficient nor was her lecture lacking profundity. In fact, Li Qiye was quite approving towards her teachings.

However, Li Qiye had no need to listen. In this regard, he had traveled much further than Mei Suyao. Even without a technique like Mei Suyao’s, he would still be able to create wonderful images from his dao lecture.

He once taught Immortal Emperors and dispelled True Gods’ confusion; he was once called the Immortal Emperor’s teacher. Someone as young as Mei Suyao could not compare to him with regards to the comprehension of the grand dao.

Li Qiye trod on the moonlight while watching the pretty scenery and lost track of time. In the distant past, he had come here before. He once protected the Chi Clan for three generations so he was very familiar with this place. However, compared to the past, the Lion’s Roar Country had fallen and didn’t

have its secret strength nor resources of the past. In the end, after millions of rolling years, the Chi Clan descendants had used up all of the things left behind by the ancestors.

Li Qiye planned to leave the Lion's Roar Country because there was not much left for him to do here. The only remaining matter was to personally hand the treasure box left behind by Lion Monarch Ba Xian over to Chi Xiaodao's grandfather.

"Brother Li is feeling quite poetic." [1. The raw is ya xing 雅兴, and this is a harder term to translate. It is when someone has the urge to look at the moon, or reciting some poetry, or going to drink with a friend. It is a sudden spark of interest in doing something, usually an elegant and refined matter.]

Right when Li Qiye was standing beside a pond to enjoy the moonlight, a heavenly and pleasant voice rang out. Li Qiye knew who it was without having to turn around.

By treading on the moon like a goddess, Mei Suyao arrived; anyone who saw such a graceful appearance from her would fall head over heels.

Li Qiye was still quietly admiring the beautiful scenery ahead. Without turning around, he calmly replied: "The Eternal River School has good intelligence; you're truly worthy of being the number one sect in the Eastern Hundred Cities."

"Brother Li is renowned all over the world; I will still know without having to ask around." Mei Suyao then stood side by side with Li Qiye.

At this point, Mei Suyao was cloaked by the mist under the moonlight, giving her an ethereal and otherworldly appearance. Her intoxicating fragrance that permeated the lingering fog while standing next to Li Qiye left behind a relaxing sensation.

"Your lecture was not bad." At this time, Li Qiye slowly looked at Mei Suyao and nodded his head.

This was not Li Qiye being arrogant or rude; it was his normal attitude. Heaven Protector Goddess Zi Cuining was not necessarily any weaker than Mei Suyao in either cultivation and background; however, she was also not much in his eyes.

Mei Suyao gave an existence-toppling smile that shamed the flowers and dimmed the moon, then she said: "If the lecture wasn't bad, then Brother Li wouldn't have left the party. If there were any mistakes, then please correct me."

What kind of person was Mei Suyao? Her beauty caused all existences to become crazy and her prestige reigned over the Eastern Hundred Cities with countless fans. It was more than just her looks; the crucial part was her extraordinary abilities. Her cultivation was unfathomable and she had a profound understanding of the grand dao. She was also willing to preach the dao and dispel problems for others as she traveled through the Hundred Cities.

If outsiders heard of such a thing, they would be in complete disbelief. At the Eastern Hundred Cities, no matter how paramount one's talents were, they wouldn't dare to correct Mei Suyao's dao understanding. Mei Suyao was definitely the authority regarding the dao, and even characters of the previous generation felt that they could not compare with her.

“You really preached very well, you don’t need to worry about this matter. I simply wanted to observe the scenery.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

Mei Suyao then gently flicked her sleeve and said: “After seeing you, Suyao immediately knows that you have an even more precious lecture in your mind, why don’t you preach it?”

Li Qiye gently shook his head and didn’t say anything as he continued to look at the scenery.

“Could it be that you feel it is beneath you to have a discussion with me? Since your dao is so high, Suyao eagerly awaits to listen.”

Mei Suyao spoke again. This time, a true mantra came out of her mouth with a harmonious grand dao. It was like the warm sunlight in the snow or the breeze in the summer heat. It exuded an inexplicable presence as if one was entering an immortal gate — as if one was controlling the immortal dao. A mystery that was even more unfathomable was the feeling one would get if they were standing close to Mei Suyao, along with a comforting air. This was the feeling when one was close to the grand dao and became intertwined with it as the gap disappeared.

