Emperor 1401

Chapter 1401: Invincible Attack

This time around, even Puresun was shocked like the rest of the spectators. No one could regain their wits for a long time.

Some charming spirits eventually calmed down but were still clearly distraught and murmured: "Impossible, impossible!"

Prior to this, Li Qiye had used the Benevolent Saber to kill a sea god's intent outside of the Dongting Lake. Back at the War Cliff, he easily annihilated the Regal Valley. Both of these matters left the sea demons in despair.

Today, the same has been done to the charming spirits. Countless charming spirits placed their hopes on Zhentian, their pride. In their minds, Zhentian represented invincibility.

Alas, he had been rendered to ashes by Li Qiye. Even though it was only an avatar, it was still enough to shatter many's dreams. The legend of his invincibility has been broken! Those who held him in such high esteem couldn't handle this cruel truth!

Some charming spirits turned pale while others dropped to the ground, unable to handle this blow.

Some sea demons empathized with the charming spirits after remembering their own situation. They became dejected and had forlorn expressions.

"Swoosh!" The Kun Peng shook its body and changed into an unimaginably large bird. When it spread its wings, the entire sky was covered.

In this form, a terrifying primordial aura poured down like a waterfall. Under this ancient aura, even the most powerful would become timid. One could easily imagine that back in its era, a Kun Peng would be incredibly terrorizing and mighty.

Even Godkings were speechless and awestruck before the sight of this heavenly bird. The weaker people couldn't even lift a finger under this pressure.

In the blink of an eye, it disappeared into the depths of the sky only to suddenly reappear above everyone. This great bird was only inches above them. Feeling the aura of a divine beast up close horrified the crowd. This ancient aura instilled an instinctive fear in them.

"One splash to create a boundless tsunami, another flap to soar towards endless heights." Li Qiye emotionally commented while enjoying the beast's innate ability.

People didn't dare to breathe loudly below this Kun Peng. Just one claw attack could crush everyone here to death!

In the end, this gigantic bird disappeared and only Li Qiye was left in the sky. He stood there nonchalantly and naturally.

His insipid demeanor left everyone in fear. What were the right words to say at this moment? Who would dare to claim that he wasn't qualified to compete against Meng Zhentian?

The truth was apparent to everyone. Their rivalry has been determined! Even though many charming spirits didn't want to accept this fact, they had already acknowledged it in their minds.

Puresun eventually sighed: "Who can stop him in this generation?"

Profound had no choice but to admit that this unlikable fella might be the most qualified candidate for the throne. He found that not attacking Li Qiye to get revenge for his concubine might have been the wisest decision of his life!

Li Qiye stood there and told the Crimsonflame Ancestor with an indifferent tone: "Go back and tell Zhentian that if he stands in my way again, I'll cut down his true body!"

This statement would sound outrageous in the past, but a general sense of acceptance pervaded the crowd at this moment. No one dared to laugh or mock him.

This casual declaration was very oppressive for the crowd. He made it sound as if Zhentian was a random nobody that could be killed whenever he wished.

Crimsonflame was grievously wounded and pale. If someone else told him this in the past, he would scold or even kill the person, but at this moment, he didn't even dare to let out a fart.

Even if he was ten times more courageous, he wouldn't dare to retort against Li Qiye. Even his master had been crushed, so what could a mere driver like him do?

"That's the pride and glory of our human race!" The few human cultivators here felt their blood boil and their eyes tear up.

The scene turned quiet because people felt suffocated in Li Qiye's presence even when he didn't have an aura that ravaged the sky.

Li Qiye ignored everyone and returned to his ship before smiling: "Okay ladies, you have gotten what you wanted and looked at the sceneries too, it's time to leave now."

Ruyan and Jianshi both got on the ship along with Puresun. Profound who didn't like him left as well.

Someone murmured while the group was departing: "If it was me, I would stand with Li Qiye too. No wonder Void Imperfection and the four branches are supporting him! It looks like that group is much more farsighted than us."

In the past, many didn't understand why they chose to side with Li Qiye. Some charming spirits were extremely unhappy with their decision as well. But today, Li Qiye's easy dispatch of Zhentian's avatar made everyone realize that he was exceedingly more powerful than what they imagined. Thus, Jianshi and the others' keen insight was finally appreciated.

Another human excitedly blurted: "In this generation, we humans will have an Immortal Emperor!"

His excitement was understandable. Humans have been weak and oppressed by the three great races in Heaven Spirit. If they could have an emperor in this generation, they could finally walk with their heads held high.

A spirit unhappily said: "It's not time for the competition yet, so who can determine who can laugh at the very end? We'll see when the time comes." Of course, he didn't speak with great conviction.

"Oh? I will bet on Li Qiye to be the one smiling at the end. He killed Zhentian's avatar so he can definitely do the same to Zhentian's true body." This human was emboldened.

"Hmph, he might be strong, but that was only an avatar he defeated. When the true body comes out, Zhentian will beat him instantly." Another charming spirit disciple stood up for his race.

"That's right, an avatar is only ten percent as strong as the true body, so Zhentian's actual presence will be unstoppable." Another spirit chimed in.

"He still killed Zhentian!" The human sneered.

"It was only an avatar! An avatar! Only one-tenth of the real deal!" The spirit didn't accept this statement and corrected him.

"He killed Zhentian!" The human repeated this simple statement.

In the end, the charming spirits got tired of this sentence and decided to stop speaking. Arguing any further would only bring up this humiliating event again.

In fact, most charming spirits were quite down-trodden at this moment. Crimsonflame didn't say anything either. He quietly picked up the fragments of the carriage and left. From start to finish, he was unwilling to say anything else unless he received his master's instructions.

His sad departure only increased the pressure on the charming spirit experts. Just imagine, he was imperious and glorious despite only being a driver; others still treated him with respect. In their eyes, becoming a driver for an Immortal Emperor was not a disgrace but the greatest of honors.

Alas, he was no longer proud and imperious. It was as if he had fallen from his pedestal. The event today had shattered Zhentian's myth of invincibility. Despite still having an opportunity, a real rival has come out of nowhere as a substantial threat.

The rest of the people here didn't want to admit it, but they understood that Zhentian could no longer influence or order the world like before. People would cease to treat him with the same reverence and admiration.

The defeat of his avatar has seriously damaged his illustrious prestige!

Chapter 1402: Goodbye

After leaving the Bonesea, Puresun wanted to leave as well. He looked over to Li Qiye and cupped his fists with a smile: "Brother Li, I'm ready to return to Ancient Spirit. I wonder if we will meet again after this?"

Li Qiye smiled and replied: "If it is meant to be."

The daoist forced a smile: "I'm afraid it will be a very long time until then. After coming along with you, I was deeply touched and had a great harvest, so I want to go into a death cultivation. Who knows when I will be able to come out?" [1]

These words came from the heart. He indeed benefited greatly from this trip, but not in the form of treasures. It was about a new dao enlightenment.

In the past, he already knew that he had a ways to go before catching up to Meng Zhentian. However, after seeing the man in action, he understood the true disparity between them. Li Qiye's mighty display opened a new door for him; cultivation could be trained in this manner while merit laws could always be improved. Outside of longevity laws, fate laws, and techniques, many other things could be polished.

Even though Li Qiye didn't teach him half a technique, Puresun gained a different perspective after seeing Li Qiye in action. What appeared before him might be an unprecedented door that no one has entered before.

Because of this, he felt the urge to go into closed cultivation. Due to his great talents, it wasn't out of arrogance that he thought even the older generation wasn't a match for his current skills. Alas, after this experience, his yearning for the dao burned even hotter than before. He understood that he still had an incomparably long road to go.

He used to have a particular idea about cultivation due to his lack of ambition. It was that with his talents, he could eventually reach the peak just by taking it easy, thus he never took it seriously. However, after seeing Zhentian's strength and Li Qiye's miracles, he was looking forward to the colorful path that awaited him.

