

EMPEROR 1211

### Chapter 1211: Beginning Of The Grand Scheme

Li Qiye paused a bit to stare at the old man ahead while voicing his refusal: "All of this has nothing to do with me. As a passerby, I am insignificant to your three schools."

The old man repeated: "But Young Noble, you have been chosen by the ancestral whale. Since the start of time, few have been chosen by it. This must be the imperial decree of our progenitor, Immortal Emperor Wu Gou..."

Li Qiye interrupted him: "Okay, I have a deeper understanding of this matter than you lot, there's no need to use the emperor as justification. Just remember what I have said, I cannot bring anything to your schools, so don't rely on me."

Having said that, he turned and left. These old men felt helpless and only followed Li Qiye to see him off.

After leaving the ancestral whale's body, Li Qiye stood on the sea's surface to look at its gigantic size. He sighed gently and touched it while murmuring: "We'll meet again if it is meant to be."

"Woooo—" The whale cried out and gently moved its huge head ever so slightly forward against Li Qiye's palm.

The old men were in disbelief after seeing how intimate the pair was. Outside of Immortal Emperor Wu Gou, no one else had been this close to the whale.

Li Qiye patted the whale's head. He gave this whale to Immortal Emperor Wu Gou when it was still an infant. Later on, it always accompanied the emperor.

Eventually, Li Qiye looked at the old men and said: "Even if you see a friend off for a thousand miles, you will still have to part in the end. Go back now, the ancestral whale will start moving again."

An old man still didn't give up and told Li Qiye: "Young Noble, you can reconsider later. If you do return to our schools in the future, all of our echelons will obey your commands."

Li Qiye only smiled and reached out with his palm. A portal opened and he vanished inside.

He went back to Peacock Land and saw Kong Qinru. She busily asked after seeing him again: "Young Noble, the preparations have been carried out. The inhabitants here have been evacuated, may I ask when you will start?"

Li Qiye smiled and slowly uttered: "Very soon. Everything is ready, we are only waiting for the east wind." [1. Zhuge Liang, battle of Chi Bi/Red Cliffs.]

She asked: "What is the east wind you are referring to?"

"Life — only something as precious as this will be able to replenish the tree." Li Qiye replied dismissively: "It will come very soon."

Kong Qinru was startled after hearing this. She thought about a very terrifying matter and turned pale. She gasped and asked: "This, is this right?"

Li Qiye lazily glanced at her and replied: "Little woman, do you think there is such a thing as a free lunch in this world? There is no harvest without a price! Life replenishment is a heaven-defying task, this is going against the villainous heavens, so do you think we can accomplish this quickly?"

Li Qiye closed his eyes at this point then continued: "If you want to prolong the tree's life, you must be mentally prepared. Without this awareness, there won't be any need to talk about life replenishment or working for the well-being of the human race."

She hesitated a bit and asked: "Will, will this violate the harmony of the heavens?"

"Harmony of the heavens?" Li Qiye sneered: "What is this harmony? It definitely doesn't exist in the eyes of the villainous heavens. Plus, since when did cultivators not violate this harmony? Fighting and competing against the heavens, resisting the Heaven's Will! The path of cultivation itself is violating the harmony of this world, it is a path of rebellion."

With that, Li Qiye told her: "There's no need to worry about this violation. Instead, you should ask your conscience and morality to see if you can get over it. Only by surpassing this dao ridge will you be able to sleep well at night."

He continued by pointing at his heart: "This is the most important thing for cultivators, the thing that allows them to go to the very end! As for the villainous heavens, he is but a wretch! People can be killed, but their conscience will live on! Not even the villainous heavens can do anything about it!"

Kong Qinru quietly thought for a moment. She could imagine the scene of hell, a terrible catastrophe that was about to come.

"It is not too late to change your mind, it will be one less thing for me to do." Li Qiye smiled freely and added: "The plans have been set in motion, whether we carry them out or not is up to your will."

Eventually, she took a deep breath and solemnly spoke: "Since we have made it this far, there is no reason to retreat! For the human race, I am willing to bear all the infamy."

"Leave that to me." Li Qiye said: "If others know about it, a disaster will come to your Exquisite Valley."

"But..." Kong Qinru looked at him in response: "This was my idea. If you have to bear the infamy, I'm afraid you won't ever be able to wash it off."

"Having a bad reputation is nothing. Don't worry, even though I am a vicious and ruthless man, I know better than you on who deserves to die and who doesn't."

She emotionally replied: "Young Noble, you are working for the human race while shouldering the infamy. You are the savior of our race."

"Savior?" Li Qiye smiled and looked at the far horizon. For millions of years, he had gained plenty of titles. Of course, there were those who praised him as the guardian of the human race, but more often than not they cursed him as a criminal, the evil hand behind the curtains, a murderous devil king... He had grown used to them and no longer cared about their condemnation.

He said: "Let's go, it is almost showtime. I have to leave when this is done."

She gently nodded before speaking: "There is more news about the person you are looking for. She has left the Jade Sea for the Dragon Demon Sea, headed for a particular lineage. I heard this lineage has deep ties with the Undying Gate, some believe it is an offshoot."

"Undying Gate." Li Qiye's eyes narrowed with a glint.

She elaborated: "However, the Undying Gate has been in decline for a long time. The branch in question is almost completely gone. Even if there are disciples left, I'm afraid there won't be many of them."

He replied: "I know, their end was determined the moment Immortal Emperor Bu Si collapsed."

The Undying Gate was a lineage established by Immortal Emperor Bu Si. There were plenty of legends about this sect. Many generations of wise men believed that the Undying Gate still had the art of immortality from Immortal Emperor Bu Si. Because of this, people continuously searched for its secrets.

No matter who they may be, people wished for the day they could obtain everlasting life. Unfortunately, everyone knew that it was impossible. However, legends of Immortal Emperor Bu Si's art of immortality had existed since ancient times. These arts allowed him to revive time and time again. Thus, everyone wanted this art that would allow them to have a second life.

But as time passed, how many had seen this art or knew why the emperor was unkillable?

After a few days, several strange visual phenomena emerged at Peacock Land. At first, a bloody light soared to the sky in a boundless manner like an inexhaustible flood. The entire place trembled with earthquakes. Next, it began to crack, forming a great chasm as if the entire land was about to crumble.

Cultivators and sects from the outside were attracted by the frequent changes of this land. A piece of news quickly spread across the entire Heaven Spirit World.

"The Peacock Tree is about to wither and die." No one knows who began to gossip first, but it traveled very quickly across the Jade Sea.

The sea was in a clamor. Many cultivators and sects discussed this matter.

In the Heaven Spirit World and all that inhabit it, an existence like an ancestral tree dying was an earth-shattering event.

A big sect didn't believe this news. They immediately sent disciples to Peacock Land to seek confirmation. After seeing these visual images, the disciple went back to report right away.

After confirming the information, the sect master of this sect murmured: "It looks like the Peacock Tree is truly dying."

An elder said: "With a quick finger augur, the Peacock Tree's lifespan should end right about now. The treefather has returned to the earth for too long, the time is about right."

"Isn't this too fast though? The death of the Peacock Tree is inevitable, but this collapse is too sudden. What happened to accelerate this withering process?" A different big shot was curious and decided to go see for himself.

Some were saddened by this news, but even more were excited. For many people and sects, a dying ancestral tree meant a great feast was coming. Anyone would want a bowl of soup from this great feast!

### **Chapter 1212: The Prelude Before The Storm**

The withering of the tree meant that it was about to return everything to the earth. Many treasures would be thrown out along with a huge amount of worldly essence.

It was certainly a feast for any cultivator or sect. If they could obtain a great treasure during this frenzy, it would bring about a lifetime of benefits. They might even become wealthy overnight due to the great reversal of fortune. From then, they would embark on a road towards invincibility.

It wasn't like such a thing had never happened before. In the past, some people had obtained the main roots of a dying treefather, allowing them to cultivate at a quicker pace and eventually become a Godking.

The entire Heaven Spirit World was excited as many people ran for Peacock Land.

"This death is coming too fast, I thought the tree would last for one or two more generations!" A real master from the previous generation heard this news and was surprised. He felt fairly hesitant.

Most were unable to sit still, but some experienced big shots were more cautious. They could speculate that even though the tree was withering, it could still struggle on for dozens of years or even a full century with its power.

As long as the tree was still alive, who would dare to scheme for the treasures and worldly essence? No one wanted to fight an ancestral tree, even if it was dying. However, some of them still became impatient.

After several more days, one more piece of news came from the Jade Sea. It stated: "Peacock Land is shattering. The Peacock Tree is bound to die in half a month if early or half a year if late!"

With this, these older cultivators could wait no longer despite their skepticism. They were unwilling to miss this feast, and so began to travel towards Peacock Land to verify this news.

