

Chapter 1161: You Have To Marry Me

Li Qiye crossed his arms in front of his chest and leisurely smiled: "May I ask what you are here for, my young miss?"

She immediately became spirited after hearing his question and glared at him with her big and round eyes: "Why don't you want to marry me?!"

"Er—" Li Qiye was caught off guard. Luckily, she spoke in an aggressive manner. If she spoke to him with a tone full of resentment and indignation like an abandoned lover, others would actually mistake him for an unloyal and fickle man.

He smiled and said while looking straight at her: "Why should I marry you?"

"Because this lady is the Golden Isle Princess, the number one beauty of the Jade Sea with a supreme and peerless bloodline." She confidently stated while still posing with her hands on her waist. There was no trace of bashfulness to be found.

Li Qiye wondered whether he should laugh or cry. He shook his head in response: "And I should marry just because of that? What if a demon dragon comes out of nowhere one day and claims to be the number one beauty, do I have to marry her too?"

"Bah, who would dare to take my man?!" The unashamed lady claimed while glaring at him: "If you didn't want to marry me, why did you run here and ruin my business by passing the others on the stage?"

He shook his head once more: "I can't be blamed for that, I only fell down from the sky by accident and coincidentally struck your formation."

"What's wrong with that?" She scowled while staring at him with a burning gaze: "It's the providence of the heavens, yet you still dare not to marry me?!"

To the amusement of Li Qiye, she looked as if she wanted him to take responsibility, prompting him to reply: "So you are saying you are anxious to get married already?"

"I..." She wanted to erupt but stopped in time: "Bah, don't think so highly of yourself. Who says I am in a rush to get married?!"

She simply wanted to kick him out of Golden Isle. Who would want to marry a stranger? Moreover, she was still a little girl, but the moment she returned, she heard some disciples say that someone named Li Qiye might not want to marry her.

This rubbed her the wrong way. A man actually didn't want to marry her! Thus, she wanted to come and see just what kind of person would do so.

He replied: "Then perfect, you don't want to get married and I don't want to either. Isn't this the end of it? Plus, you are still a little girl. Time is still plentiful on this endless road. One day, you will find a suitable man."

“Bah, who says that I am still young? I’m an adult already!” The moment she heard the word ‘little’, she was immediately enraged. She hated being called little the most by others, so she grunted unhappily while exaggerating her posture even more by raising her barely gropable breasts.

Her appearance aimed to tell Li Qiye that she was not little anymore for she was already a grown lady.

He couldn’t really do anything against this bold girl. He only smiled: “Right, right, you are a grown up already.”

“Are you a little puppy or something? You are just going along with whatever I say, don’t you have your own thoughts?” She glared at him with disdain. [1. Raw is Pekingese, but this is the first time I’ve heard of this dog breed. The Pekingese is an ancient breed of toy dog that originated in China. They are called Lion Dogs due to their resemblance to Chinese guardian lions.]

A girl’s mind was already quite fickle, leaving others confused, but on top of this, she was even more unpredictable.

Li Qiye didn’t argue against her and only leisurely said: “If you have no other business, I’m going to take a nap.” He yawned afterward.

“Bah, already taking a nap when it is so early, are you a pig?” She really wanted to antagonize him.

He ignored her and gently waved his sleeve: “I guess I’m a pig then. Please leave if you have nothing else to say, I won’t entertain you anymore.” Li Qiye made it obvious that he wanted to send the guest away.

However, she didn’t want to leave and answered in a forthright manner: “If I leave after you tell me to leave, won’t I lose all face? Golden Isle is my territory.”

“Okay, girl, what do you want?” He looked at her and begrudgingly waved his sleeve.

Few things could deceive his eyes. He knew that the girl was not malicious and only wanted to cause trouble due to the fact that she didn’t want to marry.

She declared with a domineering presence: “You have to marry me!”

He took a couple more glimpses of her before wryly smiling: “Little girl, do you know what it means to get married?”

“Peh! You are the little girl! If you call me that one more time, I’ll personally strangle you to death. No, if you call me a little girl again, I will peel your skin and shred your tendons while drinking your blood!” She gave him a dirty look since she hated being called this the most. [2. This phrase should be familiar by now.]

“Fine, I’ll just call you girl then.” He raised both of his hands and acted as if he was giving up: “Girl, do you know what it means to get married?”

“Please, I am not a fool, how could I not know?” She coldly snorted and said: “If I tell you to marry me, then do it, why waste time with so much nonsense?!”

He curiously looked at her and asked: “If I am not mistaken, you don’t truly want to get married, so why do you want me to marry you?”

“Hmph! Who says that I don’t want to marry?” She arched forward to accentuate her chest again: “I am old now so it is time to start a family.”

Marriage was an embarrassing topic for many girls, but this little one didn’t care at all. She blurted out her words in a very comfortable and natural manner.

Li Qiye carefully looked at her up and down, letting her notice his burning eyes. This made her feel very uneasy. After all, although she spoke without reservation, she was still a little lady in the end.

“What are you looking at, pervert! Keep looking and I’ll claw your eyes out!” She turned fierce and suddenly lunged forward with her fingers aiming for his eyes.

Naturally, he wouldn’t let her succeed and immediately grabbed her small hand. With her being inches away, he smiled and said: “Since you said you wanted me to marry you, then I am your husband. As your husband, it is not unreasonable for me to appreciate you a bit. Plus, it isn’t a big deal. It is not like I was taking your clothes off or anything.”

“Bah! You old pervert!” Ye Xiaoxiao was still too young so she couldn’t handle Li Qiye. With a blushed complexion, she yelled: “Watch! I’ll teach you a lesson!”

With that, a snapping whip was heard. In the blink of an eye, a green vine had wrapped around Li Qiye’s arm; it coiled around his body like a demonic snake. The moment it entangled him completely, countless sharp thorns spread out like quills that wanted to suck out Li Qiye’s blood.

Li Qiye wouldn’t entertain this notion. His Hell Suppressing Godly Physique activated. With popping sounds, the vines surrounding his body were immediately split.

At this time, Ye Xiaoxiao had escaped Li Qiye’s clutch and spoke: “Hmph, looks like you have some skill.”

He resumed his gaze that was quite unpleasant to her. It made her feel very uncomfortable but she didn’t want to show any weakness so she instead proudly stood straight with her soft breasts forward while glaring at him with a fiery stare.

“Have you had your fill?” She snorted in a very arrogant style with black lines on her forehead.

He withdrew his eyes and said: “I’m really curious about your bloodline now. Not too many things in this world can actually hide from my eyes.”

She responded haughtily: “Why should I tell you?”

Li Qiye stroked his chin and quipped back: “If you tell me, I will marry you.”

This startled her as she blurted: “Who says that I want to marry you, bah!”

“Little girl will always be embarrassed.” Li Qiye laughed and shook his head: “Earlier, you were yelling and demanding for me to marry you, but now, it is the other way around. Aiz, this is really frustrating. Girl, do you want to marry or not?”

She stared at him and didn’t say anything for a moment.

He nonchalantly stood there with grace to let her look as much as she wanted. After a while, he said with a smile: "Girl, have you had your fill? I know I am incomparably handsome, but you shouldn't be infatuated to this level."

Her face turned red as she regained her wits and angrily said: "Bah! Shameless old pervert! Who would be infatuated with you? Go look in the mirror first. Daring to claim to be handsome with your common appearance, have you no shame?"

Li Qiye ignored her assessment and said: "Okay, girl, stop pestering me endlessly. I actually want to know why you want this marriage. If I'm not mistaken, you have changed your mind for now."

Chapter 1162: The Fiery Ye Xiaoxiao

She fiercely glared at him and said: "Hmph! Why should I tell you? Just do what I say instead of blabbering about!"

Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "If that's the case, then we have nothing else to talk about."

Having said that, he turned to go back into his bedroom.

"Hey, stop, are you listening?" She shouted after seeing this.

Li Qiye paused and turned his head around: "You got something else to say? If not, then don't bother me."

She was annoyed by his attitude and maintained her fierce gaze and aggressive posture: "I'm asking you now, do you really have a bloodline of the imperial prince level?"

He turned his body around and gave her a quick look before smiling: "Are you doubting your Golden Isle's formation? Did you come here to demand a marriage or to see if I have an imperial prince-level bloodline?"

"Don't you worry about that, I'll do what I want." Her hands were often found on her waist as she said: "Stop asking so many things. Do you have it or not?!"

"It really looks like we have nothing to talk about." Li Qiye waved his hand and turned around, leaving with a smile on his face.

"Hey!" Ye Xiaoxiao felt a little anxious and stomped once before blocking his path: "Do you have an imperial level bloodline or not?"