At this point, Li Qiye slowly turned his head and looked at the peerless Mei Suyao before him to calmly say: “Girl, do not use the Alaya Heavenly Fragrant Dao against me. Watch out or I will spank you!”

These words were very rude. Mei Suyao was the goddess in the hearts of countless people, and no one would say these words to her.

“How impudent!” At the same time, a cold shout rang as a momentum swept by. The source was a young man with silver armor who stood in the sky.

This was Saint Child Qian Yue who wanted to follow Mei Suyao. It seemed as if no matter where Mei Suyao went, he would follow to those places. [2. Reminder, Qian Yue = Thousand Mountains.]

Li Qiye was too lazy to look at him and leisurely said: “Tell your servant to not bother me. Otherwise, I will not only punish him, but I will take care of you as well.”

“You...” Saint Child Qian Yue’s complexion greatly changed. He held his spear in his hand with an intent to kill as his eyes locked onto Li Qiye.

“Saint Child, allow me and Brother Li some alone time to chat, will you?” Mei Suyao spoke with her stainless air — still supremely elegant and charming.

Even though Saint Child Qian Yue was enraged, after hearing Mei Suyao’s voice, his fire immediately extinguished. He simply glared at Li Qiye then turned around to leave.

“Brother Li already foresaw this.” After Saint Child Qian Yue left, Mei Suyao’s fairy-like voice came down from the sky; it was especially pleasing. Even an angry person would most likely become calm.

Li Qiye did not bother to look at her and said: “Girl, your future potential is incalculable, but don’t get too caught up in being a saintess or a goddess. When Immortal Emperor Xu Shui left behind the Alaya Heavenly Fragrant Dao, it was not for dao preaching nor to enlighten all living beings! The great grand dao is one where you stand alone and step towards the everlasting; this is the Alaya Heavenly Fragrant Dao that you need to search for.”

“You are wasting away your talent. The Immortal Soulbone combined with the Alaya Dao is enough for you to compete for the Heaven’s Will in the future. Enlightening all living beings isn’t something that you need to do. Moreover, you won’t be able to enlighten me. Today, even if your Progenitor, Immortal Emperor Xu Shui, personally came, she wouldn’t necessarily be able to enlighten me! Don’t use such a minor scheme against me in the future; otherwise, I will spank you in front of everyone.” Finished speaking, Li Qiye took his leave. [2. 渡化, enlighten or guidance; but this is with the added meaning of worshipping the person who guided you.]

Mei Suyao watched Li Qiye’s shadow as her peerless pretty eyes became extremely deep. She leaned her head in contemplation, resulting in a charm that affected all living beings. Even the blowing breeze became gentle.

When Li Qiye returned to the garden, the event had ended and all the prodigies had left.

“Where did you go?” Chi Xiaodie hastily asked Li Qiye after seeing him: “I was looking everywhere to try and find you.”

Li Qiye looked at her and asked: “Where is Xiaodao?”

“He took Princess Bao Yun back.” Chi Xiaodie then continued: “My royal father wants to meet you, what do you think?”

“Fine, we’ll meet for a bit then.” Li Qiye thought for a moment. If Chi Xiaodie’s father was trustworthy, then he would hand Lion Monarch Ba Xian’s treasure box over to him.

Having heard this, Chi Xiaodie couldn’t help but wryly smile in her mind. Normally, people who wanted to see her royal father would not be able to; however, this guy was actually reluctant. At this time, Chi Xiaodie couldn’t say anything since she couldn’t see through Li Qiye.

Under her lead, Li Qiye met the Lion’s Roar Royal Lord inside the royal palace. He was a middle-aged man around fifty who had a bright spirit. Chi Xiaodao was a lot like his father.

For rulers of kingdoms with a cultivator’s origin, their titles all had a certain meaning. Usually, they were all called Royal Lords, and there were those who were called Mortal Kings or Demon Kings. For example, Demon King Lun Ri and Heavenly Jewel Mortal King used those titles.

