

## **Domination 111**

### **Chapter 111 : Sky Shouldering Ape (1)**

“Eight Gale Blades—”

At this moment, Li Qiye uttered a long sound and yelled:

“Have a taste of Little Brat Min Ren’s favorite technique!”

Finished with these words, the shadow of the Invisible Dual Blades became faster and eight blade edges swept all of the directions. Suddenly, there was a visceral rain of blood.

Li Qiye rampaged amidst the wolves and killed them in the most vivid manner. Not long after, there were mountains of corpses while blood flowed like the rivers. The stench of the blood pierced the nose, causing a nauseous feeling.

Li Qiye unleashed seven blades after seven steps, and the blades’ edges skyrocketed. The Invisible Dual Blades were extremely formidable. Even though they were made from mortal steel, after aggregating the essence of Immortal Emperor Min Ren, they were no less than any Life Treasure.

Over a short amount of time, Li Qiye had killed so many wolves that he had lost count.

“Rawrr —” Finally, the Earth Wolf Monarch, at three thousand year of age, let out a sad bellow. A blade immediately cut through its neck.

The head of the Wolf Monarch was like golden metal. Its nails were sharp like cold steel, and its fangs could even tear through armor with a lightning-like speed. However, under the presence of the Invisible Dual Blades, its neck could only be instantly slashed.

When its head fell to the floor, Li Qiye, with his two hands crossed behind his back, suddenly unleashed a backhanded blade, like a butterfly playing with the flowers, directly through his ribs.

Fresh blood shot up and the figure behind Li Qiye froze. The dual blades edged the figure into two halves.

This was not a wolf, but a strange monster. It had the body of a badger, with two wings protruding from its ribs. There was an old tree branch on top of its head. This monster was either a four-footed beast or a Longevity Spirit.

“Where there are Earth Wolves, there will be blood-sucking Wretched Plant Spirits. Unfortunately, I had noticed you earlier.”

Li Qiye sheathed his blades and leisurely smiled while looking at the fallen monster.

This monster had its eye wide open because it was readying a sneak attack. However, it had no chance to make a move before it was struck by Li Qiye. It thought that it could kill Li Qiye with a surprise attack, but Li Qiye was faster.

Longevity Spirits were fierce existences that were well known, just like Heavenly Beasts, in this world. However, Longevity Spirits were even more frightening than Heavenly Beasts.

Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits were two entirely different races. The Heavenly Beasts in the legends that came into being at the very beginning, during the era of the gods, were known as some of the most ancient creatures. The most horrifying thing about Heavenly Beasts was that they possessed an extremely strong body that was able to stop Life Treasures and True Treasures. Their claws were able to even tear through Life Treasures and godly armors.

As for Longevity Spirits, there were two different claims to their origin. One believed that it was a type of monster raised by the world. The other claim assumed that they were demons with the blood of immortal devils. However, as for what the lineages of the immortal devils were, no one knew for sure. Regardless, most people believed in the second claim and considered Longevity Spirits to be an evil creature!

Same lifespan Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits were close in power, but to cultivators, Longevity Spirits were more frightening.

The reason was very simple. For a Heavenly Beast, when there were people invading its territory, it would appear and fight, and would even eat the humans.

However, Longevity Spirits were different. When people were in the wilderness, they could have been unknowingly targeted by a Longevity Spirit. Once targeted, it would be very difficult to escape.

Longevity Spirits were like the ghosts in the dark. They would often come and go without casting a single shadow. They didn't possess tough and unrivalled bodies like the Heavenly Beasts, nor did they have their sharp claws, but the Longevity Spirits could borrow the power of the heaven and earth and use the grand dao to kill the enemy.

Once a Longevity Spirit took action, it would normally be a one-hit kill. They wouldn't make a move unless they were certain and then, they would also suck the blood dry from their prey.

Thus, there was a saying amongst cultivators: meeting a Heavenly Beast, there is a chance for survival; meeting a Longevity Spirit, unless it is dead, you will be dead!

Even so, Longevity Spirits were still as valuable as Heavenly Beasts. The Longevity Blood of the spirits were the main medicinal ingredient of blood medicines. Also, the life rings of these spirits were used by cultivators to create Longevity Treasures.

There was one special thing about Longevity Spirits. They were like the trees, and they had life rings, one year would be equivalent to one ring.

Seeing the bodies of the wolves scattered on the ground, Li Qiye couldn't help but shake his head with a helpless feeling. With so many bodies, it would take such a long time to gather the marrows and bones from them, but there was no other choice. At the moment, the sect's foundation was still shallow and lacking in resources. The new disciples absolutely needed these marrows and bones.

Li Qiye killed many beasts and spirits on his way towards the west. The beasts and spirits became stronger. In the beginning, he was able to come out unscathed, but later on, using all of his means to kill the powerful monsters, he became wounded in many places.

Despite this being the case, Li Qiye became more ferocious and bloodthirsty the more he fought. Inadvertently, his body carried a ferocious presence and had a murderous aura. This aura became even

more corporeal. Li Qiye's gaze caused others to feel as if there was a ferocious beast watching them, giving rise to goosebumps.

Cruel and unmerciful fighting was the best test for Li Qiye, the best type of devilish training. Struggling in such a dangerous place was the best way for Li Qiye to regain the sensation of that year, when he plotted against the entire world — a feeling of flying freely high in the sky and diving deep into the sea.

“Kill—”

Li Qiye roared and the Dark Space Transformation appeared. The world no longer had a spatial gap. He immediately appeared before a Longevity Spirit and slashed it from behind.

This Sinister Bird Plant was fifty thousand years old. From under his blade, it suddenly disappeared — Li Qiye knew this was a bad sign and he felt pain from behind his back. Even at his maximum speed, he was still slashed by the dao runes of the Sinister Bird Plant, and his blood began to spurt from the gash.

A fifty thousand year old Longevity Spirit was a frightening existence. Even cultivators at the Named Hero level would be weary of them. The winner between the two would not be clear.

Li Qiye's shadow instantly flashed and his body jumped up high. The moment his shadow reappeared, he was already one thousand zhang away. He disappeared and reappeared again and again.

The Kun Peng's Six Variants, Dark Space Transformation — space belonged to my will! Li Qiye had mastered the profound truths of the Kun Peng's Six Variants, but his cultivation was still shallow. Otherwise, with the Dark Space Transformation, he could easily travel a thousand miles with a single step.

The Sinister Bird Plant also chased after Li Qiye, who suddenly escaped. It flashed and disappeared towards Li Qiye's direction.

Li Qiye ran into the thick forest and finally ended up at a peak. The speed of the Sinister Bird Plant was also frightening and it kept on chasing Li Qiye down. However, after reaching this peak, Li Qiye's flashing figure disappeared completely.

Once locked onto a prey, the Sinister Bird Plant would never let it go, so it immediately hovered in the air to find Li Qiye.

But suddenly, Li Qiye appeared behind it with the Dark Space Transformation. There was no distance between the two!

The Sinister Bird Plant flashed, wanting to escape. This was the reason why Longevity Spirits were so annoying to deal with. They were like ghosts and wouldn't fight directly. After missing a strike, they would hide and wait for another opportunity.

“It is too late, Sinister Bird, this old man is fed up with you.”

Li Qiye roared. He pointed his finger to the sky and yelled:

“Have a taste of a Heaven's Will Secret Law.”

“Boom—”

With one finger defying the heavens, Li Qiye's chest suddenly became as bright as the sky. The Sinister Bird Plant lost its color as a powerful aura came down from the sky. The finger of Li Qiye, in a flash, became the heaven's will.

Who dared not to follow the will of the heavens. This finger become the heaven's will, with accompanying brilliances; one finger carried the power of the ten thousand daos.

"Nooo—"

The spirit bellowed, wanting to escape, but it had no chance. As a Longevity Spirit, it could channel the grand dao, but under the heaven's will, it couldn't communicate with the grand dao. Under the heaven's will, how could the fireflies compare to the brilliance of the moon!

"Chiii—"

Blood exploded along with floating feathers. Under this one finger, the Sinister Bird Plant became scattered ashes and dispersed smoke.

Heaven's Will Secret Laws were extremely frightening. All Emperor merit laws, no matter how powerful, would pale in comparison! The heaven's will alone ruled all of the ten thousand daos. Under the dao of the heaven, the power of the ten thousand daos seemed insignificant!

This was why, whenever cultivators were fighting against their enemies, their worst fear was to meet a Heaven's Will Secret Law. This was the highest achievement of an Immortal Emperor after shouldering the Heaven's Will. Nothing could exceed the Heaven's Will Secret Law!

"This Little Brat Min Ren's Heaven's Will Secret Law is really amazing."

Li Qiye murmured. He then covered the opening of his wound. The pain was so terrible that even Li Qiye had to grit his teeth to withstand the sensation.

Li Qiye borrowed the Daylight Sky Merit Law in order to help the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect find the Daylight Sky Immortal Secret, but he also practiced it when it was convenient. Of course, he knew about the terrifying power of the Heaven's Will Secret Law, but he tried his best not to use it. This Heaven's Will Secret Law would cause others to drool. The sect wouldn't want to let others know about it at this moment; otherwise, many extremely powerful sects and nations would become envious with greed.

Li Qiye also didn't want to rely on the Heaven's Will Secret Law too much, he had many other means. When it wasn't necessary, he wouldn't use it.

After killing the Sinister Bird Plant, Li Qiye disappeared and continued westbound.

Far in the ravine and inside a deep cave, Li Qiye hunkered down inside and channeled the "Revolving Crescent Sun Merit Law". He also activated his blood to form the "Kun Peng's Six Variants" while devouring the energy of the heaven and earth.

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The essence of the world was too dense here. In such a short period of time, the world's energy quickly flew into Li Qiye like a river, into his Master Palace where the essence was absorbed by his True Fate.

Li Qiye kept on going west while cultivating and moving at the same time. Outside of killing Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits, he also used this place's essence to increase his cultivation.

At this moment, Li Qiye finally created his second Fate Palace. As a Vice Palace, it was even bigger than the Master Palace. The second Fate Palace does not have the True Fate, but when the True Fate was absorbing the world's essence, it could also move the world's essence into the second Fate Palace.

After opening a new Fate Palace, it would need to be supplied with the world's energy. Without energy, it wouldn't be able to have a gushing spring or an igniting fire and a breaking ground...

There were five levels in the Provisional Palace realm. From lowest to highest, they are: One Starting Palace, Two Gushing Springs, Three Igniting Fires, Four Breaking Grounds, and Five Rising Pillars.

The One Starting Palace was the formation of a new Fate Palace in the Ni Gong meridian. Two Gushing Springs was about establishing a route with the Spring of Life. Three Igniting Fires was about increasing the fire of life, allowing one's essence to be as powerful as the flames...

Another difference between the Master and Vice Palace was that the Master Palace naturally had a Spring of Life, a Cauldron of Life, a Tree of Life, and a Pillar of Life. Only after cultivation could the Vice Palaces also have these things.

At this moment, inside the Vice Palace, the fire essence was burning and the Spring of Life was filled with water, along with a brilliant Tree of Life...

"Boom—"

At this time, in the second Fate Palace, there was a loud bang. The Pillar of Life suddenly rose up and the grand dao's runes continuously floated about, filling up the palace with the world's essence.

Li Qiye had successfully broken through to the Five Rising Pillars level. After this step was the Inner Longevity Realm.

In fact, using the amazing property of the Revolving Crescent Sun Merit Law, Li Qiye could have broken through this level much earlier, but because of the sect's matters, his cultivation speed was delayed for quite some time.

After entering the Evil Infested Ridge, the world's energy here was so dense that it greatly helped Li Qiye's cultivation speed.

