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[Chapter 2351: Finality Sword](#)

The crystal sword was unbelievably thin to the point of being invisible. It was similar to the bronze sword used in the previous duel with Solitary Sword God. They were sword dao, or something even above it.

As long as his heart had the sword, then one would be in his hand -a single thought to create these blades.

The swords came from Finality Sword, something used to be called the Physique Scripture.

After Li Qiye flipped a new page, the Physique Scripture stopped existing and was replaced by Finality. It encompassed and surpassed all the sword dao in the world.

The name meant that everything would end with the sword, whether it be merit laws or any other affinities. The moment this sword came out, all would stop.

Despite being the origin of sword dao, Finality had no techniques, variations, or dao of the sword.

It had everything yet nothing of the sword dao, only existing in the heart and mind. However, everyone had unique thoughts, so its shape would vary as well.

For example, if others were to obtain this version of Finality, they could gain a supreme sword technique; another could figure out a peerless sword dao. The end result was predicated on the nature of the person.

For Li Qiye, his assimilation allowed him to have a formless sword, or that he himself was the sword.

As for the bronze sword, it served as a heavy weapon. With a single thought, he created an unstoppable weapon due to its immeasurable weight. It didn't matter how strong his foe might be, stopping the sword was an impossibility.

As for the crystal sword, it was as thin as universally possible. Thus, it became indiscernible and terrifyingly sharp. He became capable of severing everything, such as the two beasts earlier.

These weren't actually sword dao, but rather the very origins of the sword - affinities such as weight and sharpness.

This allowed him to take down the beasts without any surprises. The Kui saw this and became frightened. That crystal sword could easily dismember it as well.

He only chuckled and put away the sword before walking towards the dark cave.

The Kui hesitated, not because of the dangers within the cave but because of Li Qiye.

"Want to go in?" Li Qiye paused and gestured at it.

The lack of hostility excited the Kui. It immediately went next to him since this cave was its goal, acting quite chummy by rubbing its head on him.

The two beasts earlier were protecting the cave so it couldn't enter. Li Qiye's arrival has given it this opportunity.

"I guess I'm doing some charity work here." He pushed the Kui back while playfully putting on a disgusted expression.

The Kui didn't mind and continued walking slowly right behind Li Qiye.

This cave was pitch-black. One couldn't see their own fingers in front of them. Nevertheless, Li Qiye walked forward without becoming lost.

This was a dimension of darkness with numerous coordinates. Just one wrong step and one would be forever lost. This wasn't the case for Li Qiye as if he had been here before.

Flashing light could be seen up ahead after a long trek in total darkness. The excited Kui quietly called out, finally having the chance to come to this place.

They came out of the darkness and found the light emanating from a pond. Despite its inconspicuous appearance, the water here exuded a gentle light like a priceless jewel amidst the darkness.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: "The time isn't right." He then sat by the pond and soak his legs in the water.

The Kui didn't know how to speak but still copied Li Qiye, dipping its only leg into the water. The thing was still confused since it failed the last several times to make it here. Instinct told it that something incredible was in this place, that's all it knew.

Li Qiye rested his eyes for quite a while before opening them back up to chat with the beast: "At your considerable power, do you ever think about where you came from, or your race?"

The Kui seemed to understand the question but it looked at him in confusion.

"Looks like certain things are still out of grasp before true intelligence." He smiled.

The beast only looked at him, seemingly waiting for him to speak again.

"Only the villainous heaven can create life, well, actually, nature itself is the creator." Li Qiye said: "This is limited to races, but certain things are out of this boundary."

The beast looked as if it was contemplating.

"There was a legend in a distant era. It says that after the death of an immortal, a single hair of this being could turn into a galaxy, a piece of dead skin could become a supreme creature. Basically, this immortal's body included three thousand worlds. Of course, this is only a legend." He chuckled.

His eyes then turned profound: "Isn't it interesting if it's true? It means that certain lives aren't created, only derived from something else, meaning that they aren't under the watch of the villainous heaven. This could mean that universal laws could be avoided."

The beast might have understood this part.

"If you can jump out of this world, then you can finally be you. Otherwise, you're only a speck of dust." He concluded while patting the beast's shoulder.

[Chapter 2352: Mu Shaochen](#)

Mu Shaochen's arrival caused quite a stir in Moneyfall. More importantly, numerous systems have formed an alliance to put an end to the evil that is Li Qiye. It didn't take long before he became a vile villain that needs to be eradicated so that others can have peace.

"Rumble!" Explosions discharged in the horizon. A divine flame blotted out the sky.

At this moment, a carriage with a black glow visible from the distance came over. Its majestic aura indicated its status.

"Screech!" Eight green birds led the way, looking quite beautiful with a jade-luster on their features. They pulled the carriage, leaving destruction in its path.

A banner with the word "Mu" was located at the top. It had weathered the ages, but clearly one meant for battle. The word still emitted a ferocious bloodlust so people shuddered and made way for this carriage.

"Young Lord Mu is here." A sect master immediately got off his own carriage and prepared a greeting.

The carriage drew closer and closer. People could see four old men - all Ascenders! Not the strongest but still quite frightening.

This ostentatious showing made everyone gasp, including the ancestors. Only someone like Dracoform could have Ascenders accompanying him like this.

People could see inside the carriage now - a young male wearing a golden robe that seems perfect for him.

The handsome youth was clearly pampered from a noble upbringing. His eyes were bright like starry gems, capable of seeing through everything.

The youth resembled a ruler with his gestures and temperament without acting fierce. Nevertheless, his arrogance and general contempt for others were as clear as day.

Two supreme beauties sat to his left and right. One dressed in red, clearly from a prestigious clan. The other chose green, alluring like a flower in the valley.

The youth embraced the two of them as they fed him wine and peeled then fed him fruits. He would occasionally kiss them just like a king.

"Princess of Jewelbanner and daughter of the Ouyang!" Who knows the complicated feelings the youths were having after seeing this.

Jewelbanner Princess He Yutang and Ouyang Shiqi, quite famous among the young generation. Of course, they were far from being the same level as Wu Bingting in terms of fame, but plenty of youths still liked them.

"I thought Young Lord Mu wanted to marry the martial goddess and Cloudcrossing Princess was going to be his concubine?" One young cultivator said with indignation: "Why is Jewelbanner Princess with him right now?"

