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With keen observation, one would find that the architectures have been destroyed by quakes. From the broken remains, it was clear that numerous palaces and halls used to stand here. Perhaps this served as the central area of this city.

Beggars were curling up by the broken walls, enjoying a sweet dream while basked by the moonlight.

Li Qiye chuckled and casually kicked them. Being woken up wasn't a pleasant experience, rage would be the first reaction.

However, the beggars were dazzled by the gold ingots in his hand.

"The end of days is coming here, so go ahead and have a good meal. At least you won't be starving as ghosts." Li Qiye gave the ingots to them.

"For, for us?" This was nothing to Li Qiye but for these beggars, the ingots were no different from a pile of golden treasures.

"That's right." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Thank you, thank you, Sir!" The beggars almost cried from excitement and quickly gathered the ingots.

This seemed like a dream to them. Some started pinching their thigh and found the pain to be a proof of reality. Tears finally started streaming down.

He told them: "Go tell people that Mingluo is about to fall and that they should run as far away as possible. Maybe they can survive, with enough luck."

The beggars were surprised but how could they refuse after taking someone's gold? They nodded: "Don't worry, sir, we'll definitely let them know."

Li Qiye didn't care and entered the ruins.

The first thing the beggars did was having a great feast, tasting all the delicacies they never got the chance to in the past. After filling their stomach with meat and wine, the beggars didn't forget about Li Qiye and started spreading the message.

"Destruction is coming". This message spread through the streets and alleys and actually became a hot topic in the tea houses. Only very few actually paid it any mind.

Of course, this had nothing to do with Li Qiye since he has done his part. Their survival was up to fate.

He sat down by a broken section of walls, enough to shield him from the winds and rains. He entered a state of meditation, seemingly sleeping.

He has experienced both the life of a king and the style of a beggar in the past. Everything was just temporary like the clouds in the sky.

After one night of dao meditation, his body seemed to be taken roots and became one with the ruins. Strings emanated from his bottom and dug down to the ground. Being exposed to the elements didn't bother him in the slightest.

"Hey." He was interrupted when the sun started to rise.

He opened his eyes and saw an exquisite pair of boots, made from the skin of a wind leopard with silver shoes and bamboo jades carved on the top. They emitted an affinity of the wind. This was clearly a treasure allowing its user to run even faster, especially for escaping.

He looked up and saw a girl standing in front of him. She was around seventeen or eighteen years of age, wearing a green dress and brimming with life.

She was blessed with her looks - clear and soft skin and great features. Of course, she wasn't on the same level as Liu Chuqing or Qin Jianyao.

Compared to them, she would seem like a daughter from a humble family. It was still refreshing to see.

Her full breasts indicated her maturity. The way she arched forward showed her competitive nature.

"My name is Li Qiye, not hey." He smiled at her.

"I don't care if you're Li Qiye or Li Baye." She snorted in an arrogant manner: "I, Lin Yixue, am not here to make friends." [1]

She was clearly inexperienced when dealing with people, already stating her real name.

"I don't want to be your friend either." Li Qiye didn't move from his spot.

She took another look at him. This man slept here last night, clearly lacking money.

"You gave gold to those beggars last night?" She wondered how he could afford to give those ingots to those beggars.

"I believe so." He chuckled.

"Where did you get them? Are you a thief?" She looked at him with skepticism: "Be honest or I'll teach you a lesson. Mingluo doesn't allow petty crimes and with my sect around, troublemakers are only asking for it."

She glared at him as if he was a thief. Once she confirmed her suspicion, she would definitely teach him a lesson.

"I can afford that much." He leisurely said.

"Really now?" She obviously didn't believe him.

"Of course. You can go ask those beggars again." He patiently said.

She didn't think he was lying due to his calm demeanor.

"Are you here for my money?" He retorted: "This desolate place is indeed a good place to rob people." He looked around after saying this.

She turned red, trembling angrily before placing her hands on her waist: "Who do you think I am? I am from Stoneclearing Sect and have plenty of treasures, you think I would care about your little wealth? Stop your slander!"

He smiled after seeing this. The girl clearly lacked life experiences, probably has never left this city before.

"Then why are you here?" He continued: "Don't tell me you've taken a fancy to me and want to take me back as your husband?"

"..." She pointed at him with her trembling finger: "You think I, Lin Xiyue, would like a hick such as yourself? Piss on the ground and have a look at your reflection first." [2]

"I've done so before and found myself to be handsome beyond comparison and attractive beyond reasons. Want me to show you?" Li Qiye leisurely said. He decided to play with her since he was bored.

"You're, you're so shameless!" She turned red and took several steps back, afraid that he might actually pull down his pants.

"Just playing with you, little lady." He chuckled and waved his sleeve as if he were swatting a fly: "If there's nothing else, run along now, don't bother me."

This comment of his finally reminded her of her original intention.

She took a deep breath to calm down and glared at him: "I, I'm above this pettiness and will forgive you."

"How kind of you." He chuckled: "You're not only pretty but nice as well, definitely the number one beauty in Mingluo."

What girl didn't like hearing such praises? She snorted while unconsciously raising her chin slightly upward. Though she didn't say anything, it was clear that she enjoyed the comment.

"Unfortunately, your head is empty though, just a decorative vase." Li Qiye added the second part.

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She actually thought he was praising her until she heard the second part.

"What did you say?! I dare you to say it again!" She stomped the ground and glared at him ferociously, seemingly wanting to eat him alive. A girl like her certainly wasn't his match.

"Nothing." He shrugged and smirked.

"Hmph, that's what I thought." She said while making a fist: "I'll teach you a lesson if you keep on running your mouth."

"Okay, little girl, I'm not interested in you, go play somewhere else." He smiled.

"Bah!" She made a face at him: "Such shamelessness, I'm not interested in you either, don't even dream about it."

"Where is your mind wandering off to, little girl? You either have a rich imagination or are actually interested in me." He looked at her and teased.

She didn't hold back: "Nonsense! No one can like someone as annoying as you..."

She was actually angry because she was a famed beauty in Mingluo with plenty of suitors. But now, this unknown person was messing with her?

"I'm done speaking to you." She took a deep breath and scowled: "I'm here to teach you a lesson."

"Teach me a lesson? Why? This is our first meeting so we can't have any prior grievances." He shrugged.

"Because you spouted nonsense." Her expression became serious: "You need to accept responsibility and pay the price for your words."

"Oh? What did I say that warrant paying a price?" He wasn't nervous at all.

"You told those beggars to spread crazy messages!" She glared at him.

"So that's what you're here for, why do you think it is crazy?" He smiled.

"What else can they be? You told those beggars to tell people about the destruction of the city and that the citizens should run away..." She coldly uttered.

So it turned out that she has heard of them as well. She naturally became startled about this ominous prophecy that sprung up overnight all over the city. After a careful investigation, she found out the source and came here with a mission.