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"Bang— Bang— Bang—"

The world was extremely bright at this moment. In the depths of the Evil Infested Ridge, in the desolate mountain ranges, there seemed to be two giants fighting. The two fought until the earth was cracked and the heaven was frozen, crushing the rivers and shattering the mountains.

Right now, Li Qiye's body was struck flying away through five mountains. His entire body was covered with blood. However, his opponent was not any better; it was damaged by Li Qiye's Hell Suppressing Godly Physique. Its entire rib cage was crushed and its gigantic body continued to retreat backwards, destroying many mountains.

Li Qiye got up from the rubble and spat out some blood. His eyes became bright, and as he channeled the Hell Suppressing Godly Physique, his bones began to shake. All of the broken bones — along with his muscles — connected together once more.

Li Qiye's opponent was a giant ape, towering at one thousand zhang high. It was big enough to destroy a mountain with one punch and traverse a river with one step.

The Sky Shouldering Ape — a Heavenly Beast at two hundred thousand years of age. Even a Royal Noble would not dare to provoke one and would have to take the long way around. However, Li Qiye just had to go and fight it.

At this moment, Li Qiye had met his match. Compared to Longevity Spirits, Li Qiye preferred Heavenly Beasts. Because they relied on direct confrontation, it would be easier to activate the hidden potential of the Hell Suppressing Godly Physique. Only in a life and death crisis would he be able to refine the maximum potential of this physique!

Both sides did not use any techniques nor merit laws, they were only confronting with the pure force of the collisions of their physical bodies. The person with the last laugh would not be the one with the higher cultivation or refined techniques, but the one with the strongest body.

“Come again!”

Li Qiye crazily screamed again. He was like a mad ox, rushing forward. Each of his steps crushed the earth, detonating the ground that became littered with debris.

To a Heavenly Beast like the Sky Shouldering Ape, Li Qiye's attitude was provocative and he was challenging its honor. It was a giant monster that used its body to destroy the enemy. With one foot, it could destroy a mountain. If it became crazy, it could destroy a mountain ten thousand zhang high with one blow.

However, a human — the size of an ant — dared to compete in physiques with it; this was so insulting! So, the Sky Shouldering Ape roared and also rushed forward, emitting loud “boom, boom”, freezing the sky and shattering the earth.

With the last “Bang”, Li Qiye jumped on top of a mountain. He used the Hell Suppressing Godly Physique to destroy this mountain and used the momentum to propel himself forward while channeling his physique to its maximum limit.

“Boom—”

The two sides collided. Like two mountains ramming into each other, they destroyed the nearby peaks!

Blood sprayed like a spring in the air. Both sides flew more than one thousand miles away. Li Qiye crashed through an entire mountain while the Sky Shouldering Ape also shattered a few peaks.

Li Qiye was covered in blood, and there were cracks all over his body! The Hell Suppressing Godly Physique was hard and heavy; to break it was more prohibitive than reaching the heavens. However, at this moment, Li Qiye really had met his match.

The physique competition between the two was still undecided! Li Qiye's body was almost cracked, but the Sky Shouldering Ape was not any better.

“Kill—”

The war was far from over. Li Qiye crazily rushed forward, again, with a loud battle cry.

As for the Sky Shouldering Ape, it was not willing to lose to an ant, so it also started its offense on Li Qiye!

“Boom— Boom— Boom””

In a short amount of time, they exchanged many blows. If spectators were to see this, their eyes would drop to the floor due to this spectacular sight. One man and one ape, fighting each other in this desolate mountain, they collided without breaks. Not using any techniques nor laws nor treasures, only body against body!

If people were to see how heaven defying Li Qiye was with his matchless body, they would quickly lose all colors. He was only at the Inner Longevity realm, yet his physique was equal to Royal Nobles, or even Enlightened Beings. This was such a terrifying physique! If it wasn't a grand completion Saint Physique, then at the very least, it would still be a grand completion King Physique!

One has to be aware that a grand completion King Physique could easily crush Royal Nobles and Enlightened Beings — an extremely frightening physique!

“Bang—”

This battle went on for a whole day. Finally, the two giants fell down to the ground, splitting the rivers and crushing the earth. The blood of the Sky Shouldering Ape painted this ground crimson.

As for Li Qiye, he was also on his deathbed. At this moment, his entire body was torn apart, but he was still brilliantly smiling. This absolute physical competition, he was the last man smiling — A supreme Immortal Physique, it was number one in this world!

Even though Li Qiye had many methods to kill the Sky Shouldering Ape — such as schemes — but that would take away the fun from the challenge. To Li Qiye, only a tough fight like this was the real challenge!

Li Qiye had to fully lay there for one whole month before he finally finished healing his injuries. Within this process, countless amounts of blood energy poured up and down, like a spring, to recover his wounds.

After one month, Li Qiye extracted the beast marrow and dao bones of the Sky Shouldering Ape and continued to head west.

When Li Qiye was honing his own cultivation, the liveliness had just begun in the Evil Infested Ridge.

The truth was that, since the Evil Infested Ridge opened early and was outside of everyone's expectations, many sects and nations missed the chance to enter this time around.

From the beginning, the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, as the host, had already started removing the small sects and sect-less cultivators that were trying to come in during the chaos. The smart ones would leave; otherwise, they would die to the hands of the Royal Nobles from the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, and their corpses would remain in this ridge.

Of course, to some of these people, the Evil Infested Ridge was filled with temptations. Even when they knew that they would be completely annihilated by the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, they still hid in different places inside and hoped to be lucky that their entire force wouldn't be annihilated.

As the host, the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom maintained order. Only the grand sects, powerful nations, or extreme experts were allowed to enter the ridge. They had set out and embarked on a journey to find the treasures within.

Due to the fact that only cultivators under the Ancient Saint realm could enter the ridge, it meant that Enlightened Beings were the most powerful cultivators inside, and that they could dominate one direction.

However, against the dangers of the Evil Infested Ridge, Enlightened Beings were not enough! One had to know that, not mentioning million year Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits, when meeting just three hundred thousand years old Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits, even Enlightened Beings had to retreat. Against these ancient beasts, even Ancient Saints could only be eaten alive!

In fact, after the recent end of the Difficult Dao Era, not many Enlightened Beings came out because very few people broke through to the Enlightened Being level during the Difficult Dao Era.

During the last thirty thousand years, many Enlightened Beings disappeared into the earth for so long and wouldn't easily come out.[1. In this novel, if cultivators want to live for a long time, they bury themselves under the earth for long hibernations – especially at the ancestor level]

Inside the ridge, there were not that many Enlightened Beings, only the grand sects and powerful nations had some.

The main forces were made up of Named Heroes and Royal Nobles; many of the ancient sects and nations were leaving this great opportunity to their younger generation!

This was why many sects formed powerful alliances, it was in order to face the dangers inside the Evil Infested Ridge.

Of course, there were some powerful existences that had capable units and didn't form alliances with others. They only used their own strength to enter the ridge — such as the Heavenly Southern Kingdom, the Jiang Zuo Clan, the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom...

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In the last thirty thousand years, some people divided the areas inside the ridge into many regions, and each region was around three to five thousand miles long.

Of course, these distances were calculated starting from their door that they had just come from. The first starting zone within the five thousand mile radius was considered the common area. Even though there were Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits in this place, they were all under ten thousand years old. To the powerful sects and nations, this area was safe for people to freely move about.

From five to eight thousand miles away, it was called the harvest area. This area was suitable for the disciples of these sects to find treasures and kill Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits for their beast marrow, dao bones, longevity blood, and life rings...



Plus, the dangers were not great inside this area. Thus, to the powerful sects, this region belonged to them for their disciples.

Around the nine to fifteen thousand mile radius lies the challenge area. Only Royal Nobles would dare to come inside. There were many one hundred thousand year old beasts in this place. Ordinary disciples would only be courting death if they enter.

This area was the zone for the Named Heroes and Royal Nobles since the items here were more suitable for them and they usually yielded superlative results.

Twenty thousand miles away was the dangerous areas. Only Enlightened Beings would dare to go and dig for treasures and kill beasts in this zone.

After twenty thousand miles was the extremely dangerous area. How dangerous it would be was dependent on one's luck. If one was unlucky, then they would be met with five hundred thousand year old beasts. If one's fortune was decent, then they would be met with three hundred thousand year old beasts.

Naturally, these areas gave birth to great treasures and metals, along with medicinal plants. The corpses of these beasts were of extremely high value and would make others become mouth-watery, as well.

After thirty thousand miles... No one dared to be involved with this area. There were some that considered this to be a no man's land. There was a chance to meet with one million year old beasts inside this area. Going inside was simply courting death. Even Enlightened Beings wouldn't be enough to fill the gaps between the teeth of these monstrous beasts.[1. This is an expression meaning that they could eat so many Enlightened Beings at the same time that some would get stuck inside their teeth, but since Enlightened Beings are so weak and tiny, they wouldn't be enough]

As for how big this no man's land was, no one was clear because no one had ever entered this area. It was suicidal to enter!

There were rumors that deep inside the Evil Infested Ridge was a legendary ferocious being. Some say that there will be Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits at three million years of age, or even older — they were the highest of existences. Even if a Virtuous Paragon were to meet with these beasts, it would be hard to say who would die in whose hands.

Another rumor stated that there was an evil demon lurking inside, a living legend of the demons. Even Virtuous Paragons would only be seeking death when they meet it.

No matter what, no one dared to even enter the no man's land, let alone the deepest part of the Evil Infested Ridge.

The sects inside the ridge immediately took action. No one wanted to linger for even half a second because someone else could have taken their territories during this wait.

Within a short period of time, this desolate area became very lively. The sects that knew that they were ordinary occupied the common area and raided this place thoroughly in order to find treasures. The stronger sects went into the harvest area. These sects all have elites that number from several hundred to one thousand. They were like the tsunami as they swept through the Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Beasts in this zone for their longevity blood and dao bones!

As for the challenge area, only the great lineages laid claims to these areas. Only the Heavenly Southern Kingdom, the Jiang Zuo Clan, and the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom dared to enter. As for the Violet Cloud Sect and the Flying Dragon Lake, they could only enter the harvest area.

“Little Wan Ge Wa actually dug out a piece of Three Runes Grand Dao Metal!”

In this ridge, countless eyes were staring at others. Any sects that were able to obtain something good weren't able to hide it from the eyes of others.

“Sect Master Fei Xie Zong was able to pick an eighty thousand year old Green Dan Fruit! He was lucky enough to find a spirit fruit for Blood Medicine.”

“The Bao Ju Sect and the Dao He Alliance chased a one hundred and eighty thousand year old Longevity Spirit for more than one thousand miles before they were able to share the longevity blood and life ring.”

Naturally, there were also sects working together to ambush beasts for their blood and bones.

“The Ji Shan Holy Ground dug a one thousand zhang deep hole on a mountain peak and was able to find a Five Runes King Iron!”

There were also sects who gathered their disciples to dig the ground, and they found Grand Dao Life Metals!

Grand Dao Life Metals were the materials required to create Life Treasures. Any cultivator could use them to refine their own Life Treasure.

It was different for a True Treasure. For a cultivator, there was only one True Fate, so the majority of them only had one True Treasure. However, Life Treasures were different. Any of these metals could refine one or two Life Treasures.

So, the materials for Life Treasures were in extremely high demand, and even more hot than the Destiny True Crystals.

There were two types of materials needed to create a Life Treasure. First, the Grand Dao Life Metals; second, the dao bones of Heavenly Beasts.

Dao bones could be obtained by slaying Heavenly Beasts, but Grand Dao Life Metals had to be dug from the ground. Plus, the higher grade metals were only found in dangerous areas.

Grand Dao Life Metals, spirit pills and medicinal plants, beast marrows and dao bones... Any cultivator that came to the Evil Infested Ridge all had some sort of rewarding harvest.

News continued to come, but the Evil Infested Ridge was also bathed in blood. This blood didn't only belong to the Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits, but also from cultivators who died in the beasts' hands.