Only extraordinary Royal Lords were called Mortal Kings or Demon Kings. Demon King Lun Ri and Heavenly Jewel Mortal King were the most talented geniuses of the last generations in the Grand Middle Territory.

The Royal Lord of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom was also a Mortal King. And because his country was an Ancient Kingdom, he was absolutely qualified to be a Mortal King.

Therefore, most rulers all claimed to be Royal Lords and did not dare to recklessly call themselves Demon King or Mortal King! The Lion’s Roar ruler was one of these cases; the Lion’s Roar Country was only a minor nation so he didn’t dare to take the Mortal King title.

Most Royal Lords were Enlightened Beings or Ancient Saints. Of course, a few rulers of small nations were only of the Royal Noble realm.

As for Mortal Kings and Demon Kings along with the rulers of other Ancient Kingdoms, it was not something one could be certain of. They could be Heavenly Sovereigns or even Heavenly Kings!

"I truly appreciate Fellow Daoist performing the Fate changing for my son's sake. Dao Friend is my son's second parent, someone who gave him another chance." The Lion's Roar Royal Lord did not dare to be discourteous after meeting Li Qiye; he clasped his hands together and spoke.

Li Qiye accepted the Royal Lord's gesture since it was a natural thing for him to do. The Royal Lord then quickly asked him to sit down.

The Lion's Roar Royal Lord's cultivation was not shallow, and he was also a good ruler. He spent most of his time in the imperial city, especially in the recent sensitive time, so he didn't dare to leave the city. However, one could see a worrying trace amidst his brows.

"I wonder when the Lion's Roar Heavenly King will leave his secluded meditation?" After taking his seat, Li Qiye went straight to the point.

The Royal Lord was a bit surprised when Li Qiye's first words were about his father: "What does Dao Friend want to meet my father for?"

Li Qiye shook his head and didn't say anything. As he was met by silence, the Royal Lord didn't press on. He pondered for a moment before speaking: "I won't hide it from Dao Friend; my father is undergoing his death meditation. Even I won't be able to see him. If you want to see him, I'm afraid you will have to wait until he exits."

Li Qiye contemplated for a moment and ultimately didn't hand over the treasure box. This was related to the Lion Monarch's inheritance so he couldn't hand it over to the Royal Lord so easily. If his father, the true descendant, couldn't leave his meditation, then Li Qiye would rethink about entrusting this treasure box to him.

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While Li Qiye was contemplating about the treasure, the Lion's Roar Royal Lord was also pondering. He wanted to say something but hesitated, instead.

"If Royal Lord has something to say, then go ahead; we don't need to be so indirect." Li Qiye spoke after seeing his hesitation.

The Royal Lord wryly smiled and eventually said: "I heard, that Dao Friend came from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect and has not been bestowed the title of Royal Noble. Ah, my Lion's Roar Gate is only a minor country, but I wonder if we are fortunate enough to dub Dao Friend a Noble?"

Each country had a different set of standards regarding the Royal Noble title bestowment. There were those who were extremely fastidious and strict, especially the Ancient Kingdoms. Cultivators who have been bestowed the title all had to be experts of the Mysterious Fate realm, so the cultivators of this realm were called Royal Nobles by the world.

However, not all Royal Nobles were experts of the Mysterious Fate realm. Many minor nations that want to favor some great characters would also offer this title. However, for the majority of the nations, the first requirement for this title was indeed the Mysterious Fate realm. As for a weak nation like the

Lion's Roar Country, it was not easy for them to attract talents, which was why their Royal Noble bestowment had a lower requirement. They would not dare to bestow the full "Royal Noble" title and instead would only give out the "Noble" title. Even though it was just one word less, it carried a prudent significance because they didn't dare to easily bypass the tradition.

Li Qiye only smiled at the Royal Lord's proposal. Meanwhile, the Royal Lord hurriedly continued: "Even though Dao Friend will be a Noble of our country, you can still obtain the title from a different nation. Moreover, Dao Friend will not be under our rule; you will not need to perform lord and follower ceremonies. I only hope that in the future when the country is in trouble, Dao Friend will lend us a hand. If Dao Friend is willing, then Dao Friend can take a piece of territory from my Lion's Roar Country."