"I'm simply telling the truth, it's your problem that you don't believe it." He chuckled.

"The truth? Don't you mean mere fabrication? Our city is standing strong and bright, a beacon of prosperity, so what destruction are you speaking of? This is only to incite chaos!" She retorted fiercely.

"That's only for now." He smiled.

"Speak, who sent you here, and for what purpose? Be truthful or face the consequence." She pushed it further.

"You come to question me while representing the city?" He looked at her and said with interest.

"..." She was only a disciple and couldn't represent the entire city. She glared at him and proudly raised her chin: "Everyone is responsible for keeping the peace at Mingluo. Just you wait, our system will rise again."

Li Qiye clapped as if he was watching a play: "Well said, but that's only a pipe dream right now."

She became unhappy right away and scowled: "What are you saying? We used to be the strongest system in Imperial Lineage. My master once said that as long as we can protect the embers in Mingluo, our system will rise again. That's why we protect this place at all costs."

"It's good to have a dream." Li Qiye nodded approvingly. He didn't tease her this time after seeing her determination despite her tender age.

She continued: "It's not too late to tell the truth. If my master or the city gets a hold of you, it won't go well. Spreading rumors that negatively affect the peace of the city is a serious crime."

"Little girl, this isn't a rumor." Li Qiye chuckled: "You better start running if you want to survive. Hope and dreams are useless when you're dead. This city will disappear soon enough."

"I'm warning you one last time! Stop spouting your nonsense!" She glared at him while stomping on the ground, vexed.

"Why do you not believe me?" He smiled.

"Hmph. Our city has defensive walls and vigilant sentries. Moreover, the Luo and our Stoneclearing Sect are working together. The city will definitely enjoy peace and prosperity, so how could it head towards destruction?" She strongly disagreed.

She had nothing against Li Qiye. It's just that she grew up here and considered the city as her home. Moreover, her master has always taught her about keeping the city safe and revitalizing the system. This education instilled a deep sense of responsibility in her.

That's why she couldn't sit still after hearing about the rumors and immediately came here to confront Li Qiye.

"It's whatever, think what you want." He waved his sleeve and said dismissively.

"You!" She didn't like his carefree attitude and gritted her teeth: "Your lies are negatively affecting our city, so you need to take responsibility!"

"Affecting your city?" He chuckled: "I thought you just talked about how unshakable it is. If that's the case, why would a few rumors do anything to it? Are you sure it's not just a castle in the sand that could be taken down with a single wave?"

She naturally couldn't keep up in a verbal fight. Her finger pointing at him trembled as she tried to retort: "I've had enough of your fallacious arguments!"

"Okay, let's not point fingers and accuse each other here, if your city doesn't take it seriously, that's just fine. They're nothing more than rumors." Li Qiye was losing patience.

The girl turned red and didn't know what to say. She came ready to confront him but didn't expect him to neutralize her questions so easily. It was akin to punching with full force but ending up hitting the air - no satisfaction could be found by doing this.

"You're just good at sophistry." She begrudgingly concluded.

"Why do you care so much about the rumors? No one will take them seriously." He looked at her and said.

This indeed jolted her. Now that she thought about it, she got angry over nothing. Though it has spread all over the city, people considered it to be nothing more than a fun conversational topic.

On the other hand, she took it so seriously and wanted Li Qiye to take responsibility.

“Maybe, just maybe, deep down in your heart, you do believe that the city will face destruction one day. This fear makes you sensitive and afraid of the most insignificant rumors.”

“... Nonsense...” The flushed girl had nothing else to say.

“Go now, stop bothering me.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve again and smiled.

“Anyway, no more spreading these rumors. If I hear them again, I’ll really let you have it!” She stomped on the ground and left.

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Li Qiye watched her departing figure and said: “Run, little girl, or you will die without a grave.”

All in all, he has seen worse destruction before. A tiny city like this couldn’t even be considered a bubble in the river of time.

Billions and billions have died yet there were no records of their death, so the destruction of Mingluo would also disappear like smoke. At most, some would talk about it for a bit before the event falls into obscurity.

After all, several hundred thousand people or more would die after the destruction of any sect. The loss of Mingluo didn’t affect Imperial Lineage on the grand scheme of things.

He was already doing more than necessary by spreading the rumors of its destruction. The girl was also amusing so he spent more time to warn her.

“Hmph.” She turned back and scowled: “Our city will never fall.”

Li Qiye chuckled and slowly closed his eyes.

She suddenly changed her mind after seeing his attitude and stared at him for a bit before asking: “What made you think this way?”

He didn’t answer, seemingly asleep.

“Hey. I’m talking to you, don’t play dead.” She glared at him with both hands on waist, unsatisfied at being ignored.

He slowly opened his eyes once more: “What will you do if destruction is imminent?”

She couldn’t come up with the answer since this scenario wasn’t plausible in her opinion.

“Of course I will die with my city. I will fight to the death against any invader!” She resoundingly claimed.

“It’s just a city, all you have to do is leave.” He smiled.

She immediately barked back: “Impossible, Mingluo is my birthplace and home, I will protect it with my life.”

“Everywhere is home as long as you’re alive. No home if you’re dead.” He said.

“What do you know? Only Mingluo is our real home, everywhere else is nothing but meaningless land. Our sky isn’t that large. If our home exists, we will. If it ceases to be, so will we!” She asserted.

He looked at her and said: "Have you never thought about going somewhere else? To a stronger system?"

"Why should I? We'll still only be ordinary disciples at a different system, not like we'll become True Emperors by switching. Plus, there are several hundred thousand people here, not all of them can leave. If we accomplish nothing by leaving, then it's better to stay at our home." She reasoned.

He actually became silent as his eyes gazed at the horizon. Memories about people and things resurfaced.

Like the Indomitable Battalion of the Silver Fox Legion, they obviously could go far and find new places to stay since they were certainly capable. Alas, they returned to their home - the place they love so much.

The girl was right as well. Their sky and potential weren't that great. The city was their everything. They didn't know about the riches and colors of the outside world.

In Li Qiye's eyes, Mingluo was only an insignificant city but for them, it was their entire world, everything in their short lifespan.

'This is the joy of the weak, just one city is enough.' Li Qiye became slightly moved.

"Hmph, no more nonsense, got it? Our city will be just fine." She glared at him again before leaving.

Unfortunately, she didn't have that much conviction in her voice. She unconsciously tried to cheer herself up and convince herself that destruction will never come.

He closed his eyes again; his body gradually became ethereal - seemingly melting with the space around him. He eventually disappeared without a sight.

Starting with the surrounding air, he fused with the dao land itself of the entire system.

When the sun rose, Li Qiye's figure slowly emerged from a different dimension. He meditated for an entire day without moving.