“The crown prince of the City Toppling Nation lost three hundred experts and had their blood sucked dry just to kill a one hundred thousand year old Longevity Spirit.”

When the cultivators were killing Longevity Spirits, the beasts and spirits inside the Evil Infested Ridge also considered this the moment of a grand feast. Many powerful beings continuously maneuvered in order to hunt their own prey.

“Five hundred disciples from the Heart Seeking Mountain met a two hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast. They were all slaughtered in the battle!”

“The disciples of the Red River Valley accidentally went into a flame cave and were trapped to death, inside. In the end, only the valley master was able to escape; the rest of the disciples were burned to ashes!”

However, the dangers in the ridge were not limited to just Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits. There were dangerous grounds that could devour humans as well.

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At this point, the entire ridge became a grand feast. Whether it was for cultivators or for the Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits, both sides began to sweep through each other and the culling had begun. The stench of blood lingered in this world. Even though there was good news each day, there were also nightmarish stories spread around.

However, the sects and nations that were powerful enough were victorious in all of their battles. Nothing could stop them as they swept through an entire direction. Their rich harvest made the eyes of others red with envy, such as the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom or the Heavenly Southern Kingdom.

“Marquis of the Eastern River slayed a two hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast!”

In a few short days, there was a piece of news that caused everyone to change their expressions and shudder.

“A two hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast? Even a Royal Noble couldn’t beat one, how did Marquis of the Eastern River kill it?”

There was someone who was skeptical, and asked.

“Marquis of the Eastern River had one thousand riders that formed the “Six Wise Monarchs Formation”. They trapped the Heavenly Beast for three days and three nights before finally killing it.”

An eyewitness explained.

When met with a two hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast, even Royal Nobles would be fearful and would even retreat, yet the young Marquis of the Eastern River was able to slay it — truly incredible.

“The Six Wise Monarchs Formation!”

A person who knew of this grand formation took a deep breath.

The Six Wise Monarchs Formation was the grand formation of the Jiang Zuo Clan, used to protect itself. It was created by Virtuous Monarch Jiang Zuo, and it had slain Heavenly Kings and Virtuous Paragons!

Someone was amazed of Marquis of the Eastern River’s strength and emotionally said:

“Even though Marquis of the Eastern River was only bestowed the title of Hou by the country, he has one foot in the realm of Royal Noble and already has the power of a Royal Noble.”

People were convinced of Marquis of the Eastern River and were also envious of the fact that he could seize the beast marrow and dao bones of a two hundred thousand years old Heavenly Beast. These were extremely great and valuable items.

“Nantian Hao fortunately went inside an ancient cave and seized a Verdant Copper, a part of the Six Runes Saint Copper!”

The power of Marquis of the Eastern River made others astonished, but the luck of Nantian Hao was also fortuitous. In just a few short days, these news were spread far and wide.

“Verdant Copper, Six Runes, ah! This is a good item, even millions of refined crystals wouldn’t be able to buy it.”

One person who heard this news was both envious and jealous and said:

“The challenge area indeed has many great treasures. It even had a Six Runes Saint Copper!”

Hearing this good news, many cultivators took a risk and ventured into the challenge area. Of course, for many of these cultivators, this was welcoming their deaths.

Grand Dao Life Metals were born naturally into this world and had innate dao runes. Only the ones with dao runes would be formally called Grand Dao Life Metals.

Each of them contained the dao runes from the ancient eras! These dao runes were called Grand Dao Metal Runes or Grand Dao Life Metals. To Life Treasures, these metals were indeed too precious.

For example, when a Grand Dao Life Metal had the dao runes of “Fire”, one could refine it using the “Violet Fire Merit” or “Heavy Flame Law” to smelt it and turn it into a Grand Dao Metal Rune.

Using the appropriate merit laws with the same element when refining these metals would yield a Life Treasure with double the power.

### **Chapter 114 : Verdant Copper (2)**

Of course, the power of these dao runes couldn’t be activated by everyone. Only experts above the Royal Noble realm would be able to truly utilize the power of the Grand Dao Life Runes.

One Grand Dao Life Metal could contain one Grand Dao Life Rune, or even two or three. In short, the more runes there were, the more precious the metal was.

It could be said that metals that contained more than three dao runes would be something that couldn’t be bought with even a million refined crystals. Cultivators named metals having four to five runes as King Iron, ones that had six to seven runes were called Saint Coppers, and ones that had eight to nine were called Immortal Gold!

A Six Runes Verdant Copper was something that would cause people’s eyes to become reddened with greed. Its value was much higher than the beast marrow and dao bones obtained by Marquis of the

Eastern River. It was no wonder why people couldn't help but venture into the challenge area after hearing the news.

"Shengtian Dao used his own strength to kill a one hundred and fifty thousand year old Longevity Spirit, and he came out unscathed!"

But there was an even more shocking message that came from the Heavenly God Sect.

"Using his own strength to kill such a Longevity Spirit!"

Hearing this news, many people took a deep chilling breath. Longevity Spirits were much more dangerous than Heavenly Beasts. Being targeted by one would make people feel like there was a gigantic mountain lurking behind them. Killing one was simply unimaginable.

"This is a true Royal Noble, he's much stronger than Marquis of the Eastern River."

Even the unconvinced people had to admit that Shengtian Dao was way too formidable.

A Royal Noble at such a young age — this was an enviable matter. Plus, under the today's situation, Shengtian Dao appeared to be even more powerful than a veteran Royal Noble! An ordinary Royal Noble couldn't compare to him, and same with the other geniuses in the Grand Middle Territory.

"Shengtian Dao — born with a Saint Fate, exceedingly high talents, and extreme intelligence; he easily understood the grand dao and laws."

A sect master enviously exclaimed and continued:

"Having such a descendant, it would be a certainty that the Heavenly God Sect would continue to grow. I'm afraid Shengtian Dao wouldn't just be a Mortal King. In the future, he might even exceed the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor!"

Having such a disciple was an enviable thing. The sect will surely become prosperous.

"I'm afraid Goddess Li is even stronger than Shengtian Dao, and even more heaven defying as well."

Since Shengtian Dao was so excellent, it reminded others of another genius — Li Shuangyan.

One has to remember that earlier, Shengtian Dao suffered under the hands of Li Shuangyan.

"Goddess Li is truly heaven defying. Rumor has it that she doesn't just have a King Physique, but also a Saint Fate!"

When it came to Li Shuangyan, many cultivators were moved and couldn't help but sing praises.

"I also know that Goddess Li has an even higher potential than Shengtian Dao. At the end of the day, she has a King Physique... In the future, she would definitely become a Virtuous Paragon without difficulty."

Her fans couldn't stop praising.

There was a debate regarding Fate Palaces and Physiques. Some felt that the Physique was more important than the Fate Palace while others took the opposite view.

Cultivators on the side of the first principle felt that Physiques were capable of ranking up; a King Physique could become a Saint Physique, or even the invincible Immortal Physique! However, a Fate Palace couldn't do it. One was stuck with the innate Fate Palace and couldn't rank it up through cultivation.

As for the second principle, they considered the Fate Palace to be the foundation of cultivation. Even though a Xiantian Physique had a clear advantage, but once you reach the later stages in cultivation, in order to understand profound merit laws and create a personalized grand dao, one would need the aptitude and talents. This was why people thought that a Fate Palace was more important than a Physique.

"Regarding Fate Palaces, Goddess Li is no worse than Shengtian Dao, but Goddess Li is also a natural born King Physique."

A predecessor from the last generation said:

"If we're strictly speaking about potential, then no one could be better than Goddess Li. However, Goddess Li has joined the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect while Shengtian Dao has the guidance of the legendary ancestor from the Heavenly God Sect. With such a wise teacher, how could he not become invincible?"

When it came to the Heavenly God Sect's ancestor, everyone became silent. Even the arrogant ones turned respectful because the ancestor was the follower of Immortal Emperor Ta Kong!

"This is all because of the damned ancestral law of the Nine Saint Demon Gate!"

A young cultivator felt it was unfair and said:

"Who is Goddess Li? She is a fairy visiting the mortal world, but it just so happened that she was betrothed to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. And this prime disciple of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, how could he deserve someone like Goddess Li?"

Li Shuangyan was the goddess in the eyes of the younger generation. With so many fans, it would only be natural that when this matter came up, countless people would hate Li Qiye to the bones.

"That's right! A flower amidst a pile of cow manure! Li Qiye is not only a bag of straws, but also an idiot! Isn't he only relying on the power of the Immortal Emperor? Just the little power left behind by Immortal Emperor Min Ren, ah? Yet he still dared to be arrogant to the high heavens. Hmph, one of these days, he won't even realize why he was killed!"

Many people truly despised Li Qiye.

Especially when they saw that Li Qiye was only relying on a woman to be arrogant; many people took this to their hearts! Besides having the fortunate fate of becoming the prime disciple, then the great fortune to marry Li Shuangyan, what was good about him?!

Just the thought of the straw bag being so lucky made many young ones grit their teeth from both envy and hatred! A gigolo relying on a woman — what kind of talent is this?

While people were talking about the injustice towards Li Shuangyan, or when people were gossiping about her, there was suddenly a piece of news spreading throughout the Evil Infested Ridge.

“There is someone entering the dangerous area! He’s going in alone!”

The news arrived and shocked the entire Evil Infested Ridge.

“Going alone into the dangerous area?”

People were shocked to hear this news; entering alone, this was such courage! Someone asked:

“Is it the Imperial Advisor of the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom, Enlightened Being Si Tu?”

One had to know that the dangerous area would terrorize others to the extreme. Without luck, one would meet a three hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast or Longevity Spirit. Meeting a Heavenly Beast was borderline acceptable, but being targeted by a Longevity Spirit would likely result in death.

“No, Enlightened Being Si Tu had not made a move. It is Heavenly Prince Qingxuan!”

Someone who knew the inside story said.

“There were people from the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom here?”

Many people were stunned to hear this information. No matter whether it was a grand sect or a powerful nation, upon hearing the arrival of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, none dared to be presumptuous!

The Jiang Zuo Clan, the Heavenly Southern Kingdom, or even the Heavenly God Sect — with its ancestor — wouldn’t dare to provoke the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.

The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom — this was an absolute and influential existence in the Grand Middle Territory. Even though it couldn’t claim to be number one, it was still an intimidating giant!

“The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, a true Ancient Kingdom. One Kingdom with two Immortal Emperors, ah!”

Hearing the giant’s arrival, everyone lost their wits.

The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom had produced two Immortal Emperors — Immortal Emperor Qingxuan and Immortal Emperor San Dao!<sup>[1. Qingxuan = Azure Mysterious, San Dao = Three Sabers]</sup> With two Immortal Emperors, this was a supremely frightening existence. Such a monstrous existence couldn’t be shaken.

Unless a matchless existence, such as the War God Temple, appeared, no one would dare to compete for the hegemony status against the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom!

Someone exclaimed after regaining their wits:

“Heavenly Prince Qingxuan — a character from the legends, ah.”

The old Turtle Monarch from the Flying Dragon Lake frighteningly lost his colors and spoke:

“Legends told that even though Heavenly Prince Qingxuan was only twenty years old, he cultivated two Emperor merit laws from two Immortal Emperors at the same time — this is truly an unfathomable existence. One person with peerless Emperor merit laws, who could stop him in the entire Grand Middle Territory?”

Many people chose to be silent with regards to the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom and Heavenly Prince Qingxuan because they were existences that were too powerful for them to comment on. Not only them, but even the Heavenly Jewel Kingdom and Heavenly Southern Kingdom were not comparable. One Ancient Kingdom with two Immortal Emperors, there was not a second existence in the entire Grand Middle Territory like them.