In a short period of time, people rushed to this land to see if they could get a share. There were many charming spirits, treants, and sea demons, so it became quite lively. The lineages closest to Peacock Land had an advantage, they were there already by the time others arrived.

The inhabitants of Peacock Land were long gone. The land was deserted and lonely until all of these cultivators came along.

All sorts of cultivators showed up, ranging from treants covered in leaves and crab demons with a human head to beautiful and handsome charming spirits. Occasionally, one could see one or two human cultivators.

All the races were excited about the upcoming harvest, only the human race was mourning.

The Peacock Tree held a sentimental spot in the minds of many humans since it had done a lot for them. It was the second land of the humans, their home.

The withering of the tree meant that this land would cease to exist and shatter into little pieces. Thereafter, the human race would lose a stronghold and haven in the Heaven Spirit World.

Even though some humans wanted to do something for the tree, even their top-level experts were powerless.

Its lifespan had run out, so this was an irreversible situation. The only cure was life replenishment.

However, this was simply impossible. Even top experts couldn't do it for this was a task tantamount to life replenishing an Immortal Emperor.

The cultivators rushing here found many cracks on this massive land. Seawater was gushing through the cracks and a lot of the vegetation on the continent had begun to wither as well.

The quaking was becoming more common, as if this place was about to crumble at any second.

"It looks like the Peacock Tree can't hold on any longer, this land is falling apart. It won't be long now. Even if it won't turn to ashes, it will fragment into little pieces." A big shot from the previous generation was not quite convinced in the beginning, but he changed his mind after coming here.

"The residents here probably knew that the tree was about to die so they evacuated first." An expert wasn't surprised to see the place empty either.

Some human cultivators came running onto the land in search for their kin to see if there were still families stranded on the island. This disaster was a time for the human race to unite. As long as there were still people that had yet to evacuate, regardless of whether they were mortals or cultivators, other humans would lend them a hand. In this dire strait, the humans had to rely on each other.

The Exquisite Valley did a great job of evacuating everyone. The human cultivators searched all corners of the land but didn't find any people stranded. These helpers heaved a sigh of relief after discovering this.

The situation became more pessimistic as the days passed. Today, the earthquakes were extremely frequent, resulting in even more cracks and the invasion of seawater into the crevices of the land.

"Fall back, we'll watch from outside." A lineage who wanted a piece of this feast ordered their disciples to retreat. They went out to sea and began to play the waiting game.

The imminent destruction of the land made many sects leave this place. They waited for the death of the Peacock Tree right outside as well.

Experienced characters knew that when the Peacock Tree dies, this land would be crushed or even turn into smoke. At that time, the destructive force would be incredible.

An ancestral tree was an existence comparable to an Immortal Emperor. Just imagine the destructive power that would result from the collapse of an Immortal Emperor. If anyone dared to stay behind, they would be crushed in their final moment, getting nothing out of it.

The outer sea right now was stationed full of cultivators. Some big sects and ancient schools were keeping guard with different methods. One of the powerful sects used a great ship to float at sea and occupy the most advantageous position.

Another treant tribe took root in the seabed and had a huge towering tree growing from it. It twisted and turned into a favorable position for seizing the treasures. The moment the ancestral tree died, they would flip the earth over to seize the most valuable resources.

Some sea clans came in droves as well. They stayed in the vast sea and were ready to take whatever edge they could see...

Moreover, people from outside of the Jade Sea were gathering as well. The death of an ancestral tree was a great event, so even sects from farther regions sent disciples over.

As for the human cultivators, they stayed in this area with great confusion. Were they here to look at Peacock Land one last time? Was it to seize the treasures as well? Or could it be to say their final farewell to the Peacock Tree...

While many cultivators gathered in this region, a young lad appeared out of nowhere. This human youth looked quite plain. Even his blood energy was feeble, so he definitely didn't resemble an expert.

He drew a large circle that covered the marine regions outside with the center being Peacock Land.

The majority of the sects were within the boundary of this circle; only a few cultivators were outside.

Many people found this young human cultivator's actions quite strange. They didn't know what this brat was trying to do.

At this time, he took out a sign and wrote a few words: "Danger zone, do not enter or die."

He put these signs everywhere, causing the cultivators waiting in this area to look at each other.

They didn't know what he was trying to do. Was this a nice reminder or a warning to everyone?

Another human cultivator couldn't help but ask: "Hey, what are you doing?"

Of course, this youth was Li Qiye. He was particularly patient and approachable at this time; he replied with a friendly smile: "I am reminding everyone about how dangerous this place is. Countless existences will die, so for everyone's safety, it is best to stand outside of the circle."

His bashful smile was a bit unbearable. Those who knew Li Qiye would definitely not believe their eyes after seeing him smiling like this.

### **Chapter 1213: Ophidian Treant**

Some cultivators nearby exchanged glances. They didn't know if this human boy before them had never seen the world before or if he was just simple by nature.

In the world of cultivation, the law of the jungle reigned supreme. Who would care about the well-being of others, let alone kindly remind them about dangers?

A cultivator laughed and said: "Danger? Boy, is this your first time leaving the house? Since when is being a cultivator not dangerous?"

The others laughed as well, feeling that this kid was quite naive and didn't know the situation. Everyone was here for the treasures and worldly essences, and they knew full well the dangers that this entailed.

“I’m still responsible for reminding everyone.” Li Qiye smiled bashfully: “My suggestion is for everyone to stand outside of the circle. After all, this is a troubled land, so something ominous is definitely coming. Standing inside will end in certain demise.”

A cultivator turned black and coldly spoke: “Ignorant child, what are you talking about? We are here for the treasure hunt, how can this be ominous?”

Knowing the danger was one thing, but no one liked to hear about it.

They were here for an undeserved fortune, but it hadn’t even come out yet before Li Qiye issued such an ill omen. Of course some cultivators wouldn’t be happy to hear this.

“It will be very ominous.” Li Qiye earnestly said: “In my opinion, blood will run like rivers, staining the Jade Sea red. Millions of corpses will fill up this region and countless beings will suffer miserable deaths. Today is the day that the entire Heaven Spirit World trembles. This is why I’m reminding everyone here.”

His serious attitude made the people here change their expressions. These words were too unlucky, making them all glare at him.

However, Li Qiye looked just like a dolt. With a very serious and earnest expression, he looked at everyone and said: “I advise everyone to stand outside of the circle. A tragic death here is not worth it.”

Some felt like vomiting blood from anger after listening to this kid. The treasures had yet to come out, but they were stuck here listening to this dolt speak such ominous words.

A middle-aged man coldly spat: “What nonsense!” He was tall and burly with a golden cloak. His squinting eyes shot out a fearsome glint.

There were many disciples behind him. They looked to be quite skilled, so it was apparent that they came from a great sect.

This man was the deputy sectmaster of the Dual-Pupils Sect, a decently powerful faction in this area. He brought his fellow disciples along for the treasure hunt and was not happy to hear Li Qiye’s unlucky words.

“It’s not nonsense.” Li Qiye looked at this deputy master and said: “With your power, I’m afraid when the disaster arrives, you won’t last for even a minute before turning into ashes.”

Such words made this deputy master grimace. As a deputy master, both his fame and reputation were not to be underestimated. Although he was not as great as the paragons, he was still a talented strategist worthy of respect.

Being looked down on by a human boy like this was truly an affront to his prestige.

“Pa!” The Dual-Pupils Deputy Master furiously unleashed a palm strike and shattered the sign that Li Qiye had just put up. He coldly spoke: “I’m waiting for this so-called disaster then!”

Li Qiye coldly stared back in response: “It will come and your shrill screams will echo through this world. At that time, neither the heavens nor the earth will answer your cry for help.”

This master trembled with anger and had a twisted expression.

Many cultivators here were silent. They didn't know if this boy ahead was really slow or just acting the fool. He actually went against the deputy master from the Dual-Pupils Sect and gave him no room to step down from this argument.

"Hahaha, where did this human boy come from to be making such alarmist claims?" One of the people present sneered: "He probably has some ulterior motives, such as trying to frighten others away so the humans can monopolize the treasures."

It was an old man that looked like a snake coiled around a small tree. In fact, the snake body and tree branch were inseparable. Only his head was in human form.

This was an Ophidian Treant, a branch from the Treant Race. However, this man maintained his original form and didn't cultivate a complete human form.

He was an elder of his tribe. At this time, he had a dark smile on his face and believed that Li Qiye was scheming.

Many people were a bit startled and felt that this was logical. Otherwise, why would a human be so nice as to remind them like this? He surely had ulterior motives.

Very briefly, their eyes fell upon Li Qiye with a different light.

"So he is just here to scare everyone." The deputy leader snorted and shouted: "Speak! Who sent you here?! Tell the truth to avoid pain."