Li Qiye looked at the little girl in front of him and said: "I understand. You came here not to see whether I want to marry you or not, but to see if I have that type of bloodline."

With that, he crossed his arms before his chest and looked at her in a carefree manner: "If you sincerely asked earlier, maybe I would have told you."

She muttered under her breath after hearing this then shouted: "Just let me know, do you have it or not?!"

Li Qiye nodded his head and chuckled: "If we are using the definitions of your treant race, then yes, my bloodline is of the imperial level."

She didn't completely buy this, so it was her turn to look at Li Qiye up and down to find some clues from his body.

After a careful examination, she asked with a voice full of suspicion: "Is it really at the imperial level? You don't look like someone with that type of bloodline at all."

Li Qiye burst out in laughter in response: "Can you really determine an imperial bloodline with the naked eye? Don't you have a very powerful bloodline as well? Can we tell its strength just by looking at you?"

"Hmph! What do you know? My bloodline is supreme and unique in all the eons." She was unhappy with his answer and spoke with confidence: "How can your commoner's eyes see through my bloodline?"

Li Qiye replied in the same fashion: "Then the same goes for me. My bloodline is supreme and unique in all the eons, how can a little girl like you see through it with the naked eye?"

She managed to restrain her anger this time, but she still glared at him nevertheless: "Shouldn't an imperial bloodline have a surging imperial aura as if an Immortal Emperor has descended? They can suppress their enemies with just their bloodline."

Li Qiye was quite amused by this response: "Who told you that an imperial bloodline has such characteristics?"

A limited definition of an imperial bloodline was being the child of an Immortal Emperor and inheriting his bloodline. These people were called imperial children.

The truth was that Li Qiye didn't have an official imperial bloodline, but in a sense, his was even more precious than an imperial prince because his blood contained the legacy of the Blood Progenitor. More importantly, his blood had been refined multiple times by the Worldly Prime Liquid among other immortal items. Thus, his bloodline had become even more precious.

After hearing his answer, she looked at him with skepticism and asked: "Don't you humans always say this?"

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Have you met an imperial prince with a bloodline like that? A few things are only baseless rumors."

"Hmph, I knew that you humans couldn't be trusted. Your race doesn't have this imperial bloodline or whatever, at least not at the Heaven Spirit World." She immediately became a bit spirited.

Her latter statement was correct. In fact, the human race didn't have an imperial child in this world.

The truth was that in the nine worlds, this type of bloodline would not appear in every generation, so the chance of it appearing in a human here was especially low.

He was a little interested after noticing her excitement and told her: "Isn't one in front of you right now?"

She looked at him once more with suspicion: "You really have it...?"

Her suspicion was warranted, Li Qiye didn't look like someone who had an imperial bloodline. His blood energy was concealed and his dao force was weak. It could even be said that no matter how one looked at him, he simply resembled a mortal.

Even if an imperial bloodline didn't have a surging aura like the arrival of an Immortal Emperor, at the very least, the owner should have exuberant blood energy and an incredible physical body.

If Li Qiye didn't pass their trial, Ye Xiaoxiao wouldn't even be interested in doing this and would have just assumed that he was a lying swindler.

"It can't be faked." Li Qiye chuckled: "Even if you don't believe me, you should believe your Golden Isle's formation that was made by your treefathers. Plus, your father's people have confirmed it as well."

"Hmph, are you sure you aren't an accomplice of my father and scheming to trick me?" She fiercely stared at him and said: "If I find out that you are conspiring with my father's people to fool me, I will really peel your skin..."

"Okay, little girl, this isn't a conspiracy or anything." He waved his sleeve and interrupted her while laughing: "Even if your father wants to trick you, I don't have the time or interest to do so. Hurry up and tell me what you want from me."

She hesitated for a moment while peering at him. She truly looked like she didn't trust him at all, but in the end, she still asked: "If you have an imperial bloodline, do you feel that there is something different about you or something special in the bloodline itself?"

Li Qiye's curiosity was suddenly aroused. He stared at her for a bit before answering: "It looks like this groom selection from your isle really isn't that simple. So if I didn't have an imperial bloodline and it was someone else instead who passed your examination, someone found to be unsuitable for you in the future, the marriage would be canceled and it would just end there?"

There was a well-established system for stallions and incubators in this world. When a lineage picked them from a young age, a marriage wouldn't take place if it turned out that they weren't a good match or if there was a disparity between them. The majority of these stallions and incubators would be repatriated back to their sect.

In other words, even if someone was selected to be the groom of Golden Isle, it was just an agreement. The stallion still needed to undergo observation and trials. Once they passed, the marriage would finally take place so that they can produce offspring.

"Well, that has nothing to do with you." She glared at him: "If you have a real imperial bloodline, you don't have anything to worry about."

"I understand, you all want to find the most powerful bloodline. Your first choice was not an imperial bloodline, maybe it was a search for an ancient bloodline." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes while looking at her.

"Hmph, you're talking nonsense." She fiercely replied: "It is good that you have an imperial bloodline since I'll be marrying you. No, actually, I'm the one who's taking you in!" [2. In China, the common notion is that the bride is married off to the groom. In this passage, she's implying that she's the groom, the person in power.]

Li Qiye laughed it up while looking at her fierce appearance and said: "Girl, you're thinking too much into it. Even if you were willing, I still wouldn't want to marry you."

She held her pretty little waist and tigerishly declared: "This is not up to you. If you dare to not marry me, I'll beat you until your face looks like a pig."

All along, people had only heard about a lady being forced to marry. How many had heard about a groom being forced to take a wife?

His piercing glare once again settled on her body before he gave a leisurely response: "Girl, it is not that I'm looking down on you, but do you think you can force me to marry you with your little body? Return from whence you came."

Chapter 1163: Ye Xiaoxiao's Mysterious Bloodline

She was furious from being looked down upon like this by Li Qiye and shouted: "Bah, you're the one with the little body! You dare to not marry me when it is not up to you to decide? That's it, watch me beat you into a pig's head!"

She immediately took action after finishing her threat. There wasn't too much movement since she didn't even use a merit law. There was only a frightening blood energy. Space seemed to be opening up as she waved her hand. One could hear a clattering sound as a strange flower appeared before Li Qiye.

It was large and had eight bright red petals. In other words, this odd flower was made from extreme Yang true fire.

"Extreme Yang Godflower." Li Qiye's eyes turned serious after seeing this flower. In a short period of time, the endless sunfire trapped Li Qiye completely. With a clunk, the flames turned into universal laws. They didn't only imprison him, they also attacked him like a scorpion's tail that aimed to pierce his body.

"Clank!" A metallic bang resounded when Li Qiye immediately used his Nine Sun Locking Heaven Law. With a poof, the refined fire laws entered his body.

When fire laws of this caliber pierced one's body, even if the victim didn't turn into ashes instantly, they would be burned and suffer a pain worse than death.

However, Li Qiye didn't show any signs of him being in pain at all. He only smiled and said: "Quite nutritious. This thing is quite rare."

"Try this then!" She shouted after seeing that Li Qiye wasn't afraid of her godflower at all. Her vitality soared. With a loud bang, a strange tree half the size of a man emerged. It seemed to be carved out of profound ice.

The moment it appeared, a buzzing sound could be heard as a terrifying power suddenly froze everything. Its target was Li Qiye.

However, Li Qiye's nine suns law began to blaze. His own refined sunfire circled around him and easily stopped the freezing attack from this tree, leaving him completely untouched.

He didn't bother looking at the flower and the tree for his eyes were fixated on Ye Xiaoxiao. He spoke with a changed expression: "Little girl, what is this bloodline of yours!"

Very few things in life could move Li Qiye. However, she really did shock him this time. She didn't use any merit laws, but the godflower and strange tree came out. They were not items created from merit laws, they were real existences.

Her summoning reminded Li Qiye of a very archaic legend about the treants. Perhaps even members of their race didn't know about it because it was too ancient. Moreover, there was no proof of its existence as it had never appeared before. Even in the distant ages, those who had heard about it paid it no mind because there was no way it was true!

"Hmph, why should I tell you?" She waved her hand and the godflower and odd tree vanished.

Li Qiye stroked his chin and said with a grin: "If you tell me a little bit about your bloodline, I might consider taking you in. And in accordance with your wish, I can also give you an answer to your question about the imperial bloodline."

"You go first. This lady will listen to you first about the bloodline, then I'll consider telling you about my own." She snorted while looking at him.

Li Qiye stared at Ye Xiaoxiao as his eyes flashed several times. She suddenly felt uneasy beneath his gaze. Even though it was not a sharp and scary pair of eyes, they seemed to be able to penetrate all things.