There was a saying in the Grand Middle Territory: In ancient times, there was the War God Temple, in the present, there is the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom! This phrase alone was indicative of its powerful status.

Many sects believed that, unless the War God Temple come into being, the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom would be the ruler of the Grand Middle Territory.

Over the years, many believed that only the transcendent War God Temple could compare to the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.

The War God Temple was the origin ground of the human race. Many people even said that the most primordial merit laws that humans practiced came from the War God Temple.

There were winds and clouds rampaging in all directions inside the Evil Infested Ridge. Li Qiye was massacring everywhere and was covered in blood. He especially intended to stimulate the potential of his Hell Suppressing Godly Physique, so he always provoked the Heavenly Beasts! Li Qiye's physique became more and more terrifying as its potential was being drawn out.

To Li Qiye, Heavenly Beasts were the best things for hellish training, but Li Qiye truly hated the Longevity Spirits. Being targeted by them was too troublesome. When met with one, if you rush forward, they would retreat; if you retreat, it would start the offense; one wouldn't be able to sit down in peace.

In the last ten days, Li Qiye was targeted by a three hundred thousand year old Longevity Spirit. From the outset, it landed a mortal blow on Li Qiye. Unfortunately, it was a blow to Li Qiye, who possessed the hardened Hell Suppressing Godly Physique; thus, its blow couldn't kill Li Qiye and Li Qiye immediately ran away afterwards.

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After successfully escaping, Li Qiye utilized the dark cover of the Evil Infested Ridge to counter this three hundred thousand year old Longevity Spirit. Unfortunately, this spirit was also very cunning. After being wounded twice by Li Qiye, it became a lot more cautious and no longer took careless actions. However, it didn't run away and kept on following Li Qiye.

This was the reason why Li Qiye despised Longevity Spirits. Heavenly Beasts would fight until the collapse of one party, but Longevity Spirits would always hide and sneak attack without ever giving up.

“Awwhh—”

A sad scream rang after the Longevity Spirit, who was hiding in a mire, was killed in one decisive blow. There was suddenly an arm that appeared from the mire. The Hell Suppressing Godly Physique, one hand as heavy as ten thousand mountains. Even if this spirit was stronger, it wouldn't be able to bear the weight of this one hand. It pierced through the head and chest of this spirit with an unblockable strike.



“Motherf\*cker, unkillable ghosts... Even if you are a ghost, you would still fall into the trap of your grandpa!”

Finally, Li Qiye climbed out of the mire.

In order to deal with this spirit, he spent a lot of effort and created a trap before finally tricking the spirit and dealt a deadly blow!

When it came to calculations? And scheming? Although Longevity Spirits were gifted in these arts, they were not comparable to Li Qiye. One had to know that when he was the Dark Crow that year, he plotted against the entire world!

After obtaining the Longevity Blood and Life Ring, Li Qiye became stiff and slowly turned around. At this moment, he gazed intensely at one direction and felt a chilling presence.

“One million year old Longevity Spirit!”

At this moment, Li Qiye realized that he was targeted by a one million year old Longevity Spirit. It was still more than ten thousand miles away from him, but even from such a far distance, it was able to lock onto Li Qiye and considered him as its prey.

A one million year old Longevity Spirit — not to mention Li Qiye’s shallow cultivation, even if he was an Ancient Saint, he would still die at the hands of this monster.

“Treating me as prey?”

Li Qiye laughed and murmured:

“That year, Little Brat Xue Xi left many things here that remained unused.[1] Today, I will let you see the schemes of your grandpa. Let us see who will be trapping who...”

Li Qiye finally headed west. This spirit was still watching Li Qiye, but wasn’t Li Qiye trying to trap this beast?

Many people always thought that Longevity Spirits were smarter than Heavenly Beasts. A one million year old Longevity Spirit would have an extremely frightening intelligence. It tracked Li Qiye but didn’t make a move. Regarding a weak human that dared to travel alone in the no man’s land, it smelled the scent of danger, so it didn’t make a move and remained vigilant.

While on this road, Li Qiye’s path became mysterious. He started to twist and turn, and not just move in a straight line westward. Meanwhile, the spirit was still watching. After a long time, seeing that Li Qiye didn’t have any hidden cards, it finally couldn’t wait any longer as it took action.

“Pfluffff—”

Longevity Spirits always killed with one move. A blow from a one million year old spirit — not mentioning Li Qiye, even an Ancient Saint would have to die.

However, Li Qiye disappeared as the blow was coming. No one knew how he did it while being watched by this spirit’s spiritual sense, but Li Qiye actually disappeared.

“Ommm—”

From the sky, there was suddenly a bloody light and a bloody spear pierced straight downward.

This spear that traversed the sky, not to mention this spirit, but even a Virtuous Paragon would shiver in fear!

“Hoooooh-” The million year old Longevity Spirit bellowed. This spear penetrated the top of its head. Under this one murderous spear, no matter how powerful one was, death would be the only result.

However, the moment when it was about to die, it saw Li Qiye standing still without moving. He essentially never left his position.

“Plotting against me? You should know that this is my territory.”

Li Qiye smiled and said. At this moment, he reminisced and murmured:

“That year, it seemed like Little Brat Xue Xi expended a lot of effort to prepare inside of this place. Originally, this place was meant to slay that evil being, but he only ended up using a small part of it. Today, they would only be used for things such as this.”

With Li Qiye saying “Little Brat Xue Xie”, he was referring to Immortal Emperor Xue Xi during the Ancient Ming Era.

During that era, the Evil Infested Ridge was not the private property of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. It was a small world, a holy land per se, but there was an evil existence in this place.

At that moment, Immortal Emperor Xue Xi had not carried the Heaven’s Will. Li Qiye brought him around to increase his understanding of the Heaven’s Will, and they went inside the Evil Infested Ridge. At that time, they wanted to slay the evil existence. One had to know that even then, Immortal Emperor Xue Xi could have been considered unbeatable, but that evil existence saw that he didn’t carry the Heaven’s Will and challenged him.

Because they wanted to eliminate and destroy the evil existence completely, Immortal Emperor Xue Xi prepared countless methods in this world to form an inescapable net.

At that time, Li Qiye and Immortal Emperor Xue Xi both didn’t allow for this evil existence to remain, not even one hair, because it was simply too nefarious.

However, they didn’t expect for there to be an accident during that moment. Therefore, there were many methods left behind by Xue Xi that were unused in this place.

But today, Li Qiye ended up using some of these preparations!

After killing the one million year old Longevity Spirit, there was a great harvest for Li Qiye. The Longevity Blood and Life Ring of this spirit would even be coveted by Heavenly Sovereigns and Heavenly Kings.

After taking these things, Li Qiye wore the Life Ring around his body and continued to go west. No other beasts dared to come close to Li Qiye after seeing the Life Ring on his body.

Even a one million year old Longevity Spirit was killed! All of the other beings were left in fear and didn’t expect this little human to be so terrifying...

Li Qiye finally reached his final destination after an unknown amount of time. This was a vast piece of land, but after stepping into this place, Li Qiye's expression greatly changed as he quickly rushed forward!

He reached a stone monument and it had the word: "Amnesty". It was shaped like a flying dragon and a dancing phoenix and had an invincible atmosphere. Under the stone monument was the signature: Immortal Emperor Min Ren!

Without a doubt, this stone monument was left behind by Immortal Emperor Min Ren! With the word "Amnesty" inscribed on this stone, it meant that existences were not allowed to hunt beasts in this location!

Li Qiye approached closer. In front of his eyes were the broken remnants of mountains and rivers that were demolished into little pieces. This land was completely annihilated with terrible holes and craters that had an unknown depth on the ground.

Standing on this land, Li Qiye's expression sunk heavily. In a short amount of time, it became very ugly. If Li Shuangyan was here, she would be able to feel the terrifying aura from Li Qiye. It became murderous, as if Li Qiye had become a death god — if gods were in his way, he would slay gods, if Buddha was in his way, slay Buddha.

"Little Silly, Little Silly..."

Li Qiye walked around this area and screamed into the craters on the ground.

However, only his echoes replied; no one was there to answer him.

"Little Silly, Little Silly, are you still here?"

Li Qiye screamed loudly:

"Do you still remember the Dark Crow in the old land? Do you remember the Dark Crow in the jasper pond? Little Silly, Little Brat Min Ren carried you to this place, do you still remember?"

However, no matter how many times Li Qiye screamed, there was no answer. Li Qiye's expression became as cold as ice. He knew exactly what had happened here. This place had Min Ren's godly aura and even his amnesty mantra! No one dared to kill here.

Thirty thousand years ago, Li Qiye taught the Black Dragon King. Even though the Black Dragon King didn't become an Immortal Emperor, but as the dao master for the Black Dragon King's three generations, he had supreme authority.[2. You will see the words three generations a lot with the Black Dragon King, but this will be explained later when you find out more about him]

Ever since he left Little Silly in this place, one billion years have passed and it was always safe here. Even though the descendants of Immortal Emperor Min Ren did not welcome it, they would follow the amnesty order of Immortal Emperor Min Ren. Little Silly had always been safe in this place.[3. The text was actually one thousand of one hundred of ten thousand years so one billion.  $1000 \times 100 \times 10000 = 1,000,000,000$  years. But this number feels so outrageous to me that I believe this might just be a literary expression of many million years]

During the era when the Black Dragon King's three generations was revered while it also had the amnesty of the Immortal Min Ren, as well as the supreme aura of Li Qiye, this could have been considered one of the safest places!

However, something unfortunate had happened. This incident definitely happened when he was asleep during the last thirty thousand years!

At this moment, Li Qiye knew who did it. He was chilled to the bones, but he didn't give up and continuously yelled:

"Little Silly, Little Silly, are you still here? Dark Crow came to visit you!"

However, no matter how long he called, there was still no response. There was only dead silence in this place.

Li Qiye called again and again. He visited all of the holes, but in the end, he couldn't find the shadow of Little Silly! Little Silly did not answer him.

Eventually, Li Qiye stood there in silence. If anyone could see Li Qiye's expression right now, only dread would appear in their hearts.

At this moment, there was a thing that dropped on top of Li Qiye's head and it fell into his palm. This was a dao bone, shining like a crystal jade.

Li Qiye tightly held this dao bone. He knew that the thing he didn't want to happen the most, happened.

Finally, Li Qiye carefully stored the dao bone, turned around, and left this place. After leaving, he went towards the north. He had the faint sense of an ominous omen in his heart.

He wanted to go north, but he restrained his desire because he had left the holy ground for too long. He had to go back, otherwise Gu Tieshou's group would become worried and search for him.

Li Qiye finally left and this time, he quickly went south. With the million year Life Ring hanging on his body, no Heavenly Beast nor Longevity Spirit dared to provoke him, allowing him to quickly return.

Xue Xi = Blood Seal

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"He came back, Oldest Brother came back—"

After returning to the holy land, a disciple from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect saw Li Qiye from the distance, and shouted.

Hearing the loud shout, the group of Gu Tieshou quickly came and saw that Li Qiye had returned safe and sound. Everyone was excited; even the cold-as-ice Li Shuangyan was smiling.

"How was the harvest?"

Li Qiye asked:

"How did the disciples do with their hellish training?"

When it came to the harvest, many disciples were excited. Nan Huairen quickly reported to Li Qiye:

“Oldest Brother, at the moment, the harvest is very rich. Even though there aren’t that many high ranked beast marrows and dao bones, we obtained a lot of spirit plants and Grand Dao Life Metals. We dug up quite a few one and two rune Grand Dao Life Metals. The best was a five rune Grand Dao Life Metal, dug up by Big Brother Qu Daoli. Elder Gu also found a six transformation soul plant...”

Nan Huairen excitedly reported to Li Qiye. Even a calm person like Gu Tieshou was also inevitably elated; a six transformation soul plant, ah! Before, the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect didn’t even dare to think about it. If this six transformation soul plant was sold, the price would be as high as the sky.

