

Domination 531

Chapter 531: Threat

Li Qiye still didn't lose his temper even after seeing the phoenix's arrogant stance. He calmly smiled and said: "I already showed my goodwill by offering to exchange one star water drop with you. At the very least, I'm being a nice and peaceful person. I didn't wish to force this transaction, so refusing to trade with me is making it very difficult."

The moment Li Qiye finished his words, a deafening explosion resounded. "Boom!"

The Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng immediately got up and exuded its blinding five divine lights. At this time, it was no longer in the form of a phoenix, it revealed its true form — an extremely gigantic king ginseng. The giant leaves on its body took the form of a phoenix and its roots were big with little thin and long branches.

The moment it revealed its true body, it no longer hid its amazing power. With its five divine lights, it was like a god standing before Li Qiye.

"Thump thump!" Lan Yunzhu, who was standing by the edge, took in a cold breath and was forced back by the invincible and divine aura of the ginseng. The ginseng stood there like a true god, instilling fear and awe into all spectators. Its strength could cause even ordinary Virtuous Paragons to be frightened!

Meanwhile, the dragon roared and a phoenix cried out as they began to dance in the air. The four divine beasts with an incomparable posture began to circle around Li Qiye. The four bronze stallions also neighed then leaped up high, creating beams of lights like a rainbow. These unparalleled stallions had awakened at last.

With its invincible momentum, the chariot blocked the invincible aura coming from the ginseng, so Li Qiye was unaffected by this presence.

Li Qiye simply smiled at the ginseng that revealed its true form. Despite its formidable might, Li Qiye was still standing leisurely on his chariot as if nothing was happening.

"What a pity, you have taken the wrong move and won't even get the drop of star water." Li Qiye nonchalantly declared: "Are you aware of this? In an ancient era, a person once captured a True Immortal Medicine root and made tea out of it! You are very strong, but not strong to the point of being invincible. I'm standing here right now with at least five different methods to kill you in a single breath. However, I love peace and do not want to waste a heaven's creation."

"Snap!" Li Qiye suddenly had a small coffin in his hand. With a cracking sound, the coffin that was initially the size of a palm suddenly became a regular sized coffin. Li Qiye then held the coffin and slowly said: "Killing a True Immortal Medicine is indeed wasteful and an abhorrent act, right? Then we'll play a different type of game. Do you believe that I will open this coffin or not? I trust that you know a thing or two about its origin."

The ginseng retreated after seeing Li Qiye holding the coffin. It seemed that it was very wary of the coffin in Li Qiye's hand.

Lan Yunzhu was startled and didn't expect that this coffin would cause the ginseng to be afraid like this.

This coffin was the little coffin Li Qiye traded with Qin Guangwang, and now it had taken on a bigger form.

“Are you threatening me?” The ginseng didn’t open its mouth. Instead, it sent its divine intent forward.

Li Qiye smiled and said while carrying the coffin: “You are right, I am threatening you. Do you want to try me? I trust that I can open a little gap without any difficulty. Although once this coffin is opened, it might be a bit troublesome for me, you will become very pitiful. What do you think is your chance of escaping? I do think that if you can’t get away, then your fate shall be quite miserable. Believe me, this won’t be a pretty ending!”

The ginseng stared intensely at Li Qiye. If it had a face, its expression would definitely be one of ugly anger.

“I have five different ways to kill you, but they are quite complicated and I also don’t want to do so, so let us be straight with each other. I am threatening you with two choices: you can refuse my request or agree with my demand.” Li Qiye cheerfully declared.

Lan Yunzhu didn’t know what to say while standing at the edge. Now she understood that Li Qiye was a hoodlum with the blood of a robber. It was a tragedy for anyone who messed with him!

“What do you want?” The ginseng asked with its divine intent. A True Immortal Medicine was a very powerful existence, but today, it was being blackmailed by an insignificant human cultivator. The worst part was that it had no choice but to acquiesce.

Lan Yunzhu was astonished. She didn’t think that the ginseng would actually accept Li Qiye’s demand. She was quite curious about just what was inside the coffin that could cause the ginseng to feel so apprehensive.

Li Qiye was not surprised with this result at all. He smirked and replied: “If I tell you to follow me, then you surely won’t agree. I am not such an unreasonable person, I am quite humane. If you happily cooperate with me, then I won’t make such an outrageous demand. The same as before, I want five old ginseng roots, but five from the main branch.”

Li Qiye then pointed at the five thickest roots on the ginseng. These huge roots were not like ginseng at all, they were more like lone divine branches. They emitted a dazzling divine light where one sniff of their fragrance would be enough to cause people to flutter.

“You!” The Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng was furious. Surely it would have a reddened countenance from being crazily angered right now if it had a face. It felt that Li Qiye’s demand was too much. These were the five best and oldest ginseng roots it had. The ginseng wouldn’t even accept a drop of Myriad Star Water for just one.

“Think it over. Do you want me to open the coffin? Or do you want to trade the five old ginseng roots for safety?” Li Qiye deliberately added: “Of course, there is another option, and that is to try and attack me. However, I wonder if you have the confidence in breaking my defense in just one move or not? It is not that I’m looking down on you, but you alone will absolutely not break my defense!”

At this moment, the ginseng was gazing at the chariot. Just like Li Qiye had said, it had intended to attack Li Qiye. However, it wouldn't be able to break through the chariot in just one move, and if it failed to do so, then the result wouldn't be pretty.

Li Qiye slowly continued: "I'm sorry to say that if you can't do it with one move, then I will open the coffin. Even a small gap wouldn't be a good thing for you as you would then understand what a nightmare truly is."

The ginseng was silent while full of regret. If it knew that it was going to be like this, then it should have just made the deal with Li Qiye in the beginning. At the very least, it would have gotten a drop of star water.

"Take it!" The ginseng plucked the five oldest ginseng roots and threw it over at Li Qiye while expressing its endless rage with the tone of its divine intent.

The five ginseng roots fell into Li Qiye's hands like five divine branches. King Ginsengs of 3,000,000 years of age or even an Ancestor Ginseng couldn't compare to a single root of these five.

"I very much enjoyed our transaction." Li Qiye happily smiled and put away the five old ginseng roots. Although they were only little roots, they were the oldest from the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng. Their medicinal potency was even more frightening than an entire Ancestor Ginseng. As an item coveted by even Immortal Emperors, it was too heaven-defying; the other ginsengs were nothing compared to it.

The Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng ignored Li Qiye. It was quite furious after being blackmailed out of its five oldest roots by Li Qiye. It then turned back into a phoenix and sat in its nest.

Li Qiye then rode the chariot back to the edge and handed one root to Lan Yunzhu before speaking: "For you."

"For me?" Lan Yunzhu was taken by surprise and stood there dumbfounded. This was not an ordinary item, it was the oldest root of a True Immortal Medicine and an amazing fortune. Even undying or legendary existences would go crazy for such an item.

This one root alone would cause a war outside in the Nine Worlds since its worth was no less than an emperor's weapon. For those on the verge of death, it was even more valuable than an Immortal Emperor True Treasure.

"Take it. Perhaps once you reach the top, you will have a use for it. Maybe it will even save your life one day." Li Qiye smiled and said: "Remember, do not tell anyone about it, not even your closest friends and family."

She took a deep breath and couldn't contain her excited emotions even after having seen countless treasures. After a long time, she solemnly put away the old ginseng root and said: "Don't worry, only you, me, and the heaven and earth will know about this."

She understood the gravity of this matter. A True Immortal Medicine could cause all existences in the world to become crazy. For this thing, even parents and children would turn against each other and masters and disciples would massacre their own!

Li Qiye then shouted at the ginseng in the form of phoenix and said: "Okay, because I am kind, I will remind you to leave this place for now. Otherwise, I can't guarantee your safety."

"What are you trying to do?" The ginseng asked with its divine intent.

"I'm about to open the coffin." Li Qiye smiled and pointed at the wooden pavilion hiding in the primordial chaos at the middle of the nest: "I want to suppress the pavilion since I want the thing inside."

Chapter 532: Opening The Coffin

"You are insane!" After hearing this, the ginseng was scared out of its mind as it jumped and exclaimed: "Do you even know what it is?!"

"It is not important what it is. What matters is that I want it right now." Li Qiye cheerfully said: "Which is why I want to suppress the source of the primordial chaos."

"You won't be able to!" The ginseng coldly uttered.

"What if I open half of the wooden coffin? I don't need to suppress it for too long, just one second is enough."

"Half of the coffin? Are you crazy? Do you think you can survive after that?" The ginseng quickly replied.

"You are wrong. If I really wanted to risk it all, then I would still have a chance of living after opening the entire coffin, let alone half of it." Li Qiye said with a smile.

The ginseng noticed that Li Qiye was not joking around, so it flew far away from the wooden nest and watched from the distance.

Li Qiye told Lan Yunzhu in a serious tone: "Leave this place and go down the mountain. Don't come close or else nothing will be able to protect you."

"Be careful." Lan Yunzhu quietly said after seeing Li Qiye's solemn expression. Then, she left without saying anything else.

After watching her get to a safe distance, Li Qiye took a deep breath.

"Boom!" Eleven Fate Palaces appeared. At this moment, they turned into a heavenly radiant kingdom full of spirit energy as if it was about to give birth to a deity.

The kingdom of these eleven palaces was extremely powerful, just like an ancient country with an accumulated power great enough to suppress everything.

He then opened the palace to take out the Yin Yang Refining Immortal Mirror. Li Qiye very rarely used this defining treasure of the Middle Continent Ancient Kingdom. The mirror poured down a Yin Yang universal law and turned into two Yin and Yang fish. The two immortal fish swam by Li Qiye and used the grand dao of Yin and Yang to protect him.

This was far from enough. He also held the Elusive Heavenly Vase. This was the treasure that Immortal Emperor Qian Li left behind for him, something he had been searching for for a very long time.

“Thump, thump, thunk, thunk, thunk!” At this point, the clanking sounds of bronze resounded. Five bronze doors were taken out by Li Qiye. They surrounded him like five bronze walls.

