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"White Crane soaring." Asura murmured with a sigh: "This glory belongs to you, Teacher, for working so hard behind the scene without enjoying any appreciation. From nine to the tenth world, numerous sacrifices and near-death experiences, and training all of us."

"I know." Li Qiye smiled: "I just wanted to help since I was born in this era. However, it is time for all of you to show yourselves after hiding for many generations. Reciprocation shall be had for all of your efforts, the heroes of the world."

"We owe nothing to this world, only to you, Teacher." Asura spoke softly.

"Don't. It is already good enough that you all don't curse me for being too crazy and strict back then with the training." Li Qiye said with a smile.

"How can one see the rainbow without experiencing the rain and storm?" Asura smiled back.

"Yes, this will be a storm indeed, hopefully, we'll be able to see the rainbow afterward. The storm will wash away the filth and darkness in this world. Too many wise sages have paid, Jiao Heng, Min Ren, Purewood, all of them continued forward so we need to be their support. Future generations can be the defenders instead, but surely, we're not running away because of the powerful enemies or the terrible darkness." Li Qiye said slowly.

"Of course, Teacher. You have never given up on this world regardless of the changes and how the people treat you." Asura agreed.

Li Qiye said: "I'll be leaving one day so you all will need to take up the mantle. It requires emperors and someone like World Emperor as the leader."

"What a shame that he is not from our race." Asura said with a tinge of regrets.

"He's fine, though he wants my head more than anyone else, he does know right from wrong. He's lucid and visionary. Perhaps one day, he won't be able to be in charge because behind him is a monstrous power, but I'm sure he'll stand up for what's right when the time calls for it. He's not a petty person but rather, a natural born leader." Li Qiye chuckled and said.

Others would find this comment unbelievable. The crow and World Emperor have been mortal enemies for generations. The former swept through the three races while the latter pursued him. But now, Li Qiye had such a high evaluation of him.

"Indeed." Asura murmured.

Li Qiye continued: "The old geezer is among those whom I trust in this world. When I'm gone, the snake will lose its head. You might need to fight with World Emperor later on!"

"I understand, Teacher." Asura nodded. He was also a peak master and knew that World Emperor was a trustworthy person of noble character especially during times of turmoil.

The two of them talked for a long time, especially about the incoming disaster at the academy. They carefully planned for this bloody battle since it also involved the future of the hundred races.

For this group, they could afford to not have other imperial lineages but not the academy. The fall of the academy would result in the closing of a path for these cultivators.

Once, it had groomed numerous influential masters. Though the prosperity of the hundred races today was also due to the contribution of the great emperors but without the academy, the hundred races surely wouldn't be in its current position.

It planted the seeds on this land to give boundless potential in the future. Ultimately, a single tree alone couldn't build a pavilion.

Because of this, Li Qiye wouldn't hesitate to massacre emperors and their lineages when it was necessary to protect the academy.

After enough planning, he left Asura's mansion and returned to the academy.

"Buzz." He appeared inside the small room again. The old servant was standing there with his head lowered, not a man of many words.

Li Qiye nodded at him before exiting the house.

"Creak." The old servant closed the wooden doors and serenity returned to this inconspicuous house.

Li Qiye gave the place a glance with a smile on his face before leaving.

As he walked through Literature and saw the filled streets and excited students, he became slightly emotional. So many students in the past would have to come outside to face the troubles of the world. He used to be a teacher here and had sent students away.

"Dao Brother Li, wait, no, Teacher!" Li Qiye walked on the street and saw a familiar face. She was sitting by the window of a street-front restaurant and waved at him.

It was Tao Ting who was sitting there alone and seemed a bit lonely.

Li Qiye chuckled and entered the restaurant.

"Teacher." She was a bit embarrassed because she was simply saying hi to an acquaintance but had forgotten about his status as a teacher.

Li Qiye saw her standing there awkwardly so he said: "Sit down."

He sat down as well close to her. This made the atmosphere quite strange because she didn't know what to say.

"Teacher, I didn't know you were a teacher before so I, I have been disrespectful..." She eventually smiled wryly and said.

"No problem, I only came to the academy on a whim." Li Qiye nodded and smiled.

She heaved a sigh of relief before calling for a waiter to get Li Qiye some tea. She personally prepared and poured one for him before sitting there in silence.

“Something’s on your mind?” He asked in a friendly tone.

“No, it’s nothing...” She jolted back into reality and quickly shook her head with a forced smile.

He naturally could see through this and said: “You could tell me, maybe I could help.”

He wouldn’t give a damn about someone else but Yao Ting was different due to her origin.

“It’s just a little thing, no need to trouble you, Teacher.” She shook her head again.

“Someone is bullying you? Ah, in the matter of romance, even.” Li Qiye guessed with a smile.

“...!” Yao Ting was shocked because Li Qiye was completely on point.

“Don’t be surprised, I’ve seen this common thing too many times.” Li Qiye said.

Yao Ting was pretty with great personalities so naturally, she was popular with the boys. However, there was one fatal flaw - she came from a tiny location so she had no backings, especially at the academy.

Just imagine, a talented and beautiful girl - popular with the boys - would naturally become the object of jealousy to the other girls.

Yao Ting didn’t know what to say because she wasn’t that close to Li Qiye. Moreover, she was a student and he was a teacher. It wasn’t quite appropriate for a conversation.

“If it is only a small fight about love, then let it go.” Li Qiye said: “But if someone keeps on bullying you, then just tell me. No one will bully someone from the Yao Clan at this academy!”

She felt warmth after hearing this, akin to being protected by a big brother protecting his little sister.

She was all alone and traveled far to the academy to learn. There was no family here or someone she could rely on. This experience so far has not been entirely easy.

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There were many students at the academy; the Hundred Halls had the highest number. The majority came from smaller sects or nothing at all, but that was only when compared to imperial lineages. Ultimately, they still had some resources and backers.

As for Yao Ting, three generations of her ancestors were all mortals. There were other students like her but this was quite rare.

Even those who started with nothing at least had cultivators in their family tree; a vagabond cultivator still counted. Thus, so they were at least taught or given pieces of advice beforehand.

Alas, those close to Yao Ting such as her parents or the elders in the village were true mortals. They were now people from two separate worlds. Even if Yao Ting had something on her mind such as being bullied, she couldn’t say anything to her family.

Therefore, being shown concern by Li Qiye made her feel much better. Even back in their first meeting, he had given her a sense of closeness just like a family member. During her lonely moment, his comforting words made it seem otherwise.

"I understand, Teacher." Yao Ting felt much better and gently nodded: "I only wish to train hard at the academy so I can join Sacred Institution later."

Yao Ting spoke from the heart. She came from a small village and though her teacher viewed her highly, she was starting from the bottom up. Plus, her talents weren't enough for the academy to place her in Sacred Institution, so she needed to go to Hundred Halls first then wait for a promotion if her results were outstanding.

Just like that, she trained hard without caring about romance. Alas, life wasn't that simple sometimes.

"I see, someone is targeting you." Li Qiye said: "But don't you worry, the academy has been standing strong for one era to another. As long as you are really a gold ingot, then you will eventually shine without rotting away. There are many teachers watching as well. Just become stronger and work hard then joining Sacred Institution is only a matter of time. The thing you need to do now is to focus on cultivation alone, nothing else."

As a previous teacher here, he was aware of the situation. People and competition went hand-in-hand. So many students from the hall wanted to enter the institution, so one could imagine the fierce competition among them.