"Pop!" Space fluctuated when he opened his eyes as he finally returned.

"Come, I have prepared a nice net for you, no chance of escaping." He smiled with a profound gaze: "Looks like this system really buried something amazing. No wonder why the creature would descend here."

He had theories as to why this system didn't fall to Myriad Lineage. White Orchid City's disappearance only reinforced his idea. Now, he knew that there was something down there that he wanted. All of the recent events were related to this particular item.

He got up and stretched before looking outside: "Alright, let's go for a walk."

He entered the city once more. It was still as lively as ever. He casually walked around, wanting to be a part of the city.

The citizens kept themselves busy with earning money to get by. Perhaps they didn't save much, just living day by day. Nevertheless, hard work was necessary to provide for their families.

This was another difference between mortals and cultivators. Mortals struggled to survive while cultivators had dreams about soaring to the nine firmaments.

He sat there and observed the merchants. What would their reaction be if they were to know that in just a few days, this entire place would be destroyed?

He smiled after thinking about this and made up his mind: "Fine, it's convenient anyway."

Lin Yixue has moved him since she made him recall the past. Of course, he didn't suddenly turn into a good person.

Those in the past who have fought with him were mere memories deep in his mind, nothing more. He thought about them and their stories again after listening to the girl.

Thus, he decided to save the city if it's possible and convenient.

"Perhaps this is fate." He gently sighed. If it wasn't for Yixue, he wouldn't have changed his decision.

[Chapter 2574: Wu Youzheng](#)

Li Qiye enjoyed his time with a smile on his face while walking on the busy street.

Everyone else seemed to be in a hurry but he walked with a slow and leisurely pace.

"Benefactor!" Suddenly, an old man shouted and got on his knees in front of him.

Li Qiye had no impression of the old man who took his time showing respect before standing up.

"Young Noble, you forgot me? You saved me from the tree demons in the valley." The old man hurriedly said.

Li Qiye remembered and nodded: "I remember, your name is Wu Youzheng."

"Yes." The old man was ecstatic to hear this: "I am Wu Youzheng indeed. I will never forget your kind act."

"It's no big deal." Li Qiye said flatly and continued on forward.

Youzheng followed his step with a happy expression: "I didn't expect to see you here, Young Noble. You are a true master, so to be able to see you again is a blessing of three lifetimes. My sect, Stoneclearing, is located right here in Mingluo. If you don't mind, how about going there so I can show you my hospitality?"

"Maybe later." Li Qiye responded.

"May I ask what you're here for? I'm very familiar with this place so if you ever need assistance, just say the words." Youzheng said.

Li Qiye smiled and looked at the old man: "If you really want to help, I actually have something you can do."

"What is it? I will not refuse, Young Noble." Youzheng became spirited.

Li Qiye calmly said: "It's not hard, but if you have enough influence, then tell the citizens of Mingluo to evacuate quickly."

"Er..." Youzheng didn't expect this order from Li Qiye.

"May, may I ask why?" He couldn't come up with a reason.

"Because your city is about to be destroyed, run as far away as possible if you want to stay alive." Li Qiye said.

Youzheng became stunned. This wasn't his first time hearing this.

"You again, Li!" A sharp and clear voice resounded. A girl with a sweet fragrance blocked Li Qiye's path.

"I warned you yesterday and here you are again, spreading this nonsense! You're really asking for it!" She angrily threatened. It was none other than Lin Yixue.

She just happened to hear his voice while shopping and couldn't help rushing over to yell at him, just a bit short of pointing straight at his face.

"Yue'er, don't be disrespectful!" The old man regained his wits and saw his disciple being so rude to his benefactor. He became frightened and started yelling.

"Master?!" Xiyue was startled as well, not expecting to see her master here. She didn't see him at the start because she was so hellbent on Li Qiye.

"Apologize to the young noble already." Youzheng sternly said.

"Master, he's clearly spreading rumors everywhere with nefarious intents towards our city..." Xiyue indignantly said.

"Absurd! The young noble is a hidden master who saved my life in Crescent Moon Valley. I would be food in the tree demons' stomach right now if it wasn't for him."

She stood there, frozen, before taking another look at Li Qiye. This guy was a hidden master?

Her master told her about being saved by a youth once he returned. She thought that this youth would be transcending and flawless - the opposite of Li Qiye.

Nevertheless, she lowered her head and cupped her fists: "My mistake for being rude, and thank you for saving my master, Young Noble."

Xiyue and Youzheng weren't only master and disciple, but also father and daughter. She was truly grateful.

"However... even if you are our benefactor, you can't spread these rumors to the detriment of our city." Her last line showed her unyieldingness.

"Brat, I must have been too doting on you!" Youzheng cupped his fists towards Li Qiye and apologized: "Young Noble, I'm sorry about my ineffective education. I will be stricter on her in the future."

"It's fine. If it's really a rumor, no wise men will take it seriously." Li Qiye looked at her and smiled before going forward.

Youzheng followed right behind him, the unwilling Xiyue as well.

“Where are you staying, Young Noble? I wish to visit and hear your guidance...” Youzheng hastily said.

“Here.” Li Qiye stopped before the old man could finish since he was back to the entrance of the ruins.

“Heavensound Ruins...” The old man was surprised but still walked inside.

Li Qiye got back to his spot and sat down, cross-legged. He was as calm and natural as always regardless of whether he was inside a palace or ruins.

“You are staying here? But it’s outside.” Youzheng said. He assumed that Li Qiye would be inside a broken palace or something, but after thinking about it again, hidden masters are always eccentric.

“Being outside is just fine.” Li Qiye replied.

“Excuse me then. Being exposed to the weather is also a type of cultivation for true masters.” Youzheng smiled awkwardly.

Li Qiye didn’t respond and closed his eyes.

Youzheng looked around the desolate place and became emotional: “This used to be the divine temple of Heavensound. During the golden age of our system, Heavensound used to give orders to the world here, but look at it now... prosperity passed by like ephemeral clouds.”

“Isn’t Heavensound our original sect?” Xiyue asked.

Youzheng nodded: “Yes, Stoneclearing was only a side branch of Heavensound back then. The decline of Heavensect was swiftly followed by the decline of the system.”

“Master, what was the reason behind its decline? You said that it was peerless during its reign.” She said.

“No one knows. It used to have three True Emperors at the same time, that’s matchless.” Youzheng spoke with pride.

“They also turned into ashes in just one night.” Li Qiye casually said.

“...” Youzheng stopped and looked at Li Qiye with astonishment: “You know about this secret history, Young Noble?”

“It’s no secret since the story is in many ancient scrolls. Any avid reader knows about it.” Li Qiye replied.

“I see.” The old man couldn’t do anything but nod his head: “Yes, our sect’s records state the same. Heavensound and Stone Harmony fall from grace in just one night.” He sighed disappointedly.

