Domination 291

Chapter 291: Heavenly Dao Academy

"The Realm God from the legends?" Chi Xiaodie, who was standing to the side, had been listening to the conversation and couldn't help but exclaim. She had heard of a few legends regarding the academy's Divine Beast Protector.

It had always been mysterious. Rumor has it that it had lived for a very long time, but the world had not seen the Divine Beast Protector for tens of millions of years.

Some people even speculated that there was no such existence and it was only a rumor deliberately spread by the academy.

"Yes, the Realm God." When talking about the Divine Beast Protector of the academy, even the casual Old Daoist Peng became serious: "My old little brothers said that the Realm God has recently become unstable."

Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: "Your Heavenly Dao Academy has opened several portals, and the Realm God should have left already. It has stayed in this world for too long when it should have returned to ashes. Unfortunately, your academy from generation to generation has always been reluctant and kept on keeping it here."

Little Autumn couldn't help but admire as it spoke with grandiloquence: "Realm God ah, I have heard of this tale already. Oh grandmother, hehe, in the future, I want to be such a character. One thought to open a myriad of domains, one thought to become the heavenly world! No, I want to surpass it, hehe, to become a real spatial god. Just wait, in the future, I will be an Immortal Emperor of space."

Li Qiye squinted at him and said: "Someone like you who only eats and sleeps will become an Immortal Emperor? What will you do to realize this grand dream? If you want to become an Immortal Emperor, then first refine your own realm! When your realm can't even turn into a world, do not talk about becoming an Immortal Emperor!"

"Heh, Young Noble, how could this insignificant underling compete with you for the Immortal Emperor position? Becoming a True God is enough for me, there is no need to be an Immortal Emperor. Young Noble is the real chosen one; if you can't become an Immortal Emperor, then no one else in the world is qualified to become one!" Little Autumn became scared by Li Qiye's glance so he immediately replied with flattery.

"My two bosses ah, if my little brothers cannot stabilize the Realm God, then I'm afraid it will disappear just like the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect's Calamity God." Old Daoist Peng couldn't help but murmur.

"The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect has the Calamity God and the Heavenly Dao Academy has the Realm God; both are referred to as grand gods, but which one is stronger?" Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but ask while standing to the side. As a part of the ancient past, she had heard of their tales when she was younger. She didn't expect that there would be a day to discuss such matters in close proximity.

"This... No, it's very hard to say, I really can't tell you the answer." Old Daoist Peng shook his head and laughed, "ha ha."

Li Qiye then replied: "This is dependent on the location. If it is inside the Heavenly Dao Academy, then the Realm God has his heaven and earth vein. It was born in this place, and this was the place where it became a god. It is firmly rooted in this earth so this earth is for its usage. When it defends the academy, it could repel all enemies. As long as it doesn't leave the academy and remains rooted in this location, then even an Immortal Emperor would not necessarily be able to force his way in. If it leaves the academy, then it will be harder to say. In the end, its vitality has weakened; it will surely be at a big disadvantage when fighting against the Calamity God."

"It is strong to this degree?" Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but become surprised. Even an Immortal Emperor could not siege it successfully — how frightening was this?

Li Qiye glanced at her and continued: "The academy standing strong for such a long time until now is not without reason. Not to mention, the Realm God's origin is heaven-frightening; it is not something that you can imagine! Unfortunately, it is affected by the academy. Its success is because of the academy, but its defeat will also be because of the academy. If it left the academy at a young age, then it surely would have carried the Heaven's Will to become a great Immortal Emperor!"

"The Realm God stayed in the academy at a young age, and all the elders exerted all of their efforts to groom it so it considered the academy as its home. It is understandable that it didn't want to leave." Old Daoist Peng smilingly said.

Li Qiye glared at him and said: "It is your academy that does not want it to leave! For millions of years, it blocked so many difficult tribulations for the Heavenly Dao Academy. Even though the academy has made great contributions to the human race, one cannot deny the merits of the Realm God."

"That, that is of course true." Old Daoist Peng wryly smiled and said.

"In the end, what belongs to the earth will return to the earth. The Realm God has lived for long enough and it will one day leave. No one is immortal in this world; the same goes for Immortal Emperors and undying existences." Li Qiye slowly said.

After hearing this, Old Daoist Peng became dejected as he gently sighed. He understood this rationality, but the elders of the academy also understood. They only wanted to keep the Realm God in the past and they expended a countless amount of blood and sweat to prolong its lifespan! But no matter what, it will leave one day.

"I want to go to your Heavenly Dao Academy." In the end, Li Qiye said: "Your heaven and earth vein has recently been fluctuating too violently. This is very strange, and it is difficult to tell where the portal will open this time so I have to go and see for myself. I need to see your ancestral ground that is channeling the heaven and earth vein to clearly understand this new strange development."

"Good—" Old Daoist Peng hurriedly said: "I will tell my old little brothers to arrange it for you." He was very willing to see Li Qiye enter the academy since Li Qiye was unfathomable. Maybe he will grant the academy a new opportunity.

"No." Li Qiye pondered for a moment and said: "We'll do it like this; I will just enter the Grand Era Hall."

"Do you want to let the Progenitor know?" Old Daoist Peng couldn't help but ask. In fact, he wanted to know Li Qiye's identity and why Li Qiye knew their Progenitor! Unless Li Qiye was a descendant of their Progenitor's old acquaintance, this would be an impossible matter.

"No." Li Qiye shook his head and declined: "There is no need to alarm others, I simply want to see the situation of the heaven and earth vein." Having said this, his heart couldn't help but lament with a soft sigh.

Meeting the Progenitor? They might as well not meet. At the moment, he didn't want to see Magu. It was too long ago; matters of the past have been covered with a layer of dust, so why the need to see each other again?

Old Daoist Peng didn't force the matter; he nodded his head and said: "Then I will let Little Le arrange it for you. This brat is our Heavenly Dao Academy's most excellent young prodigy. This brat's nature and temperament are quite excellent and he's absolutely worthy of being groomed." At this point, he inadvertently or purposefully looked at Chi Xiaodie, who was standing a bit to the side.

Li Qiye smiled and didn't say anything about this implication. He then told Chi Xiaodie: "Clean up a bit. Tomorrow, we will go to the Heavenly Dao Academy."

On the second day, Li Qiye left the temple with Little Autumn and Chi Xiaodie. Although the old daoist didn't leave the Everlasting Courtyard, he arranged everything for Li Qiye's entrance to the academy.

But before their departure, Chi Xiaodie didn't want to leave this old temple; she stared at the statue of her ancestor. There were too many unknown secrets in this temple, and she hadn't figured all of them out.

To her, the time spent in this temple had changed her greatly, including her attitude and knowledge. One could say that this temple opened a new door for her and exposed her to the real grand dao!

Before this event, she was an arrogant canary, the princess of the Lion's Roar Country. No matter how modest she portrayed herself, deep in her bones remained an innate arrogance from being a golden daughter. But at this moment of departure, she was only a devout cultivator who managed to constrain her pride within; she was someone who was willing to stay next to Li Qiye with sincerity.

Before, she only glanced at a tiny corner of the grand dao, but after following Li Qiye, she finally saw the grand dao and embarked on the journey towards the supreme path!

"Come, you can come back whenever you want later." Li Qiye glanced and said towards Chi Xiaodie, who was unwilling to depart.

She took a deep breath and bowed down to her ancestor before leaving with Li Qiye.

Heavenly Dao Academy — an ancient and towering heritage; the human race's oldest heritage. People said that the grand dao of the human race had two origins; one was the War God Temple and the other was the Heavenly Dao Academy. Its origin was ancient to the point of being untraceable.

One could only understand the academy's majesty when standing in front of its doors. Countless divine mountains and giant palaces were present; they towered all the way to the sky to gaze at the heavens. The highest place was surrounded by stars as if it was its own separate world. Amongst the giant

mountains, there was a divine bridge that spanned ten thousand miles from one corner of the sky to another...

Inside the academy were divine cranes flying in the sky with flood dragons riding the clouds alongside other auspicious animals... Standing outside the academy made other people question its name; how could this just be an academy? It was more like its own separate world. Heavenly Dao World would be a more appropriate title.

Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but stare in awe at the academy's boundless majesticity. The western border was only a corner of the academy — a very desolate and unnoticeable area!

The moment they set foot before the gate, they could see a giant monolith. It was more accurate to call it a giant stone rampart rather than an ancient monument. There were many names engraved on this monolith; some resembled silver hooks and steel strokes written in a calligraphic style while others bore the dragon and serpent style. However, there were also those with the simplistic ink splashing art... [1. Silver hook style: The tip of the brush is exposed where it is lifted from the paper, leaving a distinctive hook — hence the description "silver hooks and steel strokes" for his calligraphy.

A continuous cursive force permeates the entire piece. The brush skirts up, down, left, and right as it speeds across the paper. With the crescendo and accelerando of the brush motion, viewers may imagine the brush as if it were a sword, or an arrow, or a group of musical notes, revealing varying speeds and feelings. This ink splashing style is from the Tang Dynasty.]

Immortal Emperor Fei Yang, Immortal Emperor Hao Hai, Immortal Emperor Ta Kong, Lion Monarch Ba Xian, Martial God, Saber Ancestor... All of these were extraordinary characters and their famous names were carved on this monolith.

All of them were the most excellent students who came out of the academy. Unless one achieves a certain level of invincibility, they would not be able to come back and leave behind their names on this monolith!

Chapter 292: Le Yi

When standing in front of this monolith and seeing the name "Lion Monarch Ba Xian", Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but become emotional and proud. This was her grandfather's ancestor! Not only did he study at the academy, but he also swept through the Eight Desolaces. Even though he was born during Immortal Emperor Tun Ri's era, he was still an amazing figure for an entire generation!

This was the Lion Monarch's personal autograph — a memento of their family. Staring at this magnificent keepsake, Chi Xiaodie's heart surged with pride; she couldn't help but to clench her fists tightly. Her ancestor was the Hundred Battles Godking, someone who was accepted by the True Gods. Her other ancestor was the Lion Monarch; a paragon of a generation. As their descendant, maybe one day, she will be able to reignite her ancestors' glory and divine aura again!

Li Qiye stared at the monolith without saying anything. One familiar name, one famous person, one invincible character, one smiling proud genius... Alas, in the end, it didn't matter whether one was invincible or an Immortal Emperor, everything would disappear along the river of time.

Any of the names on this monolith represented a peak at one point or another, symbolizing a golden era. He knew some of them and had heard of others, and there were even those who fought alongside his chariot and contributed greatly... Alas, all of them disappeared because walking on the grand dao path was a lonely road; it was a cruel and pitiless fate.

"Let us go." Li Qiye gently sighed and spoke to Chi Xiaodie, who was in a daze in front of the monolith.

Chi Xiaodie managed to calm her surging emotions and followed Li Qiye. When the two of them stepped inside the academy, a young man stepped down from the stairs to greet them.

"This must be Brother Li, right?" He clasped his hands towards Li Qiye and Chi Xiaodie, then he smilingly asked.

This young man had a tall and stout body like an unshakable mountain. He didn't exude a pressing aura, but his eyes were like black stones — sparkling, firm, and heroic.

