

Domination 1191

### **Chapter 1191: Bloodline**

After seeing the