“Really, Master?” This was Xiyue’s first time hearing this: “Who could actually take down Heavensound when there are three True Emperors around? And in one night?”

“It’s a mystery.” Youzheng shook his head: “Heavensound was ridiculously strong back then. It had plenty of Eternals, not just three emperors. How could they rule the world otherwise? Nevertheless, it still only took one night.”

She was in disbelief. Not to mention Eternals and True Emperors, one would be hard-pressed to find an Ascender in Mingluo.

Youzheng continued: "This is the central location of Heavensound, look carefully, do you see anything different?"

"Not really?" She tilted her head in contemplation. After all, there were plenty of ruins in Mingluo City since it wasn't as prosperous as before.

"The other ruins are because of abandonment, the architectures are still around. However, this place suffered something incredible. The impact crushed everything down to pebbles. That's why you don't really see any slightly-broken building here." He explained.

"You, you're right." She took another look around and this was indeed the case. No intact building could be found.

She didn't realize this little detail before despite growing up here.

[Chapter 2575: Imminent Disaster](#)

"So what actually happened here?" She looked around and recognized the unique appearance of this ruin.

"I don't know, and I don't think anyone else does either." Her master shook his head: "Our sect has no records of it, only a few lines. All in all, in just a single night, came the decimation of an invincible sect."

"It was a great and shocking battle." Li Qiye said: "Of course, it didn't actually happen here. This place was wiped out from the mere shockwaves."

"It's that terrifying?" Youzheng took a deep breath: "Various accounts state that this place was very important to Heavensound. It has been blessed by numerous emperors and Eternals on top of wielding the power of a progenitor. In fact, some believe that the dao source is right here, so this place should be indestructible. What kind of power did this?"

The most shocking thing to him was that here shockwaves from a battle did this?

"Nothing's surprising." Li Qiye said: "Three emperors and numerous Eternals themselves failed, let alone this location and mere blessings."

Youzheng shuddered in horror. He was only a Grand True God wanting to become an Ascender. A True Emperor was an unreachable being in his mind.

"A thing strong enough to annihilate those beings shouldn't exist..." Xiyue looked at him with skepticism.

She seldom left the city and has only seen Stone Harmony. Now, Mingluo was the biggest city around.

An Ascender was already amazing enough to her, needless to say about Eternals and True Emperors. Not even in her dream would she see the sight of these beings being murdered.

"It's because your world is too small. The real thing is vaster than your imagination, same with the experts in it." Li Qiye said.

She turned red and gave him the side-eye: “Hmph... so what if my knowledge is limited. You’re speaking as if you’re a hundred times stronger than me.”

She thought that he could only be a bit stronger than her master because they were similar in age. Hearing the rather disdainful comment left her unhappy.

“Xue’er, you’re being rude again.” Her master glared at her.

“Just a tiny bit stronger than you.” Li Qiye didn’t seem to mind.

“Hmph.” She snorted again but didn’t dare to act out because her master was around. She had no choice but to swallow her anger.

“Young Noble, when you mentioned the destruction of our city earlier, is it true?” Youzheng hesitated before asking.

“Absolutely certain.” To which Li Qiye responded: “Three to five days at the earliest, or ten days or so at the latest. A disaster is imminent here.”

Xiyue immediately disagreed: “Master, don’t listen to him. Our city is just fine. It’s as tough as steel, so what kind of disaster can be coming?”

“Be quiet!” He yelled at her because as the master of Stoneclearing he wasn’t as simple-minded as the young girl.

He asked with horror: “I don’t think we have provoked a master or a monster recently, so where is it coming from?”

“Have you heard of White Orchid? It disappeared in one night.” Li Qiye said.

“White Orchid?” Youzheng’s heart jumped while sensing something ominous: “I’ve, I’ve heard the news about it. He took a deep breath while his face turned pale.

The news took a while to travel the distance between the two cities.

“Master, White Orchid isn’t around anymore?” She became startled, having found out just now.

“Yes, I only heard about it this morning.” Youzheng said: “The geezers from Luo probably received the news recently too, but they didn’t want to start a panic.”

“Why is it gone?” She believed her master and also became aghast.

White Orchid was one of the largest cities in their system so this disaster naturally struck a chord with her.

“No idea, the entire city is missing; not a single survivor has been found. Only an abyss is left behind. It’s as if it evaporated from existence.” Youzheng’s expression was serious.

The disappearance of a great city was indeed a shocking matter to their system.

“That’s why your city isn’t doing that well. It’s next.” Li Qiye added.

“What?!” Youzheng blurted out in astonishment.

Xiyue loudly joined in: "No way! We're at least ten times larger than White Orchid. The experts of the system are all here, so who can destroy..."

Her confidence tapered off towards the end. She didn't believe him at all in the beginning, but the news of White Orchid filled her mind with anxiety.

"Just run far away from Mingluo. If you care about the citizens, then evacuate them. Consider it a good deed for karma." Li Qiye said.

"It, it won't happen. Stop daydreaming..." She instinctively denied out of fear.

He ignored her and closed his eyes again.

"Is there no other way outside of evacuating?" Yuzheng calmed down and asked for help.

"I'm afraid Mingluo will become a second White Orchid, so you tell me." Li Qiye smiled.

Youzheng has never thought about leaving the city so he stood there in a daze. He looked around and said: "Where else can we go? This is our foundation. There is no Stoneclearing without Mingluo."

"Mas-master, you really believe him?" She asked.

Youzheng looked at her and sighed: "We can't run away from reality. We're the largest and most populated city in Stone Harmony, so it makes sense that whatever it is, it will aim for us after White Orchid."

"What, what should we do then?" She didn't want to face this truth. That's why she kept on reprimanding Li Qiye for spreading the rumors since it touched on her deep fear.

"Just run away, it's already lucky that you will stay alive." Li Qiye said.

"I won't leave Mingluo! I'll die with my home if I have to!" She glared at him.

Youzheng returned from his daze and stared at Li Qiye, suddenly realizing something: "Young Noble, you must be here because..."

Li Qiye finished the sentence for him: "Waiting for the disaster and the evil entity."

"So you wish to save our city, Young Noble?" Youzheng became ecstatic.

He saw Li Qiye casually killing the tree demons with a single finger. He believed the guy must at least be an Ascender, perhaps even an Eternal. Maybe there was a chance for their city with his help.

"Who says I want to save it?" Li Qiye chuckled: "I'm only chasing after the evil thing. The survival of Mingluo has nothing to do with me."

[Chapter 2576: Courting Death](#)

The master-disciple duo was surprised by Li Qiye's response. They didn't think he would refuse so quickly and with such conviction.

"Young Noble, you are a supreme master, please show benevolence and save the citizens of our city." Wu Youzheng cupped his fist and bowed.