The disciples were very joyful; the sect had greatly profited. This hellish training session also filled the empty treasury of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect.

“Are the disciples okay?”

Li Qiye shared the happy mood and smilingly asked.

“We conducted several large-scale Heavenly Beast hunting sessions. Even though we had some injuries, they were nothing too serious. The most serious was when we chased a Longevity Spirit over the boundary and three disciples were killed. Luckily, Xu Pei reacted quickly and lured them so that the others disciple could be saved. If Xu Pei wasn’t so smart, then the Longevity Spirit would have killed many more disciples before we arrived.”

Gu Tieshou said.

“This time, Junior Xu Pei made a great contribution.”

The quiet Protector Mo also praisingly added:

“Otherwise, my insignificant life would have been part of the casualties.”

As the oldest sister of the Cleansing Jade Peak, Xu Pei was a little bit shy from all of the praises from her seniors. She had great insight and never tried to steal the limelight from others, but she was meticulous and saw through all things. Even though she usually was a little timid, but when there was trouble, she was very calm.

For cultivators, injuries and deaths were normal occurrences. Three dead disciples could be considered the smallest of losses. Even though it was not perfect, it was still within an acceptable range.

After reporting the recent matters, Nan Huairen cheerfully asked:

“Oldest Brother, how was your hellish training?”

In reality, when Nan Huairen asked, everyone all stared at Li Qiye. Seeing the gazes, Li Qiye smiled and threw his spatial pouch into the ground and said:

“See for yourselves!”

The others didn’t intend to open Li Qiye’s spatial pouch, except for Nan Huairen. He quickly opened it and poured out the items inside.

When the items came out, they dazzlingly blinded the eyes with their brilliance. In a flash, everyone was dumbfounded.

“Th-this, so many longevity bloods...”

Seeing the bottle containing longevity blood, Protector Mo salivated. His master, Elder Sun, was an alchemist, so seeing the blood, he started to drool as well.

“Oh heaven! This is a one hundred thousand year life ring. No, th-this, these are the dao bones and beast marrow of a two hundred thousand year old Sky Shouldering Ape. I, I, my heaven, ah! Isn't this a three hundred thousand year old life ring?”

Nan Huai ren was not shy, he hugged everything in his chest. Seeing the two hundred thousand year to three hundred thousand year old items, in a short amount of time, his sight became blurry and he hated the fact that he couldn't have all of the treasures in his arms at once.

At this time, when everyone was dumbfounded, even Li Shuangyan — with her rich harvest — was also moved. A three hundred thousand year old life ring — this was a three hundred thousand year old Longevity Spirit! Even an Enlightened Being would have to run away, let alone other cultivators.

Gu Tieshou also didn't believe his eyes. With his ability, he wouldn't be able to kill a two hundred thousand year old Heavenly Beast, yet they all died in the hands of Li Qiye — this was truly unbelievable!

As for the other protectors and sectional leaders, they stood there in silence, unable to say anything.

“There is also something good here.”

Li Qiye smiled and took off the one million years life ring in his Master Palace, and threw it on the ground.

“I, I, I, my heaven, ah—”

Even though Nan Huai ren's expression was super exaggerated, he was also completely astonished. Even Niu Fen was shocked!

“A one million year old life ring!”

Niu Fen took a deep breath and said.

A one million year old Longevity Spirit. A man would be frightened to meet one and a ghost would be sad to encounter one! This being was too ghastly; even a Heavenly Sovereign's blood would be sucked dry.

As for the group of Gu Tieshou, they were stuck with horrors and cold chills. Their hearts were amazed because this was an unthinkable matter. A one million year old Longevity Spirit!

“Young Noble, did you sneak attack it?”

Niu Fen took another deep breath and asked.

“It was because it wasn't sensible and targeted me.”

Li Qiye shrugged his shoulders and nonchalantly said:

“Since it brought itself to the door, I had no choice but to accept its life ring and longevity blood.”

At this point, not to mention Gu Tieshou, even Niu Fen was looking at Li Qiye as if he was seeing a ghost. Li Qiye’s cultivation was still very far from Heaven’s Primal, let alone Named Hero or Royal Noble. However, he was able to kill a one million year old Longevity Spirit. Even if you told someone this story, they wouldn’t believe you because this was an impossible matter!

However, Niu Fen was only shocked for a moment. At this point, he remembered about the Immortal Emperor’s reinforcement inside Li Qiye’s sea of knowledge. That day, when he tried to look inside, he was immediately suppressed by the Immortal Emperor’s reinforcement. If Li Qiye didn’t spare his life, then he would have soon become clouds and smoke! What type of person was someone who was reinforced by Immortal Emperors? One had to know that the most recent Immortal Emperor was Immortal Emperor Ta Kong, who had disappeared thirty thousand years ago!

However, Li Qiye was only fourteen and he had these reinforcements. How frightening and unfathomable was this?

At this time, Nan Huairen regained his soul and threw away the treasures in his arms. He embraced the one million year old life ring, instead, and spoke while drooling:

“Older Brother, you are too extravagant. This is a one million year old life ring, ah! Yet you threw it down like a piece of scrap metal!”

Even though Nan Huairen’s expression was exaggerated, but in the eyes of everyone here, it was quite appropriate.

“Heh, Older Brother is still the best. If Older Brother personally appeared, then you would be invincible in this world. Slaying the Buddha and Gods that block your path. Heh, what type of person is Oldest Brother? You are the revitalization of our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, a wise disciple of the Immortal Emperor. Who in this world could oppose...”

Nan Huairen was sucking up to Li Qiye while embracing this life ring.

Li Qiye stared at him and naturally said:

“Don’t you think about this life ring. First, this life ring isn’t suiting for you. Second, you don’t have enough contributions. Since Xu Pei saved so many disciples, she has the highest contributions, so this life ring will be rewarded to Xu Pei, ah.”

Hearing Li Qiye’s command, Nan Huairen’s expression became sad, but he still handed the life ring in his embrace to Xu Pei and flattered:

“Little Sister Xu’s wisdom is unrivaled, this life ring is best for you.”

Xu Pei couldn’t believe what she was hearing. Right now, as she embraced the life ring in her chest, she was still in complete confusion as she asked:

“Th-this is for me?”

A million year old life ring, ah! Even a protector or sectional leader wouldn't dare to want it, yet it was given to a third generation disciple!

"Hehe, Older Brother, can you give me one item?"

Nan Huairen looked over at the treasures as a ridiculous amount of drool was coming out of his mouth. However, without the command of Li Qiye, he didn't dare to act recklessly.

"So be it, you have always followed me. Even without any contributions, at least you tried your best. So, you can pick one."

Li Qiye had never been stingy to his loyal followers, so he nodded his head and said.

Hearing Li Qiye's words, Nan Huairen's mood immediately rose again. He embraced the three hundred thousand year old life ring in his chest and laughed:

"Heh, Older Brother, I'll take this one."

Seeing his greed, not to mention Li Qiye, even his master, Protector Mo, glared at him. However, he was very glad on the inside. Nan Huairen was his disciple and his future would surely be promising. As the master, he was also ecstatic.

Finally, Li Qiye looked at Gu Tieshou and said:

"Elder, the longevity blood and beast marrows will go into the treasury. Half of them will stay in the treasury while the other half will be the rewards for the disciples with contributions, depending on their actual merits!"

"Long live Oldest Brother—"

Hearing Li Qiye's words, the disciples here all cheered. Even the protectors and sectional leaders were happily smiling, Li Qiye brought back many good things...

Gu Tieshou agreed and carried out the rewards while Li Qiye and Li Shuangyan stood to the side.

"The trip was not successful?"

Li Shuangyan looked at Li Qiye and finally asked him in a, rarely seen, gentle manner. Even though Li Qiye was smiling the whole time, Li Shuangyan, who had always followed him, noticed his loneliness.

Li Qiye slightly shook his head and sighed without saying anything. This matter couldn't be assisted by Li Shuangyan nor the Nine Saint Demon Gate, he had to rely on himself.

Li Qiye didn't say anything so Li Shuangyan stopped her questioning. Finally, she spoke:

"Recently, many things happened in the Evil Infested Ridge. It was quite bloody."

"You went outside?"

Li Qiye was a bit surprised as he asked.

Li Shuangyan nodded and said:



“I went outside to experience some things. I had some small enlightenments regarding formations and wanted to polish them in order to enhance my killing potential with formations.”

Li Shuangyan’s talents could be described to be impeccable, but her weakness was her insufficient offensive power. She was always immersed in formations so her cultivation techniques were lacking.

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“Fine, so be it. I will help you with your incomplete formation. Take out the formation and turn it into an array, no different from the Immortal Emperor Slaughtering Formation, and it shall be your killing formation.”

Li Qiye spoke while looking at Li Shuangyan.

Hearing this, even Li Shuangyan had to smile. This time when she ventured outside for training, although Niu Fen who carried the Patriarch’s portrait went along with her, she also went into a really dangerous area. Of course she had to work for her harvest. Outside of just understanding her formation better, she also refined her Void Imperfection Physique even more.

“Why are you so insistent on formations.”

Li Qiye shook his head and continued:

“With your talents, you can go so, so far on the road of cultivation. You shouldn’t expend so much effort on formations...”

Li Shuangyan’s talents were great and without flaws. If she put all of her effort into cultivation, then her Dao Will would be much higher than the present, but she always chose to study formations instead. The reality was that the Nine Saint Demon Gate was not well versed in formation arrays. Their main formation was just an incomplete copy from the Formation Progenitor!

Li Shuangyan’s choice could be considered to be wrong a waste of her own talents.

“The path of cultivation is endless; as long as one stuck to it, this would already be correct. However, in the end, without a little interest, a little personal hobby, wouldn’t it all be meaningless?”

Li Shuangyan revealed her rarely-seen playful charm of a young woman as she took a quick glance at Li Qiye with fascinating elegance.

Li Qiye laughed and shook his head. He stopped opposing her. In the end, he couldn’t take away other people’s hobbies.

“I heard Heavenly Prince Qingxuan of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom has arrived.”

Li Shuangyan went outside once and found out many things, and she said:

“In my opinion, they brought many great characters that were usually hidden. I heard that they came here for an ancient treasure.”

“The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.”

Hearing Li Shuangyan’s words, Li Qiye smiled and replied:

“Treasure? For this treasure, whether it is a blessing or a disaster for them, it is difficult to tell. Although the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom is powerful, there are many things that they can’t swallow.”

Hearing this, Li Shuangyan changed her expression. Without a doubt, Li Qiye knew this place like the palm of his hand. This was too unbelievable! One had to know that this place only opened once every hundred years, how old was Li Qiye right now?

“You have been to the Evil Infested Ridge before?”

Li Shuangyan curiously asked.

Li Qiye glanced at her and said:

“I can’t be knowledgeable without being here? Immortal Emperor Min Ren spoke to me in my dreams, how could I not be knowledgeable about the ridge?”

This response clearly expressed his intent to avoid the question, so Li Shuangyan glared at him, without losing her alluring youthful charm. The appearance of the Patriarch in his dreams — she essentially didn’t believe any of it. However, outside of that, there seemed to be no other explanation!

“Is there any other news?”

Regarding the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, Li Qiye didn’t really harp on it in his mind. Even though it was powerful, could it exceed the Soaring Immortal Sect? Could it surpass the Heaven Protector City? He had seen much more powerful existences!

“There were a bit of skirmishes between the sects, but no one dared to provoke and compete with the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.”

Li Shuangyan continued:

“I’m afraid these other pieces of news are trivial to you, but Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, alone, killed a one hundred and fifty thousand year old Longevity Spirit. And Marquis of the Eastern River has the Six Wise Monarchs Formation for protection. I also heard that Nantian Hao found a one million and five hundred thousand year old Silver Maple Grass.”