"I see, I see." Li Qiye noticed her demeanor and slowly spoke: "In the end, you yourself don't even understand your bloodline, likewise with your isle. You all don't even understand the mysticisms within."

"The more accurate reason for this groom selection was to find an answer within the many bloodlines of the human race, it wasn't just to find a mighty one. You are searching for a bloodline that is truly comparable to your own so that you can analyze its mysteries." With that, Li Qiye smiled: "If I'm not mistaken, even the items left behind by your treefathers cannot analyze your bloodline."

"Hmph, what a bunch of nonsense, this is only your one-sided speculation." She scowled: "What is this about not knowing my own bloodline? I naturally know everything about it. I just don't want to tell you so that you'll get mad."

Despite her strong retort, it was evident that it was all for show.

He gently shook his head: "Girl, there's no need to be stubborn, you can't hide it from my eyes. If you tell me the truth about your bloodline, maybe I can even help you."

Ye Xiaoxiao wanted to speak, but she immediately closed her mouth while turning cautious.

"Clang—clank—" At this moment, the alarm suddenly sounded at Golden Isle. A disciple shouted: "We're under attack!"

Ye Xiaoxiao's expression sank after hearing this. Her eyes narrowed as she said: "Which bastard is sneak attacking my Golden Isle!"

With that, she turned and left. A flower bloomed with each step as she soared into the sky.

Li Qiye smiled and went outside the room to look towards the island.

“Splash!” Outside of the islands, sea water rose in the form of aqua dragons. They were completely blue and soared into the sky before plunging down at Golden Isle.

Even the Golden Isle Lord was alerted after this sudden attack. He stood up in the sky and shouted: “Who is it!”

Without a doubt, the assailant didn’t want to show themselves, they simply controlled these aqua dragons for the assault.

Bursts of alarms rang across Golden Isle. Keep in mind that it was definitely a powerful lineage comparable to any imperial lineage or immortal gate. It had to be someone skillful to even dare to attack it.

“Activate!” The disciples immediately rushed out to meet the enemy the moment these aqua dragons reached the warning zones.

“Crash!” However, more and more dragons came out of the sea. In the blink of an eye, ten thousand aqua dragons leapt into the sky and attacked these crucial zones with great ferocity.

At this time, Li Qiye withdrew his gaze from the distance and redirected it down to the surface of the water. He turned serious after seeing the sparkling sea water.

Someone emerged from the ocean. It was a girl riding a seahorse.

She wore a blue dress and an ethereal silk veil. In the light breeze, she seemed particularly slim and graceful. Her entire being seemed sway with the wind.

This dark green seahorse resembled both a flood dragon and a horse. With its perfect outline, it was definitely the finest of horses in the ocean.

The girl hid her face so no one could see her true appearance. She emerged from the ocean without any warning or sound, like a ghost. No one noticed her arrival.

If it wasn’t for Li Qiye, no one would have detected her intrusion. Despite being completely soundless, she was extremely fast while riding her seahorse. In the blink of an eye, she was already next to Li Qiye.

“Get on.” She told him while concealing her real voice.

“Why should I?” Li Qiye smiled while looking at the girl; he was relaxed as always.

The girl didn’t waste words. She immediately grabbed Li Qiye and pulled him onto the seahorse so that he was sitting in front of her.

“A bit interesting.” Li Qiye didn’t bother resisting. He seemed to be entertained by this.

The seahorse turned around and snuck out towards the ocean in order to escape.

But before the seahorse could reach the sea, a shout came about: “Where do you think you’re going?!” Ye Xiaoxiao noticed the abduction and immediately attacked with blossoming flowers below her.

The odd tree emerged again. With a buzz, she instantly froze the nearby sea with astonishing speed.

The other girl noticed the frozen sea water, but she didn't halt. She rode the seahorse into the sky with lightning speed.

"Where are you from, demoness, to dare steal my man! You court death!" Ye Xiaoxiao had a scorching personality indeed. She stomped on a vine below her feet. This swift vine instantly caught up to the seahorse.

With another cry, she attacked once more. A gigantic willow emerged. Its branches were like immortal ropes that intended to ensnare the other girl.

However, this girl was not that easy to mess with. Her delicate and jade-like hand unleashed a palm attack.

"Boom!" Ice dragons instantly rushed out of the frozen water and attacked the willow branches with unparalleled speed.

"Pop!" The willow branches tied up the dragons. Shortly after, the dragons and willow branches began to fight; neither side wanted to give in.

In this split second, the sea horse suddenly leaped forward. This one leap alone caused space and time to reverse. The area ten million miles away suddenly appeared beneath the seahorse.

Chapter 1164: Mysterious Girl

This leap from the seahorse crossed space instantaneously. Even Li Qiye sitting on it had to praise: "Incredible, this is an exceedingly rare divine horse."

A gap was instantly created after this jump. Even though Ye Xiaoxiao's vine used its top speed, it was unable to catch up.

The seahorse made it out of the frozen sea. It instantly dove into the vast ocean and submerged itself.

The veiled girl then hid their presence and traces. Without a doubt, she came prepared.

The seahorse leaped a second time under the surface of the water. This was even faster than the leap in the sky. The ocean was its playground, so it could cross from one sea to another. People would be rendered speechless by its speed.

"Shameless demoness, you better not let me find you or I'll show you. Stealing my man now, huh?" The chasing Ye Xiaoxiao had lost her target and angrily stomped her foot.

At a certain place in the Jade Sea, there was a towering cliff with large shoal rocks and deep underwater gullies. After water flowed into these gullies, one would hear a loud roar. The water fell straight down like waterfalls. Waves of currents were wrestling with the boulders down here. Of course, there were also circular channels around the cliff in the form of whirlpools...

This particular location was quite dangerous. Ordinary cultivators wouldn't want to come here.

A loud bang occurred below the steep cliff. The seahorse climbed up from the water to the top of the cliff. There were two people riding it. Of course, it was Li Qiye and the mysterious girl.

A panoramic view of this sea was available at the top of this cliff. The sea breeze was carrying water vapor everywhere. The waves loudly roared as they galloped in this place. The scene ahead was quite extraordinary and precarious in a supernatural yet marvelous manner.

Li Qiye was still at home while riding the seahorse and bathing in the sea breeze. His head was resting against a soft and plump chest. This was indeed a time to be cheerful.

The girl's temper took a turn for the worse when Li Qiye rested against her chest like this. She coldly said: "It is time for you to get off."

Li Qiye remained unmoved while his head was still in the middle of the valley. His faint grin told the story of his comfort and enjoyment. "Little girl, if you want something, you have to pay the price. You might be thinking that I am taking advantage of you, but the truth is that you are taking advantage of me. If I was unwilling, you wouldn't have been able to take me along."

This answer left the girl silent. It was arrogant and narcissistic to an unreasonable level.

She jumped down from the seahorse and looked around at the sea nearby. Who knows what she was thinking.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was still leisurely sitting on the seahorse while closing his eyes to enjoy the breeze. After a while, he murmured: "The sensation of the Heaven Spirit World really makes people feel attached with strong sentiments."

She finally turned back to look at him with a cold glare: "You should talk about your circumstances now."

He finally opened his eyes to look at her and smiled: "Little girl, if you want to negotiate with me, you should put on a friendly attitude. If I am in a good mood, maybe I can point you towards a clear road."

The girl became annoyed and asked: "Are you always this narcissistic?"

"Narcissistic?" Li Qiye laughed and replied: "Little girl, I don't know what narcissism is, and you haven't seen when I truly act smug. When I feel cocky and put on airs, a little girl like you can only stand to the side since even gods and demons have to prostrate before me."

She stared at him for a good while. If it wasn't for his sober appearance, she would have thought that she had caught the wrong person, a complete psycho.

"Don't look at me like that." Li Qiye lazily looked at the distant sea and said: "This is the best your Exquisite Valley can do? You're able to carry a few bloodlines, but your vision for the overall situation is still completely lacking. The criticism from before still stands; your valley does not lack fresh blood, it is lacking in wise strategic foresight."

The mysterious girl was surprised and immediately took one step back while staring at Li Qiye with a chilling glint flashing across her pupils.

She had hidden everything so that others wouldn't recognize her background. Even a God-Monarch wouldn't be able to see through her, so she was astonished that this seemingly ordinary man was able to instantly deduce her origin. She was completely confident in her concealing technique, but now, she felt an urge to kill.

“Again, there’s no need to look at me like that.” Li Qiye was basking in the sea breeze as he calmly stated: “If you have any disrespectful thoughts about me, it will be your own undoing. I am not someone who enjoys plucking flowers, but when necessary, I have no qualms about eliminating beautiful women.”