"Strike the iron while it's hot, cultivate when you are still young. Someone with your talents should indeed boldly move forward. Even if you don't become emperor, you will find that there are many surprises ahead while you are traveling at the apex." Li Qiye understood Puresun and smiled.

"I'll keep your advice in my heart, Brother Li." Puresun cupped his fists again.

Li Qiye continued: "Go now. If fate allows it, we will meet again in a future full of surprises."

He actually enjoyed the daoist very much. Even if the daoist didn't want to compete for the Heaven's Will, Li Qiye would still be happy to give him some pointers since he was aiming for the dao.

"Well, hopefully we can meet again. No matter what, our four branches will always open our doors to you. Feel free to come any time. Even if I'm not there, my junior brother will represent our sect to take good care of you, right?"

"I'll receive him." Profound coldly stared at Li Qiye and nodded his head. It didn't matter how powerful Li Qiye might be, Profound still hated him all the same and didn't wish to be his friend. Alas, Profound was an interesting person. Despite not seeing eye to eye, he wouldn't act rude to Li Qiye.

Moreover, out of respect for his senior brother, he would follow all of his commands, so if Li Qiye actually visited the four branches, he would still play the role of a good host in his brother's stead. It was the least he could do.

Li Qiye smiled at Profound's attitude. Puresun didn't worry either because he was confident in his junior brother being sensible!

"Brother Li, Schoolmasters, farewell." Puresun eventually said goodbye to the group. Profound also said goodbye to the two schoolmasters but ignored Li Qiye.

Puresun only took several steps before Li Qiye called for him: "Puresun."

He turned back and asked: "Is there something else, Brother Li?"

Li Qiye smiled and told him: "From a man to another, it will be very disappointing if you don't finish your business with your martial aunt, an affront to your innate blessings."

Puresun was somewhat embarrassed after hearing this. He let out a hollow laugh and didn't know what to say.

"He can handle this!" Profound patted his shoulder as encouragement.

Eventually, the two brothers floated away and disappeared into the vast sea.

After they left, Li Qiye returned inside and sat in front of a coffin. Fairy was still peacefully sleeping inside. She had a gentle smile as if she was having a nice dream.

Her sleeping posture was so beautiful that even women like Jianshi and Ruyan felt their hearts thump while watching her. Li Qiye reached out and gently caressed her wondrous face and then sentimentally sighed. This was the most perfect work of art in this world. In the end, he held her right hand and their fingers intertwined before he closed his eyes to fall asleep as well.

The two girls breathed slower as if afraid of waking these two up. Just like that, Li Qiye rested next to Fairy.

In the beginning, Ruyan and Jianshi didn't notice anything. However, they heard a heartbeat after a while. They thought they were just hearing things, but after paying more attention, there were two separate heartbeats coming from Li Qiye and Fairy in complete harmony!

This heartbeats made the world sound quiet and seemed to be slowing down all of a sudden. They thought they were now in a whole different world.

This was a magnificent world with a surging momentum, a colorful place as if it was a land of immortals. A boundless aura existed alongside an exceedingly pure and vast primordial atmosphere. This breath left others extremely energetic and feeling much younger. Moreover, they would feel their bodies being filled with power as if they had rose several levels.

In a split second, all of this occurred for Ruyan and Jianshi. A mythical realm of immortals wouldn't be much different from this. Alas, such a beautiful world had a crisis unknown to others, a potential existential eradication.

They blinked and in the next second, they were back inside the ship while the immortal realm was nowhere to be seen.

Fairy woke at this time. She slowly opened her unbelievably beautiful eyes to look at Li Qiye: "Thank you."

Li Qiye withdrew his right hand and casually smiled: "It's no big deal, you will still have to take the final road alone."

Fairy stood up from the coffin and said: "I must return now."

Li Qiye nodded: "I know. There isn't much time left since the disaster is inevitable. Perhaps this will be an entirely different era, a future contradiction to all expectations."

Fairy didn't answer. She stared at him quietly as if she understood what he was referring to.

Li Qiye gently touched her hair and showed a rare gentle side: "I have prepared an ace for you, just in case. When that day comes, it will be useful."

Fairy slightly tilted her head and stared at him in confusion: "What changed your mind?"

Li Qiye answered in a serious manner: "I don't know either. Maybe I'm too used to being evil and suddenly got the urge to do something good. Who can really understand people? It is human nature to be perplexing."

"Human nature..." She repeated while carefully savoring his meaningful words.

Ruyan and Jianshi had grown accustomed to these confusing conversations from the two. Nevertheless, they still attentively listened.

Chapter 1403: Fairys Departure

After a while, Fairy regained her wits and softly said: "Thank you, you are the one that will bring hope to this world."

"No, I do not dare to claim your credit! Without you, there is no hope! What I have done is no big deal. I'm afraid I won't be able to help you at all in the tough future." He smiled and shook his head.

She nodded and earnestly said: "I understand."

"Go. After another eon, it will come and perhaps closure shall be found." He eventually sighed.

Fairy lifted the wooden coffin and went on her way. She didn't make it far before turning back to look at him: "Will we meet again?"

Li Qiye pondered for a moment before cheerfully answering: "I don't know. Perhaps. Maybe I'll even take one step ahead of you and die above the nine skies!"

She mused his words before replying: "I know that place, but is it necessary to go there?"

"Yes." Li Qiye seriously nodded: "This has been my lifelong goal, my sole aspiration. Many bones already pave this path! Countless ancestors never gave up, numerous others have agreed to fight to the end, and I'm no exception! That place is where I belong, just like how you have your own place that you belong."

"Where I belong..." She murmured to herself and was lost in thought for a long time. Eventually, she stepped off the ship and casually tore apart the void to reveal a portal. The inside of the portal was full of immortal shimmers and mysterious floating laws. It looked like a portal to the immortal world.

She entered it and disappeared right away. Next, the portal closed as if nothing had happened. Li Qiye only smiled without commenting.

Jianshi quietly asked a bit later: "Young Noble, why didn't you try and convince her to stay?"

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and reiterated: "Keep her here?"

Ruyan chimed in: "Right, if you asked her, maybe she would have agreed to stay."

Fairy's style was impeccable. Her pretty features were beyond the capabilities of the pen. Any man would want to make her stay. Moreover, she had a power comparable to Immortal Emperors. Given the opportunity, anyone would want to get her to stay and would even pay a great price for it.

"Why should I? She has her path while I have my own. Even if we go together, one day we shall go our separate ways. Someone like her won't give up because of me, and I won't stop for a woman either." He shook his head.

"What is she trying to do?" This was the question ruminating in Jianshi's mind. What other things did Fairy want when she was already this invincible, even across the entire nine worlds?

Li Qiye went silent for a bit before answering: "Maybe, maybe one day, you two will have a chance to see what she must do."

"Really?" The two sisters glanced at each other. His expression gave them an uneasy feeling.

Li Qiye gently brushed Jianshi's slightly messy hair that was draping down and sighed: "I hope you two won't get to see that day. May it stay far away."

The two blurted in unison: "Why?"

He chose not to answer directly: "Because it won't be a good thing when that day comes."

He couldn't change the inevitable. Like he said before, Fairy won't give up because of him and he won't stop his journey for her or Heaven Spirit. In the end, both Fairy and Heaven Spirit must rely on themselves!

As for him, he must go far to the end of the world. He had no time to worry about Heaven Spirit! The ultimate war was his mission for too many sacrifices have been made along the way. He would never give it up!

Countless questions ran rampant in their minds, but both the girls couldn't ask when he stood there in silence.

"Speak." He stared at the two of them and lightly smiled.