Nantian Hao had good luck. He originally already got a Saint Copper, but now he even obtained a one million and five hundred thousand year old Silver Maple Grass.

“That little brat definitely has a treasure that can seek other treasure. Otherwise, how would he be able to find such an old Silver Maple Grass so easily?”

Li Qiye shook his head and said.

“That is not known, but I heard that this grass was not successfully obtained by him. Instead, it was eaten by a frog. Now the entire Evil Infested Ridge is looking for this frog!”

Li Shuangyan said.

A one million and five hundred thousand year old Silver Maple Grass — this was a priceless treasure. Even if a frog had eaten it, as long as one could capture it, it would still be possible to cook and refine it!

“A frog eating a one million and five hundred thousand year old Silver Maple Grass?”

Hearing this news, Li Qiye changed his expression and asked:

“What kind of frog is this?”

“This wasn’t made very clear. I heard that they couldn’t catch it because its speed was too fast.”

Li Shuangyan shook her head. She found it strange that Li Qiye didn’t care about a one million and five hundred thousand year old grass, not to mention that it was a Silver Maple Grass! He seemed to be more interested in this frog.

“Come, we will go on a trip. Call for Niu Fen!”

Li Qiye’s gaze became serious and said. This frog sparked a fragment of his memory; it was a frog that escaped from him that year.

Li Shuangyan was also shocked. She was not thinking about the Silver Maple Grass, but about the frog instead! Since Li Qiye treated such an old grass like trash, this meant that the frog must have a heaven frightening origin.

She immediately called for Niu Fen. Li Qiye told Gu Tieshou that he needed to leave again for a short amount of time. Gu Tieshou didn’t pry and immediately agreed.

“Come, we shall go find out where the frog appeared.”

Finally, Li Qiye and Li Shuangyan rode the snail and left the holy ground.

The group of Li Qiye went south and eventually entered the lively area of the Evil Infested Ridge. Here, Li Shuangyan quickly found out about the frog’s situation.

The frog most recently appeared near the root of the Silver Maple Grass. Obtaining the information, Li Qiye immediately went to that area with Li Shuangyan.

The growing location of the Silver Maple Grass was a swamp occupied by many ferocious beasts, but this place had been swept through by others, so there were no more creatures here.

Once they arrived, Li Qiye was like a dog, lying straight on the ground, and sniffed the soil. Then, he carefully observed the hydrology of this area.

After another detailed inspection, with an ecstatic expression, Li Qiye understood that the frog was here.

“My grandma! I didn’t think that this sly bastard was hiding here.”

Li Qiye murmured.

That year, he and the Alchemy God spent a lot of effort and searched many areas before finally capturing this frog. They treated him as a great treasure and fed it really well. However, he didn’t expect Little Brat Alchemy God to accidentally let the frog get away. At that point, they were seething with anger and their hearts were bleeding blood.

In the future generations, he had always been aware of this frog and searched for it many times. However, this world was so vast, searching for a frog was harder than reaching the heavens! He didn't expect that in this life, he would be able to meet it here. No wonder he couldn't find it, it was because it was hiding in the Evil infested Ridge!

"I don't believe that you can get away from my hands!"

Li Qiye muttered.

Seeing Li Qiye's great emphasis on a frog, Niu Fen asked:

"Young Noble, is this frog really that valuable? Even more valuable than a one million year old Silver Maple Grass?"

"A one million year old Silver Maple Grass is no more than weed compared to this frog."

Li Qiye answered.

Niu Fen and Li Shuangyan stared at each other. A one million year old Silver Maple Leaf, ah! One had to know that it was extremely valuable and could even be used to create Immortal Medicines! However, it was considered as weed compared to this frog. Just what on earth was this frog?

"We chase!"

Li Qiye had caught it before and had raised it for a while. He was too clear on the habits of this frog. After an observation, he immediately took Li Shuangyan eastward for the chase!

While riding the snail to the east, even though the beast had left for a while, Li Qiye was still able to find clues to trace him. At this time, no matter what happened, Li Qiye wouldn't let it escape.

Along the way, many cultivators saw them riding the snail and were pointing their fingers.

At this moment, Li Qiye was very popular. He was no less popular than Marquis of the Eastern River, Nantian Hao, and Shengtian Dao, the geniuses.

Of course, Li Qiye was popular not for the same reason as Marquis of the Eastern River and Nantian Hao. When talking about Li Qiye, people were gritting their teeth. It was especially so for the younger generation. When speaking about Li Qiye, they couldn't help but to exclaim:

"What is so great about relying on a woman, pah! Losing face for men everywhere."

Seeing Li Qiye and Li Shuangyan together right now, many people's eyes were reddened from jealousy.

In the eyes of spectators, Li Qiye riding the giant snail was trying to be in the limelight, so some of the young cultivators spat on the ground and contemptuously said:

"Why so arrogant? If you are so great, then go slay Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits. That would truly be worthy of being arrogant. Hmph, aren't you only borrowing the power of the Immortal Emperor and having good enough luck to marry Goddess Li, and be backed by the Nine Saint demon Gate? What is there to brag about!"

Li Qiye embarked all the way east. He found that many cultivators were also heading east, as if there was a treasure that appeared towards this direction.

Seeing this, Li Qiye grimaced and Li Shuangyan quickly gathered information for him.

“I heard that there was a great treasure appearing in the east, a treasure of the gods.”

Li Shuangyan told Li Qiye.

“A treasures of the gods?”

Hearing this, Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh. He had not only been at the Evil Infested Ridge once. Whether there was a treasure from the gods or not, he knew very clearly.

Li Shuangyan added:

“A few days ago, there was an earthquake, almost like there was a treasure escaping from underground. The last thing people saw was a light flying up towards the sky with extreme speed, and it was as beautiful as blood. Even Royal Nobles couldn't clearly see where it was going.”

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“A godly light as beautiful as blood!”

Hearing this, Li Qiye's gaze dimmed. A godly light as beautiful as blood — this was the thing he didn't want to see the most! One had to know that during the ancient times, the Evil Infested Ridge was its own world, a separate piece of heaven, but this was not a peaceful ground.

“What is wrong?”

Seeing Li Qiye's expression, Li Shuangyan felt something was wrong.

Li Qiye said:

“We will go check it out and see if there are Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits hibernating, or whether they have ran off somewhere.”

In the past, Li Qiye absolutely believed that this thing will not appear. This strange existence was not only mysteriously powerful, but was extremely difficult to deal with. It was extremely tenacious like the wild weeds. It was basically impossible to destroy its roots.

In fact, the first time he came here as the Dark Crow, he already swept through everything once with Immortal Emperor Xue Xi. Later on, he did it again with Immortal Emperor Min Ren and almost turned this place upside down. However, if this ghastly thing could just leave behind a little bit of its roots, then it could tenaciously rise again.

Even though he left behind a method to suppress it as the Dark Crow that year, it seemed like it was no longer there!

“Many cultivators are rushing east and some are even crossing the dangerous area. However, there are no Longevity Spirits or Heavenly Beasts.”

As they were heading east, Li Shuangyan reported back to Li Qiye.

“It was indeed so.”

Li Qiye murmured:

“I also want to see what type of appearance it will have after millions of years of gestation!”

“The treasure of the gods? This is only a rumor, but someone said that the Evil Infested Ridge was a land of the gods and that this place had godly treasures!”

Li Shuangyan looked at Li Qiye and said.

Regarding this matter, Li Qiye smiled and slowly spoke:

“Treasures of the gods? I have never seen them, but there could be a godly bone or two in the sea of bones from the gods!”

“There are gods in this world?”

Li Shuangyan emotionally asked Li Qiye.

Regarding immortals and gods, not just the Mortal Emperor World, there were many legends in all of the Nine Worlds. Some said that this world used to have immortals, but they were exterminated later on.

Some even said that during the ancient eras, there was an era of the gods. The gods used to rule over the nine worlds and ten earths. However, whether there were gods or not, no one could really say. There had been a few who obtained treasures and even Life Treasures, not from the wise sages during the Desolate Era, but of an even earlier age.

These were heaven defying treasures, but because one couldn't go back in time to find out, some cultivators considered these the treasures of gods.

“Gods?”

Li Qiye loudly laughed and leisurely said:

“If there are gods in this world, then I am the lord of the gods. If there are immortals in this world, then I am the king of the immortals.”

These words were too unbridled. Lord of the gods, king of the immortals — anyone who heard this would think that Li Qiye was lying, but Li Shuangyan was used to it. Sometimes, Li Qiye said many arrogant things, but in his hands, matters were easily settled! This was downright frightening!

As they continued eastward, many cultivators were foraging everywhere. They were either looking for spirit pills and medicinal grasses or digging for treasures and godly metals. Many people rushed here when they knew that there were no Longevity Spirits or Heavenly Beasts left.

In a short period of time, this news spread throughout the entire ridge. Someone said:

“I heard that there is a godly treasure appearing in the east and it alarmed many great sects and nations.”

“Right. Even Shengtian Dao was heading east quickly.”

Another cultivator said.

Another added:

“People saw the fierce beasts leaving the east. It was probably because they couldn’t handle the godly treasure’s presence, so they left.”

“We should also go quickly. At the moment, everyone is going there. There will be so many treasures everywhere that will be ripe for the picking. If the dangerous area is no longer dangerous, then everyone will become rich.”

This news quickly passed through the grapevine and, in a short amount of time, all of the cultivator crazily rushed east, wanting to find treasures since the fierce beasts were no longer present.

As for the rumors regarding the godly treasure, no one knew for sure because they didn’t know what it was or whether the gods ever existed in the first place.

As for why many people actually believed in the appearance of a godly treasure, this was because this piece of news came from the disciples of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.

Particularly, Heavenly Prince Qingxuan. He wasn’t like Marquis of the Eastern River and Shengtian Dao, who were just killing Heavenly Beasts and Longevity Spirits for the beast marrows and longevity blood. He was only searching in the dangerous area, as if he was looking for something.

“Heavenly Prince Qingxuan definitely came here with a goal.”

Finally, this news was confirmed by the old Turtle Monarch of the Flying Dragon Lake:

“The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom had always been standing strong with two generations of Immortal Emperors, what dao bones would they be lacking? What heaven’s will true stone would they require? The treasury of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom is heaven frightening. At this moment, Heavenly Prince Qingxuan is definitely not here just for beast marrows and dao bones. I’m afraid that he is only here for the godly treasure. If there was something that could cause the mobilization of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom, this would be it.”

The Turtle Monarch of the Flying Dragon Lake had lived for a very long time and was rich with knowledge. If he said so, then many cultivators believed him, that there was a godly treasure appearing in the east.

Li Qiye heading east naturally was not for the treasure of the gods. Whether it existed or not, he knew too well. He was only here for the frog!

However, as he was going to the dangerous area, he met an illustrious character!

“Heavenly Prince Qingxuan has arrived!”

At this moment, an unknown cultivator yelled out. Everyone else lifted their heads and looked towards the horizon.

In the far distance, there was an azure aura that spanned a thousand miles. In a flash, this azure light crossed over the heads of many people.

The azure light swept past the sky with a great presence, like a king patrolling his land. There were many people of all ages flying inside this azure light, led by a young man.

This young man's stature was proud and tall. He was encompassed by a green light, as if he was born in the chaos, like the son of the heavens. Even though one couldn't see his features clearly, he wore a godly crown while wearing an imperial robe, like a heavenly king patrolling the world.

What was especially noticeable was the azure aura coming out from his gaze, like a morning celestial, being able to see through all things.

Heavenly Prince Qingxuan — descendant of the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom. Some said that he was the son of Mortal King Qingxuan. Some said that he was the descendant of the progenitor, Immortal Emperor Qingxuan. Some also believed that he could be a descendant of Immortal Emperor San Dao.