“Silly guy, a powerful man always has plenty of women.” A senior shook his head: “Just being from the Mu alone is enough of a draw. So many people want to go to Imperial yet can’t, but with the help of the Mu, it will be possible. Plus, he is also a great genius. When he visited Jewelbanner, he defeated the proud princess so she is willing to follow him despite not obtaining an official title.”

“What about the lady of the Ouyang?” A different youth jumped in: “This clan is much stronger than Jewelbanner Sect, she’s the successor too. Why would she agree? I’m sure there are other reasons.”

The senior laughed in response: “You’re overthinking it. The talented young lord went to visit the Ouyang and comprehended their ancestral tablet with a single glance. Thus, the clan treated him with the highest respect. He also helped Shiqi and she benefited greatly as a result, able to cultivate her clan’s supreme arts. That’s why she is following him.” [1]

“Hmph! I’m sure her ancestors are forcing her to do so, just like the martial goddess.” This young man had a crush on Shiqi and wouldn’t accept it.

“You’re too young.” The senior said flatly: “Still too optimistic and naive. This Young Lord Mu is not simple at all. I heard he could even see through the twelve variations of the Martial Ancestor, that’s why Dracoform Martial God holds him with such high regard. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be receiving the same treatment just because he’s from the Mu...”

“... I can go on and on about this. His gifts are famous in Imperial since he can understand anything after a single glance, so plenty of systems wants to suck up to him. So, a man like him with a strong and noble background, talented as well? Girls naturally will flock to him.”

Having said that, the senior gave the youth a look of pity: “Ouyang Shiqi is in love with the young lord, don’t find this surprising. Just give up; trying to compete with him will only end with disgrace.”

The youth clenched his fists in anger but he eventually lowered his head and let out a sigh in dejection. Despite his unwillingness, what was he going to do? The young lord surpassed him in all aspects.

Having a love rival like the young lord made him drown with despair. Plus, continuing on this path could be suicidal on top of implicating his own sect, if he were to provoke the young lord.

The fans could only watch the young lord play around with their goddesses in the departing carriage.

After coming to Moneyfall, Mu Shaochen announced: “I might be an outsider, but I view Myriad as a second home so I pray for peace. There is a murderous villain on the loose, so I wish to offer my strength to destroy him and his heretic ways! I hope everyone can assist me in doing so!”

“The young lord is right, we need to band together to kill Li Qiye!” Many systems answered his call.

“Coiling Dragon System will not share the same sky as that monster! We will obey your orders, Young Lord Mu!” Coiling Dragon showed the most support.

After all, they suffered heavy casualties to Li Qiye. There was no way they would let this go before his death.

Rallying cries echoed across Moneyfall. Numerous systems declared their allegiance.

Suddenly, a leisure voice interrupted the wave of support: "If anyone wishes to trouble a disciple of our Longevity System, come out and face us."

[Chapter 2353: Against The Rest](#)

The challenge startled everyone due to the numerical advantage on the other side. In short, Li Qiye was public enemy number one right now, so the appearance of his supporters seemed rather reckless.

A female daoist arrived with enough beauty to topple the world and a transcending temperament.

"Longevity Sage." Someone muttered under the breath after recognizing her.

The leader and representative of Longevity Valley; no one would dare to question the gravity behind her words.

Mu Shaochen glanced at her with a peculiar flash in his eyes: "Daoist Sage, your fame precedes you."

"Young Lord Mu, likewise." Longevity Sage floated in the air with her wondrous aura like a flower only beneath the heaven.

The crowd became excited. Everyone knew that the young lord must eliminate Li Qiye while the sage was here to protect him. Her action was inciting both his wrath and the animosity of Myriad Lineage.

"Sage, I'm afraid you are being fooled by that villain." The young lord revealed a graceful smile: "Li Qiye faked his identity to earn your trust and the role of First Disciple. He clearly had ulterior motives, wishing to destroy your system, for he is a wretch with no crime too heinous."

"I know he is from Insane Court, its current leader, but so what, he is still my direct disciple. Anyone who dares to touch him will become our enemy!" She declared.

The crowd didn't expect her strong response, or why Longevity System was willing to help Li Qiye.

She just needed to refute his role as their First Disciple right now. Others would understand and sympathize with her choice. However, she chose the path of war.

Mu Shaochen narrowed his eyes: "Sage, don't be unreasonable. Li Qiye murdered the innocent and deserves death. If you continue to protect him, that would be going against the will of the heaven, dragging your own system towards eternal damnation."

The sage smiled so beautifully, even making the young lord look twice. She retorted: "The will of the heaven? Who is it to decide? You? Whoever you accuse of being a villain is one?"

"No, this is the unanimous belief of the people." Mu Shaochen said: "It is clear as day how he had massacred members of three great systems. Thus, ridding the world of him is in accordance with the worldly flow and the will of its inhabitants."

"Really?"

"Because of this, please reconsider." Mu Shaochen continued: "Opposing the world will not end well. If you continue to be stubborn, many disciples from your system will die as a result, and for what? They will lose their home and families, even you won't..."

“Is this a threat?” She interrupted him as her gaze turned cold.

“No, you misunderstood.” He smiled: “I am simply letting you know the consequence. An outsider I may be, I also consider Myriad to be my home, wanting nothing more than peace for all. Alas, this villain named Li Qiye is merciless and cruel, so I have no choice but to rise, offering all of my abilities to sweep away the evil in order to restore orders.”

“It is indeed the time to restore orders to Myriad.” A clear and pleasant voice continued the conversation, albeit with a hint of hostility.

Everyone looked over and saw another female daoist arriving. She looked like a lotus flower in a valley; her noble aura overwhelmed the heart of the spectators.

“Yang Radiance Untethered! She’s here too!” Someone shouted.

Her addition only intensified the crowd’s anticipation.

Yang Radiance, the greatest and strongest system of Myriad. The arrival of its leader was a big deal.

The sage and the untethered were present now. People glanced at each other, thinking that it was no coincidence. They wanted to know her stance on this issue.

Though many systems, including Vermillion Martial Court, have turned against Li Qiye, Yang Radiance has yet to make a decision. The choice of this system was crucial. Though it didn’t rule Myriad, many systems were willing to follow its orders.