The girl was bewildered and couldn’t guess his background at this time. It was quite pitiful how little she knew about him.

After a while, she calmed down and stared at him: “You are Li Qiye?”

He ignored her and took a deep breath to say: “What a world this is.” He smacked his lips afterward before speaking: “Among all the people I’ve met, I am the only person called Li Qiye.”

“Can’t you be any less narcissistic?” The annoyed girl found this answer quite exasperating.

He raised his brows and said: “And then? You mean like this?”

The girl was a bit speechless. The situation had somehow reversed. The man ahead was the one in charge, so she tried to take back the initiative: “Do you have an imperial bloodline?”

Li Qiye was bored and reached out to brush her hair that was blowing wildly in the wind. However, she immediately made some distance between them and coldly said: “You better act properly!”

Li Qiye withdrew his hand and stared insipidly at her: “What does it matter? Is this bloodline worth talking about? After so many years, your Exquisite Valley still relies on bloodlines for business. Back and forth, back and forth, only to go around in a circle. A nice way to put it is cultivating talents while a more offensive way is to call it a brothel. Marrying excellent bloodlines to powerful lineages — not much different from a breeding stable.”

The mysterious girl quivered with rage after hearing this. This was simply humiliating her lineage; he was treating them as if they weren’t worth a single coin.

“You better start acting more respectfully to me!” She shouted. If it wasn’t for her great self-restraint, she would have already taught a lesson to this guy who didn’t know the immensity of the heaven and earth.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t say anything else, or maybe he was too lazy to do so.

She took a deep breath to calm down and then said in a serious manner while looking at him: “If you have an imperial bloodline, you should have a different plan. There are wider paths for you to take, battles await your advance.”

Li Qiye turned to slowly and carefully look at her. She didn’t know why she felt so uncertain when subjected to his glance like this. She felt as if she was being completely stripped by his insipid eyes. All of her concealing methods were useless.

“Have you seen enough?” She raised her head and coldly stared at him.

“A very good bag of skin.” He withdrew his gaze and flatly said: “Worthy of being from the Exquisite Valley.”

She felt like vomiting blood after hearing this. She wasn't only from the valley; if she revealed her true identity, she could look down on the entire Heaven Spirit World. Countless men would want to marry her.

But according to Li Qiye, she was only a "good bag of skin." If this could even be considered a compliment, it was the most disdainful one she had ever heard in her life.

A homicidal impulse arose from Li Qiye's triggering words. She had to try quite hard to stabilize her emotions.

"Little woman, don't you know?" Li Qiye lazily glanced at her and said: "If I wanted to stay as a son-in-law at Golden Isle, then you would have spoiled my business. If that was the case, then you would have to be my concubine to make up for it, no, you are still not enough to even be a bedwarming maid."

She had managed to calm down a second ago only to be infuriated once again. She gritted her teeth while trembling.

"Would you die if you stop boasting for a single second?" One could hear the sound of her teeth grinding together. If she didn't want to maintain her ladylike demeanor, she would have ruthlessly bitten big chunks out of him.

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Li Qiye laughed and replied: "Boast? I am simply stating a fact. The only reason you were able to bring me here is because I had no intention of becoming Golden Isle's groom."

She coldly grunted in response: "So you are saying that you are confident to the point of thinking that you can sweep through the world."

"Sweeping through the world? No problem. For example, I could have helped the isle capture you. Just one hand would have been enough to suppress you." Li Qiye smiled.

"You!" She wanted to vomit blood again. Even someone with more self-restraint would become angry after being repeatedly provoked by Li Qiye like this. Even a Buddha made out of mud would become angry at times.

She once again proved her great emotional control: "I won't lower myself to your level."

He smiled and ignored her while enjoying this familiar and unforgettable scent carried on the air by the blowing winds.

After a good while, she eventually asked him: "What sect are you from? Which Immortal Emperor is your ancestor?"

He glanced at her and chuckled: "You should have prepared better if you wanted to take me away from Golden Isle. The valley has an amazing network, so is there something at the Heaven Spirit World that you can't find out? Why bother to ask such a simple question?"

This girl truly had a good temper. The fact was that she really wanted to give him a good beating because of his attitude. She had never seen anyone like him.

However, she went quiet after hearing this response because she couldn't find out anything about him. Every lineage in the Heaven Spirit World had some ties with the Exquisite Valley; these powerful sects were all in-laws. The issue was that they found nothing on Li Qiye, as if he had just appeared out of nowhere overnight.

"Want to know something? Anyone would want to beat you up after seeing your infuriating attitude." She coldly said: "Has no one told you this before?"

"I know that very well." He chuckled: "Many people in this world want to beat me up. If you want to as well, then you will have to join the line. It might take another hundred thousand years though. Plus, I'm afraid someone who can take me down has yet to appear in this world."

The girl realized that this man couldn't deviate from his narcissistic tendencies for even a sentence. Each one was arrogant and crazy. She didn't know what kind of person actually gave birth to this man.

She changed her posture and went straight back to business: "The imperial bloodline is incredible. If utilized correctly, you could rekindle your ancestors' glory and rule the nine worlds... However, you should also know that this world is vast with hidden dragons and crouching tigers everywhere. You are not the only one with an imperial bloodline. Moreover, even this great bloodline can't look down on other people from humble beginnings. For millions of years, countless ordinary experts have triumphed over imperial bloodlines. Vagabonds and those who come from tiny sects can still accept the Heaven's Will and become emperors."

She spoke earnestly while calmly staring at him: "Brittle is trouble. Your imperial bloodline might be an advantage, but if you are blinded by your own arrogance, you will die one day. At that point, it will not only be a personal loss, but also a loss to the entire human race, especially the ones at the Heaven Spirit World!"

These were her heartfelt thoughts. She said them for Li Qiye's own good.

After hearing this, he carefully looked at her again. This time, he finally took her seriously. She met his gaze sincerely and didn't try to hide anything.

"Is that what you wanted to say?" He smiled and answered: "Really, don't you think it's funny? Your valley marries off brilliant bloodlines, both males and females, in order to build stability for your sect's position as well as strengthening your influence..."

"Your progenitor's thought in the beginning was to spread your bloodlines to the entire Heaven Spirit World so that all the lineages would have traces of the Exquisite Valley! From this, the valley would be able to influence this world's overarching direction." He chuckled at this point: "I have to admit, your progenitor was ambitious enough by carrying out this step!"

He continued on cheerfully: "The original idea was to spread your own valley's bloodlines to the others, but now, you are paying attention to someone else's bloodline and even want to compete for it against Golden Isle. Don't you think this is quite interesting?"

She looked him in the eyes and said: "Our valley bears no malice against you. We don't want to take your imperial bloodline for our own or do anything to you."

She spoke in a candid manner: “The only reason I took you away from the isle was to tell you that you don’t need to be a stallion with your bloodline, there’s no need to submit to anyone. You can go even further and perhaps even reach for the Heaven’s Will. With your imperial bloodline, you have a greater chance of becoming an emperor than anyone else.”

Li Qiye chuckled and replied: “Is that right? How do you think I should go about doing that, or rather, how does your valley want to approach this? If I stay at your valley, will your sect marry several beauties with great bloodlines to me so that my legacy will be passed down? Or would your sect muster all of its effort to help me become an Immortal Emperor before betrothing more concubines to me? After all, the bloodline of an Immortal Emperor would prosper in your valley this way.”

“I...” She didn’t know how to answer this. After all, the Exquisite Valley didn’t have the same traditions and mission as the other lineages.

Li Qiye’s gaze continued to pierce through her. She made no effort to hide, however, and let him look as much as he wanted in a very natural manner.

It seemed that he was looking at her naked for a while before he laughed: “How interesting, how interesting, even you don’t know what to do...”

“... Perhaps you took me out of Golden Isle to let my bloodline be passed down at your Exquisite Valley. With this bloodline, your sect will become even stronger in the future.”

She could only gently sigh. This ordinary man was not ordinary at all. It could even be said that he was quite frightening since nothing could escape his eyes.

Perhaps this was the charm and charisma of an imperial bloodline, its true potential.

Li Qiye smirked and revealed: “I know full well that you are the current master of the Exquisite Valley. However, even with your position, you don’t have enough authority there.”

Her expression greatly shifted as she took a step back and stared at Li Qiye in disbelief: “How do you know that I am the Exquisite Valley Lord?! Have you seen me before?”

However, she thought about it carefully and was certain that they had never met before. At the very least, she absolutely didn’t see him in the past.