However, these were not the integral points. What was amazing was that there were rumors that Heavenly Prince Qingxuan cultivated two Emperor Merit Laws at the same time. There was even a rumor that he was cultivating the Heaven's Will Secret Laws of both Immortal Emperor Qingxuan and Immortal Emperor San Dao.

"The descendant of the Ancient Kingdom, he's truly a dragon."

As the aura of Heavenly Prince Qingxuan illuminated the field, many people were shocked. No matter how talented the younger generation cultivators thought they were, in front of Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, they all developed an inferiority complex.

"One kingdom, two Immortal Emperors; one sect, two Heaven's Will Secret Laws. In this entire world, there is no one who can defend themselves against him."

Even the older Royal Nobles were lamenting.

Needless to say, all of the Royal Nobles were wary of him, or even avoided him in fear of potentially provoking him. Heavenly Prince Qingxuan was not only powerful, but behind him was the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.

There was another man next to Heavenly Prince Qingxuan. Heavenly Prince Qingxuan had a powerful and magnanimous presence without peers, but this young man next to Heavenly Prince Qingxuan could follow him without losing too much of his own charm.

This young man was excellent and had a serious expression with the fortitude of a mountain. Even though his presence was not as terrifying as Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, he was still very great.

Aside from this young man, there were also many older men next to Heavenly Prince Qingxuan. Even though they suppressed their aura, but with just their glances, they caused others' hearts to be chilled. One could imagine that these old men were the experts of the Ancient Kingdom, and their cultivations must be formidable.

"Isn't that the oldest disciple of the Nine Saint Demon Gate, Leng Chengfeng?"

Seeing the young man next to the Heavenly Prince, someone recognized his origin and surprisingly said.



The Nine Saint Demon Gate didn't only have a genius like Li Shuangyan. In fact, the oldest disciple of the Nine Saint Demon Gate was also absolutely brilliant. However, for unknown reasons, as the oldest disciple, he was not chosen to be the descendant. Instead, Li Shuangyan was chosen.

Some said that it was because Li Shuangyan had a Saint Fate Palace and a King Physique, so she was greatly valued by the Demon King and chosen to be the descendant. Some also said that because Leng Chengfeng was not a disciple of the Demon King, he didn't have the qualifications to inherit the position.

In any case, the Nine Saint Demon Gate had two great geniuses and were envied by many sects. Li Shuangyan, needless to say, was a natural Saint Fate and King Physique and had unlimited potential. Even though Leng Chengfeng's natural talents were not as great as Li Shuangyan, he was very powerful. Some believed that the number one person in the younger generation of the Nine Saint Demon Gate was Leng Chengfeng; he was believed to be even stronger than Li Shuangyan.

"The Nine Saint Demon Gate's Leng Chengfeng and Heavenly Prince Qingxuan going together... Could it be that the Nine Saint Demon Gate wants to build a good relationship with the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom?"

Some people saw this scene and emotionally said.

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When the blue lights hovered over the group of Li Qiye, they suddenly stopped. Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, from high above, glanced downward. Encompassed by his azure energy, it caused others to be unable to see him. He was blindingly brilliant like the stars from above.

At this moment, the Heavenly Prince glanced at Li Shuangyan and revealed a surprised expression.

At this moment, Leng Chengfeng saw Li Qiye standing next to Li Shuangyan. He gave Li Qiye a look of disgust and told Li Shuangyan:

"Little Sister, this person is His Royal Highness, Qingxuan. Come up here and greet him!"

The Heavenly Prince also noticed Li Shuangyan and nodded his head. Then, he spoke in a rhythmically soothing manner:

"The great name of Goddess Li, Qingxuan had heard of before. I didn't think we would meet today."

As for Li Shuangyan, she only slightly nodded her head and said:

"The name of the Heavenly Prince is also very famous."

Even when facing Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, she was still as cold as ice.

Even though Heavenly Prince Qingxuan could be deemed the number one person within the younger generation of the Grand Middle Territory and he came from the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom with a frightening origin, as a heaven's proud daughter, she didn't think lowly of herself and didn't care that he was a young talent. She would simply treat him as an ordinary person.

Seeing that Li Shuangyan had no intention of coming forward to greet them, Leng Chengfeng was not happy as he said:

“Little Sister, becoming acquaintances with the Heavenly Prince here... In the future, our Nine Saint Demon Gate will come hand-in-hand with the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.”

At this moment, Li Qiye lifted his head. He looked at Leng Chengfeng, and then Heavenly Prince Qingxuan, and he calmly spoke:

“Shuangyan, at the moment, is a person from our Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. When is it going to be your place to tell her what to do? As for the greeting? People next to me, with the exception of myself, do not need to greet anyone else! You’re only a descendant from an Ancient Kingdom, you’re not qualified to be greeted by the people by my side.”

“This thing doesn’t know how high the heavens and how wide the earth is.”

Hearing Li Qiye, many cultivators took a deep breath. Someone even cursed at him.

Everyone felt that Li Qiye was too arrogant to the point of ignorance. He even blustered in front of Heavenly Prince Qingxuan!

At this moment, Heavenly Prince Qingxuan’s gaze condensed into godly swords, as if he wanted to slay Li Qiye.

“Hmph—”

At this moment, an old man next to Heavenly Prince Qingxuan coldly snorted. He tried to grab Li Qiye with one hand while shouting:

“Ignorant brat, hurry up and kneel!”

“Kneel your mother—”

Li Qiye didn’t say anything yet, but there was already a loud roar. A huge hand from the snail’s shell protruded and snatched the hand that was reaching for Li Qiye. A “Hiss” sound appeared, and that hand was ripped apart. Blood flew everywhere!

The old man bellowed. His face became as pale as a sheet of paper and took several steps back.

At this moment, Niu Fen threw the hand inside his mouth and started chewing loudly. Then, he said:

“This meat is too old, too sour to eat!”

This sudden change caused everyone to take a cold breath. Many people glanced at each other. This snail was a bit too powerful!

The reversal caused the face of Heavenly Prince Qingxuan to dim, and the old men next to the Heavenly Prince lost their colors. Their gazes immediately turned into swords and unleashed their frightening auras. In just a moment, their presence was like a storm and caused many cultivators to shiver in cold chills.

“A Heavenly Ancestral Snail—”

The moment a fight was about to break out, an old man next to Heavenly Prince Qingxuan whispered. His voice was very low, and very few people heard him.

He turned towards Heavenly Prince Qingxuan and shook his head. His expression was sinking. He didn't expect to meet a Heavenly Ancestral Snail that was so rarely seen in this world! At this moment, he remembered an ancient legend from the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, an extremely frightening legend!

"My servant was too rash."

At this moment, Heavenly Prince Qingxuan glanced at Li Qiye, then Li Shuangyan. He nodded his head, then said:

"Goddess Li, I bid you farewell for now. We will meet again in the future."

Finished speaking, he took everyone and disappeared again after becoming azure lights.

His sudden departure was a surprise to many. A cultivator praised:

"Heavenly Prince Qingxuan is indeed worthy of coming from an Ancient Kingdom. With a forgiving heart, he didn't bother with the ignorance of a brat. Acting so wise, just like how Heavenly Prince Qingxuan would. It's no wonder why so many people were willing to place their trust in him."

Other cultivators saw the giant snail. Earlier, they had seen it eat humans in the ridge, so they were a little bit scared. Someone quietly whispered:

"This is a monster bred by the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect, ah! It's so ferocious. It must not be a regular monster."

Many cultivators were now taking the long road around the giant snail. This giant snail was eating humans for just little grievances, causing everyone to be afraid of it.

"A snail eating humans... This is my first seeing it."

A cultivator whispered.

After the group of Heavenly Prince Qingxuan left, Li Qiye smiled and said:

"It seems like the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom has some talents. They unexpectedly recognized your origin."

Then he patted the shell of Niu Fen.

"Young Noble, the old man wearing the hat is not simple. From my observation, he is also like me and also suppressed the small path!"

Niu Fen looked at Li Qiye and said.

Even though only cultivators under the Ancient Saint realm could enter the Evil Infested Ridge, if one used treasures to seal their own cultivations to something under Ancient Saint, then they could still enter. However, once inside, they could only exert the strength below Ancient Saint!

"Who cares what his cultivation is."

Li Qiye said:

“As long as he doesn’t bother my business, then it has nothing to do with me. If he is not so smart, however, and dares to ruin my matters, then kill without mercy!”

Niu Fen carried Li Qiye and Li Shuangyan away. On the road, Li Qiye asked Li Shuangyan:

“Your Nine Saint Demon Gate is going together with the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom?”

Li Shuangyan shook her head and said:

“The Nine Saint Demon Gate and the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom only has a normal diplomatic relationship. Only, I heard from my master that recently, my oldest brother is becoming very close with the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom.”

“This is for the best.”

Li Qiye continued:

“If — one day — the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom becomes my enemy, then watch out as I will annihilate them. I don’t want others to say that I didn’t give your master some face, then.”

Li Qiye’s words made Li Shuangyan speechless. She had to add:

“This is an Ancient Kingdom! The Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom is still thriving, even now!”

“So what if it is an Ancient Kingdom.”

Li Qiye leisurely smiled and said:

“If they are smart, then they could live peacefully for millions of years. If they aren’t smart and stop my path, then this Ancient Kingdom does not need to exist any longer!”

Li Shuangyan was silently staring at Li Qiye. At this moment, she didn’t know whether Li Qiye was joking or not! One had to know that this was an Ancient Kingdom, ah! It had existed for many, many years. People daring to arrogantly say that they want to destroy the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom; there were only a few!

“Heh, Young Noble is invincible, what does the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom have? They are still not Eternal Everlasting Existences. Heh, even if they are Eternal Everlasting Existences, they would still be destroyed.”

Niu Fen laughed and said:

“There is a rumor in my tribe that during the Ancient Ming Era, an Eternal Endless Existence was destroyed by a grand character. I heard that this Eternal Endless Existence even had gods, but after being destroyed by this grand character, none was left alive. Heh heh, today, Young Noble is coming into being in this heaven, destroying the Azure Mysterious Ancient Kingdom is an easy matter. You could even break that grand character’s record.”

Hearing Niu Fen’s words, Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and remembered that time that was stained with blood. Then, he slapped Niu Fen’s back and said:

“Good! Less sucking up, you should just do your job!”

“Heh—”

Niu Fen quickly rushed forward and still muttered in a low voice:

“Young Noble, our ancestors used to follow that grand character. If, in the future, you could be as accomplished as that supreme character, I could also be as glorious as my ancestor...”

“Shut up—”

Li Qiye suddenly thunderously roared in a cold manner.

With Li Qiye’s sudden yell, that was filled with a majestic and unchallengeable prestige, at this time, Niu Fen was shivering and afraid from the bottom of his heart. He knew that he had said something he shouldn’t have, so he immediately became silent and quickly rushed forward.

Li Qiye rode the snail crazily. With the speed of Niu Fen, he realized that he was getting closer and closer to the frog. This caused him to be very excited. This frog had disappeared for many millions of years and now, this was the final chance to catch it again.

Li Qiye was hellbent on catching this frog, but at this key moment, even more trouble had showed up.

He had not arrived inside the dangerous area, yet there was a cavalry that entered from left and right and immediately surrounded Li Qiye in the middle.

There were more than one thousand experts. This blockade was so tight that not even one drop of water could trickle through.

This cavalry’s battle aura pierced the sky, like a lion on the battlefield, with frightening killing intent.

Seeing the sudden emergence of this cavalry, many nearby cultivators were afraid and didn’t dare to come close. They were afraid of being involved.

Being suddenly surrounded by this cavalry, Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and smirked with the corner of his mouth:

“The Jiang Zuo Clan’s cavalry, not too bad, ah.”