"My name is Le Yi. My apologies for the late reception despite your long trip." The young man was courteous and judicious and he also had an extraordinary bearing.

Li Qiye didn't say anything, but Chi Xiaodie was startled after learning that it was Le Yi. She didn't expect the academy's First Disciple to personally greet them.

Le Yi was a renowned person in the Eastern Hundred Cities even though his fame was not like Zu Huangwu of the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom, someone whose background and talents were absolutely brilliant along with an unstoppable rising cultivation.

Le Yi was also not like First Prince Ba Xia of the Furious Immortal Saint Country, someone who had a suppressive and frightening aura who challenged everyone and became famous from his battles.

Le Yi joined the Heavenly Dao Academy and became its First Disciple; while withstanding arduous training, his cultivation was kept very low-profile. He rarely challenged outsiders to battle, but Le Yi sat strong on his throne at the academy and never feared any challenges. He remained an unshakable mountain no matter which genius tested his might.

Even when Ba Xia, with his strong natural fighting aptitude, challenged him, Le Yi still calmly agreed. No one knew the result of this fight, but Ba Xia went into secluded meditation after he went back to his country. The Saint Country then announced that the battle between Ba Xia and Le Yi was a draw. Some people speculated that Ba Xia was not able to defeat Le Yi and that the friendly Le Yi stopped at the appropriate time.

Curious people ranked the younger generation inside the Eastern Hundred Cities. One leaderboard placed Mei Suyao at first place and Le Yi and Zu Huangwu at second place.

This ranking was not without reasons, but of course, there were those who rejected it and thought that Le Yi's strength was not comparable to Zu Huangwu.

In short, Le Yi was one of the strongest geniuses in the Eastern Hundred Cities, but he had always kept a low profile in the academy and simply trained, thus his fame was not as thunderous as the fame of Zu Huangwu or Ba Xia.

Li Qiye smiled and leisurely said: "Excuse us, us two are going to the Grand Era Hall to sign up." Li Qiye was very carefree as if he was a tourist looking at the scenery.

Chi Xiaodie quietly stood next to Li Qiye and simply followed his lead.

"Then I will lead the way for Brother Li and Miss Chi." Le Yi did not delay with small talk. He summoned a sailboat then boarded it before speaking: "There is still a long way to the Grand Era Hall, allow me to take you two there."

The two stepped onto the boat, then Le Yi controlled it to fly up to the sky. The speed of the sailboat was extremely astonishing and it traveled ten thousand miles in the blink of an eye.

"Wang Yuan's transportation vehicle is indeed interesting; this boat had once sunk into the ocean but it still managed to come out eventually." Li Qiye stood on the sailboat and became a bit moved after seeing this familiar old object.

Chi Xiaodie was startled; she didn't expect this tiny sailboat to be the Second Sage's treasure. How great was the Second Sage's status in the history of the academy? This was indicative of Le Yi's position in the academy.

"Brother Li is very knowledgeable, I am ashamed at my inferiority." Le Yi was also surprised. [1. This is just a courteous/formal praise.]

Le Yi had always used this sailboat, but very few people recognized its origin at a first glance. Li Qiye recognizing this treasure caught him off guard, but he now vaguely understood why the academy's upper echelons suddenly recruited a student with an unknown background like this.

The sailboat rode the air straight into the Heavenly Dao Academy. Once inside, one would finally understand how wide this piece of heaven and earth was. At this place, the large rivers flowed for one hundred thousand miles; at this place, the mountains spanned million of miles like giant dragons; at this place, there were cities with millions of inhabitants; at this place, the divine bridges shortened the gaps between the eight directions, connecting the divine mountains that pierced all the way up to the heavens...

Chi Xiaodie was astonished as she was visiting this heaven and earth for the first time. It was a complete mistake to think that the Heavenly Dao Academy was just a simple academy like its name indicated.

It was more like a giant country — a behemoth-like existence. Its territory was extremely vast; only the Eternal River School was comparable to the monstrous academy in the Eastern Hundred Cities.

Eventually, they arrived at the Grand Era Hall. It was more apt to call it a grand sect rather than a grand hall. The entire hall had dozens of valleys and mountains, creating a region that stretched for thousands of miles. Ancestral grounds of ordinary heritages would not necessarily have the same rich density of worldly energy as this place.

One could only imagine how frightening the academy's heaven and earth vein was. There was a rumor that said that the academy possessed the best vein in the entire Eastern Hundred Cities, maybe even the entire Mortal Emperor World. [2. Just to clarify — heaven and earth vein is what produces the worldly energy for cultivators to train.]

Because of this, for millions of years, countless great characters coveted the academy's sacred territory, but unfortunately, none of them were able to shake its foundation.

Li Qiye and Chi Xiaodie went to the top of a mountain. Le Yi got the order from the upper echelons to give the two of them a mountain. This treatment was very generous inside the Grand Era Hall.

After arranging everything for the two of them, Le Yi said: "There are tens of thousands of disciples at the Grand Era Hall. If Brother Li and Miss Chi want to meet others, then I can introduce them to you two."

Chi Xiaodie would completely listen to Li Qiye's command so she didn't make any comments. Meanwhile, Li Qiye shook his head and smilingly replied: "No need, I will rest for now."

Le Yi then explained the situation at the hall to Li Qiye: "Very well, there will be a lecture once every four hours by a senior of the academy. The two of you can pick any course that you like."

Finally, he finished with a polite remark: "If Brother Li and Miss Chi have anything in mind, feel free to come find me at any time."

In fact, Le Yi was quite perplexed and didn't know why the higher-ups told him to greet two students. These two students didn't go through any examinations, nor did they pay any tuition fees.

There were countless geniuses in the contemporary time, but the academy did not allow for anyone to go through the back door. Even geniuses like Ba Xia and Zu Huangwu had to pay a sky-high tuition fee or pass a series of assessments to join the academy. Even the extremely expensive tuition had a basic test; if one couldn't meet this basic requirement, then they wouldn't be able to join no matter how rich they were. Only geniuses were allowed into the academy.

However, the absolutely brilliant ones would have their tuition waived if they managed to pass all the examinations. These peak prodigies were happy to undergo these examinations because it was a sort of glory.

Even though the Grand Era Hall had the lowest requirements, it had always enforced its strict standards. Any students that joined this hall had to either pay the tuition or pass the test. If they passed the test with flying colors, then their tuition would be reduced.

Le Yi found it strange that Li Qiye and Chi Xiaodie didn't take any examinations nor pay any tuition. Chi Xiaodie was one thing; being the princess of the Lion's Roar Country — there were too many characters like her. The problem was the mysterious origin of Li Qiye.

What really perplexed Le Yi was that if Li Qiye had a heaven-frightening origin, he would not join the Grand Era Hall but rather the Sacred Era Hall. Not to mention that even if Li Qiye was an extraordinary genius, the academy would not open the back door just for him. Zu Huangwu and Deity Jikong Wudi were both powerful and invincible enough ah! However, even they had to pass examinations in order to enter the stronger halls!

Chapter 293: Magu

Geniuses were worthless to the Heavenly Dao Academy. For ages, numerous geniuses studied at the academy, including Immortal Emperors. What were the contemporary geniuses worth!?

The issue was that even Deity Jikong Wudi was not treated like Li Qiye, who was able to enter the back door. An elder or even a supreme elder did not have the power to allow such a privilege. The academy's recruiting program had always been strictly enforced, thus no one could abuse it for personal gain; this was one of the reasons why the academy remained strong until now.

In order to join in a manner like Li Qiye, at least two ancestors must have given permission. However, the ancestors of the academy were all monstrous and they spent their time hibernating without a care for mundane matters. Ordinary matters would not be able to stir them.

This meant that the ancestors gave Li Qiye permission and it greatly confused Le Yi. Li Qiye should have chosen the Sacred Era Hall, yet he purposely chose the Grand Era Hall — really strange.

After sending Le Yi away, Chi Xiaodie arranged and cleaned Li Qiye's room. She was now doing things that servants were meant to do, things that she never thought she would do in the past.

Li Qiye and Chi Xiaodie lived alone in a courtyard with a vast space. After serving Li Qiye with a bath, Li Qiye gave her a glance and said: "You may ask if you have any questions. You have changed recently, so there are some things you may clarify to widen your knowledge."

Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but ask: "Who is Magu?" This question had been held in her heart for a long time, but she didn't dare to ask.

The mysterious Old Daoist Peng in the Everlasting Courtyard completely changed his expression every time Magu was mentioned, which was enough to illustrate Magu's heaven-frightening origin.

Li Qiye looked at her and slowly asked: "Have you ever heard of Immortal Xu Chong?" Chi Xiaodie had changed a lot recently. She worked hard and had great results; her personality also became better, which was why Li Qiye brought her to the Heavenly Dao Academy. If she didn't change, then Li Qiye would have brought her back to the Lion's Roar Gate since he cared for the Chi Clan quite a bit.

Chi Xiaodie tilted her head and carefully thought about it before shaking her head and replied: "I have never heard of this name, is it a real immortal?"

"This just means that you haven't reached the level to hear about the name — nothing too strange. Only the undyings hiding in their coffins would know of Immortal Xu Chong in the present times." Li Qiye did not blame her and continued on: "However, surely you have heard of Wang Yuan before?"

"Second Sage Wang Yuan! The ancestor that revitalized the Heavenly Dao Academy!" Chi Xiaodie quickly answered: "Although Wang Yuan passed away a long time ago, his sacred fame in the Eastern Hundred Cities still lives on."

Wang Yuan was not an Immortal Emperor, but he was just as renowned as one; this was enough to note his great influence.

Li Qiye slowly said: "Wang Yuan was famous, but the Heavenly Dao Academy had another giant figure — this was Immortal Xu Chong."

"On par with the Second Sage?" Chi Xiaodie was startled for this information was too shocking. Second Sage Wang Yuan was such an illustrious existence and he even had the same status as an Immortal Emperor without becoming one.

Li Qiye looked towards the far horizon and spoke: "A long time ago, she was not comparable to Wang Yuan. Regarding cultivation, Wang Yuan was able to fly his own banner on a solitary tree. However, looking at her skill right now, it is hard to say." [1. Idiom saying that he is great enough to start his own school or develop his own path.]

"She's still alive until now? Impossible!" Chi Xiaodie shockingly exclaimed, but then she calmed down and felt that it may be so. Since eons ago, countless undyings buried themselves and halted their blood force inside the Blood Era Stones to offset the erosion of time; they had been hibernating deep underground until now.

Li Qiye purposely exposed Chi Xiaodie to more information: "You are mistaken. Immortal Xu Chong does not need the blood stones, the reason she has been able to live until now was because of her Eternal Physique. Do you know why the courtyard is named Everlasting? It is because they passed down the Eternal Physique, and it was only to one person each generation. Immortal Xu Chong was the first master of the Everlasting Courtyard."

"You also saw that old daoist, right? He sleeps all day not because of sloth, but because of the Eternal Physique. This Physique does not need blood stones nor require blood force halting; one can wake up whenever they want to. It is not something that using the blood stones could compare to."

The Eternal Physique had no positive effect on one's cultivation nor any assistance in battles. However, the Eternal Physique allowed for one to live for a long, long time.