Yao Ting was a nobody so the other competitors would try to take her down. It was one thing if she was just an average student. Alas, her talents were quite exceptional so she had a good chance of entering Sacred Institution. Because of this, she became a thorn in others' eyes.

"Thank you for your advice, Teacher." Yao Ting could see the sun after the clouds; her hazy worries dispersed instantly.

Ultimately, the only thing that she could do given her circumstances was to work harder than her peers due to a lack of backers.

Li Qiye's comment was a calming pill to her mind. If he could guarantee so, then she didn't need to worry about foul plays from the students coming from the great powers.

"I repeat, just focus on cultivation, forget everything else. If someone keeps on pushing the issue, just let me know."

"Thank you, Teacher." She replied.

Li Qiye chuckled while looking at her. In his mind, he was recalling her ancestors once more. They didn't wish for their descendants to join the cultivation world but she was here at the academy now. Perhaps this was the working of fate.

He was a reasonable person who knew how to be grateful. Out of consideration for her ancestors, he wanted to lend her a hand and hope that she would soar in the future on this path.

"Oh? Isn't this our Hundred Halls' good girl?" A girl suddenly spoke with a tinge of mockery in her voice.

Five girls came into the restaurant; all were students from the academy. They were around eighteen of age and grew up to be quite pretty. The leader was especially beautiful with a noble and charming aura. Her gestures were imposing by nature so she clearly came from a powerful place.

She walked towards Yao Ting with a sneer on her face. She looked at Yao Ting then at Li Qiye before implying: "What is our good girl sneaking here for? Having a secret date with your lover? You're sneaking around like this because you don't want Senior Yan and the others to know, right?"

Yao Ting turned red but she restrained herself: "Ye Qiaoxiang, watch your words!"

"Watch my words?" The girl smiled and said: "Then why are you sneaking here with him? What else but to do certain things you don't want others to know."

"Sister Ye, maybe she's doing this with more than just one guy." Another girl laughed and seized the opportunity to attack Yao Ting.

"Of course! This Yao girl is a slut. If Senior Yan finds out, he'll be done with her." One more chimed in.

The girls said their part with wanton disregard for Yao Ting. She became quite angry now - anyone else would have erupted already.

"Girl, your eyesight is quite bad too. Even if you want to sneak around, at least pick someone better. Look at him, just a commoner. Wait, don't tell me, it's a case of not being picky with food on an empty stomach, that's why..." The girl named Ye Qiaoxiang said with disdain towards Li Qiye. [1]

"Scram before I get angry." Li Qiye interrupted her before she could finish.

"Little animal, do you know who I am? Daring to speak like that before me? Don't you see that your girl doesn't even dare to fart in front of me? I am from Freesky, my lady is a Regional Princess there!" The girl's expression became quite aggressive after being spoken to like this by Li Qiye in public.

"I told you to scram." Li Qiye repeated and sent her flying with a slap.

This scared the hell out of the other girls. They stared at him, petrified, not expecting that someone was bold enough to actually hit Qiaoxiang and broke her teeth.

"You, you dare to hit our Sister? She's from Freesky..." One of the girls calmed down and shrieked at him.

"Scram." Li Qiye said without bothering to look at her.

They were scared by his aura and didn't dare to say anything else. As regular students, they have never seen an aura like this before.

Thus, they hurriedly went to help Qiaoxiang up while overwhelmed with fear.

"Braa-t... just you wait, I'll settle this. My last name will not be Ye if I let you stay at the academy later." Qiaoxiang fiercely added while being helped by her friends.

Li Qiye only sipped his tea in response. After the group left, Yao Ting worriedly said: "She's a disciple from Freesky Sect, but her lady is a princess there. The famous Freesky Young Lord is her Senior Brother."

So it turned out that Qiaoxiang was a maid of the Skyhigh Regional Princess so she got into the sect as well, a swift rise due to her lucky circumstance.

Because her lady joined the academy, she also came along and wanted a promotion to Sacred Institution. Thus, Yao Ting was viewed as an annoyance due to the competition.

“And?” Li Qiye leisurely said.

Yao Ting calmed down and became embarrassed. The heated situation earlier made her forget about his current position.

Qiaoxiang’s backing was quite big but Li Qiye was a teacher so his backing was even greater. Yao Ting then said: “Thank you again, Teacher.”

This wasn’t enough to describe her gratitude but it was all she could come up with at this moment.

Normally, Qiaoxiang and her group would provoke her but she could handle this without a direct confrontation. After all, the opponents had the number advantage with a strong backing. In the even of a fight breaking out, it might not be favorable for her.

[Chapter 2013: Tea Party](#)

Though Yao Ting had many friends in her classroom, they didn’t dare to stand up for her sake against Ye Qiaoxiang. After all, anyone would be afraid of dealing with a monster like Freesky.

Nevertheless, she felt an unprecedented sense of safety with Li Qiye standing up for her.

“The path of the dao is full of perils.” Li Qiye looked at her and said: “Certain things are worth exercising restraint and patience over, but not always. Rage and let blood flow each step of the way. Cultivators should be fiery like this, do not be afraid even against imperial lineages.”

Yao Ting embraced the comment for a bit before replying: “Thank you, Teacher, I’ll keep that in mind.”

“Clank, clank, clank!” A series of bell rings echoed across the city and attracted all eyes.

Someone regained their wits and said: “Go, we need to get the best spot since it’s about to begin. The tea garden is opening!”

In a short time, the students in the restaurant paid up and began to run out.

“The tea party is starting.” Yao Ting told Li Qiye.

“I’m actually going.” Li Qiye said: “You might as well come along, perhaps all of you will be fortunate enough to have a nice start of the semester this time around.”

Yao Ting didn’t expect Li Qiye to be so accommodating and hurriedly responded: “Alright, I’ll come along.”

The two of them came straight for the garden, the location of choice for this event. This was a very exciting moment for the students and none wanted to miss it.

Of course, it was very heated too so these friends came prepared. Some maneuvered with peers already in order to seize the upper hand at the party.

The garden was built inside a mountain range. Literature was vast so there were many mountainous regions within.

It was a scene of beautiful green with smatterings of empty among the thickets. Rumor has it that in the past, the geniuses once cultivated here and the land naturally became auspicious and took the form of the tea garden.

For some unknown reason later, no one stayed here any longer for cultivation but the tea parties did become an annual thing henceforth. The students came to talk and learn about the dao.

This semester lined up with the tea party so all the students were excited to use this rare chance for a variety of reasons - mostly cultivation related.

In a short time, the once-peaceful mountain range became rowdy with people coming and going - waiting for the start of the festival.

Some traveled on the ground while others preferred flying with treasures, cranes, or beasts... The ones traveling with great fanfare resulted in loud blasts in the sky.

“Senior White Crane, you’re here too?” Those who came early began greeting the latecomers.

“Senior, your rhino beast is becoming bigger and bigger. It’s going to be a demon king one day.”

People truly tried hard to make conversations even to non-acquaintances. This was a good chance to build relationships. The ones from Emperor Mansion and Sacred Institutions were especially welcomed by those from Hundred Halls.

“Six-sword Young King and Miao Chan from Hundred Halls are here now.” A message spread across the crowd.

“Not just them, even Ruminator Godchild from Sacred Institution is here.” [1]

“This tea party will be very excited. Even the reclusive geniuses from Emperor Mansion are here, like their number one beauty - Fairy Mei Suyao. Hmm, two of the Three Scions are here too, I wonder if the leader, Freesky Young Lord, will come too?”