Seeing this cavalry, a cultivator emotionally said:

“Even though Marquis of the Eastern River was only one step away from reaching Royal Noble, and is a bit weaker than Shengtian Dao, Marquis of the Eastern River has the always-victorious cavalry. He had never been stopped before! This made Marquis of the Eastern River no inferior to Shengtian Dao.”

A cultivator said:

“The Six Wise Monarchs Formation personally led by Marquis of the Eastern River... I heard it can even slay Royal Nobles.”

A demon monarch saw this formation and lost his colors. He then continued:

“A few days ago, Marquis of the Eastern River personally led the Six Wise Monarchs Formation and trapped a two hundred thousand year old Longevity Spirit into a wall before he finally killed this Longevity Spirit under the power of the formation.”

At this moment, many cultivators stopped at this location. They were excited to watch the lively commotion.

At this point, Marquis of the Eastern River slowly came forward. He then looked at Li Qiye and Li Shuangyan on top of the snail and smilingly greeted:

“Goddess Li, such a coincidence. I didn’t expect for us to meet here.”

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Li Shuangyan gave him a cold glare and didn’t speak. Li Qiye, on the other hand, squinted his eyes and looked at Marquis of the Eastern River, then he said:

“As the saying goes, a good dog doesn’t block the road. Don’t disturb my good mood and get the hell out of the way!”

Hearing this, even Marquis of the Eastern River, who was good at controlling his emotions, had his expression become cold. He glared at Li Qiye and chillingly said:

“Little boy, don’t be arrogant. This Hou does not want to bother with you! If you don’t know your place... Hmph! Even if Gu Tieshou comes here with the emperor’s possession, he still wouldn’t be able to save you!”

“Don’t you worry, Elder Gu isn’t here right now. I don’t need a butcher’s knife to kill a chicken, you are thinking too highly of your Jiang Zuo Clan.”

Li Qiye, hearing Marquis of the Eastern River’s words, smilingly replied:

“Aren’t you afraid of the emperor’s possession? Stop thinking that your clan is so powerful, who do you think you are? Even without an emperor’s possession, killing people from the Jiang Zuo Clan is still as easy as killing dogs!”

Marquis of the Eastern River was shivering with anger, and his face became flushed! He gazed intensely at Li Qiye. Even a clay statue would vomit blood after hearing Li Qiye’s arrogant words.

“This kid’s banter is too wicked!”

Even the observing cultivators had grievances with Li Qiye’s harsh words.

Another cultivator sneered:

“Not only wicked, this brat is also too naive. He doesn’t know how high the sky or how vast the earth is. He doesn’t know the extent of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect’s declination, and he still dares to provoke the Jiang Zuo Clan. The Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect having such a blind brat; sooner or later, it will end with a sect-destroying disaster.”

Marquis of the Eastern River’s eyes shot out awe-inspiring gazes as he said:

“Such big words! This Hou truly wants to see what merit laws your Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect can present that would allow you to provoke the Jiang Zuo Clan. Even if your sect has one or two Emperor Merit Laws remaining, I’m afraid a person like you still isn’t eligible to learn them.”

“I understand.”

Li Qiye glanced at Marquis of the Eastern River and laughed out loud. Then, he leisurely said:

“So it turns out to be a psychological tactic. In this day and age, everyone only relies on their fists to talk so don’t continue to hide. You want to be a bandit, so don’t pretend to be a holy saint — a prostitute yet still wanting to be respected! You are simply aiming for our Emperor Merit laws!”

Marquis of the Eastern River’s face became red. Having his cavalry to suddenly surrounded Li Qiye was just to mess with him, and then find an excuse to capture Li Qiye.

He didn’t expect this fifteen year old boy to recognize his intentions and embarrass him in front of everyone.

At the ridge, he saw — with his own eyes — the power of the Kun Peng’s Six Variants. It made his heart beat excitedly. Emperor Merit Law — truly unparalleled, ya!

To Marquis of the Eastern River, his clan was currently extremely strong and had astonishing secrets, but it was lacking an apex Emperor Merit Law.

When Gu Tieshou was using the Six Variants to destroy Marquis of Suppressive Might, at that moment, Li Qiye noticed that Gu Tieshou’s Emperor Merit Law was lacking. Right then and there, Marquis of the Eastern River immediately knew that Li Qiye also cultivated the Kun Peng’s Six Variants, and his version might even be better than Gu Tieshou’s! It could even be the handwritten copy from Immortal Emperor Min Ren. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to understand its profound truth at his age.

Thus, Li Qiye suddenly became a fat sheep in the eyes of Marquis of the Eastern River. He was only wary of the emperor’s possession in the hands of Gu Tieshou, so he didn’t dare to make a move. Then, once they were inside, Li Qiye suddenly disappeared, so he had no chance to take action.

Today, Li Qiye appeared in the east of the Evil Infested Ridge and only had Li Shuangyan with him. Hearing this news, Marquis of the Eastern River immediately led his troops to this place. One had to know that because of this Emperor Merit Law, Marquis of the Eastern River had invited a grand character from his clan.

To Marquis of the Eastern River, it was crucial for this ploy of stealing the Emperor Merit Law to be successful.

At this moment, when Li Qiye revealed the intricacies behind these matters, many cultivators glanced at each other. Some even wondered why they didn’t think of this. If this little brat cultivated an Emperor Merit Law, then he was indeed a fat sheep!

Since he was seen through, Marquis of the Eastern River coldly snorted and no longer danced around the issue, and directly demanded:

“That’s right, this Hou is here for the Emperor Merit Law of the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect. Your sect has declined, so it is time for the Emperor Merit Law to switch owners.”

Li Qiye squinted his eyes, looked at Marquis of the Eastern River, and slowly spoke:

“Your Jiang Zuo Clan was always a bunch of hypocrites. Especially Virtuous Monarch Jiang Zuo, he was a shameless son of a bitch. Even though you are annoying, at least you dare to admit your doings. You are an honest villain, and more respectable compared to your ancestor, Virtuous Monarch Jiang Zuo.”

“Little demon, you dare to insult my ancestor—”

Marquis of the Eastern River’s expression greatly changed. He roared as a great palm rushed towards Li Qiye, wanting to capture him alive.

“Bang”

Li Qiye didn’t need to do anything, Li Shuangyan had already knocked away this palm with one finger. Marquis of the Eastern River lost his colors and immediately withdrew his palm. He then took several steps back.

“Goddess Li, do not seek trouble for yourself. The Nine Saint Demon Gate is promising and shouldn’t be dragged down to the muddled water just because of one unknown little brat.”

Marquis of the Eastern River’s eyes were emotionless as he threatened.

Li Shuangyan coldly glared at him and said:

“It is not your Jiang Zuo Clan’s turn to tell my Nine Saint Demon Gate what to do!”

“If Young Miss Li is determined to protect this little demon, I’m afraid this old man will not be able to hold back.”

At this moment, a cold voice appeared from behind Marquis of the Eastern River. It was an old man with a thin figure and chilling glare, wearing an armor that weighed a thousand jin. With his iron armor, he seemed to be a steel mountain. However, the armor did not hinder his movement.

“Jiang Zuo Tieyi!”[1. Tieyi = Iron Armor. You can see that the author is pretty direct with his names]

Seeing this old man, a demon standing by the side lost his colors and said:

“The oldest brother of the clan master of the Jiang Zuo Clan!”

Jiang Zuo Tieyi — he was not only the oldest brother of the Jiang Zuo Clan’s clan master, but also a ruthless Royal Noble. His hands were stained with blood. Legends has it that many cultivators and sects that opposed the Jiang Zuo Clan were personally massacred by him.

Jiang Zuo Tieyi became a Royal Noble a thousand years ago, but because he lived during the Difficult Dao Era, he couldn’t improve after becoming a Royal Noble. After the era had finally ended, he had shown improvements and was very close to reaching Enlightened Being in these recent years. His strength was truly frightening!

“Jiang Zuo Tieyi-”

Li Shuangyan became serious and glared at this old man. She had heard of his ferocious name before. Even the elders of the Nine Saint Demon Gate wouldn’t dare to fight against Jiang Zuo Tieyi.

“Little demon, be smart and hand over the Emperor Merit law.”



At this moment, Jiang Zuo Tieyi glared at Li Qiye and said:

“Otherwise, I can’t guarantee your life.”

The cultivators who were watching were silent. In the cultivation world, using force to take something was too common. If the Jiang Zuo Clan wanted to let go of all face and steal the Emperor Merit Law, it would not be a surprising matter.

There were even cultivators with regrets in their hearts. If they knew this would happen, then they would have made a move sooner to steal the Emperor Merit Law. It would have been beneficial for their own cultivations.

At this moment, the Jiang Zuo Clan already made the first move, so there were only regrets in their minds.

“If I knew this little brat was carrying an Emperor Merit Law, then I would have done something earlier. Now, the Jiang Zuo Clan had found a fat sheep.”

A cultivator whispered.

Li Qiye laughed till his eyes were narrowed, and he said:

“It really seems like all of you think that I am a fish on a cutting board! And that I will let all of you do whatever you want! So be it, since your Jiang Zuo Clan has come to my door, then don’t blame me for not being merciful!”

Li Qiye was still so calm and comfortably cozy... It was to the point of causing Marquis of the Eastern River to be alarmed. If Li Qiye was so weak, would the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect allow him to go outside?

Or could it be that Gu Tieshou was secretly following him? Thinking about the emperor’s possession in the hands of Gu Tieshou, Marquis of the Eastern River’s heart became cold. Everyone was wary of this item. The immortal aura of the emperor’s possession was too terrifying, even an immortal could only die.

“The law of the jungle, where the strong survives and the weak perishes — a never changing law throughout the ages.”

Marquis of the Eastern River slightly smiled and said:

“But the Jiang Huo Clan is a great clan and will not seize your Emperor Merit Law. Since you are so arrogant, will you dare to make a bet with me?”

Marquis of the Eastern River suddenly changed his tone and confused many people. At the moment, his cavalry surrounded Li Qiye so there was no way he could escape. Why did Marquis of the Eastern River change his mind?

Right now, many older cultivators suddenly realized that if this junior, Li Qiye, was acting so arrogant, then there could be someone protecting him in the shadows.

“Bet? What kind of bet?”

Regarding schemes, who could compare to Li Qiye who had lived for countless years? Marquis of the Eastern River suddenly letting go — Li Qiye immediately understood what he was thinking. Marquis of the Eastern River's cleverness would end up being his own undoing.

"You announced that you would slaughter the Jiang Zuo Clan!"

Marquis of the Eastern River coldly said:

"So this Hou wants to see whether you are capable of doing so. Do you dare to fight me once? If you lose, then hand the Kun Peng's Six Variants over to me. This Hou will also not make things difficult for you, and will allow you to safely leave."

Turning this robbery into a duel was a bright idea that suddenly occurred in Marquis of the Eastern River's mind. First, he was afraid that Gu Tieshou was nearby; second, this was an acceptable and commonly used method.

A one-on-one duel between cultivators; life and death was up to fate. If one lost or was even killed, then one could only blame themselves for not being as skillful. If Li Qiye lost, then it would be due to his own lack of skill, and Marquis of the Eastern River would also rightfully obtain the Kun Peng's Six Variants! Others wouldn't be able to say anything.

Of course, everyone knew it was unfair. Marquis of the Eastern River had set one foot inside the Royal Noble realm. It was plain to see that Li Qiye would lose without a doubt.

"You don't dare to fight, yet you still opened your mouth to shame my Jiang Zuo Clan!"

Marquis of the Eastern River coldly continued:

"Our Jiang Zuo Clan is very humane and will spare your life. However, you will need to cut off one arm and one leg for your sin."

Marquis of the Eastern River said this in order to cut off the path of retreat for Li Qiye, leaving him with no other choices!