“Untethered.” Mu Shaochen was visibly pleased to see her and cupped his fist: “Your comment just now resonates with my heart. Thank you for your concern with the wellbeing of Myriad. No wonder why Yang Radiance is the greatest system here. I’m lost in admiration.”

A few ancestors pondered. After all, not all systems were on the young lord’s side. He was riding the momentum, seemingly on the verge of being in charge of Myriad. This was not something they wanted to see.

If Yang Radiance were to stand with the young lord, then that would settle the political climate of Myriad. No one would dare to oppose them. At that point, their words would become the truth.

“You’re too kind.” The untethered answered: “Myriad and Insane Court had an agreement recognized by numerous other systems. Thus, whether Li Qiye is a heretic or not requires further deliberation. According to the agreement, if Li Qiye does cultivate the blood-sucking art, then he should indeed be persecuted by all. But if this isn’t the case, then Insane Court is still an official system, not a heretical faction. As for his recent massacre, it would be considered a personal feud. Before the agreement is violated and voided, we must follow the clauses! Otherwise, it would be going against the orders of Myriad. If the signers can’t keep their words, chaos would ensue!” She looked at everyone after this grand speech.

Mu Shaochen’s expression darkened despite maintaining his friendly smile: “Untethered, it is admirable that you stay true to your words, but I’m afraid that villain won’t care. Even if he had cultivated the blood art, why would he report this to you? During his previous fights, he had shown everyone some terrifying evil arts.”

“Li Qiye needs to explain himself clearly.” She replied: “Before that, we need to carry out the prior agreement instead of condemning him for personal vendetta, potentially falsifying his reputation. Because of this, I invite Li Qiye to Myriad Peaks to prove his innocence, along with everyone else for his trial. If everyone agrees, my Yang Radiance System is willing to preside over this matter.”

This made a certain few heaves a sigh of relief. They thought that she was here to support the young lord in the beginning, but this didn’t seem to be the case right now.

“I’m afraid that Li guy won’t come to a trial like that.” Mu Shaochen said.

“We can’t be so arbitrary.” The untethered said: “We’ll find the right solution. If Li Qiye is indeed a villain, then Yang Radiance will assist Myriad in ending him!”

“We finally have a voice of reason here.” The sage clapped and heartily smiled at her peer: “Looks like you’re quite sagacious.”

[Chapter 2354: Metamorphosis](#)

Li Qiye and the Kui patiently waited by the pond, far away from the uproar that is outside.

He reached a zen state in order to derive the myriad laws, searching for the great mysteries - something that he is capable of doing regardless of the location.

In fact, he had no fear of being disturbed because of his unshakable dao heart. Even if someone were to break his meditation, he would be unaffected and could come back to his wits in an instant with no chance for qi deviation. Wu Bingning and Ling Ximo risked their lives needlessly earlier.

The Kui also meditated with lightning currents flowing on its body, issuing thunderous crackles.

Coinbeasts were different from the animals outside, perhaps a unique type of existence only found in Moneyfall. Their origin was a mystery.

The Kui was frighteningly strong, a king of the coinbeasts. Moreover, its divine bloodline destined it for greatness.

However, it was different from a regular divine beast, such as its father and mother. After reaching a certain level, the latter would gain an amazing intelligence.

Unfortunately for the Kui, coinbeasts didn’t share the same path of evolution. Thus, it still relied on instincts, even when it came to cultivation.

The reason for it being here was due to an awaiting fortune - one that could transform it from this beast shell. It simply followed its instinct without possessing more information.

Because of this, it has always tried to reach this place. All ended with failure until today.

“Splash!” After a while, something finally happened inside the pond. Bubbles started appearing on the surface.

Normally, bubbles would pop soon after reaching the surface but this wasn’t the case. They actually sank back down and looked like water pearls.

“Ooo!” The Kui came back from meditation and excitedly cried out.

It didn't take long before the pond was full of them. Strange enough, the water didn't spill over at all even when the bubbles took over.

Despite wanting to jump into the pond, the Kui still looked over at Li Qiye.

He finally opened his eyes and smiled: “This is a type of fate. Very well, you go first or there won't be anything left after I'm done.”

“Ooo!” The Kui instantly jumped into the pond, creating a huge splash.

“Is this necessary?” Li Qiye shook his head after seeing the eager beast.

It quickly calmed down and meditated while inside the water. Long hair started to grow, or so it seemed. It was in fact strands of lightning coming out of the beast, around the size of a needle. These strands began to penetrate the water bubbles, turning them black. Upon closer inspection, one would find that it was actually a ink-like liquid streaming from the beasts to the bubbles via the lightning strands.

After being filled with the black liquid, the bubbles floated up to the surface and finally popped.

However, the black liquid didn't flow back in the water. They started floating like smoke and after sizzling noises, they were burned into nothingness.

The longer the beast stay in the pond, the more bubbles floated up and more black liquid being incinerated. The quantity of bubble in the pond never decreased because new ones would rise from the bottom.

As time passed, less and less liquid flowed out of the beast until there was none.

“Boom! Boom!” The strands of lightning disappeared, replaced by golden ones now, as bright as gold.

“Splash!” The beast jumped out of the pond. It was flashing with the same golden glow; its skin had turned into the same shade. It emitted a unique aura, becoming even more powerful and nobler than before.

It started beating its chest, resulting in thunderous rumbles.

“Ah, ah, oh...” The beast uttered strange sounds to Li Qiye, almost human-like. It had undergone a transformation. If it could truly escape this beast shell, it would gain intelligence and a new form.

Li Qiye smiled after seeing the excited beast: “Yes, yes, it is worth celebrating. Maybe after you shed this shell, you will be able to see the world outside. Of course, there is a long way to go with no guarantee of success.”

The powerful beast still didn't quite understand this. Li Qiye didn't seem to mind though.

He raised his hand and all of the bubbles in the pond suddenly left and started to float in the air.

Next, he pushed down his hand and the entire pond collapsed, revealing a clear maelstrom around the size of a mirror.

After separating it from the earth, he made all the bubbles enter the whirling phenomenon like dumplings being thrown into a boiling pot.

Finally, after a loud bang, the spin of the vortex slowed down since the bubbles came together to form something akin to a crystal ball.