The Royal Lord's conditions were already extremely favorable without any restrictions — this was an extremely rare thing to see. In fact, he wanted Li Qiye to stay. Li Qiye's cultivation was a different matter because, as an alchemist capable of Fate changing, even though he was not a Legendary Alchemist, he was already extremely heaven-defying. If the world knew about such a talent, then not to mention their Lion's Roar Country, but even the great sects and powerful nations would all compete for him! This was absolutely a highly sought-after talent.

Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and pondered for a moment, then he replied: "I remember that your Lion's Roar Gate once had a block of territory named the Ancestral Divine Region."

"It is still there. It is a fiefdom to the north of my country." The Royal Lord quickly answered.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Okay, I will accept the Noble title. Land is not an issue for me, so I will temporarily stay at the Ancestral Divine Region. Just like you said, if your country has a calamity in the future, I will lend you a hand."

Li Qiye's condition left the Royal Lord and even Chi Xiaodie in a momentary daze. They both assumed that Li Qiye would pick the richest region of their country if he was willing to accept the title; however, they didn't expect for him to pick the Ancestral Divine Region.

This region that was situated to the north of the country could be considered far away from the central power. Moreover, the populace was quite sparse and it couldn't be considered a piece of fertile land. And in the end, Li Qiye chose this barren land; how could the Royal Lord and Chi Xiaodie not be caught by surprise?

"Yes, okay, okay, as long as it is something Dao Friend wants, it is absolutely no problem." After the Royal Lord regained his wits, he immediately nodded his head. This was even better than his highest expectations.

Li Qiye nonchalantly said: "The Ancestral Divine Region is desolate and I am missing an attendant. So be it, have Chi Xiaodie follow me."

These words greatly changed the Royal Lord's expression. Even though his nation was a minor one, his daughter was the precious jade in his hands. No matter what, he would never allow his daughter to become someone's servant!

"Don't worry, I am only missing an attendant, I will not do anything to her." Li Qiye smilingly said.

This sentence left Chi Xiaodie enraged with flames; it sounded as if she was a super ugly girl. Li Qiye wanting her to be a servant was far from being as annoying as his last phrase just now.

“Royal Father, I will follow him!” Right when the Royal Lord wanted to refuse Li Qiye’s request, Chi Xiaodie stood up and coldly said while looking at Li Qiye.

“About this...” On the other hand, the Royal Lord was hesitating. He stared at Li Qiye, then back at Chi Xiaodie. He was quite confused; he naturally didn’t want his daughter, the jewel in his eyes, to become someone else’s servant! However, at this moment, his daughter actually accepted the proposition herself.

The Furious Immortal Saint Country’s Sima Longyun had come to propose. Even though his daughter didn’t directly oppose it, as her father, he knew that she was not willing. Yet at this moment, she wanted to become Li Qiye’s servant, thus resulting in him becoming a bit stunned.

“Nevermind, do as you see fit.” In the end, the Royal Lord gently sighed as a sign of acquiescence.

Eventually, Li Qiye accepted the bestowment before the golden throne room. The Royal Lord handed the grand seal which signified one’s sovereignty over the Ancestral Divine Region to Li Qiye, so Li Qiye immediately became the highest ruler and sole owner of this land.

Li Qiye did not linger around. On the second day after the bestowment, he immediately headed for his territory with Chi Xiaodie alongside him. At that time, the Royal Lord didn’t want his daughter to go; he was still trying to convince her to let go of this idea.

However, for unknown reasons, even with the status of a servant, Chi Xiaodie was determined to go as if she was possessed. In the end, he could only gently sigh and send Li Qiye off with his daughter.

Unfortunately, Chi Xiaodao didn’t come to say goodbye. Chi Xiaodao had to bring Princess Bao Yun back to her clan as her flower escort. [1. Flower escort is someone who protects women. Escort would have sufficed, but I think adding the flower part and keeping it similar to the raw makes it more flavorful. In modern novels, though, this term usually describes the male spectators/side characters who are yelling at the main character for even looking at the “flower” that they like.]