"Kindness is treated as malice. If you want to die so much, it is your own business." Li Qiye gave him an indifferent glance and said: "I have warned everyone to stand outside the circle to the best of my ability. Life or death will now depend on your own fortune."

With that, he turned and left.

"Junior, stop right now!" The deputy leader screamed and reached out to grab Li Qiye.

However, Li Qiye's body flashed and easily evaded his clutch before turning around to face him.

"Heh, looks like you have some moves." The deputy leader sneered: "State your name, I will not kill a nobody. Quickly reveal who is giving you orders or suffer!"

"Li Qiye." Li Qiye lazily said: "Scram before I become angry."

Many people were unfamiliar with this name, but some had heard it before. A cultivator from the Jade Sea said: "He is that Li Qiye, the fierce youth who dares to eat dragon tendons in public."

A few who had heard of his name found it quite surprising while stealing glances at him. They didn't expect for this seemingly ordinary human to be the monster who ate dragon tendons. They all assumed that he would look like a vicious and domineering brute.

After all, eating dragon tendons was something that would provoke billions of Teeming Fish. Only an overbearing monster would be able to do something like this. Alas, the Li Qiye in front of them bore no semblance of this preconceived image.



“You are that Li Qiye!” The deputy master became hesitant. He had heard of Li Qiye’s notoriety. Someone who dared to publicly eat tendons was certainly not ordinary and nice.

Li Qiye coldly stated: “Now that you know, do not provoke me.”

“Hahaha, such confidence. This isn’t a place a human brat like you can give orders.” The elder from the Ophidian Tribe wanted to fan the flames.

After hearing this, the deputy master arched his chest and coldly said: “The elder is right. This place belongs to everyone. What makes you think you can act presumptuously and make other people stand outside of the circle? What is your true goal?!”

At the very least, he was still a deputy master. If he couldn’t utter a few strong words, he would be in an awkward situation bereft of any face. Even his sect would lose some reputation.

“Scram right now or I’ll kill you before the disaster even gets here!” Li Qiye was losing his patience.

Glances were exchanged in the crowd after hearing this. They finally felt that this normal human was incredibly fierce and domineering, he actually dared to scold the leader of a sect like this.

The deputy leader lost a lot of face from being scolded by a junior. How could he swallow this anger?

“Boy, today, I will flay you alive!” He took out his saber and threatened with a chilling gaze.

With that, his saber slashed through the sky at an extreme speed straight for Li Qiye’s chest. He wanted to kill him with a single blow.

Li Qiye raised his brows while a cold glint flashed across his eyes. He formed a fist and launched it at the oncoming blade.

With a buzz, boundless brilliance surged forth. A huge amount of refined sunfire gushed out, as if nine suns were rising from his fist. The moment these suns came out, they instantly incinerated everything.

In a split second, the deputy master’s saber was melted into molten metal. He screamed right before he was turned into smoke. Not even his bones were left behind.

Though he was not weak, one who had yet to become a paragon was no different from an ant before Li Qiye.

Extreme Yang Fist of the Myriad Dao Fists — the moment it came out, it would scorch the nine heavens and ten earths, let alone a mere deputy master.

### **Chapter 1214: A Funny Story**

The air stopping blowing and the spectators stopped moving. No one thought that just one move would render the deputy leader of the Dual-Pupils Sect to smithereens.

Some couldn’t help but take a deep breath, realizing that this seemingly ordinary boy was incredibly fierce.

“Truly someone who dares to eat dragon tendons.” Some female cultivators looked at Li Qiye with some admiration: “A real man has to be this fierce.”

The demeanors of the onlookers changed while looking at him. They now understood that this kid was not only a murderer, but also an ominous star. He would provoke a bunch of enemies wherever he goes. Teeming Fish, the Immaculate Expanse, and the Extreme Yang School on top of the Dual-Pupils Sect... none were left unoffended!

If he kept on killing regardless of the location like this and made enemies everywhere, his death would only be a matter of time.

“What a ruthless human.” The Ophidian elder revealed a dark smile: “Do you want to kill everyone here to take all the treasures for yourself? Your plot will not go as planned, the heroes of this world are still flocking to this place...”

“Pop!” A crisp slapping sound came about. Before the elder could finish, Li Qiye had mercilessly slapped him with enough force to deform his skull. The fangs in his mouth were blown out as well.

This elder only wanted to escalate the situation to get everyone involved in this feud with Li Qiye. He didn’t expect that Li Qiye would slap all the teeth out of him so quickly.

“Little animal!” He was furious and cried out before spewing a billow of poisonous smoke. This terrifying smoke engulfed Li Qiye like a tornado, attempting to melt him down completely.

This smoke was extremely poisonous. A few drops that fell down turned the seawater into a white liquid. Many aquatic creatures were instantly killed by the poison.

Li Qiye simply didn’t care for this smoke. He reached out with his hand again, a hand akin to a blossoming lotus capable of purifying all corruption.

Void Imperfection Fist — the moment this fist came out, myriad laws would retreat and everything would be purified.

The smoke was not enough to reach the apex before this fist. With a sizzling sound, it pierced through the poisonous smoke, straight towards the elder.

The elder was stunned and turned to flee. However, even if he was faster, he wouldn’t be as swift as Li Qiye’s Soaring Immortal Fist. Li Qiye’s hand immediately caught the fleeing elder.

“Ah!” A sharp and miserable cry resounded across the wide sea. With a tearing sound, the snake and the tree encompassing his body were torn apart. Blood spattered everywhere.

For the Ophidian Tribe, the separation of the snake body and the tree trunk meant certain death. Thus, this elder twitched for a while before dying.

Li Qiye casually threw his corpse down to the ground and coldly uttered: “Not even a Virtuous Paragon yet you still dare to prance around in front of me? You are but a mere insect.”

Now, people’s expressions sank. This brat was truly too ruthless. This was no longer a rumor but reality.

Even the characters from the previous generations were staring at Li Qiye in astonishment.

Li Qiye looked at the disciples from the Dual-Pupils Sect and declared: “Go back and tell your sect to take the long way around me or I’ll kill you all! Scram!”

These stunned disciples were ecstatic to hear this; it was as if they had been granted amnesty by him. They immediately fled without any hesitation while showing their clean pair of heels. [1. Idiom meaning running so fast to the point where you lose your shoes.]

After one final sweeping gaze through the crowd, Li Qiye entered Peacock Land.

His entry to the land attracted a lot of attention. People were also curious as to why he came to this place.

However, no one dared to provoke him after he made an example out of the deputy master and the Ophidian elder. They understood that this human boy was ruthless, having no qualms about murder. If one wasn't a Virtuous Paragon, they simply wouldn't be a match for him. Provoking him would be suicide.

Li Qiye went straight to the peak and arrived before the Peacock Tree. He took out the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron and controlled its fire.

"Whoosh!" The cauldron's fire gushed out like a spring and poured into the earth.

Oddly enough, this fire flowing into the earth didn't burn any plants or grasses. It was clearly a radiant flame, but it resembled flowing water. Moreover, it was becoming increasingly violent. It was a miracle that nothing was being hurt.

"What a great fire manipulation technique!" Even those who weren't alchemists recognized his mastery when nothing was being hurt by the streams of fire.

The spraying fire came out faster and crazier like a huge river. In fact, it was not an exaggeration to call it a volcanic eruption.

However, it didn't carry the destructive force of a volcano. It actually brought about a cool feeling like spring water.

This fire seemed to have its own life as it ran through the mountains, gullies and plains. In a short period of time, this huge amount of fire covered the entire Peacock Land.

Next, it flowed into the sea and floated above the currents, as if it wanted to merge with the seawater.

Afterwards, a change occurred in this fire. A different liquid carrying a spark came out from the cauldron with fine strings of laws. They seemed to have their own sentience as they flowed to the sea.

Many people smelled a faint scent. It was difficult to explain this calming sensation that stemmed from the fragrance. The spectators waiting by the sea were fixated on Li Qiye. They were confused and didn't know what he was trying to do.

Eventually, someone couldn't help but ask him from the distance: "Daoist Li, may I ask what you are doing?"

Li Qiye was still controlling the cauldron as he answered nonchalantly: "Nothing much, just life replenishing the withering Peacock Tree so that it can stay alive since its lifespan is running out."

“Life replenishment for the Peacock Tree?” This cultivator’s eyes turned wide. He thought he had misheard and confirmed: “You are replenishing the Peacock Tree’s life?”

“Why not?” Li Qiye looked at him dismissively before he ignored him and continued to pour more fire into the earth and sea.

The many people that heard this had to look at Li Qiye once more. Some even felt that they were looking at a fool.

An alchemist spoke: “Even if you are an alchemist, do you know the meaning of life replenishing this ancestral tree? It is not only a heaven-defying feat, one can even say that it is simply impossible. The difficulty is no less than replenishing the life of an Immortal Emperor. Not to mention you, even an Alchemy Emperor would be powerless in this endeavor.”