Heaven Sealing Pentagate — another treasure Li Qiye obtained from Qin Guangwang.

“It is a shame that I am not strong enough, or else the pentagate alone would have sufficed.” He said with regret. At this time, he had no choice but to use all of his hidden treasures.

After preparing everything, Li Qiye also kept a drop of Myriad Star Water in his mouth without swallowing it.

“Boom!” In just a second, Li Qiye’s state reached its extreme. It was as if both of his Immortal Physiques had reached grand completion. Two physiques seemed like two True Gods had attached themselves to Li Qiye’s body.

He took a deep breath with one hand holding the wooden coffin and the other preparing to open it at any time.

“Crack!” After everything was ready, the middle of Li Qiye’s forehead suddenly split apart. At this time, his sea of memories appeared. This was a gigantic galaxy without an end. Gigantic Immortal Emperors’ universal laws began to lock the stars in the sky as if Immortal Emperors were on the defensive.

This was Li Qiye’s ultimate defense. After countless blessings from ancient existences and Immortal Emperors, this was his most fundamental possession.

This was his first time using it since it could be said that he was about to risk it all in this venture.

“This... This is too unreal!” The ginseng flying far away gasped at this scene.

Li Qiye had many treasures, and they were all heaven-defying to the point where it completely exceeded the ginseng’s imagination. The moment Li Qiye opened his sea of memories, the True Immortal Medicine in the form of a phoenix lost its mind since it suddenly understood something.

At the same time, Lan Yunzhu walked down the mountain and went very far away to look at the giant wooden nest. She wasn’t hovering in the sky to watch like the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng.

She didn’t want to see nor did she dare to watch. She didn’t hope that something unfavorable would happen to Li Qiye. She had known him for a while, and this was the first time he had such a solemn expression. It must be a heaven-piercing event for Li Qiye to show such a stoic demeanor.

“Rumble!” At this moment, the heaven and earth was eclipsed and the entire world trembled.

It was as if, at this time, Immortal Emperors were visiting the wooden nest, and it wasn’t just one or two. Invincible imperial auras endlessly erupted as if all the emperors came back to life and had descended to this world.

The invincible presence suppressed all existences in the world and forced them to prostrate before its might. At this moment, even the most powerful existence would feel the limit of their being, a realization of their own insignificance.

“This is insane!” The phoenix ginseng’s heart jumped as it quickly landed on the ground and turned back into its true form, rooting itself in place.

“Rumble!” At this moment, it was as if the earth was shattering into pieces. The primordial energy inside the nest shot up for countless miles like a billowing tidal wave ripping apart the firmament in the sky. It was as if this wave wanted to take down the stars.

“Bang—bang—bang!” A series of explosions continuously rang out. The myriad worlds were in fear under this invincible divine aura. It was as if a battle between gods was taking place inside the wooden nest. True Gods had come down to participate, and the Immortal Emperors had finally arrived.

“Boom!” Finally, with a deafening blast, the endless primordial chaos was split apart like an ocean being torn asunder. This energy then drowned the celestials in the sky while even True Gods appeared to be insignificant.

Lan Yunzhu could only quiver under the imperial and immortal breath. She also felt that nothing else mattered in this world at this very moment. The phoenix ginseng’s expression also greatly changed, if it had one of course.

“This guy is crazy! He actually dared to open the coffin!” The phoenix was horrified. Luckily, it didn’t risk it before. If Li Qiye actually opened the coffin back then, then the consequences would have been disastrous.

It knew that the guy opening the coffin could suppress the center of the wooden nest for a short moment, but he himself would be wounded. Opening even half of the wooden coffin would be extremely terrifying; even True Gods would retreat before this display. Despite using countless protective treasures and even his most fundamental backup, Li Qiye was not so sure of his success. If his defensive methods were even a bit lacking, then he would absolutely die without a grave and turn into smithereens!

Some time later, the tranquility returned. Lan Yunzhu stood up as her heart was about to leap out its cage. She shouted: “Uncle!” Then, she immediately rushed to the top of the mountain.

She ran as fast as she could. She immediately rushed to Li Qiye once she saw him lying next to the edge of the abyss. She was in dismay the moment she clearly saw his situation.

He was like a broken vase on the ground as his body was cracked into numerous pieces, creating a miserable scene.

He was not only cracked but was also roasted by a fire. His whole body was scorched and completely unrecognizable. It was already a miracle that he was still alive in this state!

“You... You... How are you?” Lan Yunzhu didn’t know where to start. She didn’t dare to touch Li Qiye lest he shattered into pieces. Her voice was trembling and on the verge of tears.

“Don’t touch me, I already swallowed some Myriad Star Water.” Li Qiye weakly uttered with a tone as fragile as gossamer.

She calmed down after hearing him speak. At the very least, he was still alive. She didn’t dare to touch him so she quietly stood there, waiting.

After a long period of time, Li Qiye's body lit up. The wounds fell down like scales just like a snake shedding its skin.

An unknown amount of time passed, and the cracks on his body slowly fused together until there were no more wounds. He eventually stood up but stumbled due to his current feeble state.

"How are you now?" Lan Yunzhu quickly helped him up. She was both happy and scared since she had nearly been frightened to tears earlier.

"Hahaha! I did it!" Li Qiye loudly laughed. Although he was weakened at this moment, it couldn't stop his excitement as he waved the thing in his hand.

At this time, Lan Yunzhu saw the thing Li Qiye was tightly gripping. It was a very ancient lamp full of rust, making it seem as if it had been thrown away a very long time ago.

This lamp was not eye-catching at all. No one would bother picking it up if they saw it on the streets. However, Lan Yunzhu faintly recalled that when she opened her Heavenly Gaze to look inside the wooden pavilion, it seemed that there was something like a lamp. [2. There is the word Qing in front of lamp, but I don't know if it is blue or green or even "pure", without further description. I'll come back later when there is more information, but for now it is a lamp.]

Li Qiye coughed after his excited shout. Lan Yunzhu quickly rubbed his back and worriedly said: "Watch it, you have only just recovered."

Chapter 533: Mysterious Lamp

"I can't die just yet." Li Qiye laughed and said: "Even the villainous old heavens wouldn't be able to kill me!"

Lan Yunzhu helped him sit down while saying: "You are too weak so you need to rest. Otherwise, it will have a negative consequence."

Li Qiye put away the lamp and assumed a meditative pose. He then swallowed another drop of star water to recover. The medicinal effect started to make Li Qiye's body emit a shining light.

This light became brighter and brighter until it reached a blinding level as Li Qiye became one with it.

Lan Yunzhu carefully watched over him without the slightest bit of inattention.

Some time later, the light on his body dispersed. He opened a pair of eyes as bright as starlight. At this time, his usual spirit had returned.

Seeing him standing up, Lan Yunzhu quickly came to help and asked with concern: "How are you feeling now?"

Li Qiye took in a long breath and looked at Lan Yunzhu before he smilingly answered: "Very good, even the heavens couldn't take my life!"

Lan Yunzhu didn't know what to say. Just earlier, his entire body had countless cracks; it seemed as if the slightest touch could have shattered his entire being. But now, he was so high-spirited that it made him seem like an unkillable cockroach.

“Maniac!” Even the phoenix ginseng was speechless after using its divine intent to see Li Qiye’s spirited attitude. It also felt that Li Qiye’s actions were too crazy and domineering.

At this time, Li Qiye couldn’t help but to take out the lamp from the wooden pavilion for a closer look. After rubbing it a bit, he then murmured: “What a big win this trip was. Haha, even a grave secret among secrets couldn’t compare to this thing.”

To outsiders, a secret among secrets was a True Immortal Medicine like the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng — this would be more than enough to drive them crazy.

However, Li Qiye didn’t think so. He understood and viewed the secrets of the Prime Ominous Grave’s five realms with a different perspective. He knew that there was something else inside these realms. They were not simply treasures, in his opinion.

Lan Yunzhu couldn’t see what was so amazing about this lamp, so she asked: “What is this thing? Was it worth risking your life for it?”

This lamp looked so ordinary... Was it actually worth Li Qiye’s risky venture and using everything that he had?

“Yes, it’s absolutely worth it.” Li Qiye happily replied: “Hahaha, this thing is beyond your imagination.”

The phoenix ginseng came back to its nest and looked at the lamp in Li Qiye’s hand with its divine intent. It sat up and exclaimed: “Good stuff, good stuff!” If it could show expressions, then it would be drooling at this moment.

Lan Yunzhu had to take another look at the ginseng. This thing was a True Immortal Medicine, yet it was praising and sighing at this lamp nonstop. One could even say that it was lusting after it, so this lamp had to be absolutely wonderful.

Li Qiye glanced at the phoenix ginseng and lazily raised the lamp before asking with a smirk: “So, it looks like you have always wanted this lamp?”

The ginseng looked at it once more. Of course it wanted this lamp, but unfortunately, no matter how powerful it was, it was not able to enter the wooden pavilion. It was not Li Qiye.

Li Qiye moved the lamp back and forth and smiled with squinted eyes: “If you come with me as my follower, then I’ll let you bask in the glory of this lamp as well.”

The ginseng angrily scowled after hearing this. It went back to its wooden nest, lying down and pretending to sleep.

Li Qiye only shrugged after being rejected: “What a shame.” He then added with a smile: “May we meet again later.”

The phoenix ginseng replied with its cold divine intent: “May we never meet again!”

The phoenix was especially annoyed with Li Qiye. It was robbed of its five oldest ginseng roots. Although they were not its life roots, they were still important. This was a huge loss and the ginseng would have killed Li Qiye if it wasn’t afraid of his treasures.

It now felt that it was best to never see Li Qiye again since seeing him only reminded it of the five old ginseng roots, causing its heart to bleed.

Li Qiye shrugged again before leaving the wooden nest with Lan Yunzhu. They exited the grave secret among secrets and went back to the lost garden of the immortals.

At this time, the Soldier Tree, the ten transformations Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass, the Reincarnation Heavenly Soulvine, and a bunch of other immortal level medicines had come back to retake the medicine field.