People had fun talking about these famous characters even before the opening of the garden. Mei Suyao was a particularly hot topic; all the guys spoke about her with glimmers in their eyes, wishing to see her beautiful features.

“There’s Teacher Yu Qianxuan for the instructors and then Fairy Mei Suyao for the student body. Our semester really has some peerless ladies!” A few students couldn’t wait anymore and began daydreaming.

In fact, the majority of the male students were filled with anticipation. Who wouldn’t be when beautiful women were coming?

The most famous ladies at the academy included Yu Qianxuan, Mei Suyao, and Miao Chan.

As a teacher, Qianxuan rarely interacted socially with others outside of the classroom while Miao Chan wasn’t famous for her looks as much. Thus, Mei Suyao naturally became the most famous in the academy. So many students were head over heels for her.

Yao Ting and Li Qiye didn't attract a lot of attention. After all, outside of students like Yan Chensheng, the others didn't know that he was a teacher. They assumed that he was a student in Hundred Halls due to his ordinary appearance.

The group that offended him was scolded by the ancestors of the academy and were placed under house arrest. They were scared out of their mind, realizing that they have messed with the wrong person!

The students focused on Yao Ting instead of Li Qiye. Though she wasn't a match for Mei Suyao, her pure and innocent aura was still quite attractive so fellow students came up to say hi.

When the two was climbing up the mountain, they saw an empty shrine but there were two students from hundred Halls guarding there.

"Six-sword Young King and Sister Miao Chan want to shine at this tea party. The young king said he wanted to compete against Sacred Institution. Hmm, the two of them are a good combo, both brawn and brains." Yao Ting was also excited to watch.

Of course, this was a competition for these imperial geniuses, no room for regular students like them. People the young king wouldn't bring those with humble origin since the pie was limited.

Li Qiye chuckled after hearing the name Miao Chan again and walked for the old shrine.

The two students immediately stopped him by the door and thought that he was a nobody. With an expression of disdain, one guy uttered coldly: "Fellow Classmate, go away. This shrine is being used by our Six-sword Young King."

Li Qiye looked at them and ordered: "Back down." His voice carried an unquestionable authority.

The two of them seemed to be possessed and instantly obeyed.

Inside the shrine were a dozen students sitting on the ground. They were the most exceptional in Hundred Halls.

The most special ones were naturally the young king and Miao Chan. The form needed no introduction. Given his talents, power, and background, he should have been able to join Sacred Institution without a problem yet he chose to stay at Hundred Halls.

He was the leader of this classroom and enjoyed great support and trust from his peers.

Meanwhile, Miao Chan was sitting in the corner. Nevertheless, this wasn't enough to hide her nobility. Her most notable feature was her intelligence, so the young king and the other geniuses wanted her help for planning.

The young king was organizing a plan for the tea party but Li Qiye and Yao Ting interrupted him. The whole room became quiet.

In a short time, all eyes were on the two. They thought that Li Qiye was a student from Hundred Halls. Only Miao Chan was startled by his arrival.

“Sister Yao, we are debating an important matter right now and you’re trespassing. Leave right now.”
The young king’s expression darkened.

Yao Ting didn’t know what to say since she wasn’t sure of the situation or why Li Qiye wanted to intrude.

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Li Qiye gave no mind to the other people present. He came straight to the corner where Miao Chan was and grabbed her wrist then instantly sealed her pulse.

“What the hell?!” The young king instantly stood up with a cold glare.

“Who are you?! Dare to cause trouble here?!” The other students stood up and glared angrily.

Li Qiye still ignored them and only continued to gauge Miao Chan.

“I order you to let go right now or I’ll cut your paw off!” The young king slowly unsheathed a divine sword from his back with murderous intent.

“Senior, please don’t misunderstand. Young Noble Li is a good friend of mine.” Miao Chan, on the other hand, remained calm and immediately told the young king.

“Get out.” Li Qiye ordered without even looking at the group.

“You!” The young king was astounded. No one in Hundred Halls has dared to talk to him like this before so he said: “You better learn how to be polite if you want to stay at Hundred Halls.”

Miao Chan gently shook her head and told him: “Senior, may we have a private conversation for just a bit?”

Miao Chan was aware that Li Qiye was someone who destroyed countless Emperor Candidates with just one punch. This was an Immortal Emperor from the nine worlds! Thus, the young king was courting death by showing the slightest disrespect.

Though he was certainly annoyed, the young king had to agree to her request and said: “I’ll let it go this time out of consideration for Sister Miao Chan. Do so again next time and I’ll let you have it.”

With that, he snorted and came outside. His peers also quickly followed him, leaving behind only Li Qiye and Miao Chan.

Li Qiye sat down and glanced at her to say: “Immortal Emperor Jin She spent a lot of effort on you, unfortunately, it is not enough. If Immortal emperor Qilin was still around and worked with him, then this flaw wouldn’t have appeared.”

“How do you know?!” Even her visionary self was shocked.

“No one knows this dao more than me. Jin She only has a weak understanding; Qilin was much better on this front.” He leisurely said.

Immortal Emperor Qilin was the progenitor of Heavenhoof Ravine and Immortal Emperor Jin She came about. Alas, Li Qiye has made this sect history.

Miao Chan regained her wits a while later and stared at Li Qiye: "How do you know about me, Young Noble Li?"

The two of them have never met before so he shouldn't have known about her existence. However, he recognized her right away.

"Yexue had talked about you back at Stone Medicine. To earn such praise from her shows that you're extraordinary in some ways."

Miao Chan was aware that he was referring to Ming Yexue of Alchemy Kingdom.

"Fairy Ming is too kind." Miao Chan gently sighed. She had to admit that the world was vast and unpredictable. She didn't know what there were thirteen continents above the nine worlds.

Though Li Qiye had killed her fiancée and destroyed her sect, she was able to go to an even bigger world on top of seeing an emperor from their sect!

"You can report to Jin She that I have destroyed your sect. He'll make his own decision." Li Qiye looked at her and said.

She spoke softly with different thoughts running through her mind: "The ancestor is aware and told me to never offend you."

After arriving at the tenth world, she was lucky enough to see her ancestor, Immortal Emperor Jin She. Alas, the emperor didn't become angry after knowing about the destruction. He stood there quietly before eventually telling Miao Chan to never seek revenge or act disrespectfully. In fact, it would be best if she would perform a greeting gesture each time.

No one could swallow the anger of having their sect destroyed, especially Immortal Emperors, since this was truly offending them. However, the fact that the emperor told her not to seek revenge said everything.

She was smart enough to know that it wasn't so simple and that she couldn't be involved in this matter. Even her emperor had to back off, let alone the juniors.

"Very well, how did you come here?" Li Qiye asked.

"When you broke the barrier back then, the Scorpion God helped me up. Due to the blessings of the ancestors, I made it here to meet our Immortal Emperor." Miao Chan knew that lying to him was a foolish idea so she told the truth.

"Scorpion God, huh." Li Qiye remembered about the battle at Bi'an City back then. The first to run was this fella. He used to be a general under Immortal Emperor Jin She and was quite knowledgeable. The moment he noticed something was wrong, he ran so fast without caring about his status or reputation.

He continued on with a smile: "As the saying goes - a smart rabbit has three caves. Qilin and Jin She have left behind certain preparations and resources, no wonder why you could ascend. Quite lucky."

"It is thanks to you." She quietly said, very careful with her words.