Li Qiye glanced at him and was too lazy to reply. He continued on with his task.

A sacred lord of the Charming Spirit Race sneered: “What a guy. This is the most ridiculous and outlandish thing I’ve ever seen.”

Li Qiye was not interested in responding to this charming spirit either. Nevertheless, Li Qiye’s words startled the human cultivators quite a bit. They suddenly saw hope and asked: “Daoist, is this possible? Can you actually succeed?”

The human race naturally didn’t want to see the Peacock Tree die as they would lose this land completely.

Li Qiye plainly answered: “Yes.”

“Heh, people actually believe in this pretentious mess?” A sea demon snorted: “Only a fool would believe him. Everyone knows that for millions of years, no one has ever life replenished an ancestral tree. In my opinion, this so-called life replenishment is only a facade, he is secretly plotting something else.”

What did all the other cultivators come here to do? Of course they came for the treasures. They were all waiting for the tree to die, so who would want to hear about Li Qiye trying to save it? Wasn’t this cutting off their path to riches? He had become public enemy number one.

“That’s right. Prolonging the life of an ancestral tree is a lunatic’s raving. He must be hiding his true purpose.” Quite a few members of the crowd echoed this sentiment with jeers.

### **Chapter 1215: Golden Crow Monarch**

The human cultivators with newfound hope were shaken after hearing this. They also felt that this renewal was impossible. After all, no one had succeeded for millions of years.

Li Qiye glanced at the few human cultivators and flatly said: “This is a troubled place with an incoming disaster. Blood will stain the land and bones will fill this ocean, so leave while you can. Return to your homes.”

After hearing this, the humans darted their eyes at each other with hesitation. One or two people left, but the rest remained.

Li Qiye was not too persuasive since he knew that they didn't completely trust him.

"Hehehe, just a human brat spouting nonsense. What a naive fool." A gloomy voice sounded at this moment.

The water splashed and separated to form a road on the sea. An old man emerged from the depths with more than ten ministers dressed in both scholarly and martial uniforms. Every single one of them was full of blood energy and looked quite extraordinary. [1. In ancient China, the imperial court was divided into martial officers and scholarly/literature officers.]

The old man had a huge turtle shell on his back, showing that he was a demon turtle. His bean-sized eyes were flashing with glints. It was clear at first glance that this was definitely a vicious character.

"The Turtle Minister." Someone murmured after seeing this old man: "It looks like the Immaculate Expanse wants to get involved too."

The arrival of this old man and his followers made the waiting cultivators feel a great pressure. Prior to this, many great powers had shown up, but none were at the level of the expanse. If the expanse was now here, the other lineages like the Golden Isle and the Void Imperfection Three Schools might be on their way as well.

Once they were here, it wouldn't be as easy for the great powers to get a piece of the pie. As for the minor sects and vagrant cultivators, they would only be able to stand to the side as they were unqualified for this competition.

The Turtle Minister was the prime minister of the Immaculate Expanse, a great military leader under Daoist Lin. He was a competent official and took care of the expanse's administration for the daoist. Moreover, his own cultivation was great since he was a famous Virtuous Paragon.

Li Qiye lazily glanced at the turtle and said: "Just a turtle, stop blabbering or I'll make turtle soup out of you."

The minister wasn't happy to hear this. He was considered a great demon upon taking a form different from a turtle, so he absolutely despised others calling him a turtle.

"Little animal, you killed my master's attendant and dared to shame my Immaculate Expanse. Your crime is punishable by ten thousand deaths! I don't care which sect you are from, you won't be able to escape death today!" He pointed at Li Qiye and uttered: "If you want a quick death, kneel and surrender or I'll mince you into pieces as revenge..."

"Prime Minister, leave this little beast to me!" A loud cry came from the horizon. A billowing flame emerged as if there was a sea of fire in the sky.

A person flew closer, accompanied by a great heatwave that seemingly wanted to boil the sea. The moment he stepped onto Peacock Land, a terrifying heat assaulted the earth. The vegetation nearby was instantly ignited.

This was a middle-aged man with a stately presence. He didn't try to hide his blood energy at all, instead letting it roam free. Divine rings opened around him as if he was a God-Monarch.

A large Golden Crow existed inside these rings. It carried the sky and gave off a holy aura.

Someone blurted after seeing him: “Golden Crow Monarch, the junior brother of the Extreme Yang Monarch!”

Another murmured: “The Extreme Yang School is here, so it won’t be long till the Golden Isle and Void Imperfection Three Schools are here as well.”

This man strode into Peacock Land and stepped onto a high peak. He looked at Li Qiye with a murderous intent in his eyes.

The Golden Crow Monarch told the Turtle Minister: “Prime Minister, this beast killed my nephew. Out of consideration for our friendship, leave his dog life for me. I will take his head to my senior brother.”

The turtle smiled and replied with haste: “Please go for it. Just leave his body so that I can also take it back to report.”

This conversation made it seem like Li Qiye was already a dead man that couldn’t do anything about it.

In fact, many didn’t deny the monarch’s strength. Although he was the Extreme Yang Monarch’s junior brother, he joined the school even earlier. Some believed that he became a paragon even before his brother.

At this school, strength dictated seniority, not who joined the earliest.

Because of his constitution, the Golden Crow Monarch couldn’t cultivate the Extreme Yang Physique, so his brother became stronger than him. Nevertheless, he was still a Prosperous Era Paragon, stronger than the Turtle Minister.

Many held their breaths when they saw a paragon wanting to take Li Qiye’s life. Everyone could guess that Li Qiye was also a Virtuous Paragon. Who was stronger between these two?

“I’m afraid the Golden Crow Monarch has the advantage.” Someone was more optimistic about the monarch: “After all, the Extreme Yang School is an Immortal Physique lineage that has stood strong for millions of years. Plus, he is a charming spirit; both his body and soul are innately superior from birth.”

Many people felt that this was a reasonable statement. The monarch had many treasures since he came from a big sect — this was an advantage that not just anyone could have.

“Clank!” A chain covered in a crimson light appeared in his hand. This flashing light made others shudder; its fiery light seemed to pierce deep into the bones.

He held the chain with both hands and glared at Li Qiye: “Will you surrender, or do I have to force you by piercing your clavicles and dragging you around like a dead dog?” [1. In Wuxia, it is believed that when your clavicles are pierced, you can’t gather qi.]

Li Qiye was still holding the cauldron. He slightly raised his brows and lazily responded: “Either come and die or scram, don’t disturb me.”

The monarch was infuriated by this slight. He was a supreme expert, yet this junior held him in such contempt, prompting him to shout: “Little beast, die!”

A clunk was heard after he declared his intention. The chain in his hands thrust forth like a scorpion tail, aiming for Li Qiye's clavicles.

"Clank!" However, against all expectations, the chain did not pierce Li Qiye's clavicles. Rather, the other side of the monarch's chain fell into Li Qiye's hand.

Li Qiye gave a deep shout: "Come here!" The chain that the monarch was holding suddenly coiled around his wrist.

"Whoosh!" The monarch was involuntarily dragged to Li Qiye.

"Boom!" The monarch heavily slammed into the Peacock Tree, the impact causing him to suddenly see stars.

"Ugh!" Before he could recover from the dizziness, the chain coiled around the Peacock Tree once and turned back to wring his neck.

"No!" The monarch was still screaming as his limbs convulsed. In a split second, he was bound to the Peacock Tree and strangled to death. His true fate wanted to break out of his body, but there wasn't any opportunity. His true fate was sealed within his body and perished alongside it.

This all happened too quickly. People couldn't even react in time to the monarch being strangled alive.

"Go!" After seeing his death, the Turtle Minister was shocked. He ordered and ran with the rest of his men.

"Whoosh!" The chain soared like a true dragon. Before the turtle and his officials could dive down into the ocean, the chain wrapped around their necks.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" All of them crashed into the Peacock Tree.

"No—" The group was scared out of their minds and screamed. Alas, their cries didn't last long as they were also strangled to death and hung there on the tree.

In a short period of time, those who were strapped to the Peacock Tree all had their eyes wide open for they died with grievances.

They came to get revenge for their disciples, but they didn't expect to pay with their own lives in the process. They had truly underestimated Li Qiye's strength. In their minds, a nameless human junior could only be an ordinary paragon at best. If he was stronger than this level, then he would have been quite famous already. Thus, they were confident in their victory.

But alas, they couldn't have imagined that they wouldn't be able to block even one move from him. They died indignant deaths full of unanswered questions.

People were horrified to see these corpses hanging from the Peacock Tree and couldn't help but shiver.