Eternal Physique cultivators could sleep without doing anything else, and they could wake up at their whim as well. To them, sleep was cultivation. When they were awake, their training becomes halted.

The twelve Immortal Physiques all have special techniques and unique powers. Only the Eternal Physique didn't assist cultivation or offensive power. It didn't have many special techniques and it was an arduous and lengthy process to cultivate it.

If one couldn't successfully cultivate the other Immortal Physiques, then they would never reach success and would wither away with both their flesh and dao.

However, the Eternal Physique was different. One generation was a short amount of time and two generations were only the beginning. Only at three generations would they really step into the Physique's basic realm.

The process was extremely slow, like a crawling snail. However, as long as one had enough perseverance and an unwavering dao heart without falling to the temptations of the world, then they would ultimately be able to struggle on.

Cultivating the Eternal Physique was a tedious and lonely process; very few were able to tread onward.

In fact, Li Qiye didn't only teach one or two geniuses the Eternal Physique, but in the end, they couldn't stand the temptation and eventually gave up.

For example, practicing the Eternal Physique was still tolerable. However, after staying in the Palace Foundation realm for one hundred years, then one thousand years... Before one knew it, one generation had already passed. Those next to you had reached a new level while you were still at the Palace Foundation realm.

This was an unacceptable matter to many cultivators. Others could cultivate for eight to ten years and could travel across this world. One hundred years to dominate one region to become worshiped by others and to enjoy numerous jewels, divine weapons, and immortal treasures!

Who could actually put up with cultivating the Eternal Physique where all they did was sleep while the speed was turtle-like? Not to mention geniuses, even the most stupid person could not withstand such a path towards the dao.

To Li Qiye, who had lived for countless years and owned the Physique Scripture, the Eternal Physique was his biggest failure. He taught many people the Eternal Physique, but it had ultimately always ended in failure.

However, as one of the twelve Immortal Physiques, the Eternal Physique was not a useless thing. Legend has it that once it was cultivated to the apex, one could reach immortality. It was hard to tell whether this legend was true or not, but a grand completion Eternal Physique could live for an extremely long time and they didn't need to bury oneself like the group of old undyings that must pay a huge price to leave their blood stones. Eternal Physique users could wake up at any time.

Li Qiye once thought that the Eternal Physique was not the hardest Physique to cultivate in this world and that it was not the most difficult merit law in this world, but it was the technique that could not be completed!

"Eternal Physique!" Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but dream about it after hearing Li Qiye because she remembered her own grandfather. The Chi Clan Ancestor once cultivated the Furious Immortal Tyrannical Physique and created his own physique law.

Unfortunately, their supreme physique law had been lost. Otherwise, their Lion's Roar Gate would not have deteriorated to this sorry state in the present day.

Li Qiye felt a tinge of emotion when he thought about the Eternal Physique. He had experimented with the Physique Scripture many times throughout the years. He successfully trained many grand completion Immortal Physiques, but his biggest regret was the Eternal Physique. He had tried many times, and because of this, he went all over the Nine Worlds to pick several seeds worthy of grooming. In the end, no one was able to persevere; the only exception was Magu. But to Li Qiye, Magu was a surprise beyond his expectations. He didn't have any optimism that year; he actually didn't even value Magu, but she — in the end — was the one who persisted.

Seeing Li Qiye's dazed state, Chi Xiaodie gently asked: "Do you know Immortal Xu Chong?"

"This..." Li Qiye looked at her, then he smiled and said: "I cannot tell you, and you also shouldn't know this. There are things that you're better off not knowing; otherwise, it will bring about a calamity to you."

Li Qiye softly sighed when thinking about Immortal Xu Chong, or Magu. Back then, she was only an ugly little girl with an indescribable lack of talent. Even her elders said that she couldn't be saved and they simply ignored her.

Other people could memorize an ordinary incantation after listening to it once, but Magu needed to hear it ten times before barely remembering a bit of it. Magu's literacy speed was extremely slow. In

order to understand the most ordinary merit law, a person with average talents could learn it after eight to ten days, but Magu would need ten years or an even longer period of time to obtain the same results.

She came from a cultivation clan, but her talents were too poor. Her elders thought that she was a piece of foolish, rotten wood that couldn't be carved, so they didn't bother to teach her any merit laws at all.

However, she had a heart that yearned for the grand dao, a will that desired to learn the mysteries of the grand dao.

One could imagine that in the past, this was an ugly little girl that couldn't speak properly, someone without any confidence. She was even dirty and had a slow-witted appearance. No one in her clan was willing to look out for her.

That year, as the Dark Crow, Li Qiye met her for the first time when he was teaching Wang Yuan. This was a bullied little girl who was spying on the side, carefully and meticulously taking note of all the details.

Chapter 294: Eternal Physique

When he saw her for the first time, with his experience after meeting countless people and training many Immortal Emperors, he shook his head at her talents. Although most of the time he considered a person's talents to be secondary, Magu's talents were beyond curing to the point where any sects' worst disciple would still be far better than Magu.

One could even say that there was not much difference between Magu's intelligence and a mentally disabled person, except she was not mentally disabled. It was just that her learning ability was quite indescribably awful.

The first time he saw her, Li Qiye was moved by her eyes; a pair of eyes that craved for learning. This ugly and dirty little girl resembled a fool yet her yearning eyes were capable of moving Li Qiye, the Dark Crow and teacher of Immortal Emperors.

At that time, he suddenly had an impulse to teach the Eternal Physique's starting incantation to her. This was only the simplest and most basic incantation, but it took several days of repeating before she could memorize it. She was the stupidest person Li Qiye had ever met, but he kept on teaching her for no other reason other than being touched by her eyes.

After teaching her the basic incantations, he didn't impart anything else upon her because even if he tried, she wouldn't have been able to memorize it. Li Qiye very quickly forgot about this matter.

Many years later, Li Qiye went back to the same place. Wang Yuan, who was once a kid, had become someone whose might trampled the Nine Worlds and loomed above all beings; he transformed from a child into an invincible old expert.

At that time, Li Qiye met Magu again. The unfathomable thing was that Magu was still learning the same incantations that Li Qiye had taught her before, but she was still only at the Palace Foundation realm!

Palace Foundation was the lowest realm for all cultivators. Logically speaking, Magu shouldn't have been able to live for this long. After meeting her again, Li Qiye knew that she had stepped into the door of the Eternal Physique.

But even then, one shouldn't have been able to live so long with these qualifications, not to mention Magu who had only just entered the path.

Li Qiye knew that Magu had always stayed at this place for countless years with only one thing on her mind — practicing the few incantations that he taught her. After countless springs and falls throughout the years, Magu repeated these incantations till perfection and reached the peak, allowing her to sense the supreme universal laws of the Eternal Physique.

Even after numerous years of experimentation to train a grand completion Eternal Saint Physique to see if one could achieve eternal life after cultivating this technique to its maximum potential, Li Qiye had always failed.

After he saw Magu again and witnessed the incredible miracle, Li Qiye found some hope in his heart again. Li Qiye told Wang Yuan to take care of Magu as he taught her the supreme Eternal Physique Law.

One should know that Li Qiye had always been extremely demanding and had a rigorous selection before giving anyone a supreme Immortal Physique Law. No matter who it was, they were required to pledge the most stringent vow before being granted the physique laws. This was the reason why his physique laws had never been passed down to outsiders; the ones that were chosen were always reliable, or they wouldn't have been picked in the first place.

Magu was the only exception, thus he imparted the Eternal Physique to her while Wang Yuan made her a disciple of the Heavenly Dao Academy. Since then on, the academy had one more location, the Everlasting Courtyard.

From that point on, Li Qiye always came back every generation and taught Magu another section of the supreme physique law all the way until she learned the entire and complete law.

Magu cultivated very slowly, but she always persevered on with her sincere and unchanging heart that yearned for the dao. Her cultivation gradually became stronger and her intelligence also rose. The Eternal Physique changed her body, bones and muscles, and her talents.

Due to her miracle, Li Qiye had done something without precedent; he allowed her to pass down the Eternal Physique Law to one disciple per generation. This was the reason why the Everlasting Courtyard only had one disciple. [1. My speculation here is that Li Qiye allowed her to do this because he knew that cultivating this physique law would be a lonely road, so he wanted her to have someone to walk with her on this path.]

Magu had always lived in seclusion at the Everlasting Courtyard, and her steadfast training had never changed; ten thousand years were the same as one day to her. She went even further on the path of the Eternal Physique. After the Everlasting Courtyard went through several generations, her disciples and grand disciples all fell down while Magu walked on further than anyone else.

Finally, she climbed to the peak with her expanded wisdom and completed Immortal Physique. After struggling for so many years, she had reached the apex and became the most powerful and mysterious ancestor of the Heavenly Dao Academy. Even if the people of this world knew about Immortal Xu Chong, they wouldn't know her cultivation method. Her disciples also wouldn't know that their high elder was once a foolish, rotten wood that eventually reached the apex and obtained amazing wisdom.

No one would believe such a tale if told. Who would believe that a fool became the strongest and most mysterious ancestor of the Heavenly Dao Academy? At the academy, after Second Sage Wang Yuan, Immortal Xu Chong was next.

Within the academy, Immortal Xu Chong represented peerless wisdom and strength; no disciple could connect a rotten little girl with her indescribable lack of wisdom to their unfathomable ancestor.

Li Qiye emotionally lamented about the past. After many years, he now firmly believed that a dao heart was more important than talents. As long as one had an unwavering dao heart, then no matter how poor one's talents or fortune may be, there will eventually be a day of success. The heavenly dao rewards diligence — this phrase was not just empty words.

Chi Xiaodie stopped asking questions after seeing Li Qiye in a daze; she was not able to understand him. He was too mysterious with too many hidden secrets.

"Get a good rest and adjust to the situation." Li Qiye said: "Even though your cultivation right now is quite good, the Heavenly Dao Academy will not teach you any merit laws. However, you can still go and listen to the lectures. Their lectures about the dao foundation are quite good and will be very beneficial for you."

Li Qiye's suggestion piqued her curiosity: "How do they compare to Goddess Mei's preaching of the dao?"

Li Qiye smilingly responded: "Mei Suyao belongs to the group of genius cultivators; she spoke correctly regarding the profundity of the grand dao, but it is not fitting for everyone. The truth is that your talents are quite good, but the teachings of the Grand Era Hall fits you more. Any genius would be a bit arrogant, thus you need some time to sharpen away this edge by using the simple grand dao teachings from the hall."

"Like Mei Suyao, her dao lectures are without flaws, but they also lack a certain sense of depth. Remember the solitary path of the dao; only with a firm foundation will you be able to achieve great benefits beyond your imagination."

Chi Xiaodie took note of each and every one of Li Qiye's words and engraved them into her heart as if they were made of gold and jade.

The Grand Era Hall was the hall that accepted the most students in the Heavenly Dao Academy. This was not taking into account the disciples of the academy because the inner hall only took in disciples and not students. The main halls that accepted students in the academy consisted of five great halls: Grand Era Hall, Idle Era Hall, Zenith Era Hall, Sacred Era Hall, and Emperor Era Hall.