“Why haven’t you left yet?” The Soldier Tree asked after seeing Li Qiye again. They didn’t welcome Li Qiye. Until now, only a group of immortal medicines owned this medicine field, so it was understandable why they were all upset when Li Qiye came for a share as well.

Lan Yunzhu stared at all of these immortal medicines and wished that she could capture them all. They were real immortal medicines; any of them would be enough to drive the world crazy if they went outside.

But of course, taking them out was impossible. Not to mention that they themselves were extremely powerful, there was also the sanction of the garden. The only way was for them to be willing to go with her.

“I came to say goodbye to you guys, and I hope that we may meet again in the future.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“May that day never come. It is more likely that no one will ever be able to enter here for millions of years.”

“Something is strange.” The Ancestor Ginseng that was rooted in the medicine field spoke: “This brat is strange, there is a ginseng smell on his body, a special one...”

“A special ginseng smell? In what way?” The Reincarnation Heavenly Soulvine asked.

“Wait!” The Ancestor Ginseng sniffed once more and startingly exclaimed: “This brat got a huge fortune...! On his body... is the smell of a True Immortal Medicine, the smell of the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng in the grave secret!”

“What? Are you serious? Is it really the smell of the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng?” The Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass uttered in shock. Even a grass nearing the form of a True Dragon couldn’t help but stare at Li Qiye intensely.

“You really saw the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng? Did it give you something nice?” The Soldier Tree looked at Li Qiye and asked.

“It’s nothing much. I only went in that place and conveniently plucked several old ginseng roots. It was just a little harvest.” Li Qiye replied with a smirk. He played it down with a nonchalant attitude as if it was no big deal.

“Brat! How could the phoenix ginseng give you its old roots?” The Ancestor Ginseng was scared out of its mind.

“Brat, don’t brag. Outside of the phoenix ginseng, no one else can enter that place!” The Soldier Tree spoke with severity.

Li Qiye then took out the lamp and gently stroked it before speaking: “What do you guys think about this thing?” He put on an innocent and harmless appearance.

Lan Yunzhu shivered while looking at Li Qiye’s expression. Her intuition told her that he was about to do something.

All the immortal medicines lost their senses after seeing the lamp in Li Qiye’s hand. Even the Soldier Tree who was always the calmest became aghast. After a long time, the shocked Soldier Tree stuttered: “How... How... is this possible? This can’t... be...! How... can you have that thing? It is an item from the legends!”

Li Qiye calmly responded: “It’s nothing, everything I desire is always within my grasp.”

The group of immortal medicines became dumbfounded. Others might not know, but they were very aware that the thing in Li Qiye’s possession was an existence from the legends.

After a while, they regained their senses. The Ancestor Ginseng uprooted and jumped in front of Li Qiye. It lifted its head to look at him and said: “Take me out of this place, okay? I’ll go with you.”

Lan Yunzhu was astonished at the Ancestor Ginseng’s sudden proposal. An immortal medicine wanted Li Qiye to bring it with him — this was too unbelievable. She wanted to tell Li Qiye to agree right away. This was an Ancestor Ginseng root, an immortal medicine in the eyes of Alchemy Emperors, something that would drive others crazy!

Back at the Wood Realm, a Heavenly Sovereign from the Zhen Clan used an emperor’s weapon just to chase a 3,000,000 year old King Medicine root around. The Ancestor Ginseng before them was countless times more valuable than that other root!

Li Qiye leisurely responded: “What do I get for taking you outside? Use you to make chicken soup? Hmm... Using ginseng to make chicken soup is indeed a bit nutritious...”

“Hey! I am an Ancestor Ginseng!” The ginseng jumped up and angrily shouted.

Li Qiye nodded seriously and said: “I know you are an Ancestor Ginseng, but can you compare to this?” Li Qiye waved his five ginseng roots and said: “If I can’t cook you, then what is in it for me? Taking an Ancestor Ginseng around everywhere... If others find out, then I’ll lose my life.”

The Ancestor Ginseng looked at the five old ginseng roots in Li Qiye’s hand and became dejected like a deflated ball as it lost all of its confidence. Although it was also called an immortal medicine, that was only to other alchemists. These five old roots were from a real True Immortal Medicine.

Thus, the Ancestor Ginseng quickly said: “All I need is to be near the lamp. If you take me along, every few days, I will give you a ginseng drop. This is my medicinal essence and its effect is no less than a drop of Myriad Star Water!” Its glistening eyes aimed to incite some pity from Li Qiye.

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Chapter 534: Immortal Medicines Begging To Be Taken Along

Lan Yunzhu couldn't believe her eyes. This was an Ancestor Ginseng, yet it was now begging for Li Qiye to take it along. Who would believe such a thing?

Li Qiye laughed and said: "Look at your appearance." He then shook his head and continued on: "Although I haven't read that many books, I do know that your medicinal juice cannot compare to Myriad Star Water. Also, I still have a bit of star water left."

The Ancestor Ginseng became a little embarrassed and said: "Hehehe, my ginseng juice is indeed a bit weaker than Myriad Star Water. If you agree to take me along, then... When you need it, I'll give you a bit of my ginseng roots? My ginseng roots can definitely save your life! As long as you agree, we'll both take a vow. When you are on the verge of death, I will agree to use my own life essence to save your life, okay?"

At this point, the Ancestor Ginseng spoke with a solemn air. To an immortal medicine like itself, its life essence was extremely important. It could be said that it was putting everything on the table with this offer.

Lan Yunzhu couldn't stop her astonishment from showing. An Ancestor Ginseng willingly giving its life essence was much better than capturing one alive then cooking it.

Li Qiye looked at the Ancestor Ginseng and smiled to say: "Very well, then we have a deal. How about using a True Fate Oath?"

The Ancestor Ginseng and Li Qiye then used their True Fates to complete this deal. From now on, it would follow Li Qiye.

The Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass ran towards him as well and asked: "Can you bring me along too?" It was a ten transformations soulgrass loved by even Alchemy Emperors, but now it was begging Li Qiye with a bashful appearance.

Lan Yunzhu didn't know what else to say. The Ancestor Ginseng begging Li Qiye already left her dumbstruck, but now even the soulgrass wanted to come along.

"Hmm..." Li Qiye gestured with his hand and acted as if he didn't know what to do: "You should know that I don't want to bring along things without use. Surely you don't want me to use you in pill refinement? What is the point of bringing you everywhere? Because you would also take up a spot to benefit from the lamp."

The soulgrass quickly replied: "Bringing me along will be very beneficial for you. My medicinal energy alone can help your cultivation speed since I am the best soulgrass in this world!"

Lan Yunzhu agreed with these words. The Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass was the main ingredient for fate pills, and a ten transformations soulgrass was already at the limit. Such an existence might have never been seen before by outsiders. It was definitely beneficial to bring one along since, with its help, one would be able to cultivate as if they had wings; even a fool would have an immediate benefit.

“You are mistaken.” Li Qiye shook his head and said: “If I can’t use you for pill refinement and can only rely on your energy to strengthen my cultivation, then it would bring me more negatives than benefits. I have the lamp and can turn you into an eleven transformations, or even twelve or thirteen transformations soulgrass. More importantly, I personally focus on stability and improving step-by-step for cultivation. I don’t need to soar with a single step.”

“Not to mention, I have absolute confidence with my own cultivation. Even without your help, I can still reach the apex and become the Immortal Emperor without an issue, don’t you think?” Li Qiye cheerfully smiled at the soulgrass and added: “Your condition is not enough to tempt me.”

Lan Yunzhu didn’t know what to say. Any outsiders that knew of its existence would treat it like an ancestor. Even if they did not refine it, just worshipping it would provide lifelong benefits due to its energy.

Li Qiye was reversing this situation. The soulgrass wanted to follow him, but he was unwilling.

Lan Yunzhu could only sigh. This was the frustrating difference between people. People prayed for a nine transformations soulgrass to no avail, but Li Qiye was being nonchalant to a ten transformations soulgrass.

“I have a dragon soul!” The soulgrass paused for a moment before speaking in a formal manner.

Li Qiye looked at it and repeated: “Dragon soul?” He then shook his head and said: “Don’t fool me. Although I haven’t read enough books, I still know that it is not time for you to have a dragon soul.”

“You should know that I was born and grew up in this place. After a period of incubation for many long years, I have obtained a dragon soul and am only one step away from reaching eleven transformations.” The soulgrass seriously said: “If you bring me along, then I will be willing to take on a True Fate Oath just like you and the Ancestor Ginseng. When necessary, I will let you use the dragon soul. I will be of many uses in the future... For example... as a lackey...”

Li Qiye nodded his head and spoke with all seriousness: “Well, it is a bit luxurious to use an eleven transformations soulgrass as a lackey.”

Lan Yunzhu could only wryly smile. Did Li Qiye even know what luxurious meant? Lan Yunzhu knew very little about the dragon soul, but seeing the soulgrass’ serious demeanor, it must be an extraordinary item.

“Very well, then we’ll seal the pact with our True Fates.” Li Qiye then said with a smile.

Lan Yunzhu couldn’t help but chuckle after seeing Li Qiye’s reluctant expression. If others knew that Li Qiye was being reluctant to sign a pact with a soulgrass nearing eleven transformations, they would all want to commit suicide from sheer outrage.

Seeing the Ancestor Ginseng and the soulgrass taking a True Fate Oath with Li Qiye, another immortal medicine crawled out of the medicine field and quickly rushed closer to say: "Can you take me too?"

The Reincarnation Heavenly Soulvine was afraid of falling behind so it let go of all reservation and quickly said: "Me too, I'm absolutely not useless!"

"Me too!" Another immortal root hurriedly rushed over as well.

Lan Yunzhu became dumbstruck after seeing three different immortal medicines running next to Li Qiye and begging for him to take them away. These were immortal medicines and normally, even the greatest characters wouldn't be able to get a single one. Any of these medicines would be considered a defining treasure for ordinary great powers! It was completely unimaginable how all of these immortal medicines were begging for Li Qiye to take them away.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Slowly, slowly now. Tell me your good points and what I will get from bringing you with me. If you are beneficial, then I will happily sign a pact. Everyone agree?"