Li Qiye didn’t want to bother Chi Xiaodao’s good matter, so he didn’t tell him the news. As for Sikong Toutian... After the end of the dao preaching event, this brat had escaped to an unknown place. Even Chi Xiaodie — as the host of the event — didn’t see where he had run off to that night.

Li Qiye didn’t pay it any mind. The chance was in Sikong Toutian’s hands, just like Chi Xiaodie. If she let go of this opportunity from her grasp, Li Qiye would not catch it for her.

Li Qiye left the royal city and entered the Ancestral Divine Region, but he didn’t go towards the region’s capital where the ruler presided. Instead, he kept on heading northwards.

“Are we not going to the regional capital?” Chi Xiaodie was surprised to see Li Qiye not intending to enter the capital.

“We are not.” Li Qiye casually threw the seal that signified one’s power of the region to Chi Xiaodie and said: “In the future, you will take care of the Ancestral Divine Region’s administration. I will do whatever

I want because I will only stay for a short period of time. Noble bestowment — this was only because your Chi Clan and I have a karmic relationship.”

With her hand holding the seal, Chi Xiaodie took a moment to regain her composure as she was sent into a daze. She gently sighed in her mind; these words were very arrogant and didn't put anyone in his eyes, but she didn't say anything else.

In the end, Li Qiye brought Chi Xiaodie to a flat river. This flat river was thousands of miles wide; only a vast expanse was visible from a glance.

Chi Xiaodie kept on following Li Qiye. Her knowledge of this location was quite limited, she didn't know what this place was even though she was the princess of the country.

Finally, there was a peak at the end of the river. It was not too high and not too low. Even further ahead across the range was a towering geographic spectacle with high mountains and foggy clouds; it was extremely splendid and majestic.

Chi Xiaodie looked ahead and gave an evaluation: “The rolling mountains before us are surely part of the Heavenly Dao Academy's territory.” Then she gave it another careful look: “This place seems to be the far western region of the academy, and it is very far from the academy's ancestral ground.”

“Correct. Across these mountains is the territory of the Heavenly Dao Academy.” Li Qiye looked ahead and nodded in agreement.

Chi Xiaodie was lost for a bit. She didn't know why Li Qiye ran to this place. If he wanted to visit the academy, then he should have gone east because its ancestral ground was in the far east. Even though in front of them was still the academy's territory, its disciples would not come to this western land.

Eventually, Li Qiye and Chi Xiaodie climbed on the fair-sized peak. As she was climbing this peak, she noticed that there was an abandoned temple at the top of the peak.

This abandoned temple had not been visited for countless moons and was extremely decrepit. The walls and the roof beams had lost their colors; moreover, along with entrenched old vines, there were weeds and wild vegetation running rampant in all directions. Small creatures like rats and snakes infested this place.

When they entered the abandoned temple, there was a thick layer of dust accumulated throughout the ages with spiderwebs everywhere. While standing inside, the only discernable thing was that there were two statues within.

“The Ancestral Divine Temple.” Li Qiye gently sighed with some emotion while standing in this tattered hall.

Chi Xiaodie was also a bit confused as she stood in this place. She did not understand why Li Qiye went to this ruined location instead of the prosperous regional capital.

“Take care of this place. I'm afraid we will have to stay at this place for some time.” After taking a glance around, Li Qiye commanded Chi Xiaodie.

Chi Xiaodie was a bit startled. There were dust and spiderwebs everywhere; this type of cleaning up was something that she, a golden daughter, never had to do.

Chi Xiaodie took a deep breath and channeled her blood energy. She rolled up her sleeves and flicked it towards the temple. Suddenly, the wind roared as dust flew everywhere. In just a moment, both of them were shrouded in dust.

“Do not be disrespectful to the predecessors. Use your hands to clean it.” Li Qiye casually threw a spatial pouch towards her and said: “There are items for your daily necessities inside. Do a good job of cleaning this place, I’ll go out for a bit.” Li Qiye left behind the spatial pouch as he departed.