The Grand Era Hall had the lowest requirements. For the many disciples from small sects or even vagrant cultivators, as long as they worked hard, the chance of them joining the Grand Era Hall was quite large. This was why many disciples from this hall had a low cultivation and would be from small sects or no sect at all.

Even though it boasted the lowest standard requirements, Second Sage Wang Yuan came from this place and he was the pride and epitomized the academy.

The Idle Era Hall was the most complex with dragons mixing with the serpents. There was no need to announce one's identity and background in this hall; as long as one could pass the test or pay the high tuition, they could enter this illustrious hall.

It consisted of young cultivators from everywhere. There were descendants of Ancient Kingdoms that hid their identities, bandits and thieves, and cultivators from unknown backgrounds...

Amongst all the Immortal Emperors, the most devilish one — Immortal Emperor Fei Yang who was loved and hated, praised and denounced by all, came from the Idle Era Hall. [2. Reminder, I'm pretty sure Immortal Emperor Fei Yang is the emperor that stole/won over someone's wife/fiancee.]

The Zenith Era Hall was the one that had the most talents out of the five halls. Of course, its requirements were very high. If the Idle Era Hall and the Grand Era Hall only required a paid tuition, then from the Zenith Era Hall onwards, one couldn't get in without passing the basic requirements.

By passing the tests, anyone could join the Zenith Era Hall and would enjoy zero tuition fees.

Only the most exceptional disciples from the sects and nations entered the Zenith Era Hall. It could be said that this hall consisted of all the brilliant talents from the nations and sects in this world, so it cultivated many heaven-defying talents and invincible characters.

For instance, the Lion Monarch, Martial God, and Saber Ancestor were all from the Zenith Era Hall.

The name "Zenith" indicated its creed to reach the peak of a generation, thus its students really did become the bosses of their own generations.

The Sacred Era Hall was even more exceptional. The requirement was beyond stringent. If the students from the Zenith Era Hall were prodigies, then the ones from the Sacred Era Hall were prodigies amongst prodigies. The majority of its students were descendants from Immortal Emperor lineages or great sects and Ancient Kingdoms.

Many wonderful experts came from this hall. The strongest was Immortal Emperor Ta Kong, the last Immortal Emperor of the Emperors Era!

Chapter 295: As Many Beauties As There Are Clouds

The Emperor Era Hall was the most mysterious hall in the Heavenly Dao Academy. Those who could enter were few and far between, and sometimes the Emperor Era Hall did not accept anyone because no one was able to pass the examination.

If students from the Sacred Era Hall were prodigies amongst prodigies, then the students from the Emperor Era Hall were one-of-a-kind geniuses.

Only one or two people would be accepted into the Emperor Era Hall at a given time, and there were many generations when this hall was empty without any students.

Despite the lack of students, the hall did not relax its strict standards even if this meant that it could not recruit any new students.

However, those who came out of the Emperor Era Hall were indeed great; even if they weren't Immortal Emperors, they were still high above the nine heavens and resounded with great prestige during their generation.

The most amazing person to come out of the Emperor Era Hall had to be Immortal Emperor Hao Hai who established the Thousand Emperor Gate, one of the strongest heritages since the start of time. One gate, four emperors, and it was even four emperors in a row across four generations. This was an unprecedented miracle since the eons. During that era, the Thousand Emperor Gate was referred to as the number one sect in all the Nine Worlds!

Because there was a big difference with their student recruiting policies, people called them the three top halls and two bottom halls. The three top halls were referring to the Emperor Era Hall, Sacred Era Hall, and Zenith Era Hall while the two bottom halls were the Grand Era Hall and Idle Era Hall.

Chi Xiaodie joining the Grand Era Hall was not a secret, and a wave rushed throughout the hall after its students found out.

Li Qiye's secret identity did not attract any attention, but Chi Xiaodie — on the other hand — was noticed by many students.

Even though the Lion's Roar Gate called itself a minor sect and a minor country, this was all relative. If one were to compared it to the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom and the Furious Immortal Saint Country, then it was indeed true that the Lion's Roar Gate was not formidable.

In fact, the Lion's Roar Gate's strength made it amongst the first rate sects and was a bit stronger than second rate sects. They had a few Enlightened Beings and Ancient Saints; such forces were enough to wipe out any small sects, including the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

In the eyes of minor sects, the Lion's Roar Gate was a monster. To many disciples from these sects and vagrant cultivators, Chi Xiaodie, the princess of the Lion's Roar Gate, was a great character. Not to mention that Chi Xiaodie was really a talented person since she already became a Royal Noble; she was many times stronger than the majority of the young disciples from the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom and Saint Country. Calling her a genius was not enough to indicate her worth.

Chi Xiaodie joining the Grand Era Hall caused quite a stir with many students gossiping about it.

"Princess Chi came to the Grand Era Hall!" A big-mouthed student said after hearing the news.

The first reaction to such a statement was skepticism. One of them said: "Impossible. The Lion's Roar Gate is a grand sect and Princess Chi is its strongest genius, how could she possibly join the Grand Era Hall? Not to mention, the gate is rich enough to pay the tuition for the Zenith Era Hall."

"It is the truth!" Another student swore: "I saw it with my own eyes. Oldest Brother Le Yi personally led her to the Grand Era Hall with another male student."

"How could this be?" Many cultivators, especially those near the Lion's Roar Country, felt that this was a strange matter.

Chi Xiaodie was quite popular within the Eastern Hundred Cities. She came from the Lion's Roar Gate, and although it was not an Ancient Kingdom, she had already reached the Royal Noble realm. Not to mention that she was also quite beautiful — a charming belle and a genius.

In fact, her fame was not necessarily lower than Sima Longyun, but he had the backing of the Saint Country so many cultivators flattered him instead.

"Princess Chi is a golden miss, plus she is also a Royal Noble, a real Royal Noble! With her strength, she would absolutely not go to the Grand Era Hall, she is absolutely capable of going to the Zenith Era Hall!" A student from the Lion's Roar Country couldn't help but speak.

"That's right! Princess Chi is the number one genius of the Lion's Roar younger generation. She is our royal canary, so how could she go to the Grand Era Hall?" Many Lion's Roar students, both males and females, were all proud because of Chi Xiaodie.

A student encouraged another female student: "Big Sister Lin, you know Princess Chi quite well, right? You can go ask and find out right away."

Chi Xiaodie's arrival suddenly became the hottest topic at the Grand Era Hall, especially to the male students that came from the Lion's Roar Country or neighboring territories. Many young cultivators who had a crush on her were quite excited.

One boy excitedly exclaimed as if he wanted to chase after her right away: "The Lion's Roar Country's royal canary, our number one beauty!"

The next day, Li Qiye woke up very early. He took Little Autumn on a stroll to check the heaven and earth vein of the academy in order to find out any clues regarding the Void Gate.

"Clank Clack!" Li Qiye opened the door and wanted to breathe some fresh air.

However, before he could do so, there were waves of cheers: "Welcome, Royal Highness Chi!" These voices were very pleasant and delicately charming, but these bursts of cheers suddenly stopped.

Many pretty pairs of eyes gazed at Li Qiye. Inside his yard stood many pretty female students; all of them were around twenty or so years old — young and beautiful. Each of these beauties had their own style and charm; it was such a pleasing image.

The welcoming ceremony suddenly stopped as everyone looked at Li Qiye, creating an awkward atmosphere.

Coming from the Lion's Roar Country and its neighbors, these female students planned to have a welcome greeting for Chi Xiaodie in order to give her a pleasant surprise. Who would have thought that the person to come out was not Chi Xiaodie but this unknown fella, Li Qiye?

At this point, their eyes were all on this little demon.

Li Qiye calmly and nonchalantly looked at all the pretty girls and smilingly spoke with ease: "This is a refreshing morning with a wonderfully cool weather, yet all these misses are enthusiastic like flames; I'm unable to bear such a warm reception."

An older student with an intellectual look came out and elegantly said with a hint of anger: "Little Demon, what did you say?" She then glared with her wide eyes at him.

Little Autumn stared at all the pretty female students and quickly wormed forward: "Wow, so many beauties, these shining white pretty legs make me really want to touch them!"

In just a second, many screaming sounds rang out one after another: "Ah! A worm, so disgusting!" The pretty students turned pale and jumped up and back to maintain a distance with Little Autumn. They were afraid of this giant worm crawling up their pretty legs.

Little Autumn suffered quite a blow and said: "Aizz, a group of little ladies without any knowledge." It rocked back and forth and proudly declared: "This boss is a natural born divine earthworm, touching you is your greatest fortune."

Having said that, it then crawled back next to Li Qiye.

Another angry female student coquettishly protested: "Damn earthworm, do you want a beating?" In a short period of time, pleasant voices like golden orioles filled the air.

"Your Royal Highness Chi." At this time, Chi Xiaodie came out. She had been training inside but was attracted by the commotion. She was quite surprised to see so many female students; some were familiar, and most of them came from the Lion's Roar Gate.

She couldn't help but to look at Li Qiye, afraid that he would be displeased. In the end, Li Qiye had always been inscrutable and kept everyone at a distance.

Li Qiye noticed this inquiring gaze from Chi Xiaodie, then he smilingly said: "If you are old friends, then you can talk amongst yourselves. If you have time, then listening to the lectures is also not a bad choice." Having said so, he left with Little Autumn.

After he went far away, a female student asked Chi Xiaodie: "Royal Highness Chi, who is that little demon? A disciple from the Lion's Roar Gate?"

Chi Xiaodie suddenly turned silent and looked at the group of female disciples. She could only wryly smile; looking at them reminded her of the first time she met Li Qiye. She also had the same shallow sight and didn't recognize the immensity of the heaven and earth.

Li Qiye and Little Autumn went around the vast territory of the Heavenly Dao Academy. It appeared to be a casual stroll, but they were measuring the changes in the veins beneath the academy.

The heaven and earth vein below the academy was an amazing grand vein; it could be described as the ancestral vein of the Eastern Hundred Cities. This vein had a great creation potential with boundless worldly energy. This was one of the reasons for the academy being able to stand tall for so long.

The academy's Progenitor used a great technique to build the academy on top of this heaven and earth grand vein. After many generations of the academy's great sages struggling, they were able to lock this vein, allowing the academy to always benefit on this land.

However, Li Qiye understood the academy better than any of its living members, including the reclusive ancestors. Ever since the Desolate Era until now, Li Qiye had come to the academy countless times, especially under Wang Yuan's rule. He knew the academy like his own palm.

The academy locked the heaven and earth vein, and Li Qiye knew the technique along with the changes inside. There was a distant memory deep in Li Qiye's mind; during the Ancient Ming Era — a dark era, he once led countless wise sages of the human race and borrowed the strength of this vein to repel waves and waves of offensive campaigns!

Chapter 296: Grand Era Hall

Therefore, Li Qiye was very aware of the changes that occurred in this heaven and earth vein.

"Ah, what a good place. If I knew this was the case, I should have teleported myself to this place to enjoy it within my realm. It would be difficult to not become a Godking with such a nice gift from the heavens nourishing me." Little Autumn salivated from feeling the rich worldly essence at this place while following Li Qiye.