### **Chapter 1216: Teeming Tribemaster**

While staring at the hanging corpses, one person quivered and murmured: "Another brilliant genius coming out of nowhere... Can he compare to the Profound God-Monarch, the Seven-seas War Goddess,

the Swiftdao Celestial God, and the Seashield Heavenly Prince?" [1. These are their full titles, I'll be skipping the adjectives later to make the flow better.]

These people were the most powerful geniuses in the contemporary Heaven Spirit World. The four of them were considered to have the best chances of becoming Immortal Emperor.

A big shot looked at Li Qiye and speculated: "It isn't clear whether he can compare with this group, but in my opinion, he stands shoulder to shoulder with Daoist Lin and the Extreme Yang Monarch."

Daoist Lin and the Extreme Yang Monarch were also young prodigies in the Jade Sea. However, there was still a gap between them and the other four.

Li Qiye lazily glanced at the crowd while holding the cauldron and spoke: "If anyone is familiar with the Immaculate Expanse and Extreme Yang School, do me a favor and let them know that I am the killer. If they dare, come to Peacock Land to settle the feud. Don't be ball-less cowards."

Many were dumbfounded after hearing this. This was blatantly provoking these two sects. It looked as if he wanted to go all out against them.

After hearing this, even if Daoist Lin and the monarch had great self-restraint and were magnanimous, they still wouldn't forgive Li Qiye. Otherwise, their sects would have no place in the Jade Sea in the future. And even without this provocation, someone else would send the news of these deaths to the two schools with haste.

More and more people arrived outside of Peacock Land. Li Qiye simply ignored them and continued to drown the land and sea with his cauldron's fire.

Everything was ready, the only thing missing was the eastern wind. Once it starts to blow, he would finally be able to replenish the tree's life.

He continued to refine the fire until it merged with the land and seawater, disappearing without a trace. With that, he recalled the cauldron and sat at the base of the Peacock Tree to have a moment of repose with his eyes closed.

Some people were shuddering while looking at Li Qiye waiting by the tree: "So courageous, opposing both the Immaculate Expanse and Extreme Yang School yet he still dares to wait for the enemies to come. Just how bold is this?"

The truth was that many people couldn't see through this human boy and his nonchalance despite knowing that enemies were approaching. To the disbelief of the spectators, he seemed to be certain of victory.

He must either be powerful to an unreasonable level or had an invincible background.

However, the strongest human lineage in the Heaven Spirit World was the Exquisite Valley, and the valley couldn't oppose either of these two lineages, thus people became curious about his background.

"I heard the Extreme Yang School and the expanse are preparing to go all out. They will not forgive this Li Qiye." A well-informed person heard the news and whispered to the people around him.



No one was surprised to hear this. The death of their disciples and Li Qiye's humiliating provocation were beyond anyone's self-restraint.

Nevertheless, they were wondering what these sects would use for their killing move. Would the monarch and Daoist Lin personally take action?

Before people could wait for the expanse and Extreme Yang School to come and deal with Li Qiye, someone else was already here to cause trouble for him.

"Human brat, pay for my son's life!" A roar resounded across the heaven and earth. It came from the bottom of the sea and was powerful enough to shake its foundation.

"Rumble!" At this time, a tidal wave rushed out from the horizon with a momentum like ten thousand stampeding horses.

"Splash! Splash!" Big fish jumped out of the water. Many of them were holding tridents and sabers with ferocious expressions. An insane number of fish leaped out of the water in an unstoppable manner like evil dragons.

Outside of these fish, many experts with the body of a fish and the head of a human or full humanoid bodies rode the waves. They came in a menacing manner, as if they would tear apart anything that blocked their path.

"Teeming Fish!" Someone cried out after seeing these ferocious fish in the distance.

Many were shocked to see the sheer number of fish and quickly retreated. No one wanted to be in their way, lest they risk angering these fish and being completely eaten, bones included.

They all ran out of the circle that had been drawn by Li Qiye beforehand so that the fish could rush forward.

The notoriety of this tribe was well documented. No one wanted to become their feast. Moreover, this group ahead was extremely furious already.

In a short period of time, this great army surrounded all of Peacock Land as well as the coasts in the nearby vicinity. They blocked off all paths of retreat to devoid Li Qiye of any opportunity to escape.

With more splashing, waves rose to the sky. These waves were carrying powerful troops, far mightier than the other Teeming Fish. All of them at least had a human body.

Towards the front of the waves was an old man wearing a crown and a dragon robe. His eyes flashed with a frightening glint. Anyone could tell at first glance that he was quite ruthless.

Someone murmured after seeing him: "The Teeming Tribemaster..."

The crowd watched with bated breaths before the sheer amount of fish. One person estimated that there might be more than one million of them surrounding Peacock Land.

The tribemaster's eyes fell upon Li Qiye, the terrifying glimmer seemingly stated his intention to eat Li Qiye alive. Anyone would feel their knees weakening after being exposed to this glare.

The cultivators retreated to a safe distance to watch. Everyone knew that Li Qiye had eaten dragon tendons before. He even decapitated the Teeming Crown Prince! Thus, it was not surprising to see the Teeming Tribemaster leading this great army to take care of him.

Another spectator commented: "This will be a fight to the death."

"How can it not be?" A cultivator in the Charming Fragmented Realm added: "It is one thing to eat tendons in public, but he placed the prince's head inside a box and gave it back to the Teeming Tribe. This is an irreconcilable feud that will only end with his death or the demise of the Teeming Tribe."

The majority agreed with this statement. This tribe had always been unified, so killing the prince would bring about mass vengeance. No one could protect Li Qiye from this fight.

Someone murmured while looking at the blockade "It looks pretty grim being enemies with the Teeming Tribe. Perhaps death is the only possibility."

People had fought the Teeming Tribe for many years. Some even attacked and destroyed their lairs.

However, regardless of how powerful they might be, they couldn't kill all of the Teeming Fish. In the next generation, this tribe would multiply again for a counter attack and even extinguish the offspring of whoever assaulted them.

"Human brat, if you kneel and surrender, I will only torture you to death. If you resist, I will kill your ten clans. I don't care what power you are from or what your identity is, we will chase you to the ends of this world and kill all of your clan members and anyone who has anything to do with you!"

People shuddered after hearing this declaration, true to the vengeful reputation of this tribe.

Li Qiye finally stood up from the Peacock Tree to lazily look at the sea full of Teeming Fish. He smilingly said: "Only a bunch of ants that love to toot their own horns; you love to bully the weak yet are afraid of the strong."

"Do you really think your tribe is invincible due to your sheer numbers?" Li Qiye continued: "For countless years when many Immortal Emperors, sea gods, and treefathers want to eat dragon tendons, they would casually grab the fattest Teeming Fish, scrape off its scales, then cut them into slices before eating the tendon. Then, they would top it off with a plate of fish and drink soup stock made from the fish bones. What a pleasant and delicious meal..."

"... It's a shame that your tribe didn't even dare to fart as these beings devoured you, only turning a blind eye to everything. Heh, you would only act arrogant against tiny sects." Li Qiye shook his head and sneered.

### **Chapter 1217: One Massacring One Million**

With that, Li Qiye glared at the Teeming Tribemaster and grinned: "Only an inept bunch boasting about how vicious you are every day. How domineering and aggressive, but ultimately, you're still a bunch of turtles hiding in their shells."

Such contempt left the spectators slack-jawed. No one had ever thought that they would hear this level of blatant disdain towards the Teeming Fish.

However, some secretly applauded him, especially those who had been bullied by this tribe before. They felt especially happy since his words resonated with their own thoughts.

As a matter of fact, many knew that the Teeming Fish knew to pick their opponents very well. They weren't ferocious to just anyone. For example, great hegemony like the Golden Isle, the Void Imperfection Three Schools, and Gu Chun's Four Branches weren't provoked by the Teeming Fish. Otherwise, they would have been slaughtered by the Immortal Emperors, tree fathers and sea demons countless times.

As for the other sects, they weren't strong enough to kill all of the fish so more often than not, they would suffer losses to these fish without voicing their displeasure.

"He's right. Hmph! Rumor has it that the grand completion Immortal Physique users of Gu Chun's Four Branches loved to eat dragon tendons, but no one has heard of the Teeming Fish attacking the four branches for revenge." Someone couldn't help say this out of dissatisfaction towards the Teeming Tribe.

His senior was frightened and immediately covered his mouth. He slapped him and stated: "Are you tired of living? Even if you are, don't drag the sect into this."

Li Qiye's words darkened the tribemaster's old face. He felt like his chest would explode from anger as he trembled.

The million fish in the sea had fire in their eyes while glaring at Li Qiye. If glares could kill, then Li Qiye would have died countless times already.

A Teeming Fish angrily shouted: "Tribemaster, let us tear this little animal to pieces so our brothers can eat his flesh, drink his blood and chew his bones!"