Li Qiye nodded his head slightly: "No need for that, it's not too late to evacuate. Why wait for someone else to save you? Plus, I don't care about the citizens here or there or wherever. This isn't my land so it's not my problem."

Youzheng had no response.

"Are you just going to watch several hundred thousand people die?" Xiyue loudly questioned him.

"And what are they to me?" Li Qiye wasn't angry at her tone.

"You!" She glared and said indignantly: "Aren't you a master? Is your heart made of stone and your blood runs cold? You're no master, you don't have the bearings of one! You're just a cruel villain..."

"Don't be disrespectful!" Youzheng instantly yelled at her and apologized: "Young Noble, please forgive my disciple's indiscretion."

"Master, why are you apologizing to someone who turns a blind eye despite being capable? He's not worthy of respect..." She felt wronged.

Li Qiye looked at her and smiled: "Then you tell me why I should save them? They are strangers and I'm just a passerby. The world is vaster than you think with countless inhabitants. When a sect is destroyed, anywhere ranging from several hundred thousands or dozens of million people turn to ashes. Your city's death count would only be at the level of a third-rate sect's destruction, and this happens on a daily basis in Three Immortals. Ten thousand or so of these sects fall every year, not to mention numerous other problems and disasters. So, as you can see, your city is only a grain of sand in the desert. If I try and save everyone who is in need of saving, I would never have the time to do anything else. What about you? Do you think you're merciful and kind enough to save everyone? How many have actually done so in history?"

Xiyue couldn't come up with a quick response. She wasn't aware of the cruelty and dangers in the outside world.

Youzheng sighed as well. Unlike his disciple, he understood that if Li Qiye actually has the capability to save the city, his doing so would be out of mercy and kindness, but the opposite was logical as well.

Why should he save Mingluo City? Plus, the citizens here might not even appreciate his action. Some would think that it was his duty, that it was expected as a matter of course.

Li Qiye continued while looking at her: "No one will save you or those around you. You need to do it yourself. Hoping for a savior is irresponsible and showing laziness towards your dao. Plus, even if someone wants to play the role of a savior, then where do they start when so many are in trouble? Who is worthy of being saved? Who will make the rules and selection criteria? Thus, a savior will not save a particular city or race. They will only watch over the world itself and defend it when necessary - focusing on the grand scheme of things instead of saving individuals." [1]

She slowly digested the meanings behind his words. In the beginning, she thought that Li Qiye was being cruel for turning a blind eye. But now, her thinking slightly changed.

"You are right, Young Noble." Youzheng gently sighed and cupped his fist towards Li Qiye.

They couldn't force him to do anything. After all, each great master was eccentric and their ideals impossible to grasp.

Their conversation came to a halt because two newcomers have entered the ruins. Two youths; one walking in front and one lingering in the back.

The first had expensive clothes - a multi-feathered robe with phoenix engravings. The feathers came from special birds and emitted spirituality.

He wore a shiny golden crest, looking quite impressive. Each of his actions showed arrogance and pride as he looked down on the world.

The youth in the back was the opposite. His clothes were shabby in comparison, but his demeanor showed that he was a crafty one.

The well-dressed one carried a jade plate. After entering the ruins, this plate started glowing and shaking. He then told the one behind: "This place."

"Very well, don't worry, Young Noble Mu, I will order people to tidy up the area." The one behind hurried said with nothing but reverence.

The other youth nodded and put away his jade plate.

The two of them then noticed Li Qiye's group of three.

The crafty youth came over and cupped his fist towards Youzheng: "So it's you, Senior Wu, nice to see you."

"Same to you, Virtuous Nephew Xu. This young noble is?" Youzheng returned the gesture and asked about the well-dressed youth. He heard the name "Mu" earlier and felt his heart skip a beat.

The well-dressed one also walked over with a smile on his face: "Yingjian, introduce us."

His eyes were fixated on Lin Yixue, full of desires.

Yixue naturally sensed this gaze and slightly shifted over behind Youzheng.

"This is Young Noble Mu, a student of Puresword True Emperor's First Disciple." Xu Yingjian started the introduction: "Young Noble Mu, this is the sect master of Stoneclearing and Miss Lin."

Mu Chengjie's cultivation wasn't great but he was a favorite of his master. Moreover, in a small location like Mingluo, someone like Chengjie was considered a big shot.

Plus, the Luo also had deep ties with the Mu.

Youzheng was stirred after finding out the youth's identity. He didn't dare to show slight and immediately cupped his fist: "So it is Young Noble Mu, it's an honor to meet you."

"You're too kind." Chengjie nodded proudly; his eyes were still on Lin Xiyue the entire time: "Yingjian, I've only got here and don't know anyone. If Miss Lin is from the city, how about having her as my guide?"

"Well..." Yingjian didn't know how to answer this direct request.

Youzheng naturally read the situation perfectly well. He instantly responded: "I know this city very well, may I be your guide?"

"An old man like you is no fun." Chengjie became even more straightforward and waved his sleeve: "Miss, how about it? Take me around Mingluo and when you visit my clan later, I'll be your guide then."

This was both a threat and a tempting offer. After all, the Mu was an unreachable behemoth compared to this tiny city.

[Chapter 2577: The Mu? No Big Deal](#)

Remember, a sect like Stoneclearing could be found anywhere in Imperial Lineage.

Plus, Stone Harmony has declined so it didn't have any powerful lineage. The strongest one right now was the Luo Faction of Mingluo City, Xu Yingjian's sect.

All in all, one couldn't rely on any backer in Stone Harmony because everyone was weak. On the other hand, the Mu was among the top three behemoths in Imperial Lineage.

Being able to climb up to this behemoth was an honor for a sect like Stoneclearing. Moreover, Mu Chengjie was Puresword True Emperor's grand-disciple. His future was quite bright, so currying his favor was a good opportunity.

That's why Chengjie could be so unbridled. In his mind, taking a woman from this tiny place was no big deal. As long as he stated his identity and added some good words, so many female disciples would jump into his lap.

The same would apply for this girl ahead. He couldn't help wanting to do things because she looked so innocent and soft.

"No thank you." She refused right away.

Youzheng had a serious expression. This wasn't going to be good for their sect. Offending the Mu meant sure death since this clan could crush them like ants.

The swift refusal vexed Chengjie. His expression turned ugly - this village girl dares to refuse the grand-disciple of an emperor?!

"Being able to enter our clan is a supreme honor." His expression sank.

Youzheng quickly mediated: "Young Noble Mu, she's young and naive, please don't be offended."

He didn't wish to antagonize the Mu. That's not a clan they could afford to mess with.

"Old man, be smart and stand aside." Chengjie didn't look at the old man since his eyes were still on Yixue. He threatened: "Girl, I want you to be my woman tonight, it's not too late to follow me."

Such overbearing haughtiness made Yingjian lament his luck. Alas, there was nothing he could do outside of serving this young master.