"Back at the Ancestral Divine Temple, there was the remnant aura of the Hundred Battles Godking and Thousand Images True God protecting you, not to mention that Magu was also nearby to assist you. Where can one find a safer place? Also, that place is so ordinary so it does not attract any attention." Li Qiye glared at him and continued on: "It is not difficult to let you stay here at the Heavenly Dao Academy, but later on, you will have a hard time leaving. In the end, the Realm God had to stay at the academy. It could break the chains of the heaven and earth but could not repay the human debts! Do you actually want to stay at the academy like the Realm God, ah!?"

"Heh, I'm just joking, just a joke. Maybe I will actually go crazy by staying at the academy." Little Autumn immediately flattered Li Qiye right after: "I am your follower and will go wherever you go. When you sweep through this world and dominate the desolaces, how could I not be there?"

Li Qiye glared at Little Autumn again and slowly said: "Less flattering. Do your best and find the Void Gate for me. I want to see its true face and find out exactly where it leads to!"

The Void Gate, one of the Nine Grand Heavenly Treasures. There were many myths regarding it, and some people didn't believe in its existence. However, Li Qiye remained convinced that it was real just like the other eight treasures.

The question was, what was the ultimate meaning of the Void Gate? This was the direction Li Qiye was researching towards. Rumor has it that the Void Gate connected to the future or the past, or maybe even a tenth world outside of the Nine Worlds. No one knew whether this was the truth or not and the existence of a tenth world was up for debate, just like the Void Gate.

Little Autumn patted his chest and said: "Young Noble can rest at ease when I am working! It will absolutely be no problem!"

Li Qiye gave him a distrustful look and said: "Is that so? That year, you screwed up the True God's matter; you were just a spectator but you also got trapped with the True God himself."

Little Autumn felt guilty and wronged: "It was not all my fault. I really was careless that year regarding the master's matter, but he was completely cognizant at that time and knew what he was doing. I thought he didn't need me to remind him."

"One wrong move and all is lost." Li Qiye couldn't help but say: "This is the most frightening thing about the Buddhist Burial Plateau — an imperceptible influence. Countless invincible existences thought

everything was within their control, but in the end, they turned into believers and still actually thought that they were walking on another grand dao."

Little Autumn couldn't help but curse: "Motherf*cker, it is all because of that urinal pot!" Although his words were fierce, he was very frightened because that thing was too scary.

"The truth is that it had nothing to do with that pot. One thought to become a devil, one thought to ascend to godhood; everything is in their own hearts. The most regrettable matter is that Di Shi took the initiative beforehand. If not, then maybe I could have taken that thing out of there." Having said that, Li Qiye couldn't help but narrow his eyes.

The world didn't know that the Buddhist Burial Plateau had an amazing item coveted by even Immortal Emperors. Unfortunately, no one was able to take it. Li Qiye had tried several times in the past to no avail.

Little Autumn nodded his head in agreement: "Ah, that broken pot is indeed formidable; even Immortal Emperors can't do anything. Legend has it that Di Shi already took the lead since the start of time."

Li Qiye then replied with a serious expression: "We'll leave the matter of the Buddhist Burial Plateau to the side, we first have to deal with the Void Gate. As long as we have the Void Gate, once the buddhist gate is opened, I will have the Space Scripture. With both the Void Gate and the Space Scripture, dealing with that pot is only a matter of time. Then, I shall strike the Immortal Demon Grotto again!"

"Young Noble can rest assured, I will do my best to help you obtain the Void Gate!" Little Autumn excitedly proclaimed. The Void Gate and the Space Scripture were beyond heaven-defying. One wouldn't be afraid of Immortal Emperors with their help.

Li Qiye had been measuring the pulse of the academy, and he finally found the entrance after ten days.

He then commanded: "You can dive down. Don't be hasty, use your spatial power to dive down and avoid the grand formation of the academy while sensing to see if there are any clues about the portal. Watch out for the Realm God. Dive down while following my instructions and you will be able to avoid the Realm God if you don't make any mistakes. At this moment, it is not stable so it will not have time to worry about too many matters."

"Don't worry, I will be the first to find the portal and use the vein to search for the origin of the Void Gate. As long as the Void Gate is actually inside the portal, I will definitely be able to find it." After accepting Li Qiye's instructions, Little Autumn suddenly disappeared into his realm and was gone.

After dealing with this matter, Li Qiye went back to the Grand Era Hall but encountered an unexpected person.

"I never thought I'd meet Brother Li here." It was Bing Yuxia, the descendant of the Ice Feather Palace. There were two beauties accompanying her on both sides; both were top belles with kingdom-toppling charm.

Li Qiye remained silent when he saw that Bing Yuxia was still disguised as a man. This girl would not change her style even if she were to be beaten to death.

He glanced at her and said: "Little Girl, don't always think of yourself as a man, lest you turn into a shemale one day."

"Brother Li is so funny." Bing Yuxia smilingly replied: "Which hall are you staying at? Is it okay if I visit you?" The beauties next to Bing Yuxia were very surprised. Although Bing Yuxia cross-dressed and didn't care for the world, she was an arrogant person. Not too many people warranted such politeness from her; just what was this little demon's background?

Li Qiye immediately declined: "No need." He then calmly said: "You can keep on flirting with girls, don't bother me."

"Brother Li is wrong about this." Bing Yuxia revealed a beautiful smile: "One must share good things with their friends. If you are busy right now, then remember to come to the Idle Era Hall next time. I will introduce several supreme beauties to you, and you will surely like someone."

Li Qiye was out of words due to this tomboy. She was clever yet she wanted to mimic Immortal Emperor Bing Yu. Sometimes, Li Qiye wanted to teach her a lesson, but he could only sigh in secret because she reminded him of Immortal Emperor Bing Yu.

Bing Yuxia laughed then said: "It seems that you are interested? Remember to come, I must treat you and introduce some princesses and saintesses to you." Although she was dressed as a man, her beauty was still peerless.

Li Qiye didn't know whether to laugh or cry. This girl was really interesting and completely different from the other descendants of great powers.

After she left, another person came out of nowhere and cheerfully smiled: "Young Noble also came to the Heavenly Dao Academy? This is indeed a surprise."

This was a muscular young man with a large figure — a student of the academy with an unfamiliar face. No one knew his identity.

Li Qiye glanced at this strange student and said: "So, your target this time is the Heavenly Dao Academy?"

Others couldn't recognize this student, but how could he elude Li Qiye's sight? This young man was Sikong Toutian.

Sikong Toutian smiled and rubbed his hands together before saying: "Last time, I met an old enemy at the Lion's Roar Palace so I had to leave without saying goodbye."

Li Qiye didn't know what to say. This brat made too many enemies, more than one could count. It was to the point where Li Qiye was too lazy to ask.

Sikong Toutian looked around and saw that there was no one nearby, then he curiously asked: "Has Young Noble heard anything this time?"

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: "What thing? I am only here to stroll around."

Sikong Toutian smiled; he naturally didn't believe these words, but he didn't dare to inquire any further. He then whispered: "I, on the other hand, have heard some news, and I will share it with Young Noble." "What kind of news?" Li Qiye said while lacking interest. This time, he came for the Void Gate and didn't care for other matters.

Sikong Toutian looked around once more and confirmed that there was no one around before saying with a serious expression: "The Heavenly Dao Academy is in danger."

Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and commanded: "Elaborate." This news piqued his interest.

Sikong Toutian then whispered: "I obtained some secret news, a heaven-piercing secret. Some people want to take advantage of the situation and destroy the Heavenly Dao Academy."

"Destroy the Heavenly Dao Academy..." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes. This matter was not too outrageous. Since the beginning of time, countless heritages and dynasties wanted to destroy the Heavenly Dao Academy. It had an endless amount of resources with countless treasures; any of these priceless items would be enough to start a war. It had also accumulated numerous merit laws and secret techniques since the Desolate Era, causing others to be even more greedy. Its territory could also be considered priceless even if one were to consider only its heaven and earth vein. One would have an eternal lineage just by building it above this vein.

Since the early ages, many wanted to destroy the Heavenly Dao Academy, but in the end, it remained standing.

Chapter 297: Heaven-Shaking Ploy

"I understand what you're thinking." Sikong Toutian saw through Li Qiye and said in a low voice: "If it was any other day, then these people would not dare to attack the academy even if they were one hundred times more courageous, but the situation is different right now."

Li Qiye smiled and asked: "Oh? How are things different? Do tell."

Sikong Toutian cautiously spoke: "I heard that the Realm God of the academy is on the brink of death. It might have been affected by the opening of the portal. Not only will it die, but it will also explode. Rumor has it that there is something wrong with the Realm God, and it might just go mad and destroy this piece of earth."

Li Qiye smiled cheerfully and added: "So this is why some people want to fish in troubled waters?"

Sikong Toutian replied: "Yes! At that time, the academy will have a hard time stabilizing the chaos, and it will be the best opportunity to rob the houses that are on fire."

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: "Are you talking about yourself, or other people?"

Sikong Toutian awkwardly smiled and answered: "How could I be so courageous? Plus, taking advantage of the situation is something only petty thieves do. I heard of a secret message, one that stated that someone wants to seize the entire academy!"

"Seize the entire academy? This is not an easy matter." Li Qiye knew the strength of the academy; even an Ancient Kingdom wouldn't necessarily have the same foundation as the academy. Sikong Toutian then whispered: "That's right! So many people formed an alliance in secret and they wanted to take out a few Immortal Emperor Life Treasures. Even Immortal Emperor True Treasures were brought up."

Li Qiye squinted his eyes and said: "Their reputations must be great. A few lineages can scrape up several Immortal Emperor Life Treasures, but there aren't many of them. Gathering True Treasures would be even harder."

"An amazing character came out. I heard that it might be a legendary master convincing other great heritages. A few seclusive undyings might be tempted to come out. This not only involves the Eastern Hundred Cities, but also the Grand Middle Territory, the Western Desolate Wasteland, the Southern Barren Earth, and the Northern Grand Sea." Sikong Toutian said in a low voice.

Li Qiye rubbed his chin while pondering. A single legendary character would not be able to swallow the academy, not even an Immortal Emperor lineage would be able to do so. Several great legendary characters must have joined forces to aim for the academy.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Experts in the legends..." The Difficult Dao Era did not produce legendary experts; these existences were old men who buried themselves!

Sikong Toutian quietly asked: "What do you think?"

Li Qiye gave him a look and said: "You shouldn't participate in this matter; otherwise, at that time, you wouldn't be able to eat mutton and instead would only be basked in the tempting smell of one. You will follow me when the portal opens this time, you might be of some use." [1. Idiom meaning that he will not only not get any benefits from it, but he might be involved in a negative manner.]

Sikong Toutian rubbed his nose and hesitantly said: "This..."

Li Qiye smiled and didn't say anything else before turning around to leave. Behind him, Sikong Toutian ground his teeth and stomped his foot before calling out to Li Qiye: "If Young Noble needs me, then just say the word. I will not refuse!"

Li Qiye then turned around and looked at Sikong Toutian a bit, then he smiled and said: "Do you still have the Chi brat's medicinal ingredients?"

Li Qiye's sudden inquiry left Sikong Toutian startled. He guiltily laughed and answered: "Hehe. Young Noble, that brat doesn't have time to worry about me. Recently, he has been getting all heated up with the little girl from the Bao Yun Clan. They are like inseparable glue, so I don't want to bother them."