Completely speechless, Lan Yunzhu thought that Li Qiye was treating these immortal medicines like radishes! However, she silently lamented the fact that it was no longer strange for Li Qiye to create miracles. He had the ability and plenty of heaven-defying items.

Eventually, these immortal medicines took True Fate Oaths to seal a deal with Li Qiye. Now, only the Soldier Tree remained in the medicine field since it was still hesitating.

"Are you coming?" Li Qiye smiled at it and asked.

"I'll go, I'll go." However, before the Soldier Tree could respond, a voice came from below the medicine field. A piece of mud jumped up.

Lan Yunzhu rolled her eyes at this piece of mud that knew how to speak. What kind of monster was this?

"Oh?" Li Qiye looked at it and inquired: "You want to make a deal with me? What kind of advantage and benefits can you bring me?"

"I am a part of the medicine field that had been basked in the worldly essence to eventually form my own conscience." The piece of mud spoke: "Since you are bringing along several immortal medicines, with me, they will have a place to stay. I will create an amazing medicinal field for you. Although it won't be as great as this one, it will be more than good enough for you to grow any medicine you want."

"Hmm! Not bad, makes sense." Li Qiye nodded his head and agreed: "Really beneficial. I'll take you, then."

The piece of mud joyfully signed a contract with Li Qiye. Now, only the Soldier Tree was left in the field.

"Are you coming?" Li Qiye smiled and said: "I'll think about taking you in."

However, the Soldier Tree was still hesitating. The Ancestor Ginseng then tried to console it: "Come, everyone is leaving now. Old Soldier, do you still want to stay here? The lamp has already been excavated so this is the best time for us to leave."

The Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass also added: "Yeah, we'll all leave together. Since we have been living together for so long, it is only natural that we leave together."

The Soldier Tree eventually sighed and said: "Fine, how bad could it be? What else can I do now?" Finally, the Soldier Tree also signed a pact with Li Qiye. At this moment, the best and highest ranked immortal medicines in the field had all been taken in by him.

The Soldier Tree, Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass, and Ancestor Ginseng were the best, but they had been lured by Li Qiye.

"Come, let us go." The piece of mud then turned into a medicinal field. Although it was a bit lacking compared to this field with its billowing smoke, it was definitely still a good medicinal field!

The Ancestor Ginseng's group then took root in this new field, and Li Qiye opened his Fate Palace then placed the field inside. Li Qiye patted his hands afterward while looking at the empty field ahead.

"Okay, we'll go now. Not a bad trip at all." Li Qiye smiled and told Lan Yunzhu.

At this point, Lan Yunzhu couldn't help but smile while shaking her head. It was not just a bad trip, he had such a huge harvest! Even the greatest of fortunes would not be able to match Li Qiye's gains on this trip. All of the good things in this lost garden had been taken by him in one fell swoop.

Chapter 535: Simple Mountain Immortal Kingdom's Quest For Treasure

Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu then left the lost garden of the immortals. They intended to leave the Wood Realm but only made it through several mountain ranges before a series of loud explosions shook the entire realm.

"What is that?" Lan Yunzhu looked over at a certain direction.

There was an unbelievable tree that seemed to be covering the entire Wood Realm.

Li Qiye looked at the tree that was growing bigger and bigger to pierce the heavens and narrowed his eyes to say: "The Simple Precious Tree...? It wants to risk it all?"

In the beginning, Lan Yunzhu didn't recognize the tree since, right now, it was even bigger than normal. It was as if this tree was unleashing all of its potential to become even stronger.

"What is it trying to do?" Lan Yunzhu asked with surprise.

"Keep watching." Li Qiye responded with a smile.

Lan Yunzhu and Li Qiye then rushed to the area of interest and found that more than thousands of experts were already there. All of them were the strongest masters of the great powers inside the Wood Realm, and there were even ancestors.

All of them watched with a serious expression as the Simple Precious Tree took root on top of a mountain range with its gigantic body as if it was a drill piercing the surface. It seemed to want to penetrate this mountain all the way down to the core.

"Bang—bang—bang!" It attacked with one strike after another, causing the ground to shake and others to worry about whether it would collapse or not.

Lan Yunzhu looked at the tree that was trying to reach down to the core and whispered: "What does the Immortal Kingdom wish to do?"

Li Qiye replied: "They are trying to find a certain something, an item that the Immortal Kingdom had always desired."

"What is this item that they desire?" She then remembered a certain legend had been spreading across the Sacred Nether World for a very long time now. This prompted her startling exclamation: "Could it be the other half of the method for everlasting life?"

"If there really was such a method in this world, then I would definitely be the first one to go and seize it." Li Qiye smiled and continued: "It would still be worth it even if I had to kill gods and immortals in the process!"

Lan Yunzhu was taken aback for a moment before regaining her senses to ask: "What is it then, if not a method for everlasting life?"

In the Sacred Nether World, there had always been rumors of the Immortal Kingdom having one half of a method for eternal life.

"This is something that Immortal Emperor Di Yu had wanted for a very long time now." Li Qiye answered: "I have to start from the beginning. In the past, the emperor obtained something really incredible from the Prime Ominous Grave. Later on, he mulled over it and realized that this thing was not complete. Thus, he wanted to come back to the grave. However, as the emperor, he had lost his chance for another grave opening, so he couldn't complete it."

"Later on, the Immortal Kingdom had always been searching for it. Alas, it was to no avail." He smiled at this point and continued: "Before, they were mistaken, but now they became smarter and realized a couple of things."

Lan Yunzhu looked at the tree drilling into the mountain and asked: "Can the tree find it?"

Li Qiye nodded and said: "They had searched all five realms and now they have gotten to the right spot in this Wood Realm." He then gazed over at the gigantic tree and said: "If the tree can break through the last fortified rock barrier of this vein, then it can take root in the deepest part of the earth. Without any unforeseeable circumstances, the Immortal Kingdom will be successful. The heavens did not let down those who tried after generations of searching; they will finally obtain it."

"Rumble!" Explosions emerged one after another as the tree continued to attack the earth while the experts that were watching all held their breaths in anticipation. They understood that the Immortal Kingdom was looking for something incredible underground, so some of them had devious thoughts.

"Boom!" After another deafening blast, the earth was penetrated with a trembling blow. Dense worldly energy rushed out from the ground like a waterfall.

"Did they do it?" A group recognized something as they suggestively glanced at each other.

"Roar!" At this time, while people were still lost in speculation, the roars of phoenixes and dragons appeared. The surging worldly energy from the ground had faint images of true dragons and immortal

phoenixes. Although they were not the real deal, they did exude the divine aura of these mythical beasts.

And at the same time, a golden light shot up as if countless specks of golden sand were spewing up high, painting the sky yellow.

“An immortal item is coming into being!” Someone shouted after seeing this scene unravel.

In this split second, several hundred shadowy figures rushed towards the penetrated earth with lightning speed. They were all great characters from sects and countries and took advantage of the tree breaking through the ground to steal this treasure then flee.

“Woooosh!” However, before they could make it to the gigantic crater, the Simple Precious Tree swung its branches that resembled divine rods at a swifter speed than them.

“Ahh!” Shriill screams emanated as blood spurted everywhere. The sudden onslaught from the tree took these experts by surprise as they couldn’t evade the attack.

“Whoosh!” Space suddenly fluctuated while these experts were being attacked. A shadow as fast as a flood dragon with incomparable speed rushed forward with an unstoppable momentum. The shadow’s steps were impeccable as it evaded all the branches from the tree in order to rush underground for the treasure.

Feeling this invincible aura, many people became discolored and some even uttered: “A great power’s ancestor!” The eruption of this invincible aura made people realize that even an old undying from a great power could no longer sit still and personally took action to seize the treasure.

However, right when this person was near his goal, another blast resounded. A huge hand came down from the Simple Precious Tree. This palm sealed the heaven and earth as a terrifying emperor’s talisman came from it to stop everything within its grasp.

“Boom!” The shadow that was rushing down the hole became aghast. It quickly raised its hands to block the gigantic palm. In just a flash, the world collapsed with ear-splitting blasts. The shadow was blown away as his blood spewed out like a rainbow.

This shadow lost in just one move and slammed into a mountain, causing it to shatter. Because of the heavy injury, this person gave up on the treasure and quickly fled the scene.

Meanwhile, the owner of the gigantic palm on top of the Simple Precious Tree ignored the escapee and withdrew their hand as the tree infiltrated the earth.

“The Immortal Kingdom also has an ancestor with them!” Although the crowd couldn’t see the person on top of the tree, they quivered after feeling the presence of that hand.

Earlier, a great power’s ancestor couldn’t even withstand one blow and had to escape in defeat, so everyone realized that an ancestor from the Immortal Kingdom had come into being and personally came.

Thinking about a lineage at the level of the Immortal Kingdom left everyone shivering. Although no one knew why its ancestor personally came, it was a sect with two emperors; its ancestor must be a

terrifying existence much greater than ordinary ancestors from the great powers. The kingdom's ancestor was surely a legendary master or an eternal existence.

The golden light became brighter and brighter as everyone just stared at the tree proceeding downward. No one dared to try anything sneaky at this moment, no one even went closer to watch.

With the Immortal Kingdom's ancestor present, everyone felt a chill. Even experts from the other emperor's lineages didn't dare to make a sound.

"They are all scared now." Li Qiye laughed at this spectacle: "With an ancestor presiding over this excavation, it would be useless for anyone else to make a move unless a lineage like the All-Eras Ancient Kingdom or Myriad Bones Throne sheds all pretense of cordiality to start a war with the Immortal Kingdom."

Lan Yunzhu agreed as well. Any great power would have to think it over carefully when there was an ancestor from the Immortal Kingdom at this place. Even emperor's lineages would not carelessly start a conflict with the kingdom.