"Pah!" Xiyue had nothing but contempt for this youth and hid behind Youzheng.

“Foolish woman.” Chengjie had enough of the humiliation and his eyes turned cold: “Obediently follow me now lest I become angry. At that point, it’ll be too late even if your seniors want to hand you over!”

“You!” Xiyue became furious.

“Why is there a dog barking here?” A leisure voice suddenly interrupted.

It was naturally Li Qiye speaking; his eyes still closed.

The two youths turned towards him since they didn’t notice him before. He looked too ordinary so Yingjian thought that he was only a regular disciple from Stoneclearing.

“Ignorant fool, don’t stick your nose in my business!” Chengjie didn’t give a damn about Li Qiye due to his normal appearance.

He revealed a murderous intent and threatened: “Break your arms and legs now then apologize or I will kill your entire clan!”

He no longer held back his brutality because there wasn’t a single sect in this system that could stop him. Not to mention his grandmaster, just his master alone could destroy the entire place. That’s why if he wanted a woman here, he will have her on top of killing everyone standing in his way!

“Slap.” Li Qiye still seemed to be sleeping while uttering one word.

“Pop!” Blood gushed out of the youth’s mouth along with broken teeth. His mouth changed shape as a result.

“Young Noble Mu!” Yingjian was shocked to see this.

Chengjie composed himself but still had a twisted grimace. He shouted: “Little animal, you dare to hit me?! I’m gonna cut you to pieces!”

“Clank!” He summoned a pair of gloves made from shiny pieces of metallic scales.

“Boom!” He furiously smashed downward like using two hammers, aiming straight for Li Qiye’s head. This carried enough force to break a mountain.

The enraged youth wanted nothing more than to smash the guy into a pulp so he went all out, mustering the majority of his true energy. Only by smashing the guy’s head into mashed potato would he be able to satiate this fury.

Alas, the result was unexpected. Yingjian thought Li Qiye’s skull was about to be broken.

However, Li Qiye easily stopped the dual-smash with a single finger.

“Ant.” Li Qiye didn’t bother looking at the youth. He added more force to his fingertip.

“Crack!” The gloves shattered.

Keep in mind that this treasure was personally crafted by Chengjie’s master using precious metals, extremely tough. Unfortunately, they broke like dried branches right now.

“Ah!” Even his hands crumbled with blood staining the broken pieces of the gloves. They were pulverized completely.

“Brat, do you, do you know who I am?!” Chengjie tried to run but couldn’t. There seemed to be an invisible hand grasping him tightly.

“Do ants have names?” Li Qiye calmly said.

“My, my grandmaster is Puresword True Emperor! The strongest being in Imperial! My Mu Clan is the strongest lineage in Imperial!” He boisterously revealed his backing.

He believed that the title of his grandmaster alone could scare anyone in this godforsaken city.

“I have heard of them.” Li Qiye smiled; his eyes still closed.

“Then what are you waiting for? I command you to release me! Hurt a hair of mine and the Mu will not spare you. You can run to the farthest ocean and my grandmaster will kill you all the same!” He bellowed.

“Young Noble, spare him this once.” Youzheng quietly begged. Just imagining the army of the Mu coming to this place made him shudder.

“The True Emperor is invincible under the heaven and can kill anyone regardless of the distance. Please show mercy.” Yingjian added, horrified. He wouldn’t be able to answer the superiors since he was Chengjie’s guide.

“All are ants. I’m planning to take a trip to that clan and flatten them anyway, so this is just fine.” Li Qiye said.

The group became stunned. The Mu and the great emperor were untouchable existences in their mind, but Li Qiye only viewed them as ants? Isn’t that insanely arrogant?

“Little animal, just this sentence alone of yours is punishable with the extermination of your nine clans...” Chengjie screamed.

“Pop!” Li Qiye slightly flicked his finger and what’s left of the youth scattered away with the wind.

“So noisy.” He said after rendering the youth down to blood.

The group was horrified and stumbled backward.

[Chapter 2578: Time To Leave](#)

Both Wu Youzheng and Xu Yingjian felt their hair standing on end, frozen on the spot with their mouth agape.

Even Lin Yixue was scared out of her mind. This was her first time seeing a person so easily rendered into a mist of blood.

All three were speechless while watching the mist of blood scatter to the wind.

Youzheng and Yingjian blanched at the result, fearing for the future. The youth was a member of the Mu, and not just a regular disciple. He was the grand-disciple of a True Emperor, so his status wasn't shabby in the clan.

But now, he has been killed in Mingluo City. Just imagine the consequence if the Mu were to find out.

They would certainly investigate a death when it's a regular disciple. As for the grand-disciple of the emperor? Their fury might result in the destruction of Mingluo.

Either the clan itself or the emperor alone could annihilate the city without any problem.

"You... you... really killed, killed him..." Yingjian stuttered.

He hoped that this was only a bad dream because he led Chengjie here. How could he respond to the guy's master and the Mu?

"Yep." Li Qiye nonchalantly said.

"Don't, don't you know that he's a Puresword True Emperor's grand-disciple, a favored member of the clan?" Yingjian was louder and impolite at the start before realizing his impropriety. He staggered backward and started speaking softer towards the end.

Li Qiye could easily kill Chengjie and he wasn't necessarily stronger than Chengjie, so Li Qiye could also do the same to him.

Fortunately enough, Li Qiye seemed to ignore his indiscretion.

"Young Noble, I'm, I'm afraid trouble is coming. I heard the Mu is very protective of their own, they won't drop this. The emperor himself might get involved." Youzheng said, aghast at the fact that they have provoked an emperor.

"Just one True Emperor. Don't waste your breath talking about this, I'll just need to kill him when he's here." Li Qiye said.

Youzheng and Yingjian were astounded. Li Qiye said "kill him" in such a casual manner when he was talking about an emperor.

"You, you have done it now, this is the end of Mingluo." Yingjian murmured.

"Scram." Li Qiye ordered insipidly without looking at the youth.

Yingjian shuddered in fear and immediately ran away, not daring to utter a retort.

Youzheng sighed after calming down. This whole thing seemed like a nightmare; he had never experienced so much anxiety before.

"Go now." Li Qiye didn't bother looking at the two before waving his sleeve: "Leave the city now. This is a troubled place that can go down at any moment."

Youzheng knew that someone of Li Qiye's power wouldn't need to lie to him. If he said that Mingluo is going down, it's going down.

“Thank you for your help, Young Noble. I’m ashamed that I can’t offer my assistance due to my shallow cultivation. The only thing I can do is forever be grateful for your kindness.” Youzheng got on the ground and said.

Li Qiye accepted the grand gesture; his eyes still closed.

The master-disciple duo began to leave. Yixue couldn’t help staring at Li Qiye and opening her mouth. Alas, she didn’t know what to say. In the beginning, she thought that he was a normal cultivator due to his appearance.