"Go return them." Li Qiye demanded: "Do this first, I will not repeat myself a second time."

Sikong Toutian took a deep breath and nodded to say: "Since Young Noble said so, I will definitely handdeliver them to him."

Li Qiye didn't say anything else and turned away.

Sikong Toutian quickly called out to him: "Just let me know if you need me, I am staying at the Idle Era Hall!"

Li Qiye was not surprised about Sikong Toutian staying at the Idle Era Hall. It was a complex and chaotic place with all types of people; this brat hiding there was like a fish in water.

When Li Qiye got back to the Grand Era Hall, his yard was empty and the beautiful scenery that was filled with pretty girls was no longer there like in the morning.

Chi Xiaodie served Li Qiye with a bath. Now, she had considered herself to be a servant for Li Qiye, but he never made her position clear.

After the bath was over, Chi Xiaodie asked: "Is it alright if I got together with my sisters tomorrow?"

"A get-together?" Li Qiye gently asked.

Chi Xiaodie quickly replied: "There will be some Grand Era students and some Zenith Era students. They are part of the younger generation that either came from the Lion's Roar Country or the neighboring countries. Some are also from the royal families."

Li Qiye nodded his head and understood: "So you are making connections."

This was the difference between Chi Xiaodie and Li Shuangyan. If Li Shuangyan was cold and arrogant like the snow apricot, then Chi Xiaodie was a beauty in the world of mortals.

Chi Xiaodie's origin was not as great as Li Shuangyan. In other words, she was a lot closer to minor sects while Li Shuangyan was high up above and didn't care for the smaller entities.

Chi Xiaodie also needed to interact with the younger generation of the neighboring countries in order to stabilize her country's status and gain more friends.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "I will also go with you ah!"

"Well..." Chi Xiaodie couldn't help but become surprised. She didn't expect for Li Qiye to want to go with her.

He gave her a look and freely said: "As many beauties as there are clouds with voices as pleasing as the orioles... Just as Little Autumn said, it would be a waste to not observe the pretty and white legs. Being surrounded by supreme beauties will bring about great enjoyment, so how could I miss such an opportunity?" These words were very perverted and obscene. If someone else said such words, then they would be seen as a low-life and lewd person. However, when Li Qiye uttered them, there was an air of elegance and naturalness like pure flowers and the moon.

Chi Xiaodie was slightly taken aback. She didn't expect Li Qiye to have such a side to him. Ever since she followed Li Qiye around, he gave her an enigmatic impression, someone with prestige as great as a high mountain that rendered others stunned with awe. Sikong Toutian and Old Daoist Peng were both afraid of Li Qiye.

Although he was clearly younger than her, she had never viewed him as a boy. Li Qiye was more like a solemn predecessor.

His sudden change caught her by surprise; it was completely different from her imagination.

"Well, don't be surprised, going out to relax is a good thing." Li Qiye smilingly said: "Recently, I have been quite strict with you so we can relax a bit. I am also a person at the spring of my youth, right? So how could I not go contribute to this lively fun?"

Li Qiye pondered for a bit. Recently, he had been quite harsh towards Chi Xiaodie. After he returned to the Eastern Hundred Cities, along with the dust-laden battles, so much of the past came sweeping back again, causing Li Qiye's heart to be quite heavy from remembering old matters.

The deeper the love, the deeper the pain. Love here did not refer to Li Qiye loving Chi Xiaodie but rather, the Chi Clan Ancestor, the Hundred Battles Godking — his loyal general. After meeting his descendant, Li Qiye initially didn't plan to train Chi Xiaodie, but he changed his mind because of the general's loyalty. He was also very strict towards Chi Xiaodie.

Chi Xiaodie smiled and said: "Okay, I will arrange everything for tomorrow and introduce Young Noble to my sisters." Suddenly, she seemed to be a lot closer to Li Qiye. The words "Young Noble" came out a lot more naturally. Before, because of his strictness like a master, she had forgotten that Li Qiye was also at a young age. Li Qiye's current words caused her to now feel that youthful air.

"Just be yourself." Li Qiye smilingly added: "I won't speak more profound truths today, so just relax your mind and calmly face the lonely grand dao. I will only guide you in the present, your future cultivation will have to rely on yourself. After all, I am not your master."

Chi Xiaodie took a deep breath and then stared deeply at the much-younger Li Qiye as she said with a relaxed smile: "I understand."

Li Qiye smiled and nodded his head without saying anything else.

On the next day, Chi Xiaodie and her sisters met at a restaurant not far from the Grand Era Hall and reserved an entire floor. Although the Heavenly Dao Academy was called an academy, it was more like a country with a vast territory that contained countless cities! This particular city was very large and bustling.

There were a few dozen beauties that planned this feast for Chi Xiaodie. Most of them came from the Lion's Roar Country or nearby nations. Their backgrounds were quite formidable; they were either princesses or descendants of sects. Their status and cultivation were similar to Chi Xiaodie's. Outside of a few that came from the Zenith Era Hall, all the others were from the Grand Era Hall.

In just a short period of time, the party was quite enjoyable as the sweet sounds of the golden ladies resounded. Their playful pouting and conversations along with their good figures and graceful bearing culminated into a scene too much for the eyes to take in.

With a group of girls getting together and chattering about various matters with laughter, Li Qiye — who was quietly sitting in a corner — couldn't help but smile.

Chapter 298: I Am A Proper Person

Of course, Chi Xiaodie was just joking when she talked about introducing him to the others. At the party, Li Qiye simply sat there quietly; he was only there to feel the youthful air and emotions that accompanied it.

Naturally, the girls immediately brought up Li Qiye to Chi Xiaodie.

"Princess Chi, is this little brother a disciple from the Lion's Roar Country?" A girl smilingly asked while looking at Li Qiye.

Another young girl around the same age as Li Qiye also smiled and said: "I remember that Sister Chi only had one little brother, and the brat always followed right behind you. Could this guy be a cousin of yours?"

Another lady with a noble look and an amazing background looked at Li Qiye and gave a friendly smile: "Sister Chi, is this really your cousin? Do you want me to be a matchmaker? There are so many sisters here, maybe one is suitable for him."

Chi Xiaodie was at a loss for words. Matchmaking for Li Qiye? Even Bing Yuxia was only qualified to be his maid! Thus, she looked at Li Qiye as if she was asking for help.

Li Qiye sat there quietly while he carefully examined all the girls present at the party, then he nonchalantly said: "This little brother doesn't know what to do when Big Sisters are speaking like this. This is my first time talking about marriage and matchmaking... Big Sisters, please don't laugh at me; I am still young and very thin-skinned — easily embarrassed..."

"Please, embarrassed?" A lively girl looked at Li Qiye with one eye and said: "In my eyes, you are a little lecher. From the moment you came in, your shifty gaze has been glancing at us nonstop. Look at your sneaky thief-like appearance, you clearly have no good intentions."

Another girl quickly added: "That's right, I see that although he is young, his lewdness can shadow even the sky."

Li Qiye was the only male at the party and he was younger than them, so a group of girls gathered together to boldly tease him.

Facing the dozens of ladies, Li Qiye did not panic. He calmly spoke: "These words really do this little brother injustice." Li Qiye smiled and said: "If I was really so lewd, then if I liked someone, wouldn't I just directly carry her back home?"

Another girl smiled amusingly: "Oh, this little demon sure can retort. Daring to kidnap a girl with just your three-legged cat ability? Watch out or she'll smack and punch your face swollen." [1. A three-legged cat surely can't be that skillful.]

A girl that looked just as pretty as Chi Xiaodie laughed and said with some charisma: "Xiaodie and I are close sisters, and Xiaodie's little brother is also my little brother. Tell Big Sister, which girl you like, I will help you and go to her house to arrange a marriage."

Another girl pointed at the youngest girl at this place whose age was closest to Li Qiye and smilingly teased: "I think Little Yan is a good match."

This other girl suddenly blushed and angrily exclaimed: "If Sister Lin makes fun of me again, I will ignore you!"

The group of girls suddenly became rowdy as Chi Xiaodie didn't know whether to laugh or cry. These girls didn't know the type of person they were teasing. Don't you dare think that he looks harmless; once he becomes enraged, everyone would become frightened.

Although many girls were teasing him, Li Qiye remained composed and said: "Aizz, I am a proper person, but with Sisters making fun of me like this, I am unable to handle it."

"Bah, a proper person? Then when you are not proper, you will no longer be human ah!" A girl laughed and spoke.

Li Qiye then very innocently replied: "These words are not right. What am I if not a person, a lowly bastard then? Alas, my good personality does not include such an unbecoming trait." [2. This passage relied on the word Λ (person/man) and the prefixes describing the man. It is a wordplay of sorts, starting with the girl joking that Li Qiye is not a person because he wasn't acting proper contrary to his statement that he was a "proper Λ ". Then, Li Qiye used a duality of rhetoric to retort the first part

being foul using the word 贱人 (lowly person/slut), which is derogatory and shouldn't be said in front of ladies, but then he dispelled it by saying that his characteristics do not involve such a lowly trait as if he was a noble. Wordplays, or rather, the little intricacies with the Chinese language can be hard to translate like this particular passage.]

Another girl pouted and said in jest: "You're already improper after just speaking one or two phrases, are you not embarrassed at all?"

Li Qiye was alone in this place, so the group of girls teased him without any pressure; they felt that bullying Li Qiye was quite enjoyable.

Chi Xiaodie — on the other hand — sat down to watch. She was relaxed and was just waiting to see how her Young Noble would end this.

The noble lady smilingly said: "Little Brother, tell me, which one do you like? I will help you." This noble lady was a princess from a neighboring country of the Lion's Roar Country.

"Hmm..." Li Qiye smirked at the girls as his eyes slowly swept by them one by one as if he was picking a suitable partner.

A girl coquettishly exclaimed: "This little pervert!"

However, before Li Qiye could look at all the girls present, some footsteps appeared. A few people were coming up to their floor.

In the blink of an eye, five or six people arrived. With both men and women, the group had an imposing air about them. One guy wore a royal crown while another girl wore a phoenix robe. The guys were heroic while the girls were charmingly beautiful.

The lively atmosphere suddenly turned silent as if everyone was doused by freezing water. The girls all changed their expressions the moment they saw this group of people at the scene.

Leading this group was a girl; she wore a phoenix robe with a tiara adorned on her head. She had a noble aura as her phoenix eyes were quite oppressively glaring at Chi Xiaodie.

Chi Xiaodie's face sank when she saw this person. As for the other girls present, they were also shivering inside because... this group of people had great backgrounds.

"Chi Xiaodie, it is good that you are here, it saves this princess from having to go to the Grand Era Hall to find you." [3. Note, this is a 郡主; jùnzhǔ, a princess from the brothers of the king, not a first rank princess 公主 like Chi Xiaodie.]

This girl was extremely arrogant as she coldly declared with disgust: "Going to the Grand Era Hall will dirty my soles! You're just a bunch of rats and cockroaches at the lowest level!"

The girls couldn't help but become outraged by these words! A neighboring princess asserted: "Princess Huangfu, these words are way out of line! The Tiger's Howl School is also not an Immortal Emperor lineage!" Although this princess joined the Zenith Era Hall, she had quite a good relationship with many sisters from the Grand Era Hall.