His eyes became serious after seeing this: "I've found what I came for, it is time for a meeting."

[Chapter 2355: Myriad Peaks](#)

Myriad Peaks were true to its name as a large mountain range located in Moneyfall.

Numerous experts were here today with no lack of big shots and ancestors. Coiling Dragon, Sword Grave, and Heavenstart virtually went all out with their full fighting force.

The untethered was in charge of this event. Though she didn't send out a direct order to demand the appearance of all systems, the majority still came.

Whether it be to support Mu Shaochen, watching the fun, or some other motives; everyone still participated.

This event might have been rushed but the smart ones knew that it would affect the current political climate of Myriad. If Mu Shaochen were to seize the upper hand, he would be in charge of Myriad for a long time to come.

With a powerful alliance including the martial court and various systems, he would be able to do whatever he wanted, toppling the other great powers.

Because of this, the wiser of the crowd could sense the foreboding atmosphere. It wasn't only a trial on Li Qiye or the agreement with Insane Court.

The place was packed with people from all over the world. Even Ascenders that normally didn't come out made an exception. All of this made the atmosphere even more somber.

The ancestors from Coiling Dragon were ready to kill. Their bloodthirst engulfed the area.

Yang Radiance was responsible for maintaining orders and it didn't hold back from showing its power, allowing it to take care of all the troubles. Because of the untethered's presence, most ancestors played nice instead of showboating.

Yang Radiance Buddha and other ancestors from her sect were here as well. This was quite a powerful group.

On the other side were ancestors of Coiling Dragon and martial court. They took up the central peaks while other experts stay in the nearby vicinity.

This reflected the current situation of Myriad. The top systems were still at the center, acting as the pillars.

"Are they really trying to judge Li Qiye?" One junior asked.

"It's not that simple." His senior shook his head: "It will determine the direction and prosperity of Myriad for years to come."

"What do you mean? Isn't it just a trial." The youth lacked the insight to read the situation.

"You'll find out later." The senior continued watching the gathering of heroes with a serious expression.

More and more systems came but the accused was nowhere to be found.

"Untethered, if this Li Qiye doesn't appear, how are we going to carry out the trial?" An ancestor from Sword Grave took the initiative to trouble the untethered.

"Right, that crafty devil won't show up when so many of us are here, maybe he'll even hide in the shadows and come up with schemes to assassinate us." Another one from Heavenstart unhappily said.

"I'm sure Li Qiye will come." The untethered was unmoved: "He's not one to run from trouble."

"Untethered, we've been too merciful against him!" One more from Coiling Dragon jumped in: "It's a fact that he had killed thousands using evil techniques. We all should be trying to eliminate him right now since it's our responsibility to uphold justice, am I wrong here?"

"No, you're right. Everyone should be trying to kill that monster!" This garnered support from many systems.

"Rules are rules, since we have signed an agreement, we will follow it." She replied: "If you do not recognize your own agreement, then feel free to act independently. Otherwise, he deserves a chance to defend himself."

People scowled after hearing this but none expressively objected. After all, they did sign the agreement back then. To refute this was akin to throwing away their system's reputation and honor.

"Untethered, we're just saying if. If this guy doesn't come, then what do we do? It would be a waste of time, a complete joke." An ancestor from Vermillion who has been sitting there quietly finally spoke.

The stake became higher. Whatever happened next could shake the status of Yang Radiance in Myriad. If that's the case, then Vermillion was next in line.

This sect was already strong enough, not to mention its relationship with Mu Shaochen!

People weren't stupid and could see the martial court's ambition. Since many assumed Li Qiye wasn't going to show up, they were ready to see the martial court attacking Yang Radiance for this ineffective event.

Longevity Sage leisurely added: "Don't you worry, our system guarantees that he will show up. Give up on thinking otherwise."

"Haha, Sage, excuse me for being frank, but your system is clearly conspiring with him, so you are not qualified to act as guarantors." The ancestor from Coiling Dragon spoke again.

The sage looked straight at this ancestor and smiled: "We're not qualified? At least we aren't parasitic thieves like your Praymoon Sect. I'll be frank too, you're not qualified to speak before my Longevity Valley."

This verbal slap struck Coiling Dragon System quite hard. Everyone knew about this story but none wanted to bring it up lest they wanted a feud.

Now, the sage didn't hold back at all. This wasn't the old style of Longevity Valley.

"You!" This ancestor was furious and glared at her: "You think you can say whatever you want?!"

"Why not? I'm not afraid of your system." The sage sneered.

"Sage, you are out of line." An ancestor from Heavenstart interjected: "Even if Li Qiye is your disciple, acting as his guarantor won't be that simple..."

The sage interrupted him: "It is that simple. Just a guy with the last name Wu, no problem, we can invite a True Emperor from Immortal Lineage to come down if everyone wants to go all out! Let's stop being hypocrites that hide behind the veil of justice."

[Chapter 2356: Experts Everywhere](#)

Everyone gasped after hearing this fierce challenge and glanced at each other. Some ancestors here had unsightly expression while glaring angrily at her.

Boldly calling them hypocrites and pretenders straight to their face? Nevertheless, she spoke with gusto for Longevity Valley had immense influence. It wasn't impossible for them to invite a True Emperor from Immortal Lineage.

After all, plenty of emperors and progenitors owed them a favor. If they wanted to go all out, anything was possible.

"Sage, that's too much." An ancestor from Vermillion Martial Court spoke: "We have no animosity towards your system, our only target is Li Qiye. It's just that we're afraid that the villain might be tricking you and hope that you can reconsider. I'm sure that once he is declared a heretic, the world will rise again him, isn't that right, Untethered?"

He looked over at Untethered, wishing to drag both Longevity Valley and Yang Radiance down the mud. No one was going to leave this storm unscathed.

All eyes turned towards her now. She sat straight with a natural and noble expression: "If Li Qiye had indeed cultivated the blood art to harm others, he deserves persecution from all sides. It also means that Insane Court has violated the agreement and will become a heretical sect. In that case, my system will be the first to do something about it."

The crowd heaved a sigh of relief after she revealed her thoughts.

"Did you hear that, Sage?" The ancestor turned back and said: "Will your system still protect him after he is exposed? Would you still wish to fight against the rest of the world?"