With an indescribable melancholy, Jianshi had a hard time expressing herself. Ruyan, on the other hand, was feeling better. She chuckled and asked: "Sister and I have to go back to our sect, will you come along with us?"

"No, I want to go to the Godhalt Continent." Li Qiye gently shook his head: "After I'm done with that, it will be time for me to leave."

He had agreed to meet Su Yonghuang at Godhalt so that he could help her retrieve an item. After that is done, he would return to the Mortal Emperor World.

In fact, the two knew the answer without having to ask, but Ruyan still had to confirm it. There were ten thousand words to say, but the two didn't know what to say at this moment.

He smiled and said: "You two should go back now. Your futures are very bright, so in just a few years, you will reach grand completion for your Immortal Physiques. At that time, the two of you will be the pride of Void Imperfection, making it even stronger. Being an enemy against an emperor or sea god wouldn't be an issue then."

This was completely true. This would mean that the Void Imperfection Schools would have two grand completion users. For a lineage to have two at the same time was even more worthy of pride than having an emperor.

The two understood that what Li Qiye said made sense. This trip has greatly benefited them, so they really should return to meditate in a calm environment in order to ponder the dao. Moreover, they have obtained the Windchase Break and must bring it back to the school. This was the time for them to say goodbye.

After a long time, Jianshi mustered her courage and stated: "We are willing to follow you."

It wasn't easy for a reserved woman like her to say this. Li Qiye happily smiled in response: "I know, this is how it is for the grand dao. I had a good time with you two following me in the recent days. The truth is that if you want to follow me, I would be glad to take you along. However, that would be too selfish of me since I haven't left anything for your school." He shook his head and refused.

This was not due to his unwillingness to accept them, he simply didn't want to break the serenity of the Void Imperfection Schools and tie it to his war chariot.

The two had more to say, but in the end, they could only sigh.

"It's not like there won't be chances in the future." Li Qiye turned soft after seeing their sad and disappointed demeanors: "Wait until you two reach grand completion, then I'll take the two of you out of this world! But be ready, there is no beautiful world full of immortals or a peaceful paradise. What awaits us is a larger and crueler world."

"Okay, it's a deal then." The disappointed Ruyan smiled right away. Her smile was dazzling and beautiful like fireworks at night. Even Jianshi was smiling cheerfully.

"Alright, it's time for you to go now. Of wait, I should be the one leaving." He laughed and shook his head before standing up.

He forgot that this ship belonged to the Void Imperfection Schools. As a decisive person, he didn't linger around and left with haste.

"Young Noble!" Ruyan chased after him and called him back.

"What's the matter?" He looked adoringly at her.

Ruyan intensely stared at him before finally taking down her veil to expose her face.

A fair complexion like a lotus flower and willow brows — this was the appropriate phrase to describe Ruyan's beauty. Her eyes were particularly charming and seductive like the limpid autumn water, causing hearts to beat faster.

Chapter 1404: Goodbye Kiss

Li Qiye smiled and said after seeing Ruyan's beautiful appearance: "A woman as beautiful as jade with an enchanting fragrance."

"A face for you alone to enjoy, isn't it time for you to show a little something as well?" Ruyan's eyes rippled with a glimmer while she teased him.

"What does that mean?" He laughed.

Ruyan was very bold. She actively wrapped around his neck and kissed him on the lips. Though her actions seemed amateurish, she was still bold and persistent and let caution to the wind.

Li Qiye simply smiled and held her face while gently sucking on her lips. Ruyan's lady soul nearly left her body as she felt a numbing sensation throughout her body; it was as if she was melting.

She went even deeper into his embrace, her pair of eyes showing how intoxicated and charmed she was. This scene felt like the coming of spring.

She pouted: "Young Noble, you must be a veteran in love." This appearance of hers was incredibly seductive.

Li Qiye softly played with her nose without saying anything. Ruyan was a cheerful woman. Even though the parting was coming, she maintained a cheerful demeanor.

"Sister, he'll be leaving soon, shouldn't you give him a farewell kiss as well? We may never meet again in the future after all." After leaving his embrace, Ruyan winked at Jianshi.

The elegant Jianshi was not as bold as the bewitching Ruyan. She blushed and felt her face burning after hearing this.

However, she also mustered courage out of nowhere and shyly offered her sweet lips for a soft kiss. Her entire body trembled for she was at a loss for what to do. In a split second, her complexion looked like the sunset in the sky. This demure look would intoxicate others as well.

Ruyan chuckled and whispered next to his ear: "Don't worry, Young Noble, leave big sis to me. When you return, just get ready to take her in."

Li Qiye laughed after hearing this demoness and replied: "Take care, okay? If it is meant to be, we shall meet again."

With that, he left the ship and casually reached forward to form a portal before disappearing inside. The two women watched the whole process. After he disappeared, they felt a strange sense of loss and had a hard time calming down.

Li Qiye went to Bones Island and the palace situated there. Bones was still lying around lazily and basking in the sun when he spoke: "It looks like you got unexpectedly rich this time."

Even though the small shuttle was greatly damaged, Bones wasn't sad at all. He excitedly said: "Of course not, of course not, this is all thanks to Your Excellency's blessing. I only picked up some leftover soup in the Bonesea to live on, that's all."

Li Qiye laughed and lied down on the chair to say: "Okay, I'm not here to take your stuff so there's no need to be a sycophant. The items there aren't ordinary and are more than enough for you to eat for several generations."

Bones let out a fake laugh before handing Li Qiye some nice wine. He stood there respectfully as if ready to listen to a lesson.

"That brat Bu Si might be able to do it in this generation." Li Qye casually said while sipping the wine: "Do you still want to find him and teach him a good lesson?"

Bones took his time musing this question. Eventually, he sighed and answered: "Your Excellency, so much time has passed that it allowed me to open my eyes. Back then, the truth is that the two of us knew that only one would make it out. Even though that brat tricked me, it didn't matter too much since I would have done the same given the situation..."

Bones always gritted his teeth and talked about how he wanted to peel Bu Si's skin. Alas, the reality was that they used to be close brothers.

"Since Bu Si was successful, the two of you may meet again." Li Qiye smiled and looked at the blue sky.

In fact, despite their enmity, these were two existences that had lived for a long time. They were able to have different perspectives due to the changing of times.

Bones eventually asked after a long silence: "Your Excellency, how much longer will it be?"

Li Qiye looked at him and answered: "Soon. Even though I haven't been to the Divine Tree Ridge just yet, it won't be long according to my calculations. The withered have been there for a long time so I believe their experiment is very close to success."

"Is it the same with the Bonesea?" Bones felt a bit frightened.

Li Qiye couldn't help but smile: "Given your background, you should know this already since you can feel its changes better than anyone else."

Bones smiled wryly and shook his head: "That's only in the past. My connection with it grows weaker with every passing year. It isn't because I'm growing weaker but because the Bonesea is becoming stronger to the point where I essentially can't sense anything. From this, we can assume that the Bonesea is almost ready too."

He became serious after stating this. In fact, he himself was an incredible being. Alas, even if he was stronger, he was nothing before the Bonesea.

"Indeed. In my opinion, it's just a step away." Li Qiye slowly said: "When I seized the Trident, the Bonesea was still able to show restraint. There is a great saying: a little impatience spoils the great plan. Even losing the trident is considered a trivial and endurable matter, so what is it planning?"

Bones was gripped by this speculation. He had spent a long time in the Bonesea and many generations in this place. He understood the implications behind all of this.

"This won't just be a generation but an entire eon." Li Qiye took another sip: "When it actually comes... I don't know about others, but you will definitely be able to see that day."

"I can't have that much time left." Bones forced a smile.

Li Qiye looked at him in response: "My personal guess is that it won't be this generation probably, but it will come in the next for sure. It must have had a breakthrough for the initiation, but who knows if it will be the Bonesea, the Maelstrom, or the Divine Tree Ridge?"