Their Miao Clan still had enough resources and things left behind by the emperors. Thus, with the help of Scorpion God, she luckily was able to make it up here.

The thing she didn't expect was to meet Li Qiye in this boundless world. Fate was strange indeed.

Li Qiye said: "Though you have cultivated from the beginning and changed your dao, you are still from the nine worlds so your new dao is flawed. This is something Jin She doesn't quite grasp either so he probably didn't expect this situation. If you stay ordinary in the future, then it won't matter but if you reach the apex, this tiny flaw will be a fatal weakness."

After she ascended, Immortal Emperor Jin She was pleased with her talents and gave her a dao that was unfortunately incomplete. He didn't have a full understanding of it because he didn't expect for a descendant of his to come here without being an emperor already.

Furthermore, he wasn't the creator of this dao and only got the methods from Immortal Emperor Qilin.

"The ancestor had talked about this before. He wanted me to come to the academy, perhaps I can find a way to mend this flaw." She revealed the truth.

"It is indeed a good idea. If there is a place with an answer in the thirteen continents, it would certainly be the academy." Li Qiye smiled.

This dao came from the academy. To be more exact, it came from him a very long time ago.

This was the reason why Dao Dragon Heaven Emperor said that he was the only one who had access to all the merit laws of both the nine and tenth world.

"However, the academy has numerous dao and laws. It's nothing that you can do in a few years, unless you have someone who can show you the way." Li Qiye looked at her and said.

She naturally understood this logic and gently sighed. However, she came from the nine worlds. This wasn't something she could reveal to outsiders so she couldn't ask the teachers for help.

"Fine, fine, I'll just help you then." Li Qiye said: "I have a method here, just take it and you'll be fine."

With that, he took out a scroll and began writing a cultivation law down then handed it to her.

Miao Chan accepted the scroll and stood there in a daze. Keep in mind that these methods were extremely precious and furthermore, the two of them were still arguably enemies.

Of course, she didn't think that he had done something to it because he could annihilate her with a flip of his palm. There was no need for scheming.

"Young Noble, why are you so kind to me?" She asked.

Li Qiye nonchalantly said: "Destroying the ravine is in the past now. In this world, obey me and live; oppose me and die, that's all. I'm not one to hold grudges or I'll just be killing and killing, never having a single day of rest."

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Having said that, he paused for a moment before speaking: "A smart person knows when to back off, and I'm always nice to smart people. That's my style."

Miao Chan sighed in her mind, thinking that he would be the only one who could make the previous statement.

Many have certainly done so, killing those who oppose them. However, they wouldn't state it outright and rather maintained an air of righteousness and humaneness. Li Qiye didn't do so. He was arrogant and didn't care for anyone. Of course, this was predicated and built on his own capabilities and unstoppable power.

"Plus, I'm showing you the way because you are from the nine worlds." He continued: "The heroes from our nine worlds are all masters after coming to the tenth. Throughout the history of the thirteen continents, there are fewer Immortal Emperors, but all of them are certainly just as strong as the others! Though you aren't one, your talents and intelligence are still impressive. If you are going to live in this land, then continue forward and do not shame the reputation and prestige of those before you!"

Miao Chan was stirred after hearing this. Her arrival here was a stroke of fortune and because she had nothing she would truly miss in the nine worlds. She came into a whole new world and wouldn't regret dying along the way.

However, after arriving, she was instantly attracted to this vast place. Under the guidance of her ancestor, she continued cultivating without thinking about reaching the apex.

But now, after listening to him, she suddenly had a new perspective in life - a new door has been opened.

She was smart enough to see the light and instantly experienced a transformative change. Her spirit became brighter and animated after having a new goal.

"Thank you, Young Noble. Your words are equivalent to ten years of searching for me." She said.

It could be said that she wasted too much time on a romance during her youth. When Golden Crown Prince was ambitious, she simply revolved around him, helping him with planning and taking care of Heavenhoof.

After his death and the destruction of the sect, she fell into a depression for a long time. Though she had escaped the abyss, there was still a lingering uncomfortableness.

At this moment, Li Qiye had dispelled her issue, allowing her to see the bright world again.

"Keep at it, you are gifted enough to earn a position in the thirteen worlds. It won't be due to the protection of your ancestor, but because you are indeed capable of doing so." Li Qiye nodded.

Miao Chan took a deep breath, not expecting that an enemy was showing her a new path after a moment of introspection.

"After hearing this, if I don't work hard now, I will be letting everyone down." She bowed deeply towards him.

Li Qiye nodded and started to leave.

“Young Noble, Fairy Mei is also at the academy. The tea garden has opened and she has been cultivating under an immortal pine tree.” She told him quickly.

“That girl. She’s similar to you too, able to overcome an inner-demon.” He smiled and left.

Miao Chan personally sent him off all the way outside of the shrine.

Meanwhile, Six-sword Young King and the other geniuses were standing there waiting. Their expression wasn’t friendly toward Li Qiye, especially the young king. There was a flash of murderous intent in his eyes.

He became even more annoyed after seeing the other two walk together with intimate gestures.

It was no secret that he had a crush on Miao Chan and he has been trying to court her as well. Alas, she remained courteous yet distant.

Nevertheless, he thought he still had a chance because she acted indifferent towards everyone. Moreover, who was more qualified in Hundred Halls than him? He could crush anyone else in terms of background, talents, and power.

But now, this man came out of nowhere and appeared to have a special relationship with Miao Chan. She even listened to him, something completely different than her previous attitude. It made the young king quite jealous.

Of course, he still didn’t know that Li Qiye was a teacher at the academy. Who knows what would be running through his mind after finding out?

Li Qiye initially had no intention of finding Mei Suyao since he was very confident in her. After all, her talent spoke for itself. However, he looked towards the east and saw the purple clouds above. He smiled wryly and shook his head: “Sigh, the girl has left the mundane vanity but she still wants to compete.”

He headed over that direction where there was a high peak. It was still within the territory of the tea garden. On top was an immortal pine tree full of leaves and auspicious energy.

Rumor has it that many geniuses wanted to meditate beneath this tree. Of course, the most popular of them all were Harmony Immortal Monarchs. The couple used to study beneath this tree and that’s when they started to have a crush on each other.

When studying the dao beneath, one could feel their mind clearing up and able to communicate with the heaven and earth.

Of course, not just anyone could handle it. Those with weak talents and dao heart would feel their soul leaving their body for a long time, unable to return for several years.

Because of this, ordinary students didn’t dare to partake in this risky yet beneficial endeavor, leaving it to the geniuses only.

The top of this peak was quite vast and could easily accommodate two hundred or so people. There were more than one hundred students right now sitting on the ground to carefully listen.

They were from Sacred Institution and Emperor Mansion, meditating and discussing the dao. Only the strongest geniuses from the classrooms were available even though there was no ban in this event. Top members like Ruminant Godchild truly put others to shame.

Because of this atmosphere, ordinary students found it even harder to participate. These geniuses would always spew out profound words, so the former crowd would only find embarrassment by coming here.

Mei Suyao was meditating beneath the tree with the sound of the dao coming from her mouth. When she chanted, the tree resonated by pouring down immortal energy and lifted her higher. She was already kingdom-toppling enough but the current scene made her even more transcending and irresistible. This was before mentioning the content of her speech. The students sitting there became immersed.

In the beginning, she wanted to learn under the tree during this tea party in order to comprehend certain dao she found recently. However, she didn't expect for these geniuses to join in as well.