The sage powerfully responded: "No point in wondering about hypothetical scenarios. I trust in our disciple, he is not a villain that had cultivated in blood arts. As I have said before, we will guarantee his innocence."

"I'm afraid that won't do, if your system still considers him to be your First Disciple, then you are not in a position to act as the guarantor. You need to draw the line." The untethered said.

"Oh, you wish to trouble me as well?" The sage stared straight at her.

She remained calm: "It's not anything personal, I'm simply stating the truth. You need to remove him as the First Disciple before acting as an impartial guarantor. Otherwise, a conflict of interest exists and that's not tolerable for something that could affect our entire world."

"I agree completely. This event might determine the rise and fall of Myriad, we can't delay making a decision just because of one system's self-interest." Many systems chimed in, wishing to oppose Longevity Valley.

Unlike them, the untethered was simply being impartial without prejudice against the valley and Li Qiye.

"Young Lord Mu is here!" A shout disrupted the debate and made the stars tremble.

"Rumble!" A carriage appeared, crushing the spatial sphere around it while emitting a black aura. The birds pulling the carriage looked quite imposing.

Four Ascenders acted as protectors - quite a frightening display.

Young Lord Mu sat on the carriage, looking imperious and still with a beauty on each side. His arrival attracted both attention and annoyance, especially his seemingly debauched nature.

"Hmph, what a show-off." One scowled.

On the other hand, ancestors from Coiling Dragon, Sword Grave, and Pure Yang System quickly came to greet him. Though the ancestor from Vermillion didn't come forward, he still stood up for a greeting.

Only characters like the sage and untethered could remain sitting. Of course, not being overly pandering was one thing; they didn't wish to offend him either.

The most peculiar thing was how subservient the members of Sword Grave were acting. It looked as if they were greeting their own young lord.

"Why are they like that?" This beckoned the question.

"Right, so respectful towards him." Some felt that this was exaggerated.

"I heard after coming to Moneyfall, Mu Shaochen found their lost tomb, wanting to return the lost techniques back to them, a great favor. That's why they are willing to work for him." One ancestor quietly said.

"I see, he lives up to his reputation." People were startled.

Mu Shaochen slowly walked down the carriage with swagger and arrogance.

"Seniors, please excuse my tardiness due to personal business." Mu Shaochen unapologetically said.

"It's fine, it's fine, that villain still isn't here yet." The ancestors quickly said.

“Those ancestors are still Ascenders, why do they suck up to the Mu so much?” Some youths didn’t like Mu Shaochen, especially the ones who had a crush on Jewelbanner Princess and the daughter of the Ouyang.

“Benefits.” Their ancestor replied: “Some systems aren’t only doing it for the Mu. Just the young lord’s talents alone are worthy of this. He’s peerless and could understand many things from a single glance. Just take a look, anyone close with him had a great harvest. For example, he found the Jewelbanner’s lost arts just by looking at their tablets. The Ouyang Lady’s cultivation soared after being taught amazing laws by him. That’s why these systems want to rely on his talents in order to regain their lost techniques.”

He paused and sighed before continuing: “Such talents would bring about greatness. Look at Sword Grave, they do it so willingly after he found the tomb and the sword dao within for them. It’s just too much temptation.”

The ancestor from Sword Grave personally brought out a royal throne for Mu Shaochen, placed on the highest peak. The youth didn’t show any reservation and sat down, looking to be on the same level as the untethered. People took a deep breath after seeing this. He was acting as if he was leading all of Myriad Lineage.

“Screech!” A falcon cry echoed as the bird blotted out the sun.

It closed its wings and floated in the sky above everyone including the current leaders.

“Cloudcrossing Falcon God.” The appearance of an Eternal stirred the crowd.

However, upon closer inspection, they only saw a beautiful girl up there. She jumped down from its back.

“Cloudcrossing Princess.” Eyes turned brighter, especially the ones who liked her.

She ignored everyone else and only smiled widely after seeing Mu Shaochen.

“Brother Chen, you’re here too?” She came forward and bowed.

“I just got here.” He grabbed her hand; the two of them appeared quite intimate.

All kinds of emotions struck the spectators, mostly negative.

“Is Falcon God here?” Mu Shaochen said with a smile.

“The ancestor is always present, he just needs one step to appear.” She spoke with a gaze full of adoration.

The crowd glanced at the falcon. Its presence meant that he could appear at any moment as well.

An Eternal being available certainly made everyone anxious. They all put on a serious expression. Even the untethered felt this pressure.

[Chapter 2357: Convincing The Crowd](#)

Mu Shaochen stood up and looked at the mass: "If Falcon God is here, then we are ready to start the trial."

"Unfortunately, Li Qiye isn't here." Someone else played along perfectly.

Shaochen's eyes became serious: "If Li Qiye still isn't here, then he knows he is guilty and doesn't dare to face everyone. It's not unreasonable to consider him a heretic deserving persecution now."

People glanced at each other, understanding that the young lord wishes to turn Myriad against Li Qiye. It didn't matter if the guy would come or not; the young lord would come up with different excuses until one stuck.

"That's right, the coward must know he is guilty. He surely had cultivated the blood art, no need to be merciful towards someone like that." An ancestor from Coiling Dragon said.

"I agree, maybe he wants to run back to Insane Court. We can't let him run back to his lair and must mobilize now." Members of Heavenstart and Sword Grave hurriedly added.

His supporters loudly shouted while the undecided systems couldn't exactly refute. The latter stared at the untethered, waiting for her to say something.

If they were to voice their opposition, it would mean supporting Li Qiye and being implicated with him.

"It is not appropriate to declare a judgment before the trial. We should, at the very least, give him an opportunity to defend himself." The untethered remained calm.

"I doubt he will show up." Mu Shaochen said: "Untethered, how much longer must everyone wait for him? We don't need to talk about whether he's a heretic right now since that seems to be clear. We need to talk about countermeasures right now!"

Shaochen aggressively declared his decision, wishing to shake the very foundation of Yang Radiance's authority in Myriad Lineage. As long as the majority systems took his side, he would become the new leader.

"You're rushing it right now, the event has only just begun." The untethered was unperturbed.

"Young Lord Mu isn't rushing it." An ancestor from Sword Grave said: "We have been waiting for a long time now, this is giving the heretic a chance to escape."