Bones fell into deep thought. Regardless of his wish, that day was inevitable. However, to be able to see its arrival could either be good or bad for him.

"What are you worried about?" Li Qiye smiled: "I don't even need to see your treasures to know how much you have harvested this time. To be a bit harsh, you better work harder with all of these things to get a chance to leave this place. That is when the sky will open its doors for you."

"Maybe." Bones murmured and sighed: "Leaving here will definitely be nice. No, abandoning this damned place is better than anything else, there's no need to be anxious all day long."

"Do you want to leave?" Li Qiye smiled while looking at him.

Bones chuckled this time: "Your Excellency, are you trying to recruit me? Am I suitable to run errands for you?"

Li Qiye laughed and shook his head: "Forget it. Without taking into account whether you can leave or not, even if you could, you still wouldn't be able to drop everything. Am I right?"

Bones turned silent. At his level, very few could talk to him on even footing. Li Qiye was naturally one of them.

Bones wryly smiled: "Right... am I willing to leave? After being tricked by the brat, my biggest dream was to leave this hell hole! Alas, I have been here for so long that I don't know where else I can go. Even though this place has all sorts of annoyances, I still kinda like it! Perhaps it is because I was born here that I am destined to take root here."

"The place that gives me life and raised me!" Li Qiye emotionally sighed as well: "Indeed, many people love this place with all their heart. Countless unfathomable characters knew that a disaster would come one day to Heaven Spirit, yet they still chose to take root here! This is a profound love for this world."

Bones smiled and commented: "Maybe I will die in this damned place one day. Being born and buried in the same location isn't such a miserable fate." It looked like he has accepted his fate.

Chapter 1405: Lord Bones Decision

Li Qiye disagreed with Bones' sentiment: "Don't drown in despair and be so pessimistic. There is still hope in this world due to the numerous wise sages that took root here. Both treefathers and sea gods have yet to give up. They have tried their best, but since that day still hasn't come, the world has yet to see their efforts."

"You mean..." Bones' eyes flashed after hearing this.

Li Qiye sentimentally added: "If you can see that day, you will understand. There are a few things that no one really wants, but they have no choice other than to make a decision. This is true for these great

existences. Despite making concessions, they still tried regardless of success. Some of them didn't give up on this world and their children."

Bones went silent for a bit before answering: "I'm afraid even sea gods and treefathers might not be able to change anything."

"Hope alone is good enough. You have to start somewhere to build a castle from sand; this is not a bad start. If, one day, the world finally knows the truth, they might not sympathize with a few concessions. However, this is quite normal. After all, for generations, not anyone could go all out regardless of the cost. There are things in life that hold people back, forcing them to stop no matter what." He sighed at this point.

"Yes, how many can persevere like you without stopping?" Bones became sentimental as well.

Li Qiye chuckled and shook his head: "I'm not selfless like that. In fact, those who chose to compromise are even greater because they didn't do it for themselves, everything was done for the sake of the future and their race. I never compromised because I am selfish! This is also the reason why some call me a murderous devil."

Bones knew that for generations, those who blocked the path of the Dark Crow would be killed without mercy. Even humans weren't spared, let alone those from the other races.

"Savior" and "guardian" had been part of his description as well, but the title of being a devil or the dark hand behind the curtains was more widely accepted among those who knew him.

"Even though rivers of blood have run because of you, there is no denying your contribution to the nine worlds so you have, in fact, been its guardian." Bones spoke from the heart.

Li Qiye freely said: "All of these titles are irrelevant. Walk your own path and ignore what others say."

Bones smiled and said: "Quite open-minded, Your Excellency."

Li Qiye looked at him in response: "You don't have to flatter me. Let's be frank, what will you do in the future? Will you run and hide or stay and help Heaven Spirit?"

Bones mused the question and wryly smiled: "Your Excellency, I'm only an ant that can be crushed to death instantly, what use am I? I just need to be smart and run as far away as possible."

"An ant?" Li Qiye burst out in laughter: "Bones, where did this self-abasement come from? If you are an ant, then what about the rest of the cultivators? And the rest of the world? They aren't qualified to even be ants since you can kill all of them in an instant. Are you an ant compared to the rest of the living beings?"

Bones answered: "Even treefathers and sea gods can't do anything. What difference can I make?"

"The times have changed." Li Qiye sipped his wine: "There is still hope. Although I might not be here when that day comes, I have left behind a treasure since I feel that this world is still worth saving. So you tell me, is there hope or not?"

He smiled at Bones at this point. Bones was pleasantly surprised after hearing this and stared at Li Qiye with widened eyes: "Your Excellency, you are taking action to save it?"

"No." Li Qiye gently shook his head: "I can't stay in this world for too long. Unless something comes up, I'll be leaving the nine worlds and at that point, it will have nothing to do with me. However, I will lend a hand by leaving behind an ace... The future will depend on the three races and their effort. Heaven Spirit's fate will be up to its own people and not my assistance."

Bones was quite shaken with his emotions running rampant. Even though Li Qiye said that it wasn't a big deal, he knew full well that any preparations made by Li Qiye wouldn't be so simple!

"What now then?" Li Qiye smiled at Bones.

"I don't know." Bones wryly smiled as well: "I am very strong compared to the rest of the world, but I know that if the Bonesea wants to crush me, it won't be difficult at all. A casual flip of the hand would be all it takes."

"I'm not saying you should participate in the battle. I guess you will be free when that day comes, just do as you please then. Running errands or sending messages won't be bad either."

Bones didn't answer. He knew just what kind of existences he would be facing at that point as well as his own regrettable outcome.

Li Qiye eventually said: "Of course, I won't force you. Everyone has their own life, path, and responsibilities. It will be your choice alone, I'm just here to tell you the news." With that, he stood up and left without saying anything else.

Bones sat in his chair afterward and stared at the sky in a daze. After a long, long time, he murmured to himself: "What should I do when the disaster comes? To leave or to stay..."

He was a bit lost at this moment. In his mind, anyone with the tiniest trace of sensibility would decide to run away as far as possible. However, some things couldn't be decided by reason. Was he willing to leave this land? It would be full of reluctance since he loved it! Li Qiye didn't force him to do anything and simply told him the news. In the past, he really would run away given the opportunity, but now, he wavered with hesitation.

After leaving Bones Island, Li Qiye headed for the Godhalt Continent in order to meet Su Yonghuang. Of course, this wasn't the only reason. He also needed to obtain something on that continent.

As the largest continent, Godhalt could be said to be a miracle in Heaven Spirit. In this world, there were oceans everywhere and land was a rare sight, but Godhalt was different from the other places. Its full scope was still unknown to others.

It had been said this continent alone could accommodate all existences in Heaven Spirit. It might be a little crowded, but the possibility was there. Land was worth as much as gold, so a place this large should have been lively and bustling with people everywhere. However, this was far from the truth. The population here was so scarce that it was pitiful. One could go for thousands of miles without seeing a single soul!

Logically speaking, there should be countless mortals and cultivators. Alas, these people would rather stay on the sea or even at the seabed than to stay in Godhalt.

Many weren't clear on why this was the case. Some said that there were devils living here. Others believed that this place shortened people's lives, and the life expectancy here was much shorter. Another belief was that this place was suppressed and not suitable for living beings. Perhaps there were other unknown reasons as well.

Just like its name, even the gods stopped before this place, so who would want to live here?

Of course, there were exceptions to everything. Some sects were still built on this continent. For example, the Undying Gate and the Spirit Abyss!

Chapter 1406: Godhalt Continent

Li Qiye opened a portal and crossed the void into Godhalt. The moment he stepped inside, he suddenly felt a boundless atmosphere suppressing him.