After leaving the ruins, her master sighed and said: “Xue’er, go tell your parents and clan members to gather their valuables and start evacuating the willing. We’ll be leaving Mingluo City.”

“We’re really leaving, Master?” She stopped walking.

“Yes.” Youzheng put on a serious expression: “As fast as possible. We need to be out of here in three days at the latest. Our sect’s disciples and their family members, as well as any willing citizens, will be leaving.”

“But... but this is our home. We have been here for generations, Master, are we really abandoning it?” She couldn’t accept this.

“I know.” Youzheng said helplessly: “Everyone in the sect has grown up here, but we have no choice right now.”

“Master, is there really no other way?” She knew each blade of leaf and tree in this place. Suddenly leaving her home was too much to handle.

“None.” Youzheng said: “A disaster is coming and the city will be just like White Orchid. Only a dark pit will be here.”

Yixue stood petrified. Leaving the safest and most prosperous place in her mind wasn’t easy.

“Where should we go then, Master?” She eventually asked. Despite her unwillingness, she had to follow her fellow sect members.

“Hmm...” Youzheng didn’t have a clue because Mingluo was the top city in Stone Harmony.

There were several other cities beside White Orchid, but they were on a smaller scale compared to Mingluo. Moreover, some of them were very far away.

Leaving the system wasn’t quite possible. Not to mention whether other systems would take them in or not, just getting there was the real challenge.

Their cultivation was too shallow and couldn’t fly across the long distance. A portal was required but their entire system had no such thing.

There might be portals left in the ruins. Alas, they were too weak to activate them.

One possibility was having another system activate these pathways for a fee. The question was - could they afford the payment?

Perhaps the entire Stoneclearing Sect could muster up the sum for him alone. However, bringing anyone else was impossible due to the fees.

Youzheng thought of one particular place - the area he went in for medicines. It was remote and safe in the mountains on top of being very large.

"I know a place. We'll move there for now until the storm is over, then we'll decide whether to rebuild or do something else." He comforted Xiyue and more importantly, himself.

"Okay, let's go." Xiyue didn't wallow in despair since there were many things to be done.

"Yue'er, leave Stone Harmony if you have the chance later. I'm sure our sect can muster the travel fee for you." Youzheng said while looking at the disciple he loves like a daughter.

"Why do you want me to leave?" She asked.

"It's over for Stone Harmony, people only await death here. Your talents aren't bad so you will have a chance to prove yourself and shine. The sect can actually gather enough money for one person."

"I..." She didn't know how to respond.

[Chapter 2579: Luo Faction](#)

Li Qiye waited in the ruins for the incoming darkness. He knew that this underground entity wouldn't be slumbering for long. It will appear again at the next target - Mingluo City.

He patiently sat despite the rains and winds since they didn't affect him in the slightest. Three days passed by just like that.

A series of urgent footsteps resounded along with ragged breathing, prompting him to open his eyes.

A while after, a figure rushed in, stumbling back and forth before falling in front of him.

"Save... save our sect..." The quivering girl begged, lacking the strength to even get up.

It was Lin Xiyue, bloodied and wounded. She has clearly been part of a tough battle.

He gently sighed and placed his hand above her head, pouring grand dao power into her.

She suddenly became spirited and full of life like the return of spring. Her wounds instantly healed without needing ointments and medicines.

"Young Noble, please, please help Stoneclearing!" She hastily beseeched since he was her last hope.

"What happened?" He remained emotionless.

"Luo Faction surrounded our sect, wanting to kill us all." She anxiously said.

Li Qiye raised his brow in response.

"Master wanted to leave Mingluo and was ready to bring the citizens along. Some have heard about the news and agreed to leave with us, but Luo Faction suddenly surrounded our sect and accused us of spreading disruptive rumors..." Her voice trailed off towards the end because she had also accused him of doing so before, fully aware of the irony.

So it turned out that Youzheng didn't only gather his disciples, he also tried to convince the inhabitants in the city to leave.

Stoneclearing was one of the strongest sects in Stone Harmony. If Luo Faction was considered to be number one, then Stoneclearing could be among the top five, perhaps even the top three.

Wu Youzheng himself was one of the few Grand True God in Stone Harmony.

He had a prestigious status in Mingluo, loved and respected by the people. That's why when he said a disaster was coming on top of evacuating his sect, many other inhabitants agreed to follow.

Everything happened smoothly until Luo Faction decided to interfere, wanting to take down Stoneclearing.

Their reason was very simple - that Stoneclearing wanted to disturb the peace and orders of Mingluo. This was affecting the very foundation of the city.

There was obviously another reason. As the saying goes, one mountain can't accommodate two tigers. This faction already harbored similar ideas in the past.

However, Stoneclearing was here before Luo Faction and had the trust of the citizens. Wu Youzheng was also very powerful.

That's why Luo Faction didn't dare to do anything in order to avoid killing one thousand enemies while losing eight hundred men.

This event gave them the perfect opportunity. Plus, Stoneclearing didn't have their defenses ready either.

They were weaker in the first place on top of being caught off guard. Hastily rushing into battle left them at a great disadvantage.

Youzheng and his fellow disciples fought while retreating at the same time. Eventually, they were forced inside their most resilient fort. Meanwhile, the Luo completely surrounded the area, ready for a siege.

Youzheng felt despair because of the failed evacuation on top of this unexpected attack. He suddenly thought of Li Qiye during this hopeless moment.

Because of this, they tried to break through several times and Lin Xiyue finally made it out to run here.

Li Qiye looked at her After hearing the full story, unmoved.

"Please save our sect..." She sobbed after seeing his expression since he was the only one who could save them.

Li Qiye gently sighed after seeing her tears and nodded: "Let's go."

"Really?" She became ecstatic and found herself in the air already, carried by Li Qiye.

Mingluo might seem like a large city to normal people, but Li Qiye only needed one step to appear on the battlefield.

There were several thousand disciples in black surrounding the fort. Their uniforms emitted a black luster under the sun. Their weapons had a cold glow as well, full of murderous intent. Any spectator would shudder at this sight.

These were the elites of Luo Faction. They were truly going all out in order to destroy Stoneclearing.

“How can Stoneclearing get out of this?” A neutral cultivator quietly said.

“I see Yang Tingyu personally presiding over this. He’s the only one who can suppress Sectmaster Wu. But, really, Sectmaster Wu is really strong for surviving Tingyu’s imperial arts.” Another replied.

“Shh, call him Faction Lord Yang, not by his name.” His friend immediately reminded him.

“Faction Lord Yang will be able to unify Stone Harmony soon.” An older cultivator said: “He’s still a disciple of Puresword True Emperor, so young yet already the strongest in the system. It makes sense for him to lead Stone Harmony.”