Li Qiye smiled and shook his head to say: "Come, the show is over." Then, the two of them left the Wood Realm for the Water Realm.

Lan Yunzhu wanted to meet up with the river sect's elders, but the moment they arrived at the Water Realm, a protector from the sect contacted the two of them then quickly ran over.

Seeing Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu, the protector quickly reported: "Young Noble, Yunzhu, the sect master and the elders are no longer in the Water Realm, they went to the Fire Realm."

"To the Fire Realm?" Lan Yunzhu asked: "Sect Master found the Diamond Carp's nest already?"

"We didn't only find it..." The protector was very excited when this matter was brought up: "We had a great harvest and obtained many treasures. This time, we obtained a great fortune for our river sect!"

Chapter 536: Jadewater Queen

"Outside of the many treasures in the nest, did you guys find anything strange in there?" Li Qiye quickly asked.

"There was, indeed, something strange. We found this particular place, but the masters and elders couldn't figure out its mysteries. There was surely something strange going on there." The protector answered: "But our Thousand Carp River took pretty much all the treasures in the nest, causing many great powers to become riled up, so the higher ups decided to temporarily avoid any trouble. They went to the Fire Realm to figure out the situation, but if there is nothing there, then we'll leave the Prime Ominous Grave. The sect master was afraid that you two would come to the Water Realm to find us, so he ordered me to stay behind to inform you."

This was a great harvest for the Thousand Carp River, but this also attracted the envy and jealousy of many other great powers, so the sect decided to go to the Fire Realm to have one last adventure. If they didn't find anything there, then they would just leave the grave since they already had spectacular gains this time.

Li Qiye then asked the protector once more: "What was this place like?"

The protector answered: "It was a very big pond, and very strange looking at that. Walking into the pond would give birth to illusions as if the person had gone to a different location. The sect master said that it might not be an illusion. It was very hard to return after entering. The deeper one goes, the harder it is to come back. The sect master and elders couldn't see through it, so they decided to temporarily leave."

"Then I'll go take a look." Li Qiye stroked his chin while pondering for a bit before making up his mind.

The protector quickly advised: "I'm afraid that won't be a good idea. There are many people from the great powers there at that place. Even imperial lineages like the Titanic Crescent Sacred Ground and the Insect King Imperial Lineage were present. They felt that we didn't take the most important treasure and that there were more to find in that place."

"That is the reason why we should go." Li Qiye responded with a grin.

"There was also another strange event." The protector added: "We didn't find the Diamond Carp. We followed it and took the majority of the treasures, but we didn't see any traces of it at all. After entering the nest, it suddenly disappeared, which is another reason why the great powers thought that we left behind the best treasure. The sect master and the elders also felt this way, but they still decided to retreat."

"The Diamond Carp was gone?" This took Lan Yunzhu by surprise since it was not a small fish, it was the size of a mountain. For such a fish to escape would not be very easy.

The protector shook his head and answered: "It was as if the carp disappeared into thin air. We searched the entire nest but we didn't see it."

"All the more reason for me to go." Li Qiye said as he narrowed his eyes while smiling.

The protector was quite worried and tried to convince him: "I'm afraid that once Young Noble goes there, the great powers who already hate us, such as the Titanic Crescent Sacred Ground, won't treat you too well."

Many great powers were annoyed with the Thousand Carp River taking all the treasures in the Diamond Carp's nest. Some of them actually wanted to steal these treasures but were beaten down by the river sect. This deterred some of those with malicious intent from acting any further.

"So what?" Li Qiye nonchalantly said: "Those who block my path... shall be killed without mercy!"

The protector could only smile wryly after hearing Li Qiye's domineering statement. But then, he remembered that back at the Snow-shadow Tribe, Li Qiye killed tens of thousands of ghosts so he believed that Li Qiye could actually do so.

"Protector, go to the Fire Realm and inform my master that we are going to that place." Lan Yunzhu said.

The protector then looked at them once more and didn't try to stop them any longer. He bid farewell and went to meet up with the sect master.

Li Qiye then told Lan Yunzhu: "We'll go now. Maybe there will be something I need there."

The Diamond Carp's nest could actually move. Now that one thought about it, it was strange since the nest was sealed by the Thousand Carp River. After being cleaned of all its treasures, the nest still stayed there at sea in the same spot even after the river sect had left.

The nest was a huge gulf in the shape of two hands hugging each other, causing the ocean water to form a small pond.

Its outer layer was formed by mountains and in the middle was a cloud-piercing peak that faced the pond. Many caves were right under this peak.

The river sect's treasures came from these series of caverns. When the river sect took all the treasures was when the other great powers finally arrived.

At this moment, although the river sect had left, many great powers still remained, including emperor's lineages such as the Titanic Crescent Sacred Ground and the Insect King Immortal Lineage.

Many sects camped on the highest peaks for several days, but they still failed to unravel the mysteries within.

Today, a great character came to the highest peak, rejuvenating the initially dejected great powers.

"The Jadewater Queen is here!" Someone uttered: "Maybe the Jadewater Queen will be able to see through the mysteries inside."

Everyone gazed at a golden palanquin slowly ascending the mountain. On the palanquin was a woman wearing a phoenix dress — regal and full of eminence. This woman possessed a kingdom-toppling beauty that did not diminish her royal prestige. Her dignified gaze commanded respect from all spectators.

Someone sighed and spoke when she appeared: "The queen of the Charming Spirit race."

The transcendent and wonderful Jadewater Queen came from the Charming Spirit race. Providence itself had determined for her to be extraordinary.

She was the ruler of the Jadewater Country, the purest Charming Spirit country in the entire Sacred Nether World. It could be said that the majority of Charming Spirits all gathered in this particular country.

Charming Spirits had two places to go in the Sacred Nether World: the Simple Mountain Immortal Kingdom in the southern Distant Cloud or the Jadewater Country in the western Green River. Unlike the Immortal Kingdom, the Jadewater Country consisted of purely Charming Spirits while the kingdom had both humans and Charming Spirits living together.

Among the four great domains of the Sacred Nether World, outside of the southern Distant Cloud, the other three domains were all ruled by ghosts. The Jadewater Country was in the Green River, a place still dominated by the ghost race.

In this domain, not to mention the seclusive clans, there were monstrous existences like the All-Eras Ancient Kingdom and the Insect King Immortal Lineage. As for the great powers, there was the Kingdom Of Gods and the Zen Ghost Tribe among others; they were all part of the ghost race.

How could one let a stranger sleep in their own bed? The entire Green River could be described as the ghost's world, but the Jadewater Country was established there and stood strong for millions of years. Some said that this country was even older than the Simple Mountain Immortal Kingdom!

Such a thing was difficult to imagine in this location, but after knowing that it was a country of Charming Spirits, people came to accept it easier. Although they might be few in number, the majority of these spirits were cultivating geniuses.

They were the favored children of the heavens. In this world, when it came to talents, aptitude, and understanding of the grand dao, no race was comparable to the Charming Spirits.

There was a belief in the Nine Worlds: the Charming Spirits are natural geniuses and could cultivate much easier than the other races. While others require ten years to reach a particular realm, the Charming Spirits only needed five years or less!

Keep in mind that back in the Desolate Era, the first Immortal Emperor was Gu Chun, who came from the Charming Spirit race. This was such an ancient era, yet the Charming Spirits were already able to have an Immortal Emperor. One could easily imagine how heaven-defying this race must be.

The Jadewater Queen's arrival caused the great powers next to the pond to become quite spirited. A sect master spoke: "Perhaps the queen's divine reflection will be able to explore this strange pool."

Charming Spirits were very similar to humans in appearance, but they had something that the human race was without — the divine reflection!

The divine reflection was a natural gift of the Charming Spirit race. Some people said that this was bestowed to them by the heavens since they were the favored children. This saying made sense because, due to their divine reflections, they were more suitable for cultivation compared to other races.

Although the divine reflection was inherent at birth, they needed to cultivate to a certain realm before it awakened.

After the awakening, these spirits would become geniuses among geniuses in cultivation, similar to a tiger being given wings.

The magical properties of these divine reflections contributed to their abilities to comprehend the dao and understand the void. They were capable of examining the changes of nature and sensing the heaven and earth!

Imagine that, when these spirits were cultivating, they didn't need to learn the profundities of the dao since they had their divine reflection. With it, any complex and profound merit laws would suddenly become simple. This was the reason why it was so easy for Charming Spirits to cultivate any merit law.

However, the benefit of divine reflections was more than just this. Due to the incredible nature of these divine reflections, the Charming Spirits were special.

The crowd became excited, hoping that the Jadewater Queen's divine reflection could see through the void of this old pond. This old pond was very strange and no one could see through it. Several great characters had gone inside, but not a single one of them came out.

"I heard that the Jadewater Queen is unfathomable. When shined on by her divine reflection, even Heaven's Will Secret Laws become very simple. Maybe her reflection will be able to see through this pond's mysteries." All the important people here began to focus after the queen came down from her phoenix palanquin.

Chapter 537: Mysterious Old Pond

The Jadewater Queen looked at the old pond before her and took a deep breath, then she finally stepped into it. After taking one step inside, she suddenly disappeared.

"I wonder how many steps the queen will be able to take." A person saw this and murmured.

A ghost cultivator responded: "Two days ago, the Titanic Crescent Saint Child took eight steps and the Ghost Insect Evil Child took nine steps. These were already the top young geniuses. An ancestor of a great power predicted that in order to reach the middle, one has to take at least three hundred steps."

At this time, all eyes were on the old pond. Even great characters from the emperor's lineages didn't blink once. They all had their Heavenly Gazes activated because without it, they wouldn't be able to see the Jadewater Queen.

In the last several days, many powerful characters tried their best with their Heavenly Gazes, but they couldn't see through anything. An emperor's lineage even used a supreme treasure mirror to shine into this pond, but there was no result.

At this time, geniuses like the Saint Child and Evil Child held their breaths as well. Unparalleled geniuses like them could only take eight or nine steps.

A moment later, these two lost their colors because their Heavenly Gazes showed that the queen easily crossed the ninth step and onto her tenth.