There were very few living beings in this place since neither mortals or cultivators wanted anything to do with it. However, it would be mistaken to think that this land was barren. In fact, it wasn't desolate or barren at all. On the contrary, this vast place had treasures everywhere.

A reasonable yet grand statement would be that the majority of elixirs and treasure grasses in Heaven Spirit came from Godhalt. Moreover, there were many ores and mines here as well.

One could see tall trees and eagles flying in the air while deers scavenged the earth. It was clear that this place was full of life. Who could imagine that people would rather stay in the sea than this place?

A surge of boundless majestic lifeforce could be felt in the air. It seemed that since the beginning of time, Godhalt had never experienced destruction or development before; it has stayed the same all this time. This was a feeling unique to this place. Other locations might have the same vast aura with dense worldly energy, but it was different from Godhalt's primordial sensation.

"It really is a good location." Li Qiye murmured while walking through this continent: "This place could nourish many things in this world, but it is abandoned for a variety of reasons. What a shame."

Li Qiye wasn't the only one who thought so. This was a common belief across Heaven Spirit, but even those who chose to take root here would have to leave eventually. Even Immortal Emperors wouldn't want to establish their sect here outside of one exception, Immortal Emperor Bu Si.

There were certain acceptable explanations for why cultivators didn't want to stay here. A force of suppression existed. Anyone who came would be subjected to this. A paragon visiting Godhalt would be dropped down to Heavenly King or an even weaker cultivation.

The suppression people felt varied on a case-by-case basis. Some actually never experienced this suppression. Of course, this group of people was fewer than few.

This suppression was precisely why cultivating here was much slower than the other places. For example, in the Jade Sea, one could take ten years to cultivate one level, but it would require several decades or even centuries to replicate this task on Godhalt.

Because of this, without solving this problem, no cultivator would want to stay here despite how great of a place it was.

In fact, the moment Li Qiye set foot on the soil, a buzz could be heard. A faint light appeared around him alongside an unknown power that wished to pressure him.

However, Li Qiye's thirteen palaces slightly pulsed and the light dissipated along with the pressure. For Li Qiye, this continent had no effect on him. His thirteen palaces could surpass everything.

He took his time strolling through the continent. Along the way, one of his palaces reacted, so he opened it to release the group of immortal medicines.

After the yang vine and ginseng ancestor came out, they seemed extremely excited and jumped up in joy.

The yang vine cheered: "What a nice place, immortal medicines like us would love to stay here."

"That's right, I'm willing to take root here. If we can seize this place, it would be an amazing opportunity." The ginseng ancestor agreed.

Li Qiye laughed and shook his head after hearing this: "This is indeed a treasure ground, a great creation of the world. Unfortunately, it isn't your turn to have it. We can take a step back and say you all take root here. One day, after growing to an unmatched level, you will find that all of this would have only been benefiting someone else... This place already has a master."

His eyes turned profound as he gazed into the vast continent and the forest full of life: "Who can actually try to seize it? After everyone matures here, you will only act as supplements for this land."

"Really?" The soldier tree didn't believe this. All of them quickly took root in the mud; their bodies lit up as they used their own techniques.

"Strange." The soldier tree said: "I can't move this particular vein. It looks like it's already rooted."

"Indeed, I'm unable to absorb the worldly energy in mass. It appears that this land is sealed." The yang vine agreed.

"What a bizarre place, it's different from all the others. My roots can't reach an end, this land is vast and fertile to an unimaginable extent. This doesn't look like soil and earth at all, it must be the remnants of something..." The immortal injury peony chimed in.

Shortly afterward, these medicines began debating with each other. If anyone could see such a large group of immortal medicines talking, their mouths would be wide open and their jaws would inadvertently drop to the ground.

Even though these roots were all at the immortal level and were quite strong, they had no method against Godhalt.

The yang vine concluded: "Even a true immortal medicine is helpless before this place, let alone me. Unless we plan on staying here for a long time and take root for an entire eon, no one can really get this land."

The other medicines busily nodded their heads in agreement.

The ginseng ancestor couldn't help but ask: "Young Noble, what is going on here?"

Li Qiye showed a carefree smile: "Nothing else can really happen because this land already has a master. Like I said earlier, growing here will only benefit someone else."

"Judging by the vastness of this place with veins that span tens of thousands of miles like dragons, even a true immortal medicine can't seize it all." The soldier tree measured the earth and was startled: "Anyone who can control this place should be similar to us, a type of plant..."

"... Just how horrifying is this existence capable of controlling this earth? It has to be far above a true immortal medicine, but I have never heard of a plant like that before..." It continued to speculate in a daze and felt quite frightened.

"Just because you haven't heard of it doesn't mean it doesn't exist." Li Qiye chuckled: "The world is vast and full of wonders. There are things far beyond your imagination."

Having said that, he stared towards the horizon and slowly said: "From the point of view plants or alchemy rather, true immortal medicines are considered the highest form of existence, the top of the pyramid. However, in a broader sense, this isn't quite right..."

"There's something above even true immortal medicines? What is it then?" The ginseng ancestor was quite curious.

Li Qiye smiled: "With regards to both spirit medicines and plants, they do exist. True immortal medicines might be at the apex of the nine worlds, but this isn't the case outside of these realms."

The dragon silkworm soulgrass asked: "And the existence here is one of them?"

"The existence here isn't a spirit plant, it's only the ruler of this place." Li Qiye said: "It is extremely ancient and impossible to trace." With that, he stared into the distance. Godhalt's deepest location contained too many secrets unknown to the rest of the world.

The ginseng ancestor reckoned: "From our point of view, if such a powerful existence exists, if we could seize its creation, then we can actually reach immortality."

"Immortality is too difficult." Li Qiye said: "But if one could really get obtain it, it would allow them to live for a very long time. Alas, it is impossible even for Immortal Emperors."

Li Qiye would have gone for the grand creations in this place long ago if it was possible.

Chapter 1407: Meeting Sima Yujian Again

While Li Qiye had just entered Godhalt, an explosive piece of news spread across Heaven Spirit.

"The Celestial Pavilion has entered the world with the Lunargrasp Fairy coming out!" This news hastily spread and the entire world couldn't react in time.

"Really?" Many big shots were stunned and in disbelief.

"I think so, the pavilion itself sent this message." Someone quickly tried to confirm and received a credible response.

People immediately went to visit the Celestial Pavilion.

"The Lunargrasp Fairy has actually come into being. I saw it with my own eyes." A great character swore after returning.

In fact, it wasn't just one or two great characters that confirmed this information. People swore the moment they visited the pavilion, they saw a woman standing beneath the full moon. She stood there as if she was on top of the world as an incredible immortal.

Even though they couldn't see her appearance clearly, many were still shocked all the same. Some even said that Godkings were bowing in the distance with great reverence.

"Lunargrasp Fairy..." Many people were lost in a daze. Even some slumbering old monsters woke from fear.

Heaven Spirit was full of incredible masters and this generation was destined to be a brilliant one. Some ancestors and even older monsters couldn't contain the temptation to come into being. However, after hearing the emergence of the fairy, these ancestors quivered along with the old monsters. They crawled back into their coffins and discarded all thoughts of coming out.

"Even Lunargrasp is coming out." A dust-laden ancestor murmured in a daze with a long mental lapse.

Cultivators in the present and even those from several generations ago don't understand the significance of the name Lunargrasp. However, the ancestors that had shared this world with her understood full well. The reclusive fairy had come out to the dismay of the slumbering ancestors.

"Not good, something grand will happen in this generation." An ancestor didn't dare to think further after shuddering. He holed himself up instead of running out this time.

"What kind of generation is this? What is special about this one?" The influential characters didn't understand why the fairy chose to come out. One of them said: "First Meng Zhentian and now Lunargrasp. Will more Era Evaders come out?"