“You are overthinking it.” He gently shook his head: “I haven’t met you before, but after seeing the imprint in your bloodline, I knew right away that you are the current lord. After all, an ancient bloodline is running through your veins.”

She felt a chill inside. This man was getting scarier and scarier.

Li Qiye leaned back with his hands on the seahorse and spoke freely: “Despite being the lord, you don’t have absolute power there. A few matters are decided by the ancestors. I’m curious about what thoughts you have regarding one particular issue...”

She had to ask: “What issue?”

He elaborated: “If your ancestors don’t have the same ideas as you and only want to treat me as a stallion, to pass down my imperial bloodline at your valley, what are your thoughts on this?”

The girl pondered for a bit. Li Qiye's line of thought was not unreasonable. Their valley collected the best bloodlines in this world and wouldn't give up on an imperial bloodline from the human race.

"Or one day, if your ancestors want to betroth you to me or have you be my bed warmer, in short, a breeding tool, what do you think about this? Will you agree to be my woman too?" He said with a grin.

Chapter 1166: Kong Qinru

"I..." She could find a response at this moment.

It was just like he said, she couldn't decide certain things by herself. Even though she wanted to make a change, she would ultimately need the support of the entire sect.

And in his example, if the Exquisite Valley wanted to multiply Li Qiye's bloodline, perhaps they would even pick her as an incubator. As the lord of the valley, what could she do about it?

Li Qiye smiled at the mysterious girl and said: "What do you want from me? An imperial bloodline, or an Immortal Emperor as well as an imperial bloodline?"

She took a deep breath and replied: "You're thinking too much. As someone with an imperial bloodline from the human race, I only want you to go on an even wider path."

"I got it now." Li Qiye's eyes slightly flashed as he answered leisurely: "You taking me away from Golden Isle was not the intent of the Exquisite Valley but rather your own. It seems like you want to make a change, a reformation of the valley, or rather..."

"... You hope that the valley itself could use these bloodlines to strengthen itself, unlike the current valley that relies on the bloodlines to affect the overall situation of the Heaven Spirit World." He laughed out loud at this point: "Little girl, this is not just a change. It is a complete revamp that shakes the entire foundation of your Exquisite Valley!"

"You... how did you know?!" She was frightened at this point with a hint of killing intent in her eyes.

She had never revealed this to anyone. She was determined to change the valley's ways, but it was a secret decision that only she knew about.

Li Qiye smiled: "Little girl, it seems like you want to kill me to keep this a secret. That's not a smart idea. Watch it or I'll end you instead."

She took even more steps back. This man was much more terrifying than she imagined. She felt as if she was without a stitch of clothing in the face of his all-seeing gaze.

He turned towards the far ocean and flatly said: "It is a good intention, but it might not be successful and it isn't necessarily suitable either."

She couldn't help but eventually ask: "Why is it not suitable?"

"Because this is the Heaven Spirit World." He smiled: "If your valley becomes capable of using your own bloodlines, experts will come in waves. If it can even produce an Immortal Emperor, what do you think the other races will feel about this?"

With that, he turned back to her and said: "I'm afraid many lineages would be more than willing to destroy your Exquisite Valley and divide your bloodlines."

She contemplated for a moment before asking once more: "Are there no other ways?"

She didn't know why, but she started asking for his opinions.

"That would depend on your own thoughts." He slowly elaborated: "The best way is to move away from the Heaven Spirit World when the time is right. Your valley has both bloodlines and resources. It would be much stronger in any other location. After all, this is not a world for humans, the majority of the human race isn't here."

She thought about this relocation. It was not like she hadn't thought about it before, but even if she were to make up her mind one day, the ancestors wouldn't agree. After all, the Exquisite Valley had been here for countless years. It had built a solid foundation and was deeply rooted in the Heaven Spirit World.

If they were to move away, then that was tantamount to giving up on their foundation. All of the efforts from their past wise sages would drift away with the current.

He claimed: "If you want to reform, then you must have peerless courage and determination. Without this, it is all empty talk."

After contemplating for a long time, she finally lifted her head to look at him and earnestly said: "Are you really from the Heaven Spirit World?"

She finally realized the true terror of this man ahead. Even though she couldn't see his cultivation, he was unperturbed in the face of danger. This showed just how powerful he was. This person would be renowned in the world no matter the generation.

However, she had never heard of the name Li Qiye before. This gave room for a bolder idea. She suspected that this person was not someone from the Heaven Spirit World but an outsider instead.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Little girl, you are not stupid at all. It seems that you are indeed a bit gifted. That's why you are the valley lord."

The confirmation from Li Qiye shocked her. She wanted to inquire further, but Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve: "Where I'm from doesn't matter. Just heed my words, never hinder my path. Out of consideration for the fact that you are a human, perhaps I will lend you a hand if possible. However, if you hinder my path, I will annihilate you all the same."

She slowly spoke: "We don't have a conflict of interest."

Li Qiye only smiled at this response. Eventually, the girl removed her concealment to reveal her true form. She bowed before Li Qiye: "My name is Kong Qinru. I didn't know that Young Noble Li was a master, so I have offended you."

She sincerely revealed her intention in order to become friends with Li Qiye. He slowly walked forward. This girl before him was truly beautiful. She was on the same level as Li Shuangyan and the other girls. Of course, she still had a ways to go compared to Bu Lianxiang or Ming Yexue.

Her hair was like a waterfall — soft and elegant. Her eyes were as bright as pearls. They would shine in the dark and revealed her wisdom.

Her figure could be described as perfect due to its slim size and gracefulness. The eyes of all spectators would light up in her presence. Her soft breasts were towering and plump while she herself was tall and slender. It was truly difficult to criticize her figure.

Adorning herself with a green garment made her look like a piece of exquisite jade in the blue sea. She was wise and farsighted with a gentle beauty.

Li Qiye stopped looking and smiled: “Descendants from the Kong Clan are always decent. It seems like they found a good successor in you.”

She wanted to say something else, but only a sigh came out. Li Qiye looked towards the horizon and said: “Whether you have something to ask me or not, you need to do something first.”

She was in a difficult position because she had witnessed this man’s overbearing nature. He was not requesting her service but commanding her. It was strange because she was the leader of a great power. Even the Golden Isle Lord wouldn’t dare to give her orders.

She took a deep breath and said: “What does Young Noble Li need me to do?”

“Find someone for me.” He slowly said: “This shouldn’t be hard given the great network that the Exquisite Valley has at the Heaven Spirit World, right?”

She gently sighed in secrecy. At this moment, she understood that it was not her who captured him. From the very beginning, he had already come up his plan, so he decided to go with her.

She trembled a bit. It seemed that everything was within his grasp; even this vast world was no exception. She didn’t know why she had this feeling. In short, after their short interaction, she became afraid of this man.

She nodded her head: “As long as the person you are trying to find is still at the Heaven Spirit World, we will try our best to uncover some clues. It will only be a matter of time.”

Li Qiye also nodded in a carefree manner: “I’m confident in your valley. If the Exquisite Valley can’t find someone in this world, other lineages would find it even more difficult.”

After saying this, he stared at her and smiled: “What are your plans after capturing me? Where is your path of retreat?”

She had to answer: “My destination is Peacock Land.”

Li Qiye laughed out loud and said: “It seems like you didn’t plan to bring me back to the valley and instead wanted to hide me away.”

She didn’t know whether to laugh or cry after hearing this. He was right, she really didn’t plan to bring him back to the Exquisite Valley.

The valley was located at the Abyss Sea, so there was no need for them to go to Peacock Land if she wanted to bring him back to the valley.

Chapter 1167: Humans Are Only Sojourners

Li Qiye smilingly said: “Then let’s go to the land of the peacocks, it will be our first stop.”

She didn’t say anything else, only pulling the reins of the seahorse to lead the way. Her actions were quite natural without any hint of suddenness.

At this moment, she herself was startled at the lack of awkwardness. She was the lord of the Exquisite Valley, a great figure at the Heaven Spirit World, but today, she was acting as a mere guide. No one would believe it even if they were to see this scene.

“Little girl, come on up, stop dawdling around.” Li Qiye then patted the seahorse.

Kong Qinru took a quick look at him. She didn’t say anything before jumping up and gracefully sitting behind him.

Li Qiye once again used her chest as a pillow. His head sank into her valley as he spoke: “Go.”

She was immediately infuriated. She thought that he was acting like a gentleman and didn’t want her to walk on the long journey. However, it turns out that he only wanted to use her as a pillow!

She had the impulse to kick this man off the horse, but after what happened earlier, all of her anger went away. This was strange because if it was any other man, she would definitely kick him off to the horizon if they took advantage of her in such a frivolous manner. However, this man ahead looked natural and carefree as if this was no big deal. Nothing could ever faze him and he would just do as he pleased. There were no sexual thoughts or perverted intentions in his actions.