"Amazing! She's indeed worthy of being a Charming Spirit. Rumor has it that she has become quite unfathomable so maybe fifteen steps wouldn't be an issue." A Royal Lord from a country spoke.

In a short amount of time, the queen already took fifteen steps into the pond and, moments later, she made it to the twentieth step.

"Twenty steps!" Even an ancestor of a great power was shaken as he murmured: "Two days ago, an ancestor of the Bronze Tree Ghost Tribe made it to the twentieth step then disappeared without returning."

Very few could see her trail after she made it to the twentieth step. Even great characters who tried their best couldn't see her; only the hidden ancestors were able to. At this point, her expression showed that she was struggling. She finally stopped at the thirtieth step.

Meanwhile, the hidden ancestors all stared at her intensely.

She ultimately stopped at this point and came back. The crowd was very curious as they watched her safely leave the old pond.

"How many steps did the queen take?" A person asked.

An ancestor revealed that it was thirty steps, to the surprise of many. They shockingly exclaimed: "This is equal to an ancestor of a great power! Thirty steps yet still managed to retreat safely... She's even better than an ancestor. Charming Spirits... Their divine reflections are indeed capable of seeing through truths and mysteries."

No matter how great her cultivation may be, it couldn't be at the Virtuous Paragon level. Her prestige was not as great as Di Zuo's or Tian Lunhui's, but being able to take thirty steps was already very amazing. Many became envious and admired the divine reflection of the Charming Spirits. They were indeed favored by the heavens.

The great powers who were camping near the old pond were very curious. They wanted to know her understanding of the pond. A great power with good relations began to ask her for some information. She then talked to its royal lord and said: "This pond is a mystery. Each step is an entire world. Taking one step further is the same as crossing into another world. If you can reach the middle of the pond, then it should be equivalent to walking across three thousand worlds."

All were moved after hearing this. What a scary thing it was to cross over three thousand worlds. Who could easily accomplish such a task besides Immortal Emperors?

Another sect master inquired: "Are there any treasures in the pond?" This was the sect master's biggest concern and also the question many wanted to ask the most.

The Thousand Carp River chased after the Diamond Carp and took nearly all the treasures, leaving only this pond untouched. The river sect couldn't see through the pond so it hastily withdrew.

Everyone knew that the sect obtained many treasures, but they didn't obtain any unbelievable immortal treasures. They were also aware that there was a great fortune in each realm, but the issue was finding the right place. Many people searched the Water Realm without any results or meeting any great fortunes.

Afterward, after the river sect chased the Diamond Carp to its nest, many people speculated that if there was indeed a great fortune at the Water Realm, then it should be at this place.

This was why even emperor's lineages showed up and not only great powers. They hoped to obtain this supreme fortune.

The Jadewater Queen answered with confidence: "Yes, there is surely a treasure. From twenty steps and beyond, there were treasures under the water. From thirty steps and up, there were incredible items as well. In order to find a supreme fortune, I think one has to go at least one hundred steps. There must be an unparalleled item there, maybe even an era-toppling immortal treasure, but I can't say for sure."

"An unparalleled item!" The heart of this sect master trembled. For generations, those who obtained a great fortune in the Prime Ominous Grave all became either Immortal Emperors or invincible existences.

Her answer quickly spread to the outside. Many were here for this supreme fortune, but previously, it was only mere speculations. Now that it had been confirmed, how could a furor not break out among these cultivators and great powers?

Previously, everyone couldn't enlighten themselves with the pond, so many were jolted into leaving. However, after hearing the first half of the queen's findings, the group became excited and no one else wished to leave. However, this group also became dumbfounded after hearing the latter part.

"One hundred steps!" No matter how powerful their sects or tribes may be, these people all gasped as they became dejected.

"What kind of genius would be able to take one hundred steps?" This was a blow to many people. An ancestor of the Bronze Tree Tribe disappeared after twenty steps, so what kind of existence would be able to take one hundred?

A person calculated: "Perhaps a legendary master or an eternal existence would be able to take one hundred steps."

"Hmm, maybe even an extremely ancient ancestor... Someone from the Myriad Bones Throne might be able to do so."

A great ghost also began to calculate and came up with this conclusion: only an eternal existence would be able to take one hundred steps, not even a legendary master would be able to.

The sudden burst of excitement was quickly deflated. One hundred steps was an impossibility to the people present.

In fact, many ancestors from the great powers all came to the Prime Ominous Grave. These old undyings didn't mind paying a huge price to leave their Blood Era Stones for the great fortunes from the legends. They hoped to use these fortunes to prolong their lifespans as well as strengthen their own sects.

However, after witnessing the failure of the Bronze Tree Ancestor, many of these ancestors began to hesitate. They had lived for a very long time and paid the greatest price to seal themselves in these blood stones. Now, they all became very cautious at such a dangerous venture.

These undyings were afraid of death more than anyone else; they valued living above all else. They didn't want to die before obtaining a great fortune at this place.

So after hearing the words of the queen, these ancestors who were hiding in the darkness remained still, waiting for their chance to see if there was any other method to enter the pond.

During this moment of stillness, a person suddenly had an idea: "Maybe not just a powerful cultivation is required for entry. The ancestor of the Bronze Tree Tribe only took twenty steps, but the Jadewater Queen made it to thirty and even left safely."

Although this idea was out there, no one wanted to confirm it. Everyone carried the attitude of letting someone else go in first. In these last several days, some famous great characters had all failed, so it was understandable that these cultivators were hesitant. The fate of dying without a corpse remaining instilled shivers into these spectators.

While the great powers adopted a wait-and-see attitude, Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu finally arrived.

Li Qiye came and looked at the pond before him with a serious gaze. Countless ghost powers were here, but Li Qiye didn't bother giving them a single glance.

His arrival attracted the attention of many since they immediately recognized him and Lan Yunzhu: "Fierce Li Qiye and Fairy Lan are here!"

A great character from the ghost race snorted in dissatisfaction and said: "The Thousand Carp River still hasn't given up."

It was all ghosts around the pond since humans and other races couldn't mingle with them. It could be said that this entire area was under the jurisdiction of ghosts.

Many ghosts were unhappy and scowled to see the two of them here. This was not strange at all since the Thousand Carp River took pretty much all the treasures, and those who came after them only found leftover soup and a belly full of jealousy.

At that time, there were some great powers who tried to sneak attack the river sect for their treasures, but alas, they were too powerful and killed several great characters one after another, creating a huge deterrence. If it was any other sect, then it would have been slaughtered by the crowd on the spot.

Chapter 538: Long Zuntian

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"Is it very dangerous?" Lan Yunzhu looked at the pond and asked.

It looked very ordinary without any eye-catching features, but even a Heavenly Gaze couldn't see through it.

"For some, it would be easy like taking a stroll, but for others, it would be impossible like reaching the heavens. They wouldn't succeed even if they tried for the rest of their lives." Li Qiye replied with a smile.

These words made a lot of people unhappy. The first to voice his annoyance was the Ghost Insect Evil Child: "Such big tone!" He then continued with an ominous smile: "I wonder how many steps the proclaimed genius of the human race can take?"

These provocative words made the crowd glance at each other; many were happy to see this situation. They all knew the feud between Li Qiye and the Evil Child, which had been going on since the golden sea event.

Li Qiye raised his brows and lazily asked: "How many steps did you take?"

"Nine steps!" The Evil Child sneered and then spoke in a deep voice: "How about you try it? Let's see which of us is better?"

At this time, the Evil Child was full of confidence.

"Nine steps..." Li Qiye burst out in laughter and said: "Are you a little caterpillar? Such an easy trial yet you only managed to take nine steps. I can go further than that even with my eyes closed."

"You...!" The Evil Child became enraged by Li Qiye's teasing as his body shivered with coldness. Frightening glints appeared in his eyes.

Li Qiye was too lazy to look at him. Instead, he waved his sleeve dismissively: "Only nine steps yet you still dare to provoke me? Go play in a corner and don't interfere with my grand matters."

"Is that so? Li, how many steps do you think you can take?" Another cold laugh appeared. The speaker was the descendant of another emperor's lineage, the Titanic Crescent Saint Child.

"How many steps?" Li Qiye gave a yawn in response and added: "I'm not looking down on you guys, but to speak the truth, you already dare to challenge me just by walking a few steps? You don't know the limits of your own abilities. I'm too lazy to care to argue with people at such a low level."

"You challenged our ghost race and even the entire world! You don't think you are the one who doesn't know your own limits?" An arrogant voice appeared at this time. A phoenix chariot slowly approached and stopped by the pond. A supreme beauty stepped down; it was the Divine Spark Phoenix Maiden who escaped last time.

The atmosphere became heated with her arrival: "The Phoenix Maiden is also here!"

Everyone then looked back and forth at Li Qiye and the Phoenix Maiden.

She fled during the last battle, but now she came back with great fanfare. Everyone wanted to see the conclusion between Li Qiye and the maiden.

Li Qiye leisurely stared at her and quipped: "Oh, so it is the loser from before. Since when did your Divine Spark Country become part of the ghost race? Are your ancestors ghosts?"

"Being a daughter-in-law of the ghost race means that I'm part of the ghost race." The Phoenix Maiden was not angry at all; she calmly answered him with grace. Her excellence was part of why she could become the daughter-in-law of the throne of bones.

"Yes, you are quite right." Li Qiye smiled and said: "So? The miserable loss last time was not enough so you want to lose again?"

It was as if the maiden came prepared; she was not angry or anxious and instead leisurely spoke: "Li Qiye, you do have the ability to act arrogant, but do you think you are unbeatable in this world?"

Li Qiye lazily looked at her and said: "I myself don't know if I am unbeatable in this world, but I only have one answer to those who oppose me, and that is that they will all be killed without mercy! Even if it is everyone in this world."

“Young man... Such bold words.” A middle-aged man who followed after the maiden spoke: “You have the same arrogant style as I did back in a simpler time, but your arrogance ends here.”