"Yes! Let us eat his flesh, drink his blood and chew his bones!" The other fish immediately echoed the sentiment. Their furious roars soared to the sky and shook the sea.

Many cultivators were aghast after feeling the wrath of the fish and turned pale. Today was the day that they would witness the ferocity of the Teeming Tribe.

"Devour me?" Li Qiye couldn't help but smile before leisurely replying: "With a bunch of trash like you? Not to mention this army of one million, even if the billions of Teeming Fish in the Heaven Spirit World were here, I still wouldn't give a damn."

This direct provocation left people exchanging glances with each other. Here were more than ten high elders of the tribe and even the tribemaster himself. At least ten Virtuous Paragons were here, not to mention the vast armies of soldiers.

The tribemaster shouted: "Little beast, you will experience a fate worse than death! We shall stomp on your bones! My children! Feast on him!"

"Kill!" The furious army crazily cried out before frenziedly rushing for Peacock Land. These waves of fish slammed straight towards the island as if wanting to break it apart.

Li Qiye smiled and, with a buzz, a law emerged from his heavenly cauldron.

“Rumble!” In a split second, bubbles sprayed out of the sea. These bubbles looked just like little palms that began to grab the Teeming Fish. They grabbed all of them without exception despite their great numbers. Even the group of the tribemaster couldn’t escape. All were caught by these palms made out of water.

“Activate!” The shocked fish took action and tried to slash through these palm-shaped bubbles. However, this water had been refined by Li Qiye to be one with the ocean. How could these Teeming Fish cut through it?

“Too late.” Li Qiye gently smiled. With a boom, this area suddenly formed little cauldrons that ignited. The fiery cauldrons turned into huge palms that descended from the sky to grab the heads of these fish.

“Ah!” Miserable screams echoed across this land. These screams resonated with each other, creating a hellish scene. While listening to the ups and downs of this grim melody, anyone would feel that they were trapped in hell.

“Pluff! Pluff! Pluff!” The hands made out of water began to pull. These fish’s heads and bodies were separated, and even their spines were being pulled out. This was an extremely scary spectacle.

The tribemaster screamed: “No!” His body was being abnormally elongated. He tried to escape from the hands, but he still failed despite being a Virtuous Paragon.

Eventually, he let out one last shriek and couldn’t escape the fate of decapitation like the rest.

“It would be a shame to waste all of these lives.” Li Qiye smirked.

“Boom!” The cauldron flame changed again. These bubbles turned into stoves and instantly refined the million bodies into ashes. Their vitality was taken away and sucked into the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron.

At this time, the flame that came from the sky turned into crimson chains and hung the fish heads in the sky.

This scene was too spectacular and terrifying. The fish heads — still connected to their spines — were suspended in the air.

“Blegh!” One person couldn’t bear this horrible scene and began to vomit. Many cultivators ran away from fear.

Cultivators were accustomed to death, but slaughtering one million in one breath was truly rare. Not to mention, these fish were still hanging in the sky. This was a scene that no one had ever seen before.

“It was a trap!” The paled and dazed crowd finally realized that a terrifying trap was planted in this area in advance.

They also understood why Li Qiye warned everyone to stay out of the circle he drew. So it turned out that he was reminding people lest they be caught up in this as well.

Prior to this, they thought he had an ulterior motive, but it turned out that he warned them with good intentions. Cold chills emanated from within as they began to sweat. They only left the circle to make way for the Teeming Fish. If it wasn’t for that, their ends could have been the same as these fish before them.

“This must be a grand formation that harmonizes with the heaven and earth. Its power must be wondrous and must have taken more than just one day to set up.” A grand character from the previous generation understood the power of this trap after seeing the Teeming Tribemaster being unable to escape.

Li Qiye sweep through the crowd with his eyes and slowly uttered: “Go tell the Teeming Fish that I will be waiting here at Peacock Land. If they want revenge, bring it on. Or, they can cower with their tails tucked between their legs and never show their faces in the Heaven Spirit World again.”

A lot of people’s hearts skipped a beat after hearing this declaration of war. Li Qiye had set up a grand formation here to wait for more Teeming Fish.

Eventually, he looked at the few human cultivators and coldly spoke: “It is time for the human race to leave.”

These humans shuddered and some of them left immediately. However, a few chose to stay in order to see the outcome of this storm.

News of Li Qiye’s move spread across the entire Jade Sea in a flash. The listeners batted their brows after hearing about his massacre.

“This person is ruthless with great schemes. Who expected him to kill one million Teeming Fish in this manner?” A sect master murmured with fear in his mind.

“War is coming, the Teeming Fish will definitely not let this go.” A big shot from the Treant Race commented as well.

“Not just them, the Extreme Yang School and the Immaculate Expanse won’t let this go either, or else they’ll lose all face in the Heaven Spirit World.” An ancestor gently sighed.

In a short amount of time, the Jade Sea turned quiet. Many people were looking forward to the events at Peacock Land. However, they were not concerned about the Peacock Tree. Their eyes were on Li Qiye.

They all understood that his opponents had two choices: they could either fight a direct battle or avoid this trap and find opportunities to kill him later.

However, avoiding this battle would be a huge blow to their prestige. The reputation established by their forefathers would be shattered overnight. If they were afraid of a single human boy, how could they guard their own territories in the future?

By enduring the shame of having a million of their children massacred, no one would fear the Teeming Fish later on!

### **Chapter 1218: Declaration Of War From A Million Kingdoms**

After a few days, the Jade Sea and the Teeming Fish were still silent. There were no movements from them.

However, experienced big shots could smell that something in the air had changed: “The calm before the raging storm, who knows who the ultimate victor will be?”

Everyone understood that Li Qiye had planted a trap for the Teeming Fish. At this moment, the question was whether these fish would jump into this pit or not.

Several more days passed and the Teeming Tribe was still quiet. At this time, everyone thought that they had given up.

“Li, listen up, my Nightcrystal Kingdom will accept the challenge. We shall have vengeance for our million dead brothers. We will not only kill you, but also your ten clans!” Eventually, one kingdom rose to the challenge. Its king sent out this fierce message.

“A mountain of blades and a sea of fire still won’t be able to stop our Stonecloud Citadel’s determination for revenge. We shall slay Li Qiye!” Another lineage replied to Li Qiye’s challenge.

“Without killing Li Qiye’s ten clans, our eight million strong Eastern Sea Kingdom will never return to our home!” One more declared war on Li Qiye.

“No matter how far you may be, we shall chase you to the very end for the crime of killing our comrades. Our Propitious Sea Kingdom shall offer Li Qiye’s head to our fallen brothers!” Another joined the fray.

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In a short period of time, the Teeming Fish from all over the seas accepted the challenge in succession. They all swore to kill Li Qiye.

Their cries echoed across the vast oceans, frightening many cultivators and lineages.

Before this, the Teeming Fish claimed to have millions of kingdoms. Of course, people knew that this was only an exaggeration. However, after seeing one kingdom after another rising up against Li Qiye, they realized for a second time just how powerful and pervasive this tribe was.

Another thing to note was that the tribe had been incredibly quiet the past several days, but in just one night, numerous Teeming kingdoms declared war all at once. People could faintly guess something from this.

“Very good, come then, my butcher’s blade is waiting. Bring ten million, slay ten million, bring one trillion, I’ll slay one trillion! And as for the Immaculate Expanse and the Extreme Yang School, there’s no need to hide any longer, my blade is anxious to have its fill of your blood.” Li Qiye’s response was also quite fierce.

“Insufferable Little Qiye, our Immaculate Expanse vows to never give up until you die.” The expanse responded without any reservation.

“Human child, even if you prepare an inferno of blades, the greatest of formations, our Extreme Yang School will still annihilate you completely!” The Extreme Yang School sent out their answer as well.

“Count our Ophidian Tribe in as well!” Another enemy of Li Qiye released a message.

“And my Dual-Pupils Sect!” The sect master of this lineage also sent out a strong message: “Kill Li Qiye to rid the Heaven Spirit World of his evil!”

“Very well, the nobodies want to play too. I don’t mind more debts; all of you can come, little children. Your grandfather will be waiting for you at Peacock Land!” Li Qiye’s laughter resounded across the ocean with an incomparably arrogant tone!

Such an overbearing attitude left many people dumbfounded.

Someone murmured: “This is how a man should be. Challenging the entire world with one’s own strength. Even if he dies, his life would still have been full of glory!”

“Rumble!” On this day, huge waves were thrown into the sky and blotted out the sun. The entire Jade Sea was shaking because of this.

The horizon turned white after loud explosions due to the monstrous waves being pushed up. If one had a high vantage point to look down from, they would definitely be rewarded with a majestic scene.

Peacock Land was the area of the world’s focus. Hordes of Teeming Fish came from all directions. Each legion had a different system and formation as they surged for this place.