Ultimately, resting on a beauty seemed to be a natural course for this man. It didn’t matter if the girl was a goddess or a fairy from the heavens.

In the end, Kong Qinru could only wryly smile and urge the seahorse forward.

This seahorse was superb with incredible speed and few flaws. It was even more uncatchable in the sea since it came and went as fast as lightning.

“Earlier, why did you say that the Heaven Spirit World is not a home for humans?” She looked at him leaning against her chest and asked the question that had been looming over her mind.

“This has never been a suitable place for residence.” He said: “Even though the nine worlds are sealed right now, humans should be staying at other places. For millions of years, many invincible generations of humans have appeared in the Heaven Spirit World. However, the majority of them didn’t establish sects here; they would rather travel away from this world.”

“The truth is that I do admire the courage and determination of your valley’s progenitor. Building a lineage here must have required great courage.” He blinked and looked at her at this point.

“Why is it unsuitable?” In her opinion, there was no problem with the Heaven Spirit World. At the very least, she really liked living here.

“There are many reasons.” He flatly said: “For example, the human race is born to live on vast lands; the Heaven Spirit World, on the other hand, is full of oceans — this is not in accordance with human nature.

Another reason is that the human race has been weak for a very long time in this world. We're far from being comparable to the charming spirits, sea demons and treants."

"These are not the root cause, right?" She could pick out a few clues from Li Qiye's words and said: "If an Immortal Emperor really wanted to build a lineage in this world, he could shift the earth and oceans. There would be no need to live at sea."

"Good observation." He closed his eyes and continued: "Yes, they are not the main reasons. The point is that this world is not the world of us humans. In the end, we will still have to leave for this is not where our root is."

"Why specifically must we leave?" She consulted respectfully while feeling that her knowledge was quite shallow compared to this man, despite being the valley lord.

"Because of the root of this world." Li Qiye lightly stated: "If you wish to understand it, you would have to trace back to very ancient and unrecalable matters."

He went on: "To keep it simple, why is it that only this world has treants and sea demons? Why can't they leave the Heaven Spirit World? Even if they did, they would have to return eventually..."

"Let's take treefathers as an example. Once someone is strong enough to be at their level, they would be comparable to Immortal Emperors, but eventually, they would still come back here to take root to become a tree that shoulders the world and protects their descendants. For what reason?"

While Li Qiye was speaking, Kong Qinru was deep in thought. This had always been a part of life in the Heaven Spirit World. No one would give it a second thought, but now, it seemed to have some other intriguing implications.

"In the end, this world is not ours. It is a world for treants and sea demons." He said: "Humans are only passing travelers in this world. The majority leave, only a few remain."

She asked: "Then what about charming spirits? Why can they stand strong here?"

The strength of the Charming Spirit Race was even mightier than the treants and sea demons. They took root in this world without being affected or weakened at all.

"Charming spirits?" He smiled and said: "They are the favored children of the heavens. Humans can't compare to charming spirits in many aspects. At least, this is what people say. Moreover, they have secret resources and reserves in this world that are beyond your imagination."

"I don't quite understand." She inquired: "Though I have never left this world, there are records stating that humans can reproduce and take root anywhere."

"That's true." He smilingly replied: "If charming spirits are the favored children of the heavens, then humans are the thorns in the heavens' heart. They take root everywhere they go and nail themselves down. You can imagine humans as locusts. Moreover, their reproductive capabilities are second to none."

With that, he opened his eyes again and said: "Earlier, I wasn't saying that humans can't take root here in the Heaven Spirit World. Not having a continent and being few in number aren't real problems. If they really wanted to make this their home, no one would be able to stop them."

“But ultimately, the answer is still the same!” He paused to sigh at this point: “This is ultimately not a home for humans. Those who have been to the other eight worlds, even if they aren’t very powerful, will still instinctively not want to stay in this world...”

“At the end of the day, only humans incapable of leaving or those who don’t want to leave would take root here. Of course, there are also those determined to grow strong in this world like your Exquisite Valley. As for the powerful Immortal Emperors, they were able to see through a few things and didn’t want to take root here.”

“Why is that?” She inferred a few things from the conversation and felt quite inquisitive: “What secrets are hidden in the Heaven Spirit World? Are there more stories behind it?”

Li Qiye stared at her for a good while before slowly starting again: “You won’t be able to understand a few things, it is beyond your level of comprehension. Knowing too much is not necessarily a good thing sometimes. For example, the current you feels that the Heaven Spirit World is a great place for a home. Isn’t this a wonderful and happy feeling?”

“My lack of knowledge does not deter my willingness to learn.” She sincerely said: “You can give me guidance, after all.”

He raised his head to take a serious look at her beautiful face before smiling and resting back on her soft and plump breasts. While appreciating the sweet fragrance, he said: “What will you do after knowing, can you change things? This is something that even Immortal Emperors can’t accomplish, let alone you. If you want to change, it is very simple. Move the Exquisite Valley out of the Heaven Spirit World. That will be your change.”

She asked: “What about the other humans here?”

“Look at the sky.” Li Qiye leisurely said: “As long as it is a place with life, there will be humans. Not to mention that you are only a cultivator, even if you were creation itself, you still wouldn’t be able to control everything. Humans scatter all around the nine heavens and ten earths, will you be able to manage all of them?” He smiled: “If you really are thinking about the human race, then move out. As you can imagine, your valley spreads many bloodlines and even more humans in this world. Plus, a large number of humans are staying in this world because of your valley as well.”

Kong Qinru’s heart felt quite heavy after hearing this. Her valley was the most powerful human lineage in this world. As its lord, she had a great responsibility. Whether intentional or not, she felt that, in a way, the valley had to shoulder the human race...

“There is no savior in this world. Even if there was one, they could save the world, but not every single person in it.” He slowly said: “If you want to make a difference, then don’t focus on the small stuff and instead the overarching situation.”

“I’ll keep that in mind.” She took a deep breath and solemnly nodded. His words made her even more determined to make a change.

Li Qiye smiled and rested once more. He had said everything he needed to. As for the future, let it be up to her own fortune.

Chapter 1168: Peacock Land

The human race was one of the rare races in the Heaven Spirit World. Outside of those scattered across the world, they gathered in two famous locations.

The first was the renowned Exquisite Valley. It was one of the top lineages, so there were many human mortals and cultivators there...

Of course, the excellent bloodlines of the humans all came from this valley. If one couldn't find a suitable bloodline there, they would be hard-pressed to find one anywhere else.

The other base for the human race was Peacock Land. However, the land of the peacocks was in great decline in the present day. It could no longer be compared to the Exquisite Valley. Legend states that in its most prosperous generation, it was even greater than the valley.

It was a landmass that spanned tens of thousands of miles. This was not much if placed in the other eight worlds; it could only be considered the territory of a nation at best.

However, in this world of boundless oceans, this vast landmass was already considered a great continent.

One could see rolling hills and green trees everywhere in this place, making it look full of life. Smoke from kitchens lingered in the air with roosters crowing and dogs barking continuously.

This was a land full of legends. It didn't always have the name Peacock Land. The name was eventually changed due to the Peacock Treefather. It is said that a long time ago, this place was a very small landmass with only around one hundred miles of territory. It was not so much a continent as it was a large island.

Later on, the Peacock Treefather met his maker in this place and returned to the origin. He took root and refined the nearby sea region, turning it into a continent.

From then on, Peacock Land became prosperous under the protection of the treefather. Humans were able to live here peacefully from one generation to another.

In principle, the treefather was still part of the Treant Race. He should have opened a new land for the treants, but he chose to do so for the humans.

There was a legend about this story. When he was younger, he was a wandering treant that was abandoned by his parents. He eventually wandered to this island and was adopted by a nice couple who then raised him. He grew up here where human cultivators taught him how to cultivate. They opened the doors to this world of cultivation for him, a door that he had never seen before.

As he became stronger and stronger, he traveled the Heaven Spirit World and even the nine worlds. Ultimately, he still viewed this landmass as his home despite being a treant for he considered himself a human.

Eventually, he met his end. Even though he couldn't pass down his legacy, he still took root here to make Peacock Land even larger for the other humans, a land of contentment.

"Splash!" The seahorse leaped out of the ocean and stepped onto Peacock Land.

Li Qiye was still resting with his eyes closed on Kong Qinru's chest as if all in this world had nothing to do with him.

Kong Qinru was hiding her body again so that no one could tell that she was the Exquisite Valley Lord. If Golden Isle knew that she was the one who seized their groom, things would be quite problematic.