"So? Not convinced?" This girl coolly said: "If you are a student of the Zenith Era Hall, then don't mingle with these dogs and cats. It is shameful to the Zenith Era Hall's reputation."

This girl's name was Huangfu Feng, and she came from the Tiger's Howl School. She was also bestowed the title of princess in the Tiger's Howl Country. With a natural King Fate, her talents were not bad. Her ancestor was a great demonic Golden Bird so she had the very rare Houtian Golden Bird Physique. Huangfu Feng was already a Royal Noble; she was not the most excellent genius of the younger generation, but she was still very excellent. [4. Golden Bird here is a luan, a type of mythical bird relating to the phoenix without a direct English translation. However, it is not the strongest type of phoenix so I'm using Golden Bird instead of calling it Phoenix. Phoenix and Dragon will be reserved for the most pure/strongest bloodline in Emperor's Domination. An interesting note is that her name is Feng, which is actually phoenix.]

"You--!" The neighboring princess became enraged and suddenly stood up then glared at Huangfu Feng.

The people who followed Huangfu Feng were all from great powers. A guy coldly warned: "Lady Zhu, do not make a mistake. Do you wish to oppose the Tiger's Howl School?"

Huangfu Feng ignored the neighboring princess and glared at Chi Xiaodie: "Chi Xiaodie, you better control your brother; otherwise, he'll die without knowing why! Hmph, know your place, lest you want your country to suffer a disaster!"

Huangfu Feng was a princess of the Tiger's Howl Country and also the martial sister to Hu Yue. Since Chi Xiaodao was trying to court Princess Bao Yun — who very well might be Hu Yue's fiancee, Huangfu Feng couldn't let go of this annoyance so she came to back Hu Yue up.

Her stark threat left Chi Xiaodie startled. The Tiger's Howl School was indeed powerful, but her arrogant threat was intolerable.

All the girls were glaring at Huangfu Feng for they felt grievance in Chi Xiaodie's stead.

At this time, a lazy sound came about: "Chi Xiaodao is under my protection. Him chasing after Princess Bao Yun is nothing outrageous. An unmarried man and an unbetrothed woman — if they are both willing, then this matter is the natural course of man. Little Miss Bao Yun still hasn't been betrothed to your school, so what is this unruly attitude!?"

Li Qiye was the speaker. He didn't even bat an eyelid nor bother to glance at Huangfu Feng as he continued on: "Since you came here running to threaten the people by my side, go back with my message: if the Tiger's Howl School is smart, then tuck its tail together and behave. If Little Miss Bao Yun is willing to follow Chi Xiaodao, then what does it have to do with your school? If Hu Yue dares to try and suppress this matter and separate the little lovers, then I will personally remove his bones!"

Li Qiye's brazen words left Huangfu Feng and her followers shocked. She coldly gave him a look and didn't think highly of him before commanding: "Beat, beat up this little demon and end his life! I will personally take care of Chi Xiaodie!"

"This thing not knowing life from death...!" The youngest man standing next to Huangfu Feng suddenly reached out towards Li Qiye with his fingers that had an incomparable razor sharpness.

"Scram!" Li Qiye immediately stood up with a suppressive swing of his arm. "Boom!" before this young man knew what happened, he was already struck flying away by Li Qiye's one hand.

Li Qiye then became as fast as lightning and immediately soared towards Huangfu Feng. She became alarmed and shouted: "Do you want to die!?" In the blink of an eye, Huangfu Feng slashed down with her feather saber; it was extremely sharp and even a King Physique would not be able to withstand this cut.

"Pop!" Li Qiye didn't even lift his gaze towards the cut. His heavily swung his arm forward, and the feather saber immediately shattered while Huangfu Feng was also struck flying away as she spewed out blood. She underestimated her opponent too much and thought that one slash would easily kill Li Qiye. She didn't expect for Li Qiye to knock her away with one strike instead.

However, before the blood-spewing Huangfu Feng could fall down, Li Qiye moved with an indiscernible speed. In a flash, he already gripped Huangfu Feng's neck as her body was hanging in the air against a wall.

At this time, Huangfu Feng — who was gripped by Li Qiye — hung there like a white crane. Her fine unblemished neck that was clasped firmly in Li Qiye's hand caused her to no longer be able to hang her proud and noble head high.

Chapter 299: Beautiful Bing Yuxia

"You dare--" The men and women who came with Huangfu Feng became frightened and shouted. However, they were afraid of breaking the vase while chasing the rat, so they didn't dare to approach Li Qiye since he was grasping Huangfu Feng's neck.

Li Qiye wouldn't even look at them; he stared straight at Huangfu Feng and calmly said: "You're just a Royal Noble yet you still dare to act arrogant before me? My hands have been basked in more Royal Noble blood than the amount of water you have drank."

"I... I am a Tiger's Howl princess. If... If you dare to kill me, then the Tiger's Howl School will never let you off!" Li Qiye's nonchalant eyes terrified her. It was as if he would kill her as easily as crushing an ant — such a trivial and insignificant matter.

At this time, a crisp and melodious voice appeared: "Since when was the Tiger's Howl School in charge of the Eastern Hundred Cities?"

A person stood at the stairway with a peerless and elegant appearance in male clothing.

"Lady Bing!" The group that came with Huangfu Feng was startled and they all took a step back.

The woman that appeared out of nowhere was Bing Yuxia. She idly stood there and closed her paper fan before stepping closer towards Huangfu Feng.

"The Tiger's Howl School can scare little children, but if you want to scare Brother Li, you must — at the very least — bring in the Soaring Immortal Sect."

Chi Xiaodie's group of sisters were in a daze as they stared at Bing Yuxia. She was the descendant of an Immortal Emperor lineage, a high above character in the eyes of the smaller sects.

Li Qiye freely answered her: "The Soaring Immortal Sect is also nothing special."

Li Qiye then listlessly threw Huangfu Feng down like a bag of trash and didn't bother to look at her: "Scram. Today, my mood is good so I do not want to kill! If you dare to appear in front of me again... Even though I do not like to kill women, I will personally slay you!"

Huangfu Feng was completely pale as she struggled to claw towards her group to escape. She was too frightened to stay even a second longer.

The group of girls was extremely intimidated. Earlier, they were teasing Li Qiye and felt that he was a harmless and young little demon. But suddenly, this harmless boy turned into a true powerful expert. A Royal Noble was like a little chicken in Li Qiye's hands, and this reality caused them to lose their minds as they stared at him in a daze.

He then looked at the girls and shook his head before saying with exasperation: "Our good time has been ruined by these indescribably vulgar people."

The girls regained their wits; they looked at Li Qiye then glanced at each other without saying anything.

"Oh, you didn't want me to introduce you to anyone... So it is because Brother Li has this interest of wanting to build a harem by yourself?" Bing Yuxia looked at all the girls sitting down then smilingly said with the look of a playful young master: "Brother Li, as people say — although fine wines are great, one shouldn't drink excessively. You alone taking care of so many girls, can you actually handle it?"

"Ba!" Li Qiye suddenly slapped Bing Yuxia's voluptuous buttocks.

His sudden attack startled her. She jumped and pulled away instantly to form some distance: "What are you doing!?"

Meanwhile, all the girls here were speechless. This was the descendant of the Ice Feather Palace! At this moment, she was one of the strongest young geniuses in the Eastern Hundred Cities, yet Li Qiye dared to assault her savory behind; he dared to treat her frivolously! This, this was unbelievable ah!

Li Qiye leisurely glanced at her and unhurriedly said: "An improper girl acting like a boy all day long... Watch out or I will take off your clothes one day!"

"You dare--!" Bing Yuxia arched her chest with both hands on her waist, resulting in an intimidating stance as she stared straight at Li Qiye.

Li Qiye could only smile and shake his head before speaking to the girls: "Big Sisters can keep playing, this little brother will take my leave." Then, he turned away and departed.

He got out to the door and spoke without turning back: "Come, or do you want to stay?" Li Qiye was speaking to Bing Yuxia, of course.

Bing Yuxia smiled and gallantly spread her paper fan just like an elegant young master. She clasped her hands together to say goodbye to the ladies and cheerfully smirked: "Ladies, I will take my leave first." Having said that, she nimbly floated away.

After Li Qiye and Bing Yuxia left, more than ten girls who were sitting down were still in shock. After a long while, they managed to calm down. The neighboring princess then asked Chi Xiaodie: "Xiaodie, that wasn't your cousin ah?"

"I never said he was." Chi Xiaodie wryly smiled and said.

"Your Highness Chi, then who is he? What is his origin?" In a short amount of time, all the girls at the table asked at once: "He didn't even put the Tiger's Howl School in his eyes, so he must have come from an Immortal Emperor lineage ah!"

Chi Xiaodie simply sighed in her heart. Not just the Tiger's Howl School, there were not many existences that could exist in his eyes ah!

"Chi Xiaodie, you and him were together, could it be that he is your fiance? You two stuck together every day, could it be that the two of you..." A more crafty girl asked.

Chi Xiaodie suddenly blushed and gently scolded her: "Don't speak nonsense, it is not good if outsiders hear it!" She couldn't help but become dejected and sigh. In the present time, what kind of girl would actually be able to tie him down?

Li Qiye went back to his big solitary peak at the Grand Era Hall. At this time, Bing Yuxia also came alone without the company of any beauties.

"It is a rare sight to see you without any girls." Li Qiye sat down and glanced at her: "Speak, be frank, no need to mince words."

Bing Yuxia frankly said: "How about we cooperate this time?" She came alone not to have fun, but because she really needed to talk with Li Qiye.

Li Qiye then narrowed his eyes and said: "Cooperation? With what?" He thought that Bing Yuxia was going to talk about the Sky Cutting tablet.

She glared at him and said: "You wouldn't join the Grand Era Hall randomly, right? You surely came for the Void Gate of the academy, yes?"

Li Qiye looked at the girl standing in front of him. Her temperament and demeanor were somewhat similar to Immortal Emperor Bing Yu of the past.

He shook his head and smilingly spoke: "The Void Gate is a legend, and no one in this world knows whether it is real or not. At this moment, isn't it still too early to talk about the Void Gate?"

"If it is only a legend, then why are you here?" Bing Yuxia was not the type who was all talk. Her becoming the descendant of the Ice Feather Palace proved that she was a formidable character.

"I'm a bit interested about it." Li Qiye smiled and said: "There are so many people at the academy, but why do you keep coming to find me time and time again? Don't tell me it is because I am very handsome?"

Bing Yuxia laughed brightly with three parts that contained the brilliance of the sun and seven parts gentleness, then she said: "Handsome and you have nothing to do with each other! Moreover, the descendants and great children of the ancient sects and heritages — I don't like them. The majority of them just act respectable on the surface, but they are all schemers inside — too untrustworthy."

"Interesting." Li Qiye smilingly asked: "Why should I cooperate with you? To be frank, the Ice Feather Palace is great, and you are also a formidable girl with extraordinary strength. However, it is not so easy to cooperate with me. To put it in words, I do not lack people! If I need people, then I can call for an old monster much stronger than you."