The countless kingdoms had mobilized at the same time with billions of fish in their armies. In both the sky and the ocean, only Teeming Fish could be found.

There was no end to them, their ranks spanning as far as the eyes could see. Anywhere that light could reach was occupied by fish.

The troops of this tribe from all over the world gathered to form a mighty army.

“Oh mommy, the Teeming Fish are using all of their forces!” Many people nearly wet their pants after seeing this lineup. Those who came for the treasures no longer dared to linger behind and quickly ran away from this land of turmoil.

“Damn humans!” Some of the human cultivators who were already here wanted to escape. However, the perimeter of Peacock Land was completely sealed by the Teeming Fish. These fleeing cultivators suffered attacks right away.

Even though they were quite strong, they still couldn’t escape death for they faced billions of Teeming Fish. With miserable screams, they were instantly eaten by them. Not even traces of their bones were left behind.

They died full of regret for not listening to Li Qiye earlier. If they had left as soon as possible, they wouldn’t have attracted this fatal disaster, resulting in a death without a burial.

“Take out the heavenly mirrors.” Many lineages were worried about this grand event. No one apart from top experts dared to personally come and watch. The majority of the lineages didn’t want to miss this unique battle, so they didn’t mind wasting refined jades to activate their heavenly mirrors.

Through the mirrors, they could watch the battlefield full of Teeming Fish.

Fish heads were bobbing back and forth. The ferocious army was armed with tridents and harpoons. The glint of their weapons illuminated the whole sea. This was not a friendly sight for cowards to watch.

Even the sect masters and royal lords were creeped out by this. The billion-strong army could tear through everything. Just a few bites from each of the soldiers could destroy an entire great power.

“Messing with the Teeming Fish is like playing with a hornet’s nest.” A sect master murmured while breaking out in cold sweat.

Another royal lord commented with anxiety: “Who would want to provoke these vicious fish alone outside of sea gods, treefathers, and Immortal Emperors?”

“They aren’t only trying to kill Li Qiye for revenge this time. This is a showing of their military might, deterring the world by showing their frightening strength, lest others want to suffer the fate of genocide.” An ancestor was quite discerning.

In fact, a few older ancestors knew this full well, especially those from experienced lineages like the Golden Isle or the Void Imperfection Three Schools. They had been around for too long.

Li Qiye had dealt a great blow to the Teeming Fish to the point of trampling on their reputation and prestige.

Eating dragon tendons publicly was humiliating to this tribe, but now, he even massacred a million fish and killed the symbol of their race — their tribemaster. This was shaking the very foundation and status of their tribe in the Heaven Spirit World.

If they didn’t kill him today, they would never be able to regain their fierce reputation. Perhaps the world would start to think that they were easily bullied. Many lineages would want to seize their territories and people would want to eat dragon tendons.

Because of this, the tribe had united and managed to muster billions of troops. This was not only to kill Li Qiye, but also to show off their might and solidarity as a deterrent measure. Provoke them and face genocide!

The Teeming experts crowded the sky and the sea. The terrifying experts up there were all in human form.

These old men were dressed in gold and wore regal clothing since they were high elders and kings. There was no lack of Virtuous Paragons here.

Of course, it was difficult to find a God-Monarch in the Teeming Tribe. The fish were quite weak in terms of cultivation. Not to mention charming spirits, they were very far behind compared to even ordinary sea demons.

However, due to their large population, they still had quite a few Virtuous Paragons. The hard part was to have one of these paragons reach the God-Monarch level.

Despite the exaggeration in the rhetoric regarding their numbers, the mass ahead was indeed too immense. No other lineage could gather so many children. This magnificent scene was something only the Teeming Fish could produce.

Eventually, their kingdoms finished gathering their troops. At this time, the ophidian treants and Dual-Pupils Sect along with another dozen lineages had aggregated to form an alliance with the Teeming Fish to assault Peacock Land.



## Chapter 1219: The Teeming Fish On The Offensive

“Boom!” The billions of fish attacking Peacock Land created a spectacular scene. Just the tidal waves rushing to the sky had an unstoppable momentum.

Anyone would be aghast since the entire Jade Sea was quaking from their advance. Eventually, they stopped right outside the circle drawn by Li Qiye since they knew of the terrible trap waiting inside.

The army looked at the millions of fish bones hanging in the sky and their fury rose uncontrollably. From foot soldiers all the way to fish kings, all reddened with rage and wanted nothing more than to tear Li Qiye apart.

A Teeming King screamed: “We shall never return to our kingdoms before killing that little beast!”

“Yes! Never return until we kill his ten clans as well!” The shouts of these fish echoed to the sky.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was still sitting at the base of the Peacock Tree. He lazily stood up to look at the horde and revealed a gentle smile: “I have always been a merciful and peace-loving person, so I shall grant all of you one last chance. Immediately scurry back to your homes like good little fish or I’ll kill all of you to the very root.”

Such words enraged the fish even more. They angrily glared at him with intense murderous intent, more than enough to kill him thousands of times over.

“Little beast, today will be your demise!” A fish king hovering in the sky shouted: “We’ll not only kill you, we’ll devour this land as well! But before that, we’ll take our time torturing you until you reveal your identity, then we’ll finish off your ten clans. Both the young and old men and women in your clans will cry in agony for the rest of their lives for daring to provoke our tribe’s prestige.”

“A group of ants daring to talk about slaughtering a true dragon.” Li Qiye burst out in laughter: “None of you are qualified, not even if you had more people!”

“Is that so?” Another fish king snorted: “Keep on gloating. You won’t be able to do so soon.”

Through the heavenly mirrors, the spectators were still holding their breaths despite being countless miles away.

“Gentlemen, please break this formation.” A fish king shouted at the horizon in order to call for reinforcements.

“Bang!” A great formation consisting of more than ten exceedingly powerful charming spirit experts descended from the sky. It was easy to tell that they were at least at the high elder level due to their gray hair.

Flames covered them as this grand formation was coming down. This terrifying fire instantly suppressed the area in a frightening fashion.

“The Commanding Elder of the Extreme Yang School!” A sect master recognized the leader through the heavenly mirror.

“Boom!” Flames fell from the sky while bubbles soared from the water. Li Qiye’s formation immediately attacked the high elders.

“Activate!” The elders shouted together and took out a cauldron. Their formation supported this cauldron, turning it into a gigantic divine cauldron.

“Boom! Boom!” Explosions rang nonstop. This immortal cauldron crazily absorbed the flames from Li Qiye’s cauldron. Even the bubbles and seawater that had fused with his fire were absorbed, with the remnants falling back into the ocean.

A royal lord murmured: “Extreme Yang Cauldron, rumored to be a great formation created by a grand completion Immortal Physique user.”

“Not bad.” Li Qiye smiled. One could hear a crash followed by loud blasts. Countless laws surged from the sea in the form of gigantic chains. Each of them was as mighty as a mountain range; they tried to lock the Extreme Yang Cauldron.

“Don’t even think about it!” At this time, one more great formation appeared in the sky. The clanging of swords reverberated continuously as huge swords flew to the sky like blooming lotuses. With the blooming of these lotuses, the universal laws from the sea became much weaker.

“Law Evading Sword Formation!” Someone else recognized this formation from the mirror and shouted: “This is the great formation of the Immaculate Expanse.”

Without a doubt, both the Extreme Yang School and the Immaculate Expanse paid a huge price to utilize their great formations. They wouldn’t give up until Li Qiye died.

An old man inside the sword formation cried out: “Elders, together!”

“Buzz!” Both the cauldron and sword formation exerted their maximum power. First, the cauldron was absorbing the fire from Li Qiye’s cauldron while the sword law evaded the chains made out of laws. It took all the grand dao power away from this technique.

Under the two great formations, Li Qiye’s trap finally shattered since both his fire and chains were cut off.

“Boom!” The formations continued to maintain their highest level of power to suppress this region. In other words, if Li Qiye still had more traps or techniques placed here, they wouldn’t be able to do anything.

“Little animal, your trick is just child’s play — can’t reach the apex.” A commanding elder of the Extreme Yang School spoke coldly after seeing the two formations working as planned.

A high elder from this sect coldly uttered: “Killing our Immaculate Expanse disciples is deserving of ten thousand deaths! Be damned!”

At this time, they felt that Li Qiye couldn’t do anything against the two formations even if he had other means. He was a fish on the chopping board, waiting to be killed.

“It is too difficult for one person to shake a lineage.” Someone murmured while staring at a heavenly mirror.

A royal lord said with worry: "The expanse, the Extreme Yang School, and the Teeming Fish are quite scary when they are working together. It looks like Li Qiye is really pushing them this time."

An ancestor lamented: "What a shame, this is a hero. The human race will lose such a good seed. This is what happens when you are too brittle and inflexible. His future was unlimited, but he was too arrogant and made too many enemies at once. This is him walking to his death."