“He’s only a disciple in name.” Another old cultivator unhappily snorted.

“So what? He’s still a disciple.” The former responded: “Just that status alone is enough to threaten all of Stone Harmony. Who dares to oppose him?”

The other had no response.

Yang Tingyu was the current sect master of Luo Faction, also the greatest genius in the system - perhaps its strongest expert as a Grand True God.

Remember, Grand True Gods were the strongest existences in Stone Harmony. Only five or so were in this area.

The others were old men on the verge of death but Tingyu was still young and vigorous. Most importantly, he was a True Emperor’s disciple, albeit in name only.

During an outing in the past, the emperor took a favor and taught him a thing or two. Though he didn’t pass down any merit law, Tingyu could still be considered a disciple in name. The emperor himself implicitly agreed with this.

This achievement alone was enough for Tingyu to brag about for a lifetime in Stone Harmony.

After all, a True Emperor was untouchable. Being able to meet one was a glorious matter but Tingyu actually took it a step further.

That’s why despite his young age, he was on a path to become the leader of Stone Harmony. People praised him above his actual abilities.

The guy was also very ambitious and wanted to unify the system. Destroying Stoneclearing was a very important step in his conquest.

[Chapter 2580: Yang Tingyu](#)

The inhabitants of Mingluo held their breath during the containment. Ordinary mortals were powerless to get involved in a feud between cultivators.

Though Stoneclearing had a good reputation and their sect master was beloved by the people, no cultivators dared to speak up for them right now, let alone joining in.

Luo Faction prospered in the present, especially after Yang Tingyu became its leader. Everyone could see that this guy had boundless potential, definitely able to become an Ascender - perhaps even an Eternal. He was the real deal.

Due to these circumstances, who would want to become his enemies or offend him? Everyone could see that unification under him was only a matter of time.

The black-armored soldiers have surrounded the fort in entirety and Stoneclearing was making its last struggle. A defeat was inevitable.

“Stoneclearing is going to be history.” An older cultivator became emotional and took a deep breath.

It wasn’t only out of pity because they could be the next victims after Stoneclearing. Alas, there was nothing they could do to stop Yang Tingyu’s pace.

Wu Youzheng was extremely worried and continued to look towards the ruins. Though they managed to break Lin Yixue out, he wasn’t confident in Li Qiye coming for help, not even in the slightest.

After all, they didn’t know Li Qiye so why should he help their sect? A master like him was completely unpredictable with conventional wisdom.

He was wounded after fighting against Yang Tingyu’s domineering imperial arts. The only reason he managed to survive was due to his ample energy.

He knew that they wouldn’t be able to resist the faction for long after several more attacks. If Li Qiye didn’t appear then, destruction was imminent.

“Master, will that person come?” A disciple next to him asked. His peers were shuddering while looking at the combatants sieging them.

They have tried several times to break through but only ended up with heavy casualties.

“He should.” Youzheng murmured, trying to raise morale for both his disciples and himself.

In this blink of an eye, two people descended from the sky and landed in front of the fort, standing before the sieging army.

Youzheng immediately noticed this and shouted with jubilation: “He’s here!”

“Thank goodness, we’re saved now.” Tears filled his eyes since he was ready for the worst but at the very last moment, a savior has appeared.

The appearance of these two naturally caused a stir.

“Isn’t that the girl who ran away earlier? Why is she back, does she have a death wish?” A spectator became surprised.

Another paid attention to Li Qiye: “Who is that guy? Reinforcement? That’s useless because no one in our system is stronger than Yang Tingyu and his faction.”

“Clank!” Many black-armored soldiers turned and aimed their sharp spears at Li Qiye, full of bloodthirst.

“It’s you!” Xu Yingjian was astounded to see this person and staggered backward: “Be on guard!”

The soldiers obeyed and surrounded Li Qiye, ready to kill.

Yingjian regretted being unable to stop Yixue from escaping earlier. He didn’t think she would be able to invite this man.

“Who is this brat?” Yingjian’s serious reaction took the crowd off guard.

Everyone shook their head since they didn’t recognize Li Qiye, let alone know who he is. He didn’t look like a master at all.

“Hmph!” A thunderous snort resounded. The soldiers made way as a group came forward.

This group consisted of many experts from Luo Faction.

“Yang Tin-, no, Faction Lord Yang is here.” The spectators put on a respectful act.

Yang Tingyu looked quite gallant with an exceptional presence. He wore a big robe while his cloak fluttered in the wind - definitely looking like an impressive lord.

“You’re the master in the ruins.” He coldly asked while glaring at Li Qiye.

Li Qiye chuckled and shook his head: “My name is Li Qiye, people refer to me as Fiercest, remember this well.”

“Li Qiye, Fiercest?” The crowd exchanged glances of confusion. No one has heard of this person before. The guy was boasting about being the fiercest? That’s a very arrogant title.

Tingyu stared intensely at Li Qiye before speaking: “We’re not enemies. The Mu Clan will deal with your murder of that child. Today, it is an internal matter of our system, outsiders shouldn’t get involved. So, please, stand aside, don’t interfere with our feud.”

This respectful response surprised people again. Why was Tingyu so courteous towards this ordinary person? Remember, it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that Tingyu is standing at the apex in Stone Harmony.

However, he was right about one thing. In Three Immortals, outsiders really shouldn’t interfere with internal affairs or the feuds between members of one system. It was a known taboo.

Sects might be killing each other but they were still considered as part of the same system. They didn’t need others to get involved.

“Oh? That’s your problem but I’m here now. Be smart and scram or I’ll make blood flows like rivers.”

Jaws dropped to the ground and eyes started seeing stars. People couldn’t calm down.

“Does he not know who he is facing? That’s the number one master in our Stone Harmony.” One spectator blurted.

“Who the hell is he? Boasting like that against Yang Tingyu.” An older cultivator said.

“You!” Yang Tingyu’s expression soured while taking one step backward from shock. His eyes became fierce: “You are too arrogant, this is Stone Harmony...”

“I know. I won’t repeat myself again, scram.” Li Qiye interrupted with a hand wave.

Yang Tingyu turned red since he has never experienced such disdain before in Stone Harmony. While outside the system, everyone knew that he was an emperor’s disciple so even the experts treated him with courtesy.

Now, such public disdain forced him to make a move or his reputation and prestige would be gone with the wind. It would deter his ambitious path towards unification.

He decided to bark back: “You’re pushing it! Our Luo Faction has never been afraid of anyone before. Anyone who dares to act all that in Stone Harmony will become ours and the entire system’s enemy!”

“Sword.” Li Qiye ignored the guy and raised his hand.

The shocked Yixue regained her wits and brought her sword over. Li Qiye casually unsheathed the sword without looking over and said: “Flee now, or it will be too late once I make my move.”

“Get ready for battle!” The alarmed Yingjian commanded the soldiers.