Back in the nine worlds, she used to preach about the dao but she lost interest in this later. After coming to the tenth, she simply focused on cultivation.

However, these students all asked for her to preach so she wasn't in a position to say no. She decided to talk about the classic laws of the academy in such an amazing manner that all of them became drowned in a stupor.

The atmosphere was mystical as she went on since the tree seemed to enjoy it. It poured down thick strands of energy that floated around her.

"Incredible!" Thunderous applause came after she finished. Both the men and women here enthusiastically clapped and cheered.

Mei Suyao was indeed talented enough to convince all of these students. She was virtually number one in terms of looks and power. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to call her the prettiest jewel of the academy.

"Sister, your dao preach was amazing, probably on the same level as our teachers." The older students sighed in admiration.

[Chapter 2016: Heartfelt Reunion](#)

Outside of the supreme Mortal School, Emperor Mansion and Sacred Institutions were full of hidden dragons and crouching tigers. Numerous High Gods and Immortal Monarchs came from these classrooms.

A top genius from an imperial lineage might not be the number one after coming to these classrooms, especially Emperor Mansion. This was the gathering place of the strongest geniuses of the hundred races. Even the famous Ren Sheng came from this class!

These strongest geniuses would never submit to anyone else; all thought that they themselves were truly the best.

Alas, this law preached by Mei Suyao has robbed them of this confidence. They were completely convinced by her skill and thought that it was on the same level as a teacher in the academy. Keep in mind that the teachers here were High Gods; some were even emperors.

“No one among the student body can compare to your dao preach and has put me to shame. Maybe even Brother Xuanji can’t beat you at this.” A male student stood up and said with admiration.

He emitted a divine glow with a halo behind him, resulting in a holy and awe-inspiring appearance.

The guy was quite famous at the academy, known as Chen Yifan or Ruminant Godchild. He came from a sect with four emperors.

Him, Emperor Mansion’s Freesky Young Lord Wang Xuanji, and Hundred Halls’ Six-sword Young King Kong Yelin were known as the Three Scions. Freesky was number one, Ruminant was number two, and Six-sword was in third place. The three of them had a good relationship.

Ruminant Godchild was naturally the leader of Sacred Institution. Similar to Six-sword, he was talented enough to join Emperor Mansion but he chose to stay in this classroom instead.

Everyone knew that he was trying to court Mei Suyao but unfortunately, she didn’t have an inch of interest in him. Nevertheless, he remained confident in himself.

Thus, his comment was indeed true because her speech was exceptional but he was also trying to win her over.

“You’re too kind, Senior Chen. I have just shown my incompetence earlier with that.” Mei Suyao calmly responded, unmoved like the neverending flow of a river. [1]

“Fairy Mei is too much, so amazing yet humble. I would definitely love her to death if I was a man.” Even the girls were prey to her charms.

“You’re too modest, I have never heard someone preach this particular dao law so well outside of the teachers.” Ruminant Godchild smiled and said.

“Yes, it’s a shame that you made your dao debut quite late or you could probably be competing against seniors like Ren Sheng or Young Monarch.” A male student chimed in.

The boys here naturally had a crush on her. They were brilliant as well, only a little lacking compared to Ruminant.

“Fairy Mei, how about preaching a section of the War Manual? That’s another classic, everyone has a different explanation and view on it. The teachers all taught it in a different way, it’s quite amazing.” A male genius wanted to listen.

“Yea, try the War Manual now?” The crowd joined in.

Mei Suyao glanced at her peers and shook her head with a smile: “Suyao is incapable, not daring to compete with the seniors.”

In the past, she was happy to dao preach but after meeting Li Qiye, she realized the immensity of the heaven and earth.

Once, she thought that she could understand the mysteries of the dao due to her immortal bone. Alas, she found that compared to Li Qiye's limitless knowledge, she was only a speck of sand in the ocean - can't reach the apex.

She began to think that her dao preaching was only showing off her lack of knowledge, not on the same level as Li Qiye at all.

"Fairy Mei, just one more. Back then, Teacher Qihang moved the crowd with his version of War Manual. With your talents not inferior to him, maybe you will even do a better job." Ruminant smiled and said.

"Yes, just do it so that we can bask in this great moment if you were to surpass Teacher Qihang." The students here said again.

The teacher being referred by the students here was Gu Qihang with the title of Young Monarch. This great talent was teaching at the academy right now. Even Ruminant and Six-sword were completely convinced by him.

"Fairy Mei, please do it, it will be a perfect memory for our dao session today." The students continued while she hesitated.

After seeing their enthusiasm, she smiled wryly and went on: "I can't refuse now, can I? Excuse me if I make any mistakes then."

"War - start with the mind in order to derive the laws, using battle to create the dao and erect the myriad laws..." Mei Suyao began spewing mantras and gave birth to the myriad laws. The pine tree was swaying back and forth as well while releasing even more purple and auspicious energy. The density was enough so it looked like there were elf spirits flying around her.

It was an impeccable speech that caused a deluge of heavenly flowers to rain down. The students were intoxicated and cheered at certain lines. The atmosphere of the peak became quite good.

"The dao of war is in the heart, not only to fight but to also serves as a deterrence. This is a peaceful art, a righteous type of dao..." She continued serenading the crowd.

"This part is incorrect." Someone interrupted her as she was about to reach the climax.

Everyone was immersed in the speech yet this voice seemingly poured cold water all over their head. They naturally became furious. This profound dao speech was granting them great benefits so the sudden interruption ruined the rhythm.

"Who the hell is speaking nonsense here?!" One male student angrily shouted.

They all looked back and saw an ordinary man floating up in the peak. All eyes were on him now.

"No need to hide the desire for war, fight to the very end, a dao to punish the heaven, this is the righteous path. No need for morality or peace; as long as a will to fight is in the heart, let it show!" Li Qiye spewed out mantras. Each word slammed into Mei Suyao's dao heart like a bell.

Others didn't know Mei Suyao well enough unlike him. He knew the things holding her back so he was solving her questions in order to light a path forward. She was quite shaken with his comments.

Of course, the people here didn't know about their relationship. This public interruption was offensive in their eyes, so they became angry for her sake.

"Ignorant fool, showing your slight skill before an expert!" One of them came out and said.

"That's right, where did this brat come from, daring to boast before our Sacred Institution and Emperor Mansion? We need to teach him a lesson." They looked down on him since he wasn't a part of either classroom.

"Junior, roll down the mountain now or I'll break your legs!" Ruminant was stirred as well, ready to kill.

He was very pleased with the events so far leading to the tea party. The dao preach was going quite well but now, this brat has ruined everything.

Li Qiye ignored them and came beneath the pine tree.

"Young Noble!" Mei Suyao regained her wits and was jolted with excitement. She ran forward and embraced him.

"Looks like you're doing well and will be able to go quite far on this path." Li Qiye happily smiled and said.

"I've really missed you, it's been so long." She didn't try to hide anything and hugged him tighter, not expecting to see him in this place.

After the ascension, they came to Arrogance and lost communication with Li Qiye. Though she knew that he would be fine, the absence and longing tortured her day and night.

"I miss you too, but I had unfinished business." Li Qiye gently caressed her beautiful hair.

[Chapter 2017: Domineering Dao](#)

The entire place became quiet right away. More than one hundred students became stupefied watching this scene and couldn't react.

Yao Ting's mouth was especially agape. She found Li Qiye to be even more mystifying.