The middle-aged man had a special divine aura when he stepped out. A spirited bearing combined with a composed presence created a unique charm with a momentum as if he was the only one who could tread on the endless grand dao.

“Long Zuntian!” Many great ghosts exclaimed after seeing this middle-aged man.

Even the ancestors put on a serious expression.

Long Zuntian was a legendary character in the Sacred Nether World. He was a proud sun in the sky and his dao journey was full of magical tales.

Long Zuntian sought the dao during the Difficult Dao Era as its most dazzling genius in the Sacred Nether World. At a young age, he proudly cultivated as if even this era could not impede his path towards the apex.

He became a Heavenly King at a very young age. At that time, he garnered a lot of attention from everywhere. Many even thought that he had the chance to defeat the Difficult Dao Era to reach the top.

Unfortunately, he was born in the wrong age and embarked on a journey during the Difficult Dao Era. He wanted to reach a higher realm using force, leading to a Life Reduction and an untimely disaster.

Fate Calamity was the demon of the heart and Life Reduction was the withering from the heavens. To cultivators, a Life Reduction was one of the hardest trials, and countless geniuses died because of this.

What was even more unfortunate for him was that, during the Difficult Dao Era, Life Reduction was even more fatal. Many assumed that he wouldn't be able to surpass it so his death was assured.

However, before the deadly blow, Long Zuntian managed to counter attack and powerfully surpassed his Life Reduction. This matter shocked the entire world. However, this left behind an incurable wound and his cultivation slowed down.

Nevertheless, his fame still threatened the eight directions. Many ancestors from the great powers viewed him highly. Many of them were even cautious when they talked about him.

He was not only an amazing Heavenly King but also was a grand completion Saint Physique, the Diamond Saint Physique!

The Diamond Saint Physique was the one below the Indestructible Diamond Immortal Physique. This Immortal Physique was impenetrable by countless weapons and untouchable by myriad laws. A cultivator of this physique would neither be afraid of any weapons nor laws in this world.

Although it was not an Immortal Physique, Long Zuntian still had this extremely powerful grand completion Saint Physique. A rumor stated that he once used his own body to block an attack from an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure. No one knew if this story was true or not, but this was enough to prove the toughness of his physique.

“I can't believe Sir Di Zuo actually convinced Long Zuntian. An extremely talented genius like Long Zuntian views Sir Di Zuo so highly! Surely Sir Di Zuo will be able to shoulder the Heaven's Will and

become an Immortal Emperor.” A person emotionally uttered after seeing Long Yuntian protecting the maiden.

In the past during the Difficult Dao Era, Long Yuntian’s fame thundered across the Sacred Nether World. It was not until his Life Reduction that his fame slowly receded before the public, giving rise to the three heroes.

He started as a vagabond cultivator and many great powers and even emperor’s lineages wanted to recruit him. Even the Myriad Bones Throne wasn’t an exception, but Long Yuntian was very arrogant so he decisively refused.

Who would expect that many years later, once Di Zuo came to the light and became a great genius would he be able to convince Long Zuntian? From then on, he became the dao mentor of Di Zuo.

Although the throne of bones had some amazing ancestors at the level of legendary masters, a person like Long Zuntian was very rare to find. Di Zuo surely benefitted greatly from having him as a dao mentor.

The arrogant Long Zuntian agreeing to be Di Zuo’s mentor after rejecting the Myriad Bones Throne in the past was indicative of Di Zuo’s brilliant talents and his future potential to become an Immortal Emperor.

Li Qiye was still nonchalant as he looked at Long Zuntian. Then, he said with a smile: “Oh? You want to teach me a lesson?”

Long Zuntian stared back and shook his head, grinning: “I’m too old and do not feel like exercising. I only want to give you a piece of advice: there is always a better person and another heaven outside of this heaven. Today, there are many ancestors here. You are indeed a supreme genius, but if a Virtuous Paragon takes action, you won’t be as lucky.”

“Heed my words of advice and recede your arrogance. Otherwise, even if I don’t do it, someone else will.” Long Zuntian continued: “Of course, if you really want a shot at me, then I don’t mind teaching a young one a lesson!”

Long Zuntian spoke aggressively and was full of confidence. Of course, he was qualified to act so domineeringly. Although he was only a Heavenly King and cultivation-wise, he was not a match for a great power’s ancestor, he also had a grand completion Saint Physique. Even these ancestors would have to think twice before acting against him.

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Chapter 539: Divine Spark Phoenix Maiden's Scheme

Li Qiye didn't take note of Long Zuntian's words, he simply smilingly said: "If you want to teach me, then come anytime. I agree with the sentiment that there is always someone better and that there is a heaven vaster than this heaven, but as for the whatever ancestors here who want to kill me..." Li Qiye laughed and declared: "So what if they are ancestors from great powers? Try it and I'll slaughter all of them. Anyone who blocks my path will be killed without mercy!"

His words offended all the sects and lineages and even the entire ghost race. Of course, this was not his first time offending the ghost race.

In just a split second, many great powers coldly glared at Li Qiye. No one made a move right now, but their intentions were as clear as day: sooner or later, they would annihilate this arrogant human.

"Young one, it is not wrong to be arrogant, but words are like spilled water; once spoken, they cannot be taken back." An ethereal voice appeared.

No one knew who the speaker was, but the tone was thunderous, causing everyone's hearts to thump. This surely was an ancestor of a great power.

Many ancestors had come into being and entered the Prime Ominous Grave, so of course they were annoyed when Li Qiye provoked them publically like this.

However, for the time being, none of them made a move against Li Qiye. These old sly foxes didn't want to be the first to oppose the Thousand Carp River.

Li Qiye smiled and said in response to the ethereal voice: "I always take responsibility for my words. I don't care if you are ghosts or from another race, I do not show mercy to those who stand before me!"

"Hmph! You are acting as if people are blocking your path. That's simply not true, you can easily enter the pond." The Titanic Crescent Saint Child sneered.

Li Qiye looked at the Saint Child and spoke: "Oh? You don't believe me? If I can enter, then will your ghost race withdraw?" These words made even more people unhappy.

A ghost sect master deepened his voice and uttered: "This pond does not belong to you, so why does our ghost race have to withdraw?"

"I don't know much about the ghost race, but I do know one thing: if I obtain the fortune inside, then your ghost race will definitely sneak attack me and rob it just like you did with the Thousand Carp River. Do you dare say that you haven't and will not commit such sly thievery?" Li Qiye calmly asked.

"Then do you want to settle this matter with our entire ghost race?" The Phoenix Maiden slowly spoke.

Li Qiye glanced at her and chuckled to say: "Divine Spark Phoenix Maiden, I know you are digging a hole for me to jump, aiming to maneuver the entire ghost race against me. Am I right? Very well, we'll do it your way. Everyone come so we can end this. Your ghost race does not like to look at humans like me, and I'm also annoyed at ghosts like you. Just make your move and I'll entertain all of you till the end!"

This answer left people looking at each other in confusion. Even non-ghost cultivators rolled their eyes. Such arrogance! Li Qiye, alone, challenged all the ghosts! This brat must be crazy.

However, older cultivators of the other races felt that this made sense after thinking it through. Back at the Snow-shadow Tribe, Li Qiye had already killed tens of thousands of ghosts in one breath. His relationship with the ghost race was already irreconcilable.

It was clear that Li Qiye would be a thorn for the three heroes in the future. The ghost race would definitely not accept him in the competition for the Heaven's Will at this time, so there would be a war between the two sides. Those who backed the three heroes would not sit idly by and watch.

The cultivators of the other races thought that if Li Qiye didn't want to be bothered by ghosts for a long time, then the most direct way was to kill them until they were scared. This was not only to strengthen his domineering fame and test his own cultivation but also a way to sweep through his future obstacles.

A few great characters from these races thought that defeating the ghost race before they became united was possible. However, the first requirement was that Li Qiye needed to be strong enough.

Thus, these other races chose to watch on the sideline as the ghosts glared at Li Qiye.

The group of the Titanic Crescent Saint Child and Ghost Insect Evil Child angrily glared at him with murderous stares after hearing his provocative statement. These geniuses truly hated Li Qiye; the two sides had a long-running feud and moreover, they had the ambition to kill him for their own future!

They would become famous after killing Li Qiye; Li Qiye could be the paving pebble for their path towards becoming the Immortal Emperor.

As opposed to last time, the two geniuses were full of ambition right now. Their expression alone clearly indicated their wish to kill Li Qiye. This shouldn't come as a surprise. Since they carried secret cards, they were confident in killing Li Qiye.

The Phoenix Maiden only smiled with a smile that could be described as kingdom-toppling. This was the result she wanted. She then slowly spoke: "Li Qiye, you are the one who said this. I am only a little girl and does not dare to speak for the entire ghost race. However, since you provoked our ghost race, I will be the first to oppose you. Even a little girl like me will not tolerate a human ant like you challenging our ghost's supreme prestige!"

"Amazing! Women are no less capable than men at all!" Li Qiye clapped his hands and smiled. He saw through her aim but was too lazy to retort.

Lan Yunzhu only smiled. She understood the Phoenix Maiden's scheme, but she also knew that Li Qiye didn't care for these little tricks since he was not afraid at all!

While the young geniuses wished to kill Li Qiye to pave their path, the majority of the older crowd remained relatively calm.

Although Li Qiye and the ghost race had drawn daggers, there was no direct conflict of interest between him and the majority of great powers. At least, for now.

These sly foxes all knew that the Phoenix Maiden was trying to pave the way for Di Zuo. Anyone could see that Li Qiye would be a huge threat for him in the future. As his fiancée, she wanted to borrow others to kill Li Qiye for her husband.

“There has been too much killing recently, and the downpour of blood only brings about weariness.” The Phoenix Maiden acted as if she didn’t hear Li Qiye’s praise. She then gracefully continued on: “If you challenge our ghost race, we of course cannot stand down. How about we have a non-violent competition? For example, this pond. If Li Qiye can go deeper into the pond than us ghosts... Although I cannot represent the entire ghost race, at the very least, the Myriad Bones Throne and many other ghost tribes will not make it difficult for you from now on.”