"It makes sense why Zhentian came out. He only appeared during Immortal Emperor Ta Kong's era, so he wants the Heaven's Will this time. It's different for the fairy though. I simply don't understand it. She has been away from the world for a long time but she came out without any prior signs." Someone was quite puzzled.

"The Lunargrasp Fairy isn't considered an Era Evader, she is just more reclusive in nature. If she was an evader, she would have come out long ago for the Heaven's Will since no one would be able to stop her. So why this generation? I don't understand at all!" An elderly ancestor with great knowledge was frustrated.

Some of these sealed ancestors realized that there must be a reason, and it wasn't the Heaven's Will. The secret in this matter was completely unknown, others couldn't figure it out at all.

"How are young ones like us going to live? Zhentian coming out has already left us in despair, but the Lunargrasp Fairy too? Should we just go kill ourselves?" Young geniuses cried to the sky after hearing this news.

"If the fairy came out for the Heaven's Will, who will be unbeatable and become the next emperor? Zhentian or the Lunargrasp Fairy?" Some grew excited and began to speculate.

"Heh, he'll meet his match. It won't be easy for him at all with her around. I'm sure he won't be sleeping too soundly from now on." Others gloated about Zhentian's misfortune.

Of course, not everyone shared this thought, especially the ancestors who knew about the fairy's strength. They shook their heads and lamented: "If Lunargrasp is out for the throne, Zhentian won't be able to do anything. Even Emperor Assailants aren't willing to oppose her! Her old rival was Empress Hongtian!"

The storm of her coming raged across Heaven Spirit, resulting in an uproar with countless people discussing this matter.

Even Zhentian, who was in closed cultivation, turned silent after hearing this news. In the end, he came out early and ordered: "Prepare some gifts for a trip to Godhalt. It is time for us to visit the Spirit Abyss."

Despite all the commotion, Li Qiye didn't hear the news. He was still walking through Godhalt one step at a time as if he was enjoying the beauty of this continent.

A long time later, he finally stopped and turned around: "Come out or I'll force you out myself."

A shadow flashed and a person appeared not far from Li Qiye. It was Sima Yujian, the famous assassin. She appeared out of nowhere and showed her bloodthirst. She was still as calm as ever with an aura that made others shudder uncontrollably in fear.

He glanced at her and flatly said: "So? Still haven't given up? I spared your life last time for a reason, but I won't be so merciful this time around."

She glared at him and coldly said: "I'm not here because of you! It is only a coincidence."

This was indeed the case since she had another mission on Godhalt. However, after arriving, she found Li Qiye here. An assassin shouldn't have a curious mind, and she was indifferent to everything else besides killing. Alas, his sudden entrance piqued her interest so she couldn't help but follow and find out what he was up to.

"After the failure last time, I thought you would be in closed cultivation. I didn't expect for you to run out again." Li Qiye smiled.

She retorted: "An assassin does not craft their art behind closed doors!"

She also didn't know why she chose to entertain him. Ever since embarking on this journey, she had never answered anyone. Nevertheless, she committed a taboo of the assassination doctrine. Not only did she track him for no reason, she also chose to answer him. In fact, there were some questions looming in her mind. However, due to her proud personality and occupation, she wouldn't ask Li Qiye for advice.

Li Qiye nodded: "That's true. An assassin should accumulate experience from a baptism of blood and death in order to improve."

With that, he looked at her and smiled: "Since you are here to train, who is your target if not me? Who is paying the high price?"

"No comment." She coldly refused to answer.

Li Qiye accepted this attitude since an assassin naturally wouldn't reveal such sensitive information. He smiled and said: "If I wanted to, I can find the answer even if you don't tell me. It all depends on my whim."

Such words made Yujian raise her eyes. She didn't doubt Li Qiye's abilities. In fact, she was fully aware of his superiority.

"The Spirit Abyss!" In the end, she finally revealed her goal.

She made it easier for both of them instead of making him investigate because she understood that he would be able to find the right answer and that might negatively affect her mission.

"It's not that I'm underestimating you." Li Qiye gently shook his head: "But if you are aware of the gravity of the situation, you should know that this is not a wise move at all. Your dao of assassination hasn't reached perfection just yet. If you were qualified to have the Coiling Dragon Sword, then I'm sure you would succeed even if the target is inside the Spirit Abyss. But you right now? You are only going to meet your demise, there is zero chance of success. The abyss is not only strong, it also makes it so that you will have nowhere to hide. A single misstep and you will certainly end up dead!"

Chapter 1408: Seeing Ye Xiaoxiao Again

She didn't overreact to his analysis and coldly replied: "An assassin is never afraid of death!"

Li Qiye disagreed: "Wrong. What are the rules of an assassin? The first is to stay alive, the second is to complete the mission. Only by staying alive would you be able to complete your mission."

He slowly continued: "Any assassin must make ample preparation before a mission. For example, knowing the target's identity, strength, habits, weaknesses, and so on and so forth... By knowing the enemy, you will emerge victorious one hundred times in one hundred battles. It is meaningless to sacrifice oneself to complete a mission. That would render you a puppet, a tool for murder. You would be unable to go further on the dao of assassination..."

He turned dignified and said in a serious manner: "I won't comment on the other assassin groups, but in my eyes, this dao is a type of cultivation, a study or even a strategy. It is not only about killing the target regardless of the price. The most important aspect about this dao is whether the user can carry out the overall strategy while evaluating whether it is worth doing. This is the rule of the Godslaying Night Corps and the reason for its glorious exploits!"

Yujian's expression changed after hearing this. Not only was this person familiar with assassins, the scary part was him revealing her lineage! In Heaven Spirit, no one knew their name anymore! Li Qiye's knowledge has shaken her completely.

How could he not be familiar with it? He was the one who created this organization.

"I have made ample preparations!" She was as cold as ice. A qualified assassin would never be stirred by others.

"I don't care who you are trying to take down from the Spirit Abyss, but I can assure you that you don't understand it well enough. I don't know who is in charge of the corps right now either, but your information regarding the abyss is lacking. Entering it means that you can easily expose your

whereabouts. Assassinating their members in their home isn't wise either. This abyss holds unbelievable power in Godhalt, outsiders simply can't understand this." Li Qiye well-meaningly advised her.

She stared at him coldly and left without saying anything. Despite knowing how strong the abyss was, she has accepted this mission so she must complete it without hesitation even if it was impossible.

Plus, not only did she not know him, he was also her previous target. How could she give up on the mission just because of him?

"Take this drop of blood with you." He called her back and took out his own blood then flatly said: "You can find me or communicate with me through it if you are in danger."

Yujian maintained her indifferent attitude while staring at him. He didn't seem to mind and put the drop of blood into a small bottle before placing it in her hand.

"Why?" She uttered emotionlessly, not knowing why this person was suddenly being so nice to her.

Of course, she wouldn't think that it was out of infatuation. Li Qiye had no lack of women and furthermore, who would like an assassin? Of course, she didn't think that he was seeking a favor either. An assassin was readily available as long as there was payment.

He insipidly replied: "Because of the Godslaying Night Corps, that's all."

If others dared to assassinate him, he would have killed them long ago, not to mention lending them a hand. However, he was more lenient towards Yujian.

She had inherited the skills of the night corps and only lacked experience and polishing. If she could gain both, she would be able to utilize the night corps' skills to the fullest.

In the past, this regiment gained many illustrious exploits for Li Qiye while hiding in the shadows. The future generations didn't know that they had an indelible contribution in bringing light back to the nine worlds.

They retired after the end of the Ancient Ming Era. They never asked for anything, and the members either retired to live a mortal life or died from old age. Some hid in the mountains to never appear in the world again. Thus, if the situation permits, he would help Yujian who was a successor of the night corps.

She emotionlessly looked at him one last time before leaving. However, she stopped and told him a piece of information: "The Lunargrasp Fairy of the Celestial Pavilion has come into being, she will surely be a great opponent for you." She flew and left afterward.