"Untethered, it is time to deliver a judgment, no need to play nice with a heretic. If you continue to be merciful, more lives will be lost as a result. Can you bear the responsibility?" Another from Vermillion Court said.

Numerous top systems have shown their stance and allegiance to the young lord.

The ones that have gained benefits from him such as Sword Grave were offering their full support and treated him as a leader.

As for the martial court, it was willing to pick him as well for immediate benefits but most importantly of all, he would eventually return to Imperial.

If they could surpass Yang Radiance right now, their system would become the new ruler after his departure in the future.

This was more than a trial; it was a battle struggle for supremacy of Myriad.

Mu Shaochen certainly came prepared to challenge Yang Radiance and had formed solidarity with his followers. This allowed them to seize the initiative and the upper hand.

As the atmosphere intensified, the sage and the untethered were strangely calm and didn't bother to respond.

"We need to mobilize now against that heretic! He is clearly guilty, that's why he isn't showing up." People kept on shouting.

"Very well." Mu Shaochen spoke after gaining control of the event in such a short time: "We'll send a search team so that he can't escape."

"Who says our Young Noble doesn't dare to appear?" A cold voice sounded with two figures appearing before the crowd.

People looked over and saw two girls.

"It's the martial goddess." One was immediately recognized.

Wu Bingning and Ling Ximo have arrived at Myriad Peaks. Though there were numerous ancestors present, Bingning stood there proudly with her back straight.

On the other hand, Ximo was having a hard time, not daring to look at anyone. Nevertheless, she chose to stand by Li Qiye's side.

"Bingning, you are a bride of the Mu and should mind your words." Mu Shaochen didn't become angry and slowly said.

She looked at him and uttered coldly: "You think too highly of yourself. You aren't enough to earn my grace, someone else can be your clan's bride."

Shaochen's expression turned a bit ugly. Ever since he came to Myriad, everything happened so smoothly until her disdainful words just now.

"How improper! You can't act as you please in this important matter, come back to the sect with me right now!" Another ancestor from Vermillion Martial Court shouted.

"Ancestor, no need to pressure me with seniority." Bingning shook her head: "First of all, your status is inferior to Windchaser Matron. I didn't come back with her, so why would I come back with you?"

The ancestor turned red as a junior challenged his authority. He declared: "Such impudence, I will take you back then."

"The martial court wishes to bully a junior?" Yang Radiance Buddha has been standing quietly behind the untethered. He stood up and said: "If you want to play, I'll entertain you. No need to be so tough on a junior."

“Does Yang Radiance wish to interfere with our internal affairs?” The other ancestor said with a heavy voice.

“No, but I do owe Miss Wu a favor, so if you want to take her against her will, you need to ask me first.” The Buddha heartily laughed.

He was quite brave standing up for Wu Bingning right now. Of course, he was referring to the hostage situation back then.

“Hmph, that wretched has joined the heretic, willingly choose damnation! She is not qualified to stand...” Cloudcrossing Princess said with disdain.

“Pop!” But before she could finish, a slap made her spit out blood.

“Who?! Show yourself!” She howled after being slapped before everyone.

“Consider yourself lucky that you’re still alive.” A lazy voice was heard.

This newcomer floated in the air, seemingly so nonchalant and carefree.

“Fiercest!” Many recognized this lazy tone even before seeing him.

“Li Qiye is here.” People looked over at the direction of the voice and sure enough, it was Li Qiye.

He seemed to be taking his time walking over, but in fact, he was moving with frightening speed and instantly made it to Myriad Peaks.

He stood there relaxed as if he wasn’t facing a great alliance but just enjoying his own garden. He was bereft of an imperious aura, but this leisure attitude made people shudder uncontrollably.

This was a being who had massacred numerous ancestors from three systems, definitely a monster.

His appearance caused a bigger stir than the young lord. Those who have witnessed him in action felt their palms becoming sweaty.

[Chapter 2358: Air Of Arrogance](#)

Li Qiye took a gander at the crowd without anger - expressionless even. Nevertheless, people quickly shut up. Some shuddered about how prone this guy was to a massacre, Ascenders or not.

He then focused on Cloudcrossing Princess who was furious about being slapped before the crowd.

She was a princess, an unreachable existence, noble beyond description. Moreover, the falcon god was here. Who would actually dare to touch her?

Alas, Li Qiye didn’t follow the mold and humiliated her, causing her to grit her teeth. For some strange reason, her fury immediately subsided after seeing his nonchalant glance.

She felt as if she was already dead, at least in his eyes. This instilled fear into her very soul so she took several steps back out of instinct.

He continued: “I am here now, speak.”

The ones who wanted to go to war and tear him to pieces earlier as if they had some irreconcilable feud didn't utter a single word. They only stared at their friends.

No one wanted to be the vanguard against this ferocious man. Plus, with leaders like Mu Shaochen around, why should they try to be fodders?

"The meeting here isn't meant to be malicious." The untethered said: "A few systems believe that you cultivate an evil art, so everyone needs to confirm it in accordance with the old agreement. I hope you will follow it."

"An evil art? Those silly tricks can't get into my sight." He chuckled.

The ancestor from Coiling Dragon jumped in: "You massacred countless innocents from three systems, definitely using an evil art from Insane Court. This despicable act will bring about the wrath of all!"

"Fool." Li Qiye didn't bother looking at him.

"No point in defending yourself." Mu Shaochen finally spoke: "Plenty of people witnessed this, thousands have seen you using an evil art to slaughter the innocent."

Having said that, he turned towards the untethered: "Untethered, there is a mountain of evidence, so what is he if not a villain? In my opinion, no need to be polite, let's kill him already!"

"You're Mu Shaochen?" Li Qiye smiled before the untethered could answer.

"That's right." Shaochen laughed heartily: "I hate monsters like you the most so I shall rid Myriad of you!"

He didn't hold back at all and started talking about killing. Their feud was deep and he was certain of victory. Flowery words and formalities were thrown out the window.

"Young Lord, you are heroic and benevolent, our shining example." His supporters cheered.

Li Qiye glanced at them and shook his head: "How shameful, acting like sycophants despite being from prestigious sects, completely throwing away your progenitors' face."

These supporters glared back at him. One retorted: "Li Qiye, you're a villain and deserve death, Young Lord Mu will deliver justice with his unstoppable might!"