She slowly said as the seahorse landed: "We've arrived at Peacock Land."

While taking in the fragrance of the earth and the breath of the continent, the scent of the flowers and trees, Li Qiye took several deep breaths and opened his eyes.

With majestic hills and scary peaks that towered all the way to the skydome like giants, this was a scene of greenery as far as the eyes could see. It gave spectators an incredible feeling.

Others wouldn't notice anything, but this Peacock Land looked different in Li Qiye's eyes. He was seeing the approaching twilight.

Despite its lush and vibrant appearance, Li Qiye saw a huge old tree. Even though its branches and leaves were still fresh, the body itself was aged and near death.

Li Qiye quietly spoke while looking at this land: "Peacock Land... The Peacock Treefather will wither eventually, and that time is not far from now."

Kong Qinru felt quite sad inside after hearing this.

A treefather would take root in the earth to protect their descendants. This was the difference between an Immortal Emperor and a treefather. Immortal Emperors would eventually leave, but treefathers would stay for generations. Nevertheless, this didn't mean that they were everlasting. Even these divine trees would wither one day.

Returning to the earth was another method of living longer, but it was still not immortality. Of course, this period was still extremely long relative to the lifespan of mortals and even cultivators.

Li Qiye looked at Kong Qinru and said: "In the future, humans at the Heaven Spirit World will only have one base left."

She went quiet for a moment before helplessly speaking: "Maybe in two or three generations, the treefather will die and Peacock Land will collapse with him."

When a treefather died after taking root, a large part of the earth refined by him would also fall.

For example, at least Peacock Land would be destroyed after the treefather's death. Moreover, the remaining land would become increasingly barren until it eventually became uninhabitable.

Li Qiye nonchalantly commented: "When it is time to leave, one has to leave."

She could only sigh gently. In fact, this had been the trend for a while now; many cultivators would migrate.

Remember that this place used to be extremely prosperous with several powerful human lineages due to the treefather's protection. However, as the tree grew older, these powerful lineages began to

decline and moved away from this land. They didn't leave the Heaven Spirit World, instead moving to other territories. Some even chose to become tributaries to the other three great races.

In fact, many cultivators here understood that there was not much time left for the Peacock Treefather. Those who were able to move away had already left. Only mortals or weaker cultivators would stay here, or those who had a deep attachment to this land.

The seahorse slowly moved forward. Some villages began to appear among the rolling mountains. The smoke that wafted from them made it seem like this was a land of paradise. However, there was no escaping the signs of withering. It seemed that the young and robust had started moving away. Only orphans, widows, and the old were left in these villages.

The truth was not far from this depressing description. The capable have all left, leaving behind the mortals and those who couldn't make it.

Even though the Exquisite Valley also had a branch in this place, Kong Qinru couldn't conveniently come here at this moment. Of course, a cunning rabbit has three nests. There was more than just one stopping point belonging to the valley here.

She brought Li Qiye to a house with a fully enclosed courtyard in a small village. The owner of this house was a disciple of the valley disguising as a vagabond.

"Do you have any plans, Young Noble Li?" She asked after preparing a place for him.

"If possible, I will wait for your message." He looked at her and said: "Once you find the whereabouts of the person I'm looking for, I will set off immediately."

She wanted to say something but decided to swallow her words. She nodded instead: "Don't worry, Young Noble. I have sent the order. As long as we find the person you are looking for, we'll receive updates right away."

Li Qiye nodded back. He was very confident in the valley's ability to find Su Yonghuang.

"I will go say goodbye to the Peacock Treefather tomorrow." He said as she was leaving.

She paused and turned around to say: "I'll go with you to the Peacock Peak tomorrow."

"Very well." He replied: "Prepare some incense for me. There might not be another chance in the future after this offering."

Her heart sank again as she gently sighed: "I will."

Regardless of whether she was willing to accept this fact or not, the Peacock Treefather was indeed wilting away.

Chapter 1169: Peacock Tree

The Peacock Peak was where the treefather died and turned into a gigantic tree.

It was tall enough to pierce into the white clouds and blue sky, a giant standing and protecting everything on this continent.

Not just anyone could come here. Only cultivators at a particular level could withstand the power of the peak and climb up.

One would see that the top of the peak was completely flat like a small martial ground. The stone surface seemed to have been polished.

In the past, countless treant disciples came here and meditated when the Peacock Tree was still vibrant with life. They wanted to rely on the tree to understand the grand dao.

Countless people came and went, their footprints wearing away the surface which was why the stone surface here was so shiny.

Li Qiye came very early to perform an offering ceremony for the Peacock Tree. In fact, this was him sending away one of the great treefathers to the end of his journey.

The withering of the tree was only a matter of time. Everything would turn into ashes afterward. The world would lose the remaining traces of the treefather.

When they arrived, some people could be seen already worshipping the tree.

The tree itself was not very tall, only around three meters tall. The body was old with hardened bark. The cracked bark resembled dragon scales. Although they had lost their luster, one could still feel their toughness.

There weren't many branches left, only around three or five with very few leaves growing on them. Although these leaves were still quite green, they gave off a sense of decay.

Plumes of smoke were curling before the tree. People were lighting incense in order to worship him.

There was a young man wearing a hemp robe. Even though he didn't emit a powerful aura, a very majestic power emerged when he blinked.

His whole body exuded the breath of vegetation, making others want to approach him. He was clearly from the Treant Race. Three old men stood behind him, all with vast blood energies. One didn't even need to look at them to know that they were experts. It was easy to infer the young man's status if he had these three old men as his company.

In fact, apart from Li Qiye and this young man, people came to offer their respects from all over. Everyone knew that in the near future, the Peacock Tree will die.

The human cultivators in this world were grateful for his protection for so many generations. This land gave them a place to live and work.

After offering the incense, the young man stood there and watched the smoke drift away without saying anything.

Once Li Qiye and Kong Qinru made it to the top, the young man finally said: "Let's go."

With that, he and the old men left. As he was walking by, he bowed to greet Li Qiye and Kong Qinru in a very polite manner.

Kong Qinru nodded back to reciprocate the gesture while Li Qiye didn't say anything, he only gave him a quick glance.

After that group left, Li Qiye flatly said: "A good pair of wood pupils, it has been awhile since someone like that showed up from the treants."

She was surprised to hear him say this. With a single glance, Li Qiye could discern the person's secret — this was a bit too terrifying.

She stated: "He is one of the descendants of the Heavenvine Citadel, Teng Jiwen. He just reached Virtuous Paragon a few years ago, a very promising youth."

Because of her concealment, the youth from earlier couldn't recognize her. However, since she was the valley lord, she recognized the many famous cultivators in this world.

Li Qiye didn't say anything else and stepped before the Peacock Tree. He placed down his incense sticks and stared at the withering tree in silence for a long time.

Eventually, he gently sighed and said: "Eternal life is too far away. Even a treefather cannot escape death and has to return to the origin in the end."

With that, he lit the incense and bowed to the Peacock Tree. In his eyes, the treefather was still an amazing existence. Moreover, he had protected the humans for many generations.

Kong Qinru did the same with reverence straight from the heart.

After the ceremony, Li Qiye gently touched the tree's hard bark. With a buzz, his hand suddenly disappeared into the tree like passing through a portal of water.

He closed his eyes and stood there as if he was sleeping. After a while, he withdrew his hand and concluded: "The Peacock Tree will die within fifty thousand years."

This was shocking to Kong Qinru. She thought the treefather could still hold on for another two or three generations. This was much faster than she imagined.

She murmured in a daze: "Only fifty thousand years?"

Li Qiye spoke emotionlessly: "To be exact, it could struggle on for another forty thousand years. The rest of the time will depend on how attached it is to this land. Regardless, the day will come when it has to let everything go."

She suddenly became quite dejected. She felt helpless because there was nothing she could do to change the situation. She could only sigh and say: "Even treefathers will die one day. No one can save them. I just hope that it will come slowly."

"Who told you that?" Li Qiye chuckled under the tree: "It depends on the person. Going against the heavens to replenish one's longevity is not an impossible matter."

Such words rang like bells in her mind. She immediately looked up to stare at the nonchalant fella in disbelief while trembling.

“You, you mean to say that you can replenish the Peacock Tree’s lifespan?” She nervously stared at him while shaking despite being a great valley lord.

He glanced at her then back at the tree and lightly said: “Even though these treefathers take root in the earth, they are still similar to cultivators with a chance to replenish their life. This also applies to the Peacock Tree. Moreover, it has never undergone this procedure before, so the probability of success is even higher.”