Yujian thought that these two would compete for the Heaven's Will. Anyone would be wary of a terrifying existence like Lunargrasp.

After receiving the message, Li Qiye turned silent as his eyes glazed over while staring into the distance. He eventually murmured: "The inevitable will come, no one can escape." With that, he began his journey once more.

His destination was the Divine Tree Ridge. However, his goal was not for treasures this time, he was only going to observe. Step by step, he walked towards the ridge as if he needed to walk across the entire continent first.

Unfortunately for him, he didn't get far before becoming the victim of a robbery. In fact, this was a very strange event. In the cultivation world, robbery was quite rare. It was even more incredible when it took place near the Divine Tree Ridge.

Everyone knew that the Godhalt Continent was sparsely populated. Finding a fat sheep to rob along the way had a lower probability than randomly finding gold on the street.

Only an idiot would carry out this operation at Godhalt. Alas, there was indeed such a stupid person in this world.

"Bang!" In front of his path, a figure suddenly jumped down from a tree and blocked him.

It was a tall treant with branches growing from its body. On the main trunk were two huge eyes that looked like they belonged on an ox.

"I opened this road and planted the trees here. If you want to pass, you must pay the toll!" The treant shouted with the cliche line of a common robber.

After saying these lines, it looked at Li Qiye and said: "Li... you, hand the fee over!"

Li Qiye smiled and looked at the treant from top to bottom.

"You... hurry up and leave your money behind." The treant shouted again since Li Qiye didn't answer.

He continued smiling as he said: "Okay little girl, don't try to trick me."

"Little girl? What little girl?!" The treant looked at him in a daze with a confused expression.

"Little Ye Xiaoxiao, you may be hiding your true form, but it can't fool my eyes." Li Qiye shook his head.

"Hmph, you're not fun at all!" The treant snorted and shook its body to transform. It was the young lady from the Golden Isle, Ye Xiaoxiao!

Li Qiye didn't know what to say to this fourteen-year-old girl.

"Hey, how did you see through me? It can't be a wild guess, right? I robbed some cultivators already and they couldn't recognize me." She was very unhappy with him, evident by her glare.

Li Qiye chuckled in response: "Nothing in this world can elude my eyes."

"Ugh, so narcissistic and shameless, always bragging. In my opinion, you were definitely guessing, my concealment art is peerless in this world, no one can see through it." She had a disdainful look on her face.

He leisurely smiled and said: "It's good that you are here, it will save me a lot of effort."

In fact, he planned on bringing her to Godhalt eventually, but it wasn't a pressing matter. Therefore, her being here already couldn't be more convenient.

Chapter 1409: Fiery Girl

"What do you mean by that?" Ye Xiaoxiao held her little waist and fiercely asked: "Don't tell me you're plotting something devious against me?"

"Plotting?" Li Qiye couldn't help but smile and leisurely answered: "Who was it that cried and begged to marry me? Like you said, I am your husband, so do you think I will plot against you? I can do whatever I want already."

"Bah! Bah!" Xiaoxiao spoke with disdain: "Don't daydream so much, who would want to marry you? Please, I don't like you at all. I'm only doing this to make Jianshi and the others mad. Hmph, trying to steal my man? Don't even think about it."

Despite her tender age, this little girl had a fiery temper and would dare to back her words up in a lawless manner.

"That's good, that's good. I'm really lucky that we aren't married." Li Qiye acted completely relieved while patting his chest: "I would be incredibly miserable if you kept on crying and begging. Aizz, look at you, no figure at all and no hint of gentleness. As for the allure of a woman... where? If I marry such a deficient girl, the remaining half of my life would be very sad."

Having said that, he intentionally looked her up and down before clicking his tongue as if saying that her figure wasn't worth a single coin.

She was aware that he was deliberately teasing her, but her temper couldn't let this go. She rushed over and arched her slightly visible cleavage while glaring at him.

"Look, tell me, what's wrong with me? Please, I am the prettiest girl in the Jade Sea and loved by the people. Even flowers bloom at my sight..." She was speaking while poking his chest. Her hot temperament was made clear as day from the first glance.

The truth was that Ye Xiaoxiao was indeed very pretty. Even though calling her the number one beauty in the Jade Sea might be an exaggeration, she still grew up quite well with a pair of clear, moist eyes and a flawless nose. Her young age didn't prevent a valley forming between her breasts. No matter how one looked at it, she was an incredible looker and enough to be praised as kingdom-toppling even if she wasn't going to be the most beautiful.

Li Qiye didn't mind her outburst and rubbed his chin while quipping: "I'm a person who likes girls with big breasts. Of course, a gentle nature is a win as well."

"Freak! Pervert! Watch how I'll deal with you to rid the world of your evil!" The livid girl turned red and unleashed a barrage of punches and kicks at him. She detested hearing people talk about her modest chest the most.

"Okay, little girl, I'm just playing with you." Li Qiye smiled and stopped her while shaking his head: "Why did you come here?"

"Why should I tell you?" She gave him an annoyed side-glance.

"Nevermind, I don't want to know anyway." Li Qiye shrugged with a smile.

"I'll make sure you know then." She wanted to go against him: "I was on the way to the Dragon Demon Sea, but just a bunch of sea monsters aren't fun at all so Godhalt seemed better. Sure enough, I found that there are many interesting things here."

Li Qiye joked: "Are you sure you didn't get lost and run to the wrong place?"

Her fair face suddenly revealed the truth as she angrily exclaimed: "Bah! You're the one who's lost!"

Li Qiye guessed correctly. Xiaoxiao heard that the Bonesea was very lively, so she initially ran there to play. Alas, she didn't expect to enter the wrong coordinates into the portal so she was directly teleported to Godhalt.

She didn't seem to mind going to the wrong place and decided to have her fun on this continent by robbing people. Many cultivators fell victim to her, especially the disciples from the Spirit Abyss.

She looked at him and asked: "Ey, why are you here? Didn't you go show off at the Dragon Demon Sea? I heard you were being accompanied by beauties all day long, why willingly run to Godhalt, a place where even birds don't want to lay eggs at?"

"Oh? Jealous?" He leisurely looked at her and grinned.

She retorted with contempt: "Bah! Stop being so narcissistic all the time, who would be jealous of you!" Having grown accustomed to her fiery temper, he continued to smile.

"Ey, out with it already, why are you here? Is a treasure about to appear at Godhalt? I heard there were some at the Bonesea too, did you obtain any?" She unleashed a barrage of questions.

"First of all, my name is not 'ey'. Second of all, I don't know if treasures are coming out or not."

She glared at him in response: "Hmph, if your name is not 'ey', what should I call you then?"

Li Qiye laughed and replied: "I suppose I don't mind you calling me husband since I've been dabbling in romance recently. Letting you have this honor is still acceptable."

"Bah, have you no shame?" She stomped on his foot before changing her mood right away with a coquettish blink: "I won't call you 'ey' from now on. You will be Ego King instead since all you do is act all domineering and narcissistic."

Li Qiye chuckled. He didn't mind what Xiaoxiao addressed him with since he only wanted to tease her.

He looked into the distance and asked: "Is Godhalt fun?"

"Of course, there's so much fun going on here." Her eyes twinkled as she spoke with some excitement and a hint of mystery: "It was lucky that I didn't go to the Bonesea, I would've missed out on many interesting things."

"You find it particularly fun because you aren't being suppressed." He commented with a smile after noticing her expressive demeanor.

"How do you know!" She was shaken and looked at him in astonishment.

"You found yourself just fine so you chose to go crazy and rob people in order to have some fun. In your mind, you can even defeat a Godking in Godhalt. How does it feel being the king of bandits?" He amusingly stared at the startled girl.

She looked at him up and down before skeptically asking: "You weren't spying on me, right?"