Li Qiye ignored them and told the young lord: "Looks like my message didn't come. In my eyes, the Mu's young lord is only an ant prancing in front of me."

Such contempt naturally affected the proud youth. He looked down at Li Qiye and declared: "Li Qiye, do you not know death is inevitable? It doesn't matter how strong you are, there are plenty of experts in Imperial Lineage. Even True Emperors had dao discussion with me, your little achievements are nothing. Killing you will only take the blink of an eye."

Shaochen bombastically spoke, ready to show the world why he was the greatest.

People took a deep breath after hearing this. The ancestors shuddered, not knowing whether he was telling the truth or not. It would be quite something if he was telling the truth about dao discussions with True Emperors.

“The young lord is invincible, and so handsome too.” Many female cultivators were won over by his domineering attitude with nothing but love in their eyes. Jewelbanner Princess and the lady of the Ouyang stared intensely at him.

“That fast?” Li Qiye chuckled in response: “I would like to see someone try, but you can’t. I’ll be the one taking care of you that swiftly.”

“How ignorant! No one in the world can take me down! I cultivate the invincible arts of the Mu and the methods of the myriad dao on top of possessing the strongest treasures, who can take me down/?!”

He fearlessly declared in high spirits: “You’re only an expert from Myriad, no different from an ant in my eyes!”

This comment actually annoyed the crowd, but they had no choice but to admit his qualification to utter such words. So many systems wanted to ask for his help.

“Li Qiye, do you dare to fight me?!” He challenged.

Li Qiye smiled at the confident youth: “Let’s see what you can do. Go all out now.”

“I don’t need to go all out, just one mirror is enough. Do you dare to withstand the reflection of my mirror? You probably don’t have the balls.” He sneered.

“This clumsy reverse-psychology is unnecessary. I like jumping into traps in the first place, go ahead and take out your mirror.”

All eyes were on the young lord now, anticipating his treasure mirror. Of course, they weren’t surprised that he would have a top treasure due to his background.

“Oh, how brave.” Shaochen remained imperious and haughty. Others couldn’t help but think about stomping him down to the ground.

He took out a mirror and proudly said: “This mirror of mine is unique. If you can handle one reflection, I’ll admit that you’re an amazing combatant. Of course, if you are afraid, it is not too late to surrender.”

People took a careful look and found that the mirror seemed to be made out of an unknown crystal. Nevertheless, it resembled an ordinary mirror.

“Many masters were so sure of themselves in front of me, convinced of their victory. That’s what I enjoy the most, defeating their ace cards and shattering their confidence.” Having said that, Li Qiye didn’t mind looking at the mirror at all.

A shadow immediately appeared, seemingly imprinting him onto the glass surface.

[Chapter 2359: Ghosthand Ground](#)

After the imprint, a buzzing noise came about. The scene in the mirror suddenly changed with the shadow disappearing. Li Qiye himself also gone.

A new image emerged on the surface, a place shrouded by dark clouds and perhaps a terrible monster. Li Qiye seemed to have been transported to this place.

“Ghosthand Ground!” One ancestor shouted in horror.

Despite the ominous location, Li Qiye stood there without a care.

“What is that?” A junior asked the ancestor.

“A terrifying place of Moneyfall. I heard that when Sword Saint came here in the past, he once dropped money down for a summoning and a terrible creature came out. It devastated the land and trapped him. He eventually managed to break through this area and killed the creature, but some believe that it is not completely dead. Thus, anyone who enters its area will die.” The ancestor stared at the mirror and said.

“It’s that scary?” His juniors were horrified.

Sword Saint was a powerful progenitor, a master of the sword. If someone like him was trapped there once, one could easily imagine how frightening the place is.

Before people could calm down, tentacles suddenly latched tightly on Li Qiye. He was pulled into the dark clouds and disappeared from sight.

“Ghosthand!” One spectator screamed.

“He’s done.” No one expected for Mu Shaochen to be capable of something like this.

“Haha, no one can escape Ghosthand Ground beside me.” Shaochen laughed.

The crowd took a deep breath. This guy came out of Ghosthand Ground alive? That’s quite a mighty feat.

The ancestors not on his side were stunned. He was more powerful and scarier than their expectation.

“And here I thought that the guy would at least be competent... Can’t handle a single blow, that’s the fate of those who oppose me.” Shaochen stared at his mirror and said with contempt.

“You are invincible, Young Lord, crushing that guy is like crushing an ant for you.” One expert immediately flattered.

“Right, Li Qiye is only a firefly, how could he compare to the sun? He’s not worth mentioning compared to you.”

These sycophants were actually famous characters but they showed no shame while sucking up to the young lord.

Both the sage and the untethered became serious, aware of the great mirror. This might be a treasure from a progenitor, capable of teleporting Li Qiye to that dangerous areas. This attack could be replicated.

“Don’t celebrate so early.” Bingning sneered at the other side.

They immediately stopped after hearing this. Mu Shaochen laughed: “You have picked the wrong person, he’s dead for sure but it’s not too late for you to change your mind. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being considerate of our relationship!”

“Don’t flatter yourself, we have no relationship to speak of.” She coldly looked at him.

The young lord turned slightly red with annoyance after hearing this.

“Brother Chen, let me teach this ignorant wretch a lesson for you.” Cloudcrossing Princess smiled charmingly.

“Very well, let me teach you a way to break her martial arts.” He arrogantly smiled: “So that she can see my supreme talents and realize the right person to pick.”

“Don’t worry, I’ll defeat her for sure.” The princess was seductive enough to make the crowd go weak.

She pointed at Bingning and sneered: “Brother Chen was kind enough to offer you a spot yet you chose to follow someone else. I will defeat your progenitor’s martial arts with his guidance, it’s too late for regrets now!”

Bingning’s eyes narrowed while glaring back at the princess: “Break my progenitor’s techniques?”

“That’s right, I will defeat your Lightning Leo, do you even dare to take me on?” The princess had complete confidence.

“Is she serious?” The crowd started talking among themselves.

A few ancestors were more alarmed. Lightning Leo was one of the twelve variations, the start of Bingning’s combo. She relied on this and nearly defeated the three young geniuses not long ago.

So now, people found the princess’ claim hard to believe.