“Are, are you telling the truth?” She suddenly became spirited with hope filling her heart while looking at Li Qiye with excitement.

“My words are a hundred times more precious than pearls.” He looked at her and stated: “Besides, this is common knowledge. Going against the heavens to replenish life is the most basic technique of an alchemist.”

If any alchemist was present, they would vomit blood in anger or be struck with such great insecurity that they would feel the urge to commit suicide by slamming into tofu.

Life replenishment was a very lofty goal for alchemists, only Legendary Alchemists were able to accomplish this. Moreover, success was not certain either. But now, according to Li Qiye, this was the most basic of means.

“So you are saying that you can replenish the tree’s life?” Her eyes were bright as she tried to get confirmation.

“It’s possible.” He said while looking at the tree: “Since it has never done this before, the first life replenishment has very good odds and the length will be quite long. For an existence like this tree, living for another eight or ten generations would not be a problem if the procedure is successful.”

She exclaimed: “Then what are you waiting for? Hurry and replenish its life!”

He slowly looked back at her and said: “Why should I replenish its life? It is not my relative or an elder.”

“You are a human!” She stated: “The tree has protected the human race so long that it’s only right for you to reciprocate the kindness.”

Li Qiye chuckled and shook his head in response: “Little girl, why do you think so? There have been many people who have accomplished many things for the human race. Does that mean that I have to do something for them or their descendants as well? Countless wise sages and invincible existences have fought for the survival of the human race; compared to them, the things that the Peacock Tree has done can’t reach the apex.”

“You...” Her face turned red; she didn’t know what to say in this situation.

He glanced over her direction and flatly said: “There are choices in everything and everyone. For example, the old wise sages pushing the human race forward or the Peacock Tree taking root in this place; they made their decision. They did not walk on this path to ask for repayment from future generations. They simply walked their own path with great responsibility and perseverance, staying true to their pursuit to the very end.”

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Kong Qinru pondered Li Qiye's words. Setting other matters aside, she didn't really know him. Plus, he was not someone from the Heaven Spirit World, so why should he replenish the treefather's life?

Li Qiye continued on with a smile: "There are too many injustices in this world; too many powerless thoughts; too many things that people don't want to do. Even a savior cannot save everyone in this world or satisfy all of their prayers. Moreover, I am not a savior or a charitable person."

She asked: "How do we replenish its life?"

Li Qiye shook his head and said: "It is useless even if you know because only I can do it. Plus, the price is not small."

She took a deep breath and solemnly asked him: "What can convince you to replenish its life?"

He smilingly shook his head: "Little girl, you can't offer what I want."

She breathed deeply once more before offering: "If you are willing to do so and if it is a success, you can have whatever you want, including marrying me and having a great position in the Exquisite Valley!"

Her eyes directly met his gaze in a natural manner with great persistence and earnestness.

He noticed her stare and laughed: "I'm not looking down on you, but I need to make things clear. Let's not talk about treasures, just the proposed marriage and entrance to the Exquisite Valley alone..."

"... You are thinking too highly of yourself. First of all, I have an imperial bloodline; countless women in this world want to be my dao companion. For example, the little brat from Golden Isle. Which aspects do you have that are better than her? Beauty, intelligence, sexiness, or maybe talents?"

"... Now take a step back and pretend that I don't have an imperial bloodline. Marrying you would be my loss. It would be you taking advantage of me, not the other way around. The truth is always grating to the ears, but you are not qualified to be my wife." He concluded with a smile.

Such words left Kong Qinru speechless. As the Exquisite Valley Master, she wasn't only enchantingly beautiful, she also possessed an excellent bloodline. Countless others at the Heaven Spirit World wanted to marry her. As long as she gave the okay, even the descendant of the most powerful sect would be willing to do so.

But now, this ordinary person that couldn't be more ordinary considered these things that she had been so proud of as things not worth mentioning.

Her demeanor eventually dimmed as she helplessly said: "I have overestimated myself. You are right, how can it be that easy to replenish a treefather's life. The price must be too great."

"You misunderstood me." He smiled and said: "It is not that I want something outrageous, it's just that the process itself is costly."

She didn't know what to say for this was beyond the scope of her abilities. It was just that Li Qiye gave her hope just now.

Li Qiye continued: “Why are you so insistent on this? In fact, this doesn’t affect you too much and, to be frank, if Peacock Land ceases to exist, it would make the Exquisite Valley even more precious, don’t you think?”

She looked into his eyes and said: “True, this has no effect on the valley, but it is a different story for the inhabitants here. Without their home, they would no longer have a place in this world.”

“For many people, there were only two places at the Heaven Spirit World; the mainland of the Exquisite Valley and Peacock Land. Without one of them, it will be one less home for the human race and half of their hope will be extinguished. Moreover, countless creatures would perish with the withering of the treefather.” She sighed helplessly at this point.

This was not to say that she was overly humane and kind or someone who was too weak to accept death. It was because, as the Exquisite Valley Lord, the most influential person of the human race, she wanted to work for the welfare of her race. She wished for peace and hope for the rest of her kin.

“Life and death are part of nature.” Li Qiye faintly smiled: “After millions of years, how many people have died in wars? And how many people are currently living in Peacock Land? I’m sure this number is less than one-tenth the number of people who will die in a battle for the Heaven’s Will. Even if this place collapses, it is insignificant for the human race in the grand scheme of things.”

“I know that.” She answered: “But it is another beacon of hope for the humans here.”

“Hope?” He was amused by this notion: “This hope is a cause of death, the death of their future, the death of their descendants. Because Peacock Land and Exquisite Valley are there, more humans will decide to stay at the Heaven Spirit World. Without these two, this amount would be quite negligible.”

She contemplated for a moment before replying: “Maybe you are right, my vision is quite short-sighted. I only want to do a few things for the future generations. A little glimmer of hope is the only thing I can offer to our kind here, the hope of a peaceful and happy life.”

Li Qiye looked at her in silence for a while before gently shaking his head: “Little girl, this world is not meant for a peaceful and happy life, at least, not for humans. One day, you will understand why it is not their home, but maybe you won’t be able to wait until that time.”

Kong Qinru replied: “So what if you are right? For experts and real heaven-defying existences, they can leave the moment the nine worlds are connected again. But what about the others? What about the mortals? Even if they wanted to leave, there is nothing they can do.”

Li Qiye flatly answered: “Like I said before, if you’re really thinking for the sake of the human race, the wisest thing to do is to prepare to move the Exquisite Valley out of the Heaven Spirit World. The nine worlds are vast, there will be a new foothold for you somewhere.”

She weakly said: “Maybe, but even if I wanted to, it won’t be that easy. Three-meter deep snow isn’t formed overnight.” [1. Rome wasn’t built in a day is the equivalent idiom.]

Eventually, Li Qiye shook his head and commented: “It seems that I have grown old. I am not a soft-hearted person, my will is made of steel. However, one’s heart will soften with time.”

After hearing this, Kong Qinru was slightly surprised. After calming down, she happily blurted: “You mean...”

He glanced at her and insipidly said: “Since I’m already here, so be it. I suppose I have to give it a try. As for the fate of the human race in this world, I’ll have to leave it to them and you.”

She couldn’t believe her own ears and took a deep breath to confirm: “Are, are you serious?”

“Do I need to lie to you?” He answered: “However, you need to be mentally prepared. Defying the heavens to achieve life replenishment is not easy. The price will be quite heavy!”

She solemnly responded while bracing herself: “What do you need? As long as it is within our valley’s capabilities, I will definitely get it for you.”

He shook his head: “The price I’m referring to isn’t treasures or spirit pills or even alchemy ingredients. In short, it isn’t something you or your valley can afford.”

“Umm...” She was at a loss for words.

He waved his sleeve dismissively: “Such an exchange is required at times. There’s no need to think about it any further. As for some other items that I require, you will be responsible for them.”

She nodded with great austerity: “Rest assured, just let me know whatever you need. I will not let you down!”

A fire of hope was ignited within her. If the Peacock Tree could live longer, the other resting place of the human race would continue to exist. With this home, people would continue to have hope.

He didn’t say anything else and opened his fate palace. An old tree emerged. There were several green branches growing from it with fresh leaves swaying in the breeze.

Kong Qinru didn’t know what this old tree was, but she felt that this inconspicuous-looking tree was not so simple.

It wasn’t strange that she didn’t know about it; it wasn’t due to a lack of knowledge on her part. In fact, outside of Li Qiye’s group, those who had seen this tree simply didn’t exist. The world had forgotten its name, let alone recognizing its appearance.

At this time, the green branches of the Myriad Age Tree slowly stretched out like tiny serpents. They drilled into the Peacock Tree in an instant.