Bing Yuxia smiled and replied: "I know you are arrogant, you have done many arrogant things in the Grand Middle Territory." She ordered people to learn about Li Qiye in the Grand Middle Territory and expended a lot of money regarding this matter.

She cheerfully smiled and said: "However, there is an item other people can't give you! My Ice Feather Palace's defining treasure! If you truly want to enter the Void Gate, then maybe this item will be of assistance!"

"It seems like the old men and women at the Ice Feather Palace really value you; they even allowed you to bring along this item." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and said: "A little interesting. Fine, I will give you a piece, you may follow me."

She then looked at him and asked: "After entering the Void Gate, what will you split with me?"

Li Qiye slightly flicked his sleeve and interrupted her to say: "Little Girl, don't try to negotiate with me! The truth is that, regarding whether the Void Gate is real or not, I am more certain than you. Even though the defining treasure of your Ice Feather Palace might be amazing, the items that I can use are no weaker! I am giving you a piece because I feel that you are not a bad little girl. Otherwise, with just your palace's item and you still want to share the Void Gate with me? Not possible, understand?"

Li Qiye's words were quite domineering. The Ice Feather Palace was an Immortal Emperor lineage so one could already imagine how terrifying its defining treasure must be.

Bing Yuxia was not angry. She stared at Li Qiye for a long time before nodding her head and saying: "Good, it is a deal!"

"Ba!" The moment Bing Yuxia stood up, Li Qiye — once again — slapped her sweet buttocks.

"Little Demon, what are you doing!" Bing Yuxia immediately jumped up and glared at Li Qiye in anger.

"Little Girl, don't copy Immortal Emperor Bing Yu. What's the point in dressing up as a man?" The sweet fragrance still lingered on Li Qiye's hand as he spoke.

Bing Yuxia was quite livid as her face turned red and her chest was shaking up and down. She eventually glared at him and said: "Little Demon, don't pretend to be a wise old man, I am older than you!" Having said that, she turned away to leave with quite a bit of grievance.

Li Qiye didn't know whether to laugh or cry; this girl was really becoming more and more like Immortal Emperor Bing Yu.

After she left, Li Qiye was about to train, but Chi Xiaodie's sisters suddenly rushed into the yard with panicked expressions.

They saw Li Qiye and acted as if they had seen a savior and quickly said: "Not good, not good, a big incident occurred!"

Chapter 300: Huangfu Feng's Provocation

"Ladies, calmly speak about the matter. Even if the sky falls down, there will be great people to shoulder it."

"We are out of time, we will tell you on the way." A few girls didn't care whether Li Qiye agreed or not and immediately dragged him outside with hasty appearances.

"What actually happened?" Li Qiye was helpless and couldn't do anything else but to run along as he was dragged out by the girls.

They were running as the girls answered: "Her Highness Chi and Huangfu Feng went on the Dragon Arbiter Stage."

"Dragon Arbiter Stage?" Li Qiye narrowed his eyes a little and said: "Quite bold to consider my words as wind passing through one's ears. Did she really think that I was just boasting?"

The several girls quickly said: "After you left, Huangfu Feng returned with some help; she got a big backing this time so she came prepared."

"Ah? Gods from which direction?" Li Qiye asked. [1. Just an expression, usually sarcastic.]

One girl answered: "The Brilliance Ancient Kingdom's Gui Fushu, the junior of Great Child Zu Huangwu, a formidable genius from the Zenith Era Hall."

The other girls became serious once Gui Fushu was brought up. He was much more frightening than Huangfu Feng, and the most terrifying part was that he came from the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom, a one sect two emperors lineage. It was way more intimidating than the Tiger's Howl School.

A girl indignantly explained: "After having a firm backer, Huangfu Feng came back and spoke unflattering words. In the end, Her Highness Chi became enraged and agreed to a life or death match against her on the Dragon Arbiter Stage!"

The other girls were also outraged from the unfairness and said: "The Tiger's Howl School went too far and bullied our Lion's Roar Country because we have no one behind us."

The Dragon Arbiter Stage was the location where students fought to the death. Normally, disciples would stop at the right time during a spar to not damage the friendly competitive atmosphere.

However, if both sides wanted to risk their lives, then they must climb onto the Dragon Arbiter Stage. Once the battle started, someone must die!

Huangfu Feng was humiliated by Li Qiye and lost all face in front of the Grand Era Hall's girls whom she deemed as inferior and wretched. Huangfu Feng felt ashamed and became livid the more she thought about it and couldn't let it go, thus wanting to seek retribution. However, she knew that her cultivation alone was not sufficient to mess with that little demon, Li Qiye, so she thought about seeking someone.

Gui Fushu came from the Ghost Race, but he joined the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom and became a disciple. His talent was very high; although he was not part of the royal family, he was valued highly by the kingdom and was bestowed the title of Royal Noble.

He is now a One Celestial Enlightened Being, but this was not his most terrorizing characteristic. The scary part was that he had five Fate Palaces.

When he was a Royal Noble, he opened three palaces to have a total of five. A five palaces Royal Noble was a Grand Dao Noble, so one could imagine how great his talent was.

Afterward, he stepped into the Enlightened Being realm as a Grand Dao Noble. Even a Five Celestials Enlightened Being would lose their colors when they met him.

He was from a foreign race yet was still bestowed a title by the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom — this was indicative of his might.

He adored Huangfu Feng very much. This time, after suffering a great humiliation, she came to him for help and he immediately agreed. Gui Fushu promised to personally erase this little demon Li Qiye and wash away her disgrace.

He agreed not just because of his hubris, but because he indeed had the strength.

At this time, Chi Xiaodie and Huangfu Feng were standing above the Dragon Arbiter Stage; their battle attracted many spectating students. Not only did the Grand Era Hall and Zenith Era Hall students arrive, but there were also many Idle Era Hall students. A few geniuses and devilish prodigies from the Sacred Era Hall also came to watch.

Although Chi Xiaodie had just joined the Grand Era Hall, she was a Royal Noble at the second level of the Mysterious Fate realm, or a King Noble as colloquially referred to by others.

However, born from the Lion's Roar Country, she used her own strength to climb to a King Noble. This was a great matter so her reputation was renowned throughout the Eastern Hundred Cities.

Huangfu Feng was also not simple. She was a disciple of the Tiger's Howl School, and her ancestor was a great demonic Golden Bird so she was also famous in the cities.

Today, when these two heaven's proud daughters decided to fight to the death out of nowhere, many students came to watch. Especially the Grand Era Hall, they all came to cheer; the disciples from the Lion's Roar Country all came to support Chi Xiaodie.

Of course, seeing Gui Fushu standing by Huangfu Feng's banner left many of them with the shivers. A strong person like Gui Fushu exerted quite a psychological pressure even if he was just watching.

"Both of you are talents from the Eastern Hundred Cities, why the need to fight to the death over such a minor matter?" One descendant from a great power quickly tried to appease them.

A prince noticed that Gui Fushu was supporting Huangfu Feng, so he understood that the situation was grim for Chi Xiaodie, so he immediately convinced her: "Miss Chi, take a step back to observe the broad sky and wide ocean. Miss Chi should bow your head and apologize to Huangfu Feng and accept your mistake, then everyone can let this go."

Huangfu Feng sneered and said: "Bow her head? All is forgiven after she accepts her mistake?" She then added a tart remark: "It will not be so easy. If she kneels down and bows her head to admit her mistake, then I can let this go."

Huangfu Feng's words caused the prince who was trying to mediate to gently sigh. Her attitude was too much, but seeing Gui Fushu behind her, this prince couldn't say anything else.

At this time, if any of the younger generation came out to speak on Chi Xiaodie's behalf, it would already be very loyal and heroic of them. In the end, not too many people could mess with the Brilliance Ancient Kingdom for this was a foolish decision.

A few geniuses from the Sacred Era Hall simply watched from afar. To them, the talents from the Zenith Era Hall were not worthy of consideration.

"It seems like someone considered my words as the fleeting wind." At this time, a lazy voice rang about as Li Qiye was dragged onto the Dragon Arbiter Stage by the girls.

The moment she saw Li Qiye arrive, Chi Xiaodie felt relieved. Gui Fushu backing up Huangfu Feng gave her a lot of pressure. She was not a genius like Li Shuangyan because she lacked the same murderous determination — meet gods, slay gods; meet devils, slay devils!

With Li Qiye here, Gui Fushu was no longer a threat to her. Before she knew it, she became quite dependent on Li Qiye.

Huangfu Feng's face became hard to look at after seeing Li Qiye's arrival, so she shouted: "It was him!"

Gui Fushu glanced at Li Qiye with a cold glare and bluntly inquired: "You are that Li Qiye?" Gui Fushu was quite handsome, but his dark aura was too dense.

He came from the Four Ghosts Tribe, a branch of the Ghost Immortal Race. There were not too many Ghost Immortals in the Mortal Emperor World, so the Four Ghost Tribe was considered a powerful branch.

His involvement induced shivers in the hearts of the Grand Era Hall students who came to support Chi Xiaodie. Even the other students from the Zenith Era Hall also became serious.

Gui Fushu's ranking was quite high in the Zenith Era Hall as a former Grand Dao Noble. His current One Celestial Enlightened Being cultivation could be a direct threat to a Five Celestials Enlightened Being like Hu Yue of the Sacred Era Hall.

Li Qiye was too lazy to catch a glimpse of him as he slowly said: "Yes, what about it?"

Gui Fushu's eyes turned cold. Suddenly, the dark aura became thicker around his body. He truly looked a bit like a ghost! There were many different ghost branches and all of them were different. A few tribes looked exactly like humans, but their blood was purple. Their blood was also a lot colder than that of humans, so the ghost race gave others a cold sensation, and some people referred to this as the ghost aura.

"You came at the right time." With a penetratingly cold glare, he awe-inspiringly said: "You can choose how you want to die."

At this time, Gui Fushu indeed possessed the ghost aura that caused others to feel creeped out. Moreover, he was a powerful genius of the Zenith Era Hall, so his bare murderous aura caused many to shiver inside.

Once a Grand Dao Noble, a five palaces Enlightened Being — this was indeed a frightening foe. A few geniuses from the Zenith Era Hall compared themselves to Gui Fushu and only got an unfavorable result.

As for the disciples from the Grand Era Hall, after seeing Gui Fushu's suppressive and cold aura that was akin to the aura of an evil ghost coming out from the darkness, they were already quivering in fear.

Li Qiye didn't care for Gui Fushu as he commanded Chi Xiaodie: "If you already came onto the Dragon Arbiter Stage, then there is no letting go until death. Kill her, do not shame me. I trust that you can exert your great techniques."

Chi Xiaodie took a deep breath, then she stepped forward and coldly glared at Huangfu Feng: "Since you wanted an answer, I'll give you one!"

Huangfu Feng shouted in a severe manner and immediately took out a treasure cauldron. A phoenix hymn came about as the cauldron was like a divine phoenix and soared towards Chi Xiaodie.

Chi Xiaodie also cried out; a divine blade appeared in her hand. She raised it towards the sky and slashed downward with a saber intent as violent as torrents.

At this time, Li Qiye also boarded a different Dragon Arbiter Stage. He then pointed at Gui Fushu and slowly declared: "Come accept your death!"