“If you lose, then hand over the Prime Ominous Key. Whoever beats you will get the key.” She put out an irresistible bait and said: “The fortune inside the Heavenly Cemetery should belong to us ghosts. What say you, everyone?!”

Her words prior were not enough for the other ghost tribes to act as her blade, outside of the ambitious young ones like the Saint Child and Evil Child. Everyone with eyes had seen the battle outside of the Snow-shadow Tribe, and being the Phoenix Maiden’s henchmen did not end well. But now, her words tempted the minds of many.

“I heard that there was no treasure inside the Heavenly Cemetery. However, if one is lucky, they might be able to get a unique fortune. This harvest would not be any less than the Diamond Carp’s nest.” The Phoenix Maiden lightly said: “For such a fortune, no matter what, I still want to challenge you, Li Qiye!”

Her words caused many hearts to beat faster alongside many swift glances.

Lan Yunzhu lamented after being exposed to the maiden’s scheme: “What a formidable ability to concoct such mind games.”

The Phoenix Maiden was quite devious. She pushed Li Qiye up to the front of the waves and winds. At this time, anyone would want to challenge him.

“Is that true?” A young person couldn’t help but ask his senior after hearing the maiden’s words.

Everyone knew that the Heavenly Cemetery was inside the Earth Realm. Rumor has it that after killing into the cemetery and making it out alive, one would be able to obtain a great fortune. However, not just anyone dared to try. Even the ancestors were hesitant, let alone the younger generation. But right now, Di Zuo was making his way into the cemetery!

“It is true.” A great character answered his junior: “The Prime Ominous Key can be exchanged for a great fortune inside the Heavenly Cemetery. The magnitude of this fortune depends on the person, but in short, the exchange is real.”

Prior to this, during the Snow-shadow battle, many people wanted to take the key from Li Qiye, but many gave up right after. Now, the maiden’s words raising this issue again provoked a lot of people.

At this point, many held their breaths while looking at Li Qiye since everyone knew that he had the key.

Li Qiye simply smiled at the maiden's scheme. She employed numerous methods to kill Li Qiye. This, right now, was only a spark and the goal was to cause Li Qiye to fight against the entire ghost race.

"Li Qiye, do you dare to accept our ghost race's challenge?" The Phoenix Maiden slowly enunciated each word.

Although she did not represent all the ghosts, the expressions of many proved that they were lusting after the key in Li Qiye's possession.

"Li Qiye is not necessarily at a disadvantage in such a challenge." The Jadewater Queen spoke: "It is not about cultivation but enlightenment when it comes to walking deeper into the pond. One step, one world, but the main essence is that it is still a pond. If one could see through its profundities, then there would still be a promising chance. Having a higher cultivation actually brings about more restrictions."

Chapter 540: Competition

The Jadewater Queen was the person who went the furthest for the time being, so her credibility was very high.

After hearing her words, a person excitedly spoke while slapping their thigh: "Just like what I speculated, how far one walks into the pond has nothing to do with cultivation!"

Meanwhile, Li Qiye only smiled at the Phoenix Maiden's challenge and said: "No big deal. Taking dozens of steps would still be easy. All challengers, come forth. The losers will disappear, and if I lose, I will hand the Prime Ominous Key to the winner."

How could Li Qiye refuse a challenge when the enemy came to his doorstep?

Li Qiye's words caused the ghost cultivators to clamor and stare at him. He was like a fat piece of meat that everyone wanted a bite of.

"Who's first?" Li Qiye looked at the Phoenix Maiden and slowly asked: "You?"

"Let me challenge you." However, a sneer suddenly came about as the Ghost Insect Evil Child walked forward and smiled ominously: "If you lose, then hand over the key and get the hell out of here. The treasures of this place belongs to us, members of the ghost race!"

"Count me in!" Another person stood out and went together with the Evil Child. Of course, this was the Titanic Crescent Saint Child.

"You guys only managed to take eight and nine steps, yet you still want to challenge me?" Li Qiye was too lazy to look at them as he commented: "Your confidence is too unreasonable."

"The winner has yet to be decided, so don't act this arrogant so quickly!" The Saint Child said as he sneered; he was full of confidence.

Everyone knew that the Saint Child and Evil Child only took eight and nine steps respectively, but now, everyone was shaken to see them so full of confidence. They realized that these two didn't try their best earlier.

Li Qiye glanced at the two of them and smirked: "Are you two representing your sects or the ghost race?"

"If I lose, then my sect will withdraw." The Titanic Crescent Saint Child answered slowly: "If any sects or tribes wish to follow my sect, then we will share the treasures that are obtained!"

The Ghost Insect Evil Child also added: "Yes! Same goes for our Insect King Lineage."

Their actions had been approved by the seniors of the two lineages, which was why they were able to speak so freely.

Geniuses like the Saint Child and Evil Child were unlucky to be born in the same era as the three heroes. Especially because of Di Zuo, who was greatly valued by many great powers; most of these great powers tended to support him.

Right now, these two wanted to borrow Li Qiye to increase their own prestige as well as re-establishing their sects' position in the Misty Field and Green River.

Some great powers from the ghost race decided to reveal their position: "We are willing to stand together with the Insect King Lineage!"

"We are willing to stand together with the Titanic Crescent Saint Child!"

Many of them voiced their support for the two emperor's lineages.

The Insect King Lineage had a very prestigious position in the western Green River, and the Titanic Crescent Sacred Ground was also famous in the northern Misty Field. Recently, Di Zuo and Li Qiye were like kites who met the right wind, so many forgot about geniuses like the Evil Child and Saint Child. But now, if these two managed to rise up and gain the support of these great powers, then it would be killing two birds with one stone for the two emperor's lineages.

Not only did their actions have a chance to seize the Prime Ominous Key from Li Qiye, this was also an attempt to gauge their supporters in their regions.

The sect masters and royal lords present were not stupid. They knew that this battle had no place for them. Eventually, the final victor to obtain the key would most likely be an emperor's lineage, so they knew that they had to show their support towards these lineages first.

"Interesting." The Jadewater Queen murmured to herself after seeing this scene.

Right now, the challenge was no longer a feud between Li Qiye and the ghost race, it was also a political contest among the ghost race. The one who created this situation was, of course, the Divine Spark Phoenix Maiden!

At this point, many looked at Li Qiye and the two descendants. The Evil Child and Saint Child had always been referred to as geniuses by people. They had extremely high talents but were still far from supreme geniuses like Di Zuo.

Nevertheless, some ghost tribes were still optimistic with their chance against Li Qiye in this challenge.

“If you want to challenge me, then come at the same time. Don’t waste time going one by one.” Li Qiye looked at them and said: “You guys go first. I’m afraid that if I go first, I’ll just discourage both of you.”

“Such hubris!” A ghost loudly exclaimed with a sneer.

The two descendants also scowled. They looked at each other and took the first step into the pond, instantly disappearing.

Everyone quickly opened their Heavenly Gazes to watch each of their actions. They leisurely took the first five steps before their speed slowed down.

Now, eight steps have been taken. At this point, it was as if they were shouldering Mt. Tai on their backs as each step was as difficult as reaching the heavens.

Everyone stared at the two with bated breaths because these two could only go eight and nine steps earlier.

The influential ghosts were secretly worried for the two descendants. If they could only go this far, then they wouldn’t have any significant advantage over Li Qiye.

However, the Titanic Crescent Sacred Lord still had a relaxed expression as if he was still very confident in his disciple. He smiled and said: “My disciple shouldn’t have any problems going past twenty or thirty steps.”

Just as he said, from the eighth step onward, the initial weight was lifted off their backs and the two became much more relaxed.

A universal law as thin as a silk string faintly appeared around the Ghost Insect Evil Child’s body and led the way for him, allowing his steps to be as light as a feather.

It was the same for the Titanic Crescent Saint Child. In just a split second, a wave of light was being emitted from his body as if it was the protection of the gods. When this wave of light appeared, his steps became light. It seemed as if each step was not crossing one world but just walking casually across water.

“Eleven... Twelve... Thirteen...” A ghost began to count their steps as they quickened their pace.

More and more began to count as well, especially the disciples who came from the Titanic Crescent Sacred Ground and the Insect King Lineage. They were becoming louder with their cheers, causing the atmosphere to be much more lively.

“How come they suddenly became so strong?” Everyone became surprised when those two made it to the fifteenth step.

Before, they already struggled at eight and nine steps; a single extra step was prohibitively difficult. But now, their steps were as light as the wind, so how could people not become astounded by this sudden change?

A predecessor expert figured something out and said: “There are heaven-defying treasures on their bodies, most likely Immortal Emperor Life Treasures.”

Not only one or two people realized this. A group began to understand that those two were carrying some amazing treasures.

Many great powers of the Sacred Nether World were here, and not just one or two emperor's lineages brought emperor's weapons. If these two had emperor's weapons, then it meant that the sacred ground and the Insect King Lineage brought more than just one weapon.

This speculation caused many characters from the great powers to palpitate. These emperor's lineages would be carrying immense firepower if they brought more than just one emperor's weapon each.

These weapons were dreadful items, and they were the bane of those countries without one themselves. When two had the same cultivation and battle prowess, the person with the emperor's weapon had an absolute advantage.

In just a blink of an eye, the Evil Child and Saint Child made it to the twentieth step. From this point, their pace slowed down since they were still affected by the pond despite carrying emperor's weapons.

The Jadewater Queen spoke while watching on the sideline: "Unfortunately, they couldn't understand even a little bit of the profound mysteries. Otherwise, with the powerful emperor's weapons and some knowledge, they could go more than forty steps."

"Twenty... Twenty-one... Twenty-two..." Clear and sonorous counting appeared when the two of them reached the twentieth step. The sacred ground and Insect King Lineage, along with some great powers, were cheering for the two of them while creating pressure for Li Qiye.

This was especially the case when the big characters were speaking; their thunderous roars caused others to be affected. These ghost powers wanted to create a suppressive atmosphere to assail Li Qiye's psyche.