"Little beast, today will be your funeral!" A fish king shouted: "Brothers, rush into Peacock Land. No dangers will deter our advance, we shall devour the entire land and tear this little beast into pieces!"

"Devour the land! Tear the little beast into pieces!" The army chanted in unison. Their battle cry shook even the stars in the sky.

Endless streams of Teeming Fish rushed for Peacock Land. At this moment, nothing Li Qiye did could deter their determination to destroy him. They were still far from reaching the land itself, but their momentum was already impacting the entire land.

Li Qiye showed no sign of worry and instead revealed a beaming smile: "That was just for fun, now it is time for the real harvest."

Having said that, a buzz resounded. The Peacock Tree behind him suddenly emitted a blinding light of all kinds of colors.

This divine light soared to the sky and overfilled the sky vault. It opened the nine heavens and derived a timeless primordial chaos.

"What's happening?" This sudden change caught everyone off guard.

This light turned into a huge tail. The Peacock Tree suddenly disappeared from sight.

A huge peacock emerged in the sky. Its wings blotted out the sun, suddenly turning the world dark. All that remained was the brilliance of the peacock and its five colors. The entire Jade Sea was illuminated by this five-colored divine light.

"Whoosh!" The peacock spread its tail. In an instant, a truly invincible aura pervaded the entire Heaven Spirit World.

There were no laws or moves, just the spreading of the bird's tail suppressed all living beings. Even powerful paragons and terrifying God-Monarchs felt that they were mere ants before this invincible aura. They were too fragile and couldn't reach the apex.

"Buzz!" The peacock's tail swept by and the billion Teeming Fish were suppressed. Both the Extreme Yang Cauldron and the Law Evading Sword Formation were stopped as well.

At this moment, neither paragons nor the powerful formations could move at all; they were completely pinned down. Even time and space were paused like a painting.

### **Chapter 1220: Blood Refining All The Teeming Fish**

The Jade Sea was obscured by the peacock. It suppressed this entire world; even the top experts were watching this creature in silence.

In a forbidden ground, an existence woke up and opened its eyes in the abyss, its dry bones radiating divinity.

The majestic bird horrified all invincible existences. This was an unstoppable offense capable of sweeping through everything.

“The Peacock Treefather.” Someone muttered in a very distant location.

At this time, the ancient clans and powerful lineages were nervous with their hair standing on end.

Even more lineages activated their heavenly mirrors. Many ancestors felt the impulse to kneel while looking at this scene.

The exceedingly strong ancestors from behemoths like the Golden Isle and Void Imperfection Three Schools were astounded as well.

A gray-haired ancestor gasped: “Is the treefather coming back to life?”

The ancestors in this Void Imperfection sect couldn’t believe their eyes and murmured: “No chance. Once a treefather returns to the earth, it should be irreversible.”

“This is not a resurrection.” The Golden Isle was a treefather lineage, so they knew much more. An ancestor murmured: “This is the treefather showing its spirit. Is it about to extend its life?”

They knew that it was prohibitively difficult for a treefather to show its spirit. Outside of when their sects were facing imminent doom, they wouldn’t show their spirit even when they were about to wither.

“I thought I would need to work much harder for the refinement this time... But the Extreme Yang Cauldron and the Law Evading Sword Formation will act as the best alchemy furnace.” Li Qiye smiled while watching this scene.

“Open!” He shouted. With a buzzing noise, this location lit up. The peacock’s tail suddenly spun in the air.

An incredible thing happened. With sizzles, all of the frozen Teeming Fish were being erased.

Their bodies seemed to be under the grinding of a polishing stone and slowly faded away. They could only watch as inches of their flesh were being removed; they couldn’t move or even scream.

This terrible scene included the members of the Ophidian Tribe, the Dual-Pupils Sect, and their allied lineages. Nearly one hundred thousand disciples from these lineages were slowly being erased.

In a short period of time, this process continued across the lowest level of foot soldiers to the top paragon high elders, none could escape this fate.

Eventually, both the fish and cultivators were ground into pools of blood. This was the most precious thing in their bodies — the blood that contained their longevity.

All of these blood pools came together. Just imagine the sheer amount of accumulated blood from a billion fish. It cemented together into a bloody sea.

“What...” Those watching through the mirrors were creeped out and trembled. A billion fish were ended just like this.

“Bang!” The Extreme Yang Cauldron controlled by more than ten high elders suddenly lit up. They had lost control of this great formation.

“Splash! Splash! Crash!” At this time, Li Qiye took over the Extreme Yang Cauldron. The inexhaustible amount of blood was being fed to it.

The sunfire within turned into a vortex in order to refine the endless amount of blood. During this process, the high elders inside the formation found their bodies slowly melting away. Their fire of life started to burn and the addition of their blood purified the mass even further.

“Did you really think that a formation like the Extreme Yang Cauldron could swallow my cauldron fire? How naive. In this world, nothing is purer than the fire of life when it comes to alchemy refinement. Using your fire to refine and nourish the blood for a second time is truly perfect.” Li Qiye refined the sea-like blood using the Extreme Yang Cauldron.

Eventually, all of the blood was refined and the sea of blood shrunk into a lake. The Extreme Yang Cauldron shattered as well. The high elders had become part of the blood, so they were destroyed as well.

“Splash—” Li Qiye poured all of the Void Imperfection Water into the Law Avoiding Sword Formation. The high elders from the expanse that set up this formation could only watch themselves being drowned by it.

“Void Imperfection Water, the supreme sacred aqua of the charming spirits.” Many people were envious to see Li Qiye using so much water to drown out the sword formation. They felt that he was being too wasteful.

For charming spirits, even a single bottle of this water was extremely precious, but Li Qiye ignored all of that.

“Clank!” The high elders had lost control of their sword formation. The formation turned into an incomparably holy giant lotus. This was the ultimate form of this formation, capable of purifying and evading everything.

“Splash!” The Void Imperfection Water turned into a cauldron inside the lotus flower. At this moment, the purifying force of the formation was being pushed to the limit. The recently refined lake of blood was being sucked into this new cauldron.

The lotus flower closed its petals and the blood was refined once more. Moreover, the high elders stuck inside felt their fate palaces opening. Their spring of life continuously flowed into the cauldron and was being thoroughly refined.

Their blood energy, longevity blood, and dao force were gathered into their spring of life, and its water continued to pour outside. Their fate ended up being the same as the elders from the Extreme Yang School — slowly melting away.

Even though this process didn't look that scary, they were being robbed of everything. It drained their entire being and left behind nothing.

"Using the fire of life to warm the blood and the water of life to purify it, nothing can be better than this." Li Qiye smiled while controlling the cauldron: "It would have been too cruel if I had to catch dozens of experts to refine them alive into this medicine, right? Unfortunately, you all didn't heed my warning and decided to come seek death by turning yourselves into medicine."

"The even bigger coincidence is that the Extreme Yang Cauldron and the Law Evading Sword Formation are quite suitable for medicine creation. The merit laws created by your grand completion Immortal Physique users consist of unrivaled hardness and peerless softness. Coming here to be part of my medicine creation, what else can I say? Thank you for helping me save a lot of time." Li Qiye leisurely explained the process while refining the blood.

After seeing this, an ancestor from the Void Imperfection School wondered: "Is this really a coincidence?"

Eventually, the lotus flower withered and the blood was tempered once more. At this time, it no longer looked like blood, its appearance was closer to a treasure liquid. It exuded a wondrous light.

Earlier, there was a lake of blood, but now this liquid was reduced to the size of a pond. There was primordial chaos lingering inside this pond, as if a world of stars was about to be born within. An entire universe was being gestated.

"This kind of treasure liquid can really compare to chaos essence." Many people were salivating while looking at this liquid. Even those without a clue still knew how precious it was.

This was a liquid refined from a billion Teeming Fish. Its value could only be imagined.

Li Qiye took out the Heavenvine Calabash and began to cut it. An ordinary golden liquid poured out from inside, releasing a vibrant force of life. Each drop of this golden liquid contained infinite vigor. He added this golden liquid into the pond.

"Buzz!" The two instantly fused together. At this time, everyone in the Jade Sea could feel a breeze full of exuberant life force hitting them. There seemed to be an extremely vigorous life being born in this pond of water, capable of taking root in the earth!

Countless existences in the Jade Sea felt the great vitality being created. Even a dying piece of dry wood would have a second spring.

"He is actually replenishing the life of the Peacock Tree so it can live longer!" An ancestor was dazed in front of their mirror. They finally understood what Li Qiye was trying to do!

Countless spectators were astounded, some were moved, and many were silenced.

Prior to this, someone had asked what Li Qiye was trying to do, and he answered truthfully. At that time, many people mocked and snorted at him. They viewed him with disdain and thought that this fool didn't know his own limits.