“It’s impossible, the twelve variations are the strongest merit laws of Martial Ancestor.” One ancestor doubted.

Though the martial court had lost a considerable portion of this art, many still considered it to be unbeatable.

How could a junior come up with a way to defeat it? Plus, Cloudcrossing Princess’ wasn’t as strong as Wu Bingning either in terms of cultivation.

“There is no merit law I can’t break in this world. I don’t even need to do it myself and your Lightning Leo will still be defeated.” Shaochen interrupted their skepticism with a proud laugh.

Everyone recalled his supreme talents, able to discern many things from a single glance. Could he actually come up with a method?

“Do you dare to fight or not?” The princess aggressively said, not considering Bingning a worthy foe.

“Will Mu Shaochen be able to create a miracle?” Someone murmured.

“Maybe.” His ancestor quietly said: “You know, people do say that his talents are scary, not just in the contemporary but few in history can match him. Some went as far as saying that he is only a little bit below the Radiant Decemvirate. If this is the truth, maybe he can defeat the twelve variations.”

“We’ll see just how amazing your art is.” Bingning felt a competitive urge and agreed.

“Haha, you’ll find out right away. It’s more than enough to defeat you.” The princess was as proud as a peacock.

“Clank.” Bingning summoned her spear, not underestimating her foe despite having far stronger cultivation.

She certainly disliked Mu Shaochen but also admitted of her talents. Otherwise, their Dracoform Martial God wouldn’t view him so highly. Perhaps this god wanted to employ Shaochen’s help to find their lost variations.

Thus, the guy must have a great understanding of her martial arts. Prudence was required.

“Go first.” The princess ordered, seemingly resentful.

“Clank!” Bingning’s spear began gathering terrible bolts of lightning.

[Chapter 2360: Breaking The Technique](#)

“Buzz.” Bingning instantly attacked as lightning bolts soared from her spear like a flood.

Of course, their speed was much faster than a flood. Just imagine the massive power of this attack, completely unblockable.

Before the physical spear started to move, the power crushed space itself as if it was a dried branch. All defenses, merit laws, and powers would be destroyed by this attack. There seemed to be a beast roar within the lightning. A leo could be spotted in this ocean of currents.

This was a divine beast. Its claws could tear everything in its path to pieces, only adding to the might of the lightning flood.

“Ra!” Its roar shattered the myriad laws. Everything returned to the origin because of this destruction.

This variation was too fast. People couldn’t even see how she unleashed it before sensing a prick on their forehead as if the thrust had pierced them. They instinctively took several steps back.

It aimed straight for Cloudcrossing Princess with unbelievable speed. People wondered if the princess could even dodge.

However, she didn’t try to do so and began to float using an unknown movement technique. She looked like a dandelion seed floating inside the flood of lightning. Her weapon of choice wasn’t a sword or an amazing treasure but just a long and thin wire, extremely agile. It moved around like a spirit snake and wove together a group of lightning bolts.

Keep in mind that these bolts were created by Bingning’s true energy. When the bolts were tied together, her energy became chaotic and uncontrollable.

This Lightning Leo move was domineering and required a gathering of all true energy before an explosion, leaving her in a vulnerable state.

Thus, the sudden churning of her own energy was dangerous.

“Boom!” The flood of lightning exploded and began to scatter. She suffered a backlash from her energy and spat out a mouthful of blood.

The princess didn't waste any time and flicked her golden wire straight for Bingning's throat, wanting to end this in one move.

Bingning flashed into disappearance after she activated her grass. The princess knew that her move wouldn't connect and instantly retreated closer to Mu Shaochen.

"Boom!" Bingning showed up again, not on purpose. She suffered an implosion and spat out more blood.

Her energy flow remained chaotic. Although her grass allowed her to dodge the fatal move, it couldn't calm her energy so this remnant force still blew her flying.

She couldn't disperse the energy from her Lightning Leo that quickly. It failed to hurt Cloudcrossing Princess and only backfired on her, resulting in serious injuries.

She stabilized her stance and managed to subdue this chaos. This ended up depleting her reserve, no longer having enough to fight again.

"A martial goddess? Still a loser." The princess looked down on her.

Despite her arrogant words, she didn't dare to push her advantage, aware of the disparity between her and Bingning. She only won due to picking the right technique and was far inferior in terms of actual firepower.

The crowd was startled since the leo technique was defeated.

"You haven't truly mastered this technique to the point of using and recalling it at will, that's why chaotic energy will result in backlash." Shaochen was very pleased with his method.

Bingning was pale from the wounds. Due to the incomplete nature of the twelve variations, she required powerful true energy in order to use her three variations. There was no going back once releasing this energy.

He noticed this flaw and chose to disrupt her true energy and creating a backlash.

The crowd shuddered. There were rumors of his great talents and comprehension already. It looked like they were true. No wonder why so many systems treated him so well. Just this ability alone could greatly benefit a system.

"Hmph, I'll take you back first before dealing with you." The ancestor from the martial court scowled and reached for her.

She readied her spear against the large palm energy, but even if she could fight, there was no chance of winning against an ancestor.

"Boom!" But the palm was instantly forced back by Yang Radiance Buddha.

He laughed and said: "Let's not bully a junior now. Fight me instead."

His interference didn't come as a surprise. The ancestor from the martial court became serious: "You will continue to stick your nose in our business?"

“That’s right, at least this one.” The Buddha smiled.

“Very well, I’ve heard about your skills long ago, how about I join in?” The strongest ancestor from Jewelbanner stood up.

“He Jiang...” Other ancestors shuddered after seeing this new challenger.

He was a ninth-level Ascender, the strongest of the Jewelbanner. The guy could challenge Yang Radiance since he was on Shaochen’s side now.

Normally, a sect like Jewelbanner would never dare to do so. But this was no longer the case, Shaochen seemed unstoppable so Yang Radiance and Longevity Valley would eventually become their targets.

“Let us see what he can do.” The ancestor from Vermillion said and formed a pincer move against Yang Radiance Buddha.

The Buddhist cultivator became serious and slowly took down the shield on his back.

“Traitor, it is time for you to surrender or we will not show mercy.” At the same time, one ancestor from Sword Grave stared at Ling Ximo and said.

She naturally became horrified after hearing this.