In fact, she was very puzzled the moment she arrived here. Everyone said that outsiders would be suppressed on this continent, but she was completely untouched. Moreover, she was even able to summon extremely magical and powerful trees that she couldn't in the past!

After discovering this secret, Xiaoxiao grew quite excited and stayed behind to be a robber since she felt that no one here could be stronger than her.

She could easily capture a God-Monarch alive before emptying them completely. Just like that, she became addicted to this lifestyle and didn't even spare the disciples from the Spirit Abyss.

"Little girl, you are being too paranoid, why would I need to spy on you?" Li Qiye pinched her pink cheeks and smiled: "I could calculate a trivial matter like this with a single glance."

"Calculate? This is something that relates to my bloodline and you know about it for sure, that's why you were able to figure this out." She gave him a nasty look.

He smirked at the girl without answering. However, he agreed in his mind. This was indeed related to her bloodline that contained a great secret.

She stared at him and fiercely demanded: "Come on, what is my bloodline!"

In fact, her bloodline had always been a mystery. The Golden Isle had two treefathers, so they understood their race very well. Alas, even the most knowledgeable ancestors failed to figure out her bloodline.

Li Qiye leisurely smiled and said: "You really want to know? Fine, follow me and be obedient, then you can find out."

"Bah! You're trying to trick me, aren't you? I won't fall for it." She snorted and gave him the side-eye.

Li Qiye swung his sleeve: "There's nothing I can do if you think that way, but if you believe me, I will bring you to a secret location at the Divine Tree Ridge. There, you might be able to comprehend the mysteries of your bloodline to its full extent."

She remained skeptical: "Really?"

He replied: "Do I need to lie to you? Remember, I could have taken you in back at the Golden Isle and your father would have been more than happy about the marriage."

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Ye Xiaoxiao answered with derision: "Please, Ego King, stop thinking so highly of yourself all the time. I would rather marry a random dog or cat before you." [1]

He laughed and said: "Fine, go marry a dog then."

"You have a problem!" She angrily gritted her teeth before stomping on his foot once more while fiercely glaring at him.

Li Qiye held her back with one hand and said: "Okay, little girl, play nice now. We'll go to the Divine Tree Ridge."

"Let's go then, you think I'm afraid?" She hummed before escaping from his clutch.

"Alright, let's go." He continued forward.

"What are we going to do there?" She hurriedly followed him like an inquisitive child.

He smiled and replied: "A little observing."

Her eyes lit up right away: "Is a treasure coming out? Ego King, there's no way you would go to the ridge for no reason."

"Who says so? I can't go there to enjoy the sceneries?" He smiled mysteriously.

"Bah, I will never trust your lies." She snorted and seemed to glue herself to him. Wherever he went, she would be right behind him since she wished to see his goal for going to the ridge.

He smiled and continued towards his destination with Xiaoxiao right behind him.

The Divine Tree Ridge was one of the twelve burial grounds, one on the same level as the Bonesea in Heaven Spirit. However, it wasn't as dangerous as its counterpart.

Some even said that outside of the Buddhist Funeral Plateau, the ridge was the least dangerous location. In fact, all of these burial grounds were dangerous. The ridge might appear to be safe, but that was only a veil. It was dangerous just like any of the others.

The duo quickly arrived and felt the air blowing into their faces change. Newcomers would come to find that the vast aura of Godhalt came from the Divine Tree Ridge. This aura was as boundless as an ocean. More importantly, an abundance of lifeforce could be found here. People would feel as if they were bathing in its energy at any corner of the ridge, resulting in an indescribably pleasant sensation.

Regardless of how tired, weak, or old one might be, everything would be different while standing on this land. Fatigue would be swept away, the weak would become stronger, and the old would feel younger...

"If people didn't know that this was a burial ground, who would actually think so after coming here?" Xiaoxiao stood on a peak and took a deep, relaxing breath. Her body was immersed in this life force as if she was bathing in an ocean. It was comfortable and full of vitality...

Li Qiye simply smiled and looked over at the village below the peak. His eyes turned quite profound. If anyone could see the place these two were standing on, they would certainly be astonished. This was a huge mountain range with rolling peaks full of lush vegetation and life.

Of course, a huge mountain range with many peaks would look ordinary even when it was on a great scale.

Alas, it was different here at the Divine Tree Ridge because this large mountain range was not situated on the ground but rather pinned itself to the ground.

Just imagine, a mountain range that stretched for thousands or even tens of thousands of miles was lying upside down. The peaks were inserted into the ground while the base aimed straight for the sky in an unimaginable fashion.

Moreover, there was more than just one mountain range like this that spanned across the Divine Tree Ridge.

With this perspective in mind, the mountain ranges here looked like branches from a great tree taking root in the earth! Such a spectacular scene was out of this world and could only be found at the Divine Tree Ridge. Any cultivator who comes here would be astounded by this sight.

For millions of years, people have explored the reason for this geographical layout, but no one could come up with a concrete answer. Of course, there were numerous speculations. One stated that the ridge itself was created by the fusion of a gigantic tree and the earth which resulted in this magical scene.

Some didn't agree with this belief. Their version was that in an untraceable era, there was a war between immortals. In the great firmament, an immortal uprooted one mountain range after another and used them as spears against his enemies! From then on, these peaks were pinned into this place. Either way, it was impossible to draw an exact conclusion since no one could give a definitive answer.

In Heaven Spirit, people said that there were three great races — the charming spirits, treants, and sea demons. However, some believed that there were four, the last one being the withered!

Of course, not everyone agreed with this statement. They considered the withered to not be living existences, so they couldn't be a race.

The withered was a race only found in the Divine Tree Ridge and also the only one that could inhabit this land.

It was unthinkable that people were living in one of the burial grounds. Of course, that was why people also considered them to be corpses.

The duo went to the village beneath the previous peak. It was a fair-sized village with only around one hundred people. Smoke from cooking pots was flying with chickens and dogs making their noises — a life of simplicity. Such an ordinary village could be found everywhere in Heaven Spirit.

If it wasn't inhabited by the withered, then the only distinguishing factor between this particular village and the other villages would be their architecture.

All the buildings here had a rough feeling. They were all made with pragmatism in mind and lacked any sort of decoration.

It harkened back to the prehistoric days. All kinds of creatures back in the distant era also did the same. It was as if the withered shared the same lifestyle. They didn't understand or appreciate art and beauty; everything had to be practical in nature!

"What kind of race is the withered?" Xiaoxiao became curious.

He glanced at her and asked: "You have been here for so long but you haven't seen their transformation yet?"

She asked with confusion: "What do you mean by transformation?"

He smiled and replied: "That's a shame. Their transformation is a very interesting process. If we have a chance, we'll definitely go so you can see it."

"What is this process? Just tell me already." She was unsatisfied and glared at him.

Even though she has been here for a while, the majority of her time was spent on satiating her robbing addiction so how could she care about other things?

"I'll take you there when a chance presents itself." He smiled and continued to go down. Xiaoxiao wasn't happy, but there was nothing she could do other than to continue following him.

They didn't get too far before they were stopped. It was a young cultivator and obviously a charming spirit. However, he emitted a faint radiance that differentiated him from ordinary charming spirits. It made him look somewhat saintly.

"The two of you, stop!" He immediately shouted at them with an aggressive and arrogant tone.

This darkened Xiaoxiao's expression. She was the golden daughter of the isle. Normally, no one would dare to talk to her like this.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye grinned; the prey has come to his doorstep.

Those who understood him would start quivering after seeing this smile since it meant that someone was about to be really unlucky.

Unfortunately, this charming spirit didn't have a clue and maintained his overbearing attitude: "Have the two of you seen a treant that looks like a monster? He is about this tall with a pair of ox-eyes." He gestured to express the monster's appearance.