Mei Suyao was certainly the number one beauty in the academy with talents on the same level as Ren Sheng and Young Monarch. Even Freesky Young Lord and Ruminant Godchild paled in comparison.

The students here called her fairy and thought that she was on the same level as Teacher Yu Qianxuan, only weaker in cultivation.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to call her a goddess in this academy. So many boys fell in love with her on first sight, even a genius like Ruminant. The female students were also admiring her; some had stronger feelings than just admiration.

Though everyone knew that Ruminant had a crush on her, other geniuses still tried to court her all the same.

She was willing to discuss the dao with other students but she remained cold on the emotional front. Thus, she eventually became an unreachable goddess in the clouds. They all wondered what kind of man would be able to win her favor.

But now, Li Qiye today only looked like a common man yet she was acting so affectionately before everyone. Their relationship was surely special.

No one knew why their goddess would show so much affection towards this stranger. Jealousy naturally aroused in the heart of the male students here. Li Qiye became public enemy number one; even Ruminant Godchild scowled.

He was the most annoyed out of everyone here since he got nothing from Mei Suyao despite his effort. But now, this nobody was embracing his goddess to his chagrin. After all the blessings he got from the heaven, he should be completely superior compared to this ugly junior.

The hug lasted for a while before Li Qiye let go and got a careful look at her. He smiled and commented: "You have overcome your mental weakness but not completely. In the competition for the grand dao, humility is not necessarily a virtue - same with wishing to fight! Point your blade at the heaven and thrust! That's what you need to do!"

"I'm not a match for you in terms of having a domineering dao." She smiled charmingly like a young lady.

She rarely revealed such an innocent smile. It was a wondrous appearance, enough to steal the soul of the men and women present.

"You will be just fine, it's just that I left an inner-demon in you back then." With that, Li Qiye released a dao law from his finger.

This silk-like finger entered her forehead with a buzzing noise. In the blink of an eye, her forehead became resplendent with immortal halos. It made her even more transcendent.

The immortal bone in her forehead was the thing exuding this light; it changed her temperament completely.

This strand of dao law also lit up her dao heart like the rays of the sun. It chased away the dust and confusion, allowing her to jump and fly unrestrained in this vast world.

In the past, she also wanted to reach the apex and exceed everyone else. Alas, after utterly losing to Li Qiye, she found him to be an unsurpassable goal. Thus, ambition seemed meaningless so she lost her goal. It didn't matter how strong she could become; there was no overcoming him.

After Li Qiye opened a path to the tenth world, she began on a new dao and her goal was now to defeat herself instead of competing with others. Nevertheless, there were still remnants of doubts and a lack of confidence in her. Of course, this was when she compared herself to Li Qiye, not anyone else.

Right now, he was helping her overcoming this inner demon. The warm rays poured down and she opened her eyes, much more spirited and beautiful than before just like a peacock spreading its tail. Confidence was the key here - her previous mentality returned with a touch of unyieldingness.

“Thank you for your help, Young Noble.” She took a deep breath and could sense a different dao containing her image.

“It is because of your own effort.” Li Qiye stroke her hair and smiled: “You have been moving forward all along and able to overcome your mental weakness or no one would have been able to help you. I simply lit up the lamp so that you can see yourself and the road ahead.”

Suya found it comfortable and happy to be around Li Qiye. He always knew her thoughts and acted as a guiding light forward. As long as he was around, the grand dao might be long but not quite lonely.

Only before him would she show her most beautiful and gentle smile. The crowd was stunned to see this unprecedented beauty. No one has seen her so comfortable before.

She was smiling not for an expert or supreme expert, but this ordinary guy.

Rumination scowled before standing up while cupping his fist towards Suyao then asked with a smile: “Fairy Mei, who is this Fellow Daoist? Will you introduce us?”

He thought that he was being a gentleman right now. Normally, he wouldn’t give a guy like this a second glance.

Suyao grabbed Li Qiye’s arm in an intimate manner then smilingly stared at him, waiting for him to respond instead.

Li Qiye looked at Rumination and smiled: “Just a passerby, no need to say.”

With that, he came up to Yao Ting and waved his hand in front of her: “Let’s go, don’t just stand there looking silly now.”

Yao Ting looked a bit embarrassed since she was completely frozen earlier. She then followed the other two.

“My, my name is Yao Ting from Hundred Halls.” She never expected to be able to stand so close so Suyao one day.

After all, Hundred Halls and Imperial Mansion were separated by a great distance. The majority of students from the mansion would come out to be High Gods or emperors. Anything less would be quite shameful.

“Sister Ting must be extraordinary to earn the Young Noble’s grace. Your future is looking bright.” Mei Suyao greeted back.

Being praised by Mei Suyao made her feel strange. In fact, she didn’t even know why Li Qiye seemed to like her but she could sense his concerns and protective nature towards her.

Of course, she didn’t think that he liked her for her looks or talents. This only added to the overall confusion.

As the three were descending down the peak. A group of people was waiting and stopped them.

[Chapter 2018: Ye Miaoxue](#)

The group had both men and women with extraordinary presence; they clearly had a high upbringing.

One of the leaders was no stranger to the group - Six-sword Young King!

There was another familiar face to Li Qiye - Ye Qiaoxiang who got slapped flying by him.

She was standing obediently next to another girl. This one was dressed in a phoenix dress decorated with peacock feathers. Her sleeves had embroidered jades, resulting in a noble appearance. Her eyes fierce and oppressive, looking down on all.

The group was clearly hostile but after seeing Mei Suyao, the young king was stunned. Their aura weakened considerably.

“Fairy Mei?!” He didn’t know what kind of charisma this brat had. First, Miao Chan was very obedient and now, he was talking together with Fairy Mei? How puzzling.

The girl next to Qiaoxiang was surprised too. Nevertheless, she maintained a firm stance: “Fairy Mei, we will apologize for bothering you in the future, but we have some personal grievances to settle right now. Please stand aside.”

The girl was relatively polite towards Mei Suyao. After all, this was a supreme genius from Emperor Mansion. She needed to give Suyao some face.

Suyao turned towards Li Qiye and chuckled since she could guess what was going on: “If that’s the case, I won’t interfere then.”

She smiled and got out of the way. Yao Ting was surprised by this, not knowing why the famous Suyao backed off. She thought that Suyao would try to persuade them and it would most likely be successful too, given Suyao’s status and power.

Little did Yao Ting know that the victims were going to be the other group! If she interfered right now, that group wouldn’t know the fatal danger they were putting themselves in. In fact, they would be annoyed at her for being nosy.

Being a good person and gaining nothing but animosity? Suyao didn’t wish to do such a thankless task.

The young king heaved a sigh of relief after this. The other girl also cupped her fist at Suyao: “Fairy Mei, let’s meet up another day.”

She assumed that Suyao was feeling apprehensive about the power behind her.

Suyao only smiled and didn’t wish to elaborate. No one could stop others from courting death.

Li Qiye smiled and looked at the students surrounding him: “Is there a problem?”

“Lady, it’s that slut who...” Ye Qiaoxiang pointed at Yao Ting and shouted.

“Pop!” Li Qiye interrupted her with a slap and sent her flying once more while spewing blood.

He was still exercising restraint or she would be dead already. Nevertheless, the attack was still too fast and no one could react in time to stop him.

The young king and the other girl were both afraid and furious after seeing this. Due to their status at the academy, no one would instantly beat their follower after a quick disagreement. Slapping Qiaoxiang was the same as slapping them! A declaration of war!

“You’re pushing it!” The furious young king unsheathed two divine swords with surging bloodthirst: “The academy isn’t a place for you to do as you please!”

If this wasn’t the academy, he would have killed Li Qiye already. Alas, prudence was necessary when inside the academy ground.

The girl also exuded her power with rage and stared down Li Qiye: “Junior, I don’t care who you are, you’re not leaving this place in peace! No one can protect you after you have angered I, Ye Miaoxue!”

“Such bold words, but I’ve seen even bolder people than you before.” Li Qiye chuckled and said.

The young king took a deep breath to calm down. He was still the leader of Hundred Halls so he needed to act properly: “Fellow Student, you must not know Princess Ye? Opposing her is the same as opping Freesky Sect, not a wise move at all. I recommend for you to take a step back and just bow and apologize then I’ll take care of it for you. We’re still classmates, after all.”

The young king still didn’t know that Li Qiye was a teacher and thought that he was from Hundred Halls. There weren’t that too many students in the upper classrooms so if Li Qiye were from there, he would have recognized the guy. There were more than ten thousand students at Hundred Halls. There was no way for him to know all of them.

The guy was ambitious indeed. He wanted to establish prestige in the academy so he wanted to use Li Qiye to show everyone the benefits of joining him.

Furthermore, killing was forbidden at the academy. Thus, Ye Miaoxue only wanted to punish the guy. He just needed to back off for a bit before jumping in to save Li Qiye. It was a good move that would strengthen his reputation.

This princess was very famous at the academy and many wanted to please her. Freesky had five emperors in Arrogance. No one was stronger than them outside of Ancient Repository and Mysterious Bamboo Mountain.

Miaoxue was also adored by its current successor, Freesky Young Lord, and the ancestors there. This was the reason why her maid was so arrogant.

After being slapped by Li Qiye, the maid immediately cried and told Miaoxue. Thus, Miaoxue wanted to let everyone know that if you want to beat a dog, you must look at its master first. Slapping her maid was the same as slapping her, so Miaoxue was here to get even.

“Bow and apologize?” Li Qiye chuckled: “All of you are the ones who need to do so before it’s too late. I am magnanimous and merciful so I will allow you to do so.”

The other two were shocked to hear this. The students that followed them glared angrily at Li Qiye as well.

“Princess, teach this arrogant brat a lesson!” One student shouted.

At the academy, no one would dare to offend the princess and her Senior Brother, Freesky Young Lord. Thus, these students wanted to flatter her or even help her kill Li Qiye.

However, they were still afraid of the academy's rules. Killing another student was a grave matter so it was better to teach Li Qiye a lesson now than secretly kill him later.

"Ignorant fool, I'll break your bones today!" Miaoxue had a murderous glint in her eyes.

"Fellow Student, you're making it hard for me by purposely causing trouble and ruining the friendship between our classrooms. That's not good for our Hundred Halls so I'm afraid I just can't sit idly by and watch and must maintain orders." The young king added.

He was ready to kill after seeing Li Qiye not giving a damn about him. This guy had no sense of propriety so it was time to make an example of him, so that the other students in Hundred Halls could also learn that it was unwise to provoke him!

[Chapter 2019: Provocation](#)

Li Qiye gave the young king a relaxed smile: "Is that so? I actually want to see these rules then."

The young king's eyes flashed with a murderous glint. Li Qiye has provoked him several times - a challenge to his authority at Hundred Halls.

"Good, very well, looks like our Hundred Halls always produce more and better talents in each generation. Princess Ye, no need for you to take action today. Leave it to me to sweep through the trash of my classroom."

"So be it." Ye Miaoxue replied: "I'm sure as the leader of Hundred Halls, you can deliver justice to our Freesky disciple."

"Brat, I won't bully you. You go first for three moves." The young king arrogantly stepped up with both hands behind his back.

"Three moves? You will probably take him down in two." Another student from Hundred Halls flattered.

"Young King, Young King, wait!" A student ran over right before the start of the climax and panicked.

"What?" The young king frowned at the rushing student.

The student whispered to the young king while stealing glances at Li Qiye in horror. The young king's expression darkened after hearing this and also stared at Li Qiye.

"What's wrong, Young King?" Ye Miaoxue raised her brows after seeing the hesitating king.

The young king's color kept on changing with an embarrassed expression as if he had just swallowed a fly. He was at an impasse, not knowing what to do.

"Aren't you going to uphold the rules of Hundred Hall?" Li Qiye looked at him and said.

"Uhh..." The king smiled wryly and said: "Umm, Young Noble Li, no, Teacher Li, I didn't know you were a teacher from Study Room, this is a misunderstanding."

So it turned out that after Li Qiye was hanging around with Miao Chan, the king immediately wanted to know his background so he sent followers for inquiry. Alas, he found out just now that Li Qiye was actually a teacher, not a student.

After the revelation, the students here immediately lowered their head; some even tumbled backward. They didn't want Li Qiye to remember their face. Most were ready to run already but couldn't until Li Qiye says something.

Remember, all teachers at the academy were extraordinary existences. Even the weakest ones were still powerful enough in order to qualify for the position.

Students in the academy could cause trouble and fight with each other. In fact, the academy even implicitly allowed for such a thing since competition and conflicts could lead to improvements. The students required experiences and struggles.

But this wasn't the case for the teachers. One would need to be quite mighty to challenge a teacher and ready to face the consequence. Unless you could defeat all the teachers, be ready for expulsion or even imprisonment!

Ultimately, the student body included geniuses from great powers, even imperial successors. If the academy didn't have absolute authority and anyone could just challenge it, then there was no point for its existence. Because of this, if someone wanted to be the leader, very well, they just needed to sweep through their peers. If they wanted to fight, they could even challenge the teachers.

However, relying on one's background to bully a teacher was absolutely taboo.

So now, when Ye Miaoxue and Six-sword's groups were surrounding Li Qiye, a teacher from the academy, this became quite a big deal.

Li Qiye didn't need to do anything right now. If he were to report this to the academy, he could have his way. An easy interpretation would be the students challenging him, but if he decided to be harsh on them, he could say that they conspired to take down a teacher!

The latter would result in a grave punishment, if not immediate expulsion.

Miaoxue and Six-sword were in a better spot than the others. After all, they had a good background. Even in the case of expulsion, they could still learn and train later in other places.

This wasn't the case for the other students. They would lose all status at their own sects after being expelled. It might even be hard for them to live in Arrogance afterward.

Their sects sent them here not just for training and learning, but also to build relationships. Thus, this was a matter beyond their personal education. Returning in failure would not end well for them.

"Teacher..." An atmosphere of dread loomed over the crowd.

Li Qiye didn't really care for these paled students and said flatly: "Anyone else got something to say?"

These students didn't dare to respond and continued to hide their face, hoping that Li Qiye didn't know them well enough to name them later on.

The young king was in a tough spot. If he wanted to go hard, then he would need to fight against Li Qiye. of course, this required a massive amount of determination. Not many students in the entire academy would dare to challenge a teacher.

“And you?” Li Qiye’s eyes fell into the indignant-looking Ye Miaoxue now.

“Yes! Even if you’re a teacher, you can’t just beat students as you please, that’s a violation in teacher’s code of conduct!” She wasn’t ready to let this go but couldn’t also challenge Li Qiye directly so she chose a different path. Plus, giving up right now would be very damaging for her image as a noble princess.

“Is that so? I have none anyway.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

“You!” She was speechless since Li Qiye didn’t play along with her accusation.

Most teachers cared about their image and upheld a certain guideline of morality and professionalism. This guy didn’t give a damn at all so it ruined her follow-up.

“I, I will report this to the academy! A teacher nonchalantly bullies the students and hurt a female disciple from Freesky?! My sect will also let the academy hear about this!” She shouted in response.

She mustered courage out of nowhere to oppose him. All in all, she was still the daughter of an ancestor in Freesky. This particular monarch had a pivotal position in the sect so she rode his coattails there as well.

Normally, she was pampered and enjoyed the treatments befitting of a princess everywhere she went - even at the academy. Her imperious self could look down on anyone and was afraid of none. But now, this nameless teacher was taking her down a notch? There was no way she could swallow this anger.

She wasn’t stupid either and realized that her personal reputation couldn’t scare him. Thus, she involved her sect as well.

Ultimately, this was a sect with five emperors and her father was quite powerful. This was enough to slightly influence the academy.

Li Qiye laughed in response: “No problem, since I’ll be in trouble anyway, let me show you how fun it is to not have a teacher’s code of conduct. You may start first so that you can’t say I won’t give you a chance a bit later.”

“You!” She staggered backward, aghast.

“Start.” His eyes turned cold with an unquestionable authority instilling chills down to the very spine.

“Boom!” She had no choice but to channel her vitality. The weapon of an Immortal Monarch appeared above her.

She was only a regional princess yet she still had an imperial weapon - this was indicative of how loved she was in the sect. [1]

“An imperial weapon!” The students shuddered and wisely stepped back, aware of its power.

“I’m, I’m not afraid of you! My sect has five Immortal Monarchs! You think you’re special just because you’re a teacher here?!” She shouted back at Li Qiye, emboldened by the weapon.

Chapter 2020: Beating

“Nothing special at all, but more than enough to beat you down without worrying about it.” Li Qiye retorted with a faint smirk.

“Die!” She had no other choice now since fierce words have been said and she needed to back it up without showing fear.

“Boom!” The weapon suppressed the entire area. Its imperial laws poured down like waterfalls with a crushing might.

Geniuses the students might be, they were still too young and their cultivation wasn't at the level capable of resisting the power of these imperial weapons. Thus, the majority of the crowd here felt their legs giving in.

“Child's play.” Li Qiye didn't bat an eye and reached for the weapon.

“Is he insane?!” The students were stupefied. No one would dare to touch a weapon with their bare hands; this was certainly suicidal and crazy.

“Boom!” Contrary to everyone's expectation of him being crushed, he easily grabbed the weapon and it couldn't move at all. The imperial laws screamed and struggled to no avail.

“Impossible!” The crowd watched with silly eyes in disbelief. Just how heaven-defying was this power?

Next, Li Qiye unleashed a palm on Miaoxue's chest and penetrated through it completely. Blood gushed everywhere.

She couldn't retaliate before a loud bang. He ruthlessly kicked her; who knows how many bones were broken in the process?

The girl fell down in her pool of quietly flowing blood. She was still alive but the grievous injuries left her immobile.

The stench of blood permeated to the tip of everyone's nose and stimulated their senses.

Everything happened so fast from the start to finish. The weaker students didn't see Li Qiye's moves at all.

Though she wasn't the strongest student at the academy, having the imperial weapon allowed her to be among the top rankers. She might not be able to take on the Three Scions but was still much stronger than even members of Sacred Institution.

Alas, it only took one palm and one kick from Li Qiye to subdue her completely.

The crowd shuddered while looking at the bloodied and battered girl. Even Yao Ting was shocked.

Li Qiye gave her the impression that he was a gentle and calm man. This ruthless scene proved otherwise and truly shook her to the core.

The students here were familiar with blood but this merciless and successful attack that crippled a genius still caught them off guard.

Li Qiye threw the weapon back to Miaoxue as if it was trash: "Even a stronger weapon is still only a weapon."

Now, he turned his sight at Ye Qiaoxiang. This prompted her to nearly drop helplessly on the ground.

"Take her back to heal." Li Qiye ordered: "Since you're all students, I'll be sparing you today."

Qiaoxiang was scared out of her mind and wouldn't dare to fart at this moment. His order sounded like the most merciful amnesty so she and some other students picked up Miaoxue and ran away.

He still went easy on Miaoxue and didn't leave behind any lasting damage. As long as she stayed in bed and recuperated for a while, she would be just fine. Plus, her sect could provide her with precious ointments and medicines so the recovery wouldn't be difficult.

After she was taken away, the other students still didn't dare to move. Six-sword Young King felt the same dread.

Though he believed that he was much stronger than Miaoxue, he lost all confidence after seeing Li Qiye in action earlier. There was no escaping if Li Qiye decided to teach him a lesson for the disrespect earlier.

"I'm someone who doesn't mind being challenged. Don't worry that I'm a teacher, if I'm an eyesore, just come and take me on." Li Qiye revealed a gentle smile at the crowd: "In fact, I'll even reward the challengers. Survive ten moves and I shall grant you a fortune; survive fifty moves and I will grant you a supreme creation; as for five hundred moves? I'll make you an Immortal Monarch."

The smile became gentler and gentler along with his tone: "Of course, one must pay the price before getting something back in return, such as being crippled by me. Brace yourself mentally before challenging me, prepare for the pain before the gain, am I right, everyone?"

The students had no response. This was the first time they saw a teacher like this. Was he trying to encourage his students or just declaring war against all of them? Something like this might be unprecedented at the academy.

Meanwhile, Mei Suyao was the only one who was nonchalant. It was only the students who didn't know the type of existence they were facing.

"Alright, no need to worry about this, it's in the past now. Go off and do whatever you want to do." Li Qiye clapped his hands and told the petrified crowd.

The students ran as fast as they could after hearing this. Even Six-sword Young King left quietly, not daring to utter a single word before Li Qiye. He wasn't strong enough to take the teacher on, for now at least. Despite his annoyance or even hatred, he needed to keep it in.

Li Qiye smiled and left with Suyao and Yao Ting.

The event started quite a storm and many students found out. The other students looked at him with a different eye now. They excitedly talked about the beating; some even gave him the nickname, "Violent Teacher". At this moment, he looked like a frightening dragon to them.

His three students from Study Room came to find him after hearing about the event.

“Teacher.” Ye Xinxue called for him in the distant and the group ran over. They were surprised to see Mei Suyao. Of course they knew about her.

“Fairy Mei.” Xinxue greeted with admiration shimmering in her pretty eyes.

“Fairy Mei, this girl is your fan ever since you joined the academy.” Goldloop added.

“Brother Wang...” Xinxue was embarrassed and glared at him.

Suyao smiled, as cool as always: “Little Sister, no need for that. I’m just an ordinary person. If you work hard, one day, you can be standing at top and others will become your fans.”

Xinxue didn’t expect for the famous Suyao to be so easy-going and nice. She assumed that Suyao would be imperious and unreachable. The comment resonated with her.

“Well said.” Li Qiye nodded: “The grand dao is long, just don’t forget your goal and one day, you will soar above the nine firmaments. No need to admire anyone else then since you will be the star instead.”

Xinxue and Yao Ting pondered about the grand comment. Only Jinsheng was nonchalant about it.

“Teacher and Fairy Mei have lofty goals.” Goldloop scratched his head and laughed: “But I’m not that ambitious. It’s enough for me to stare at the apex while trying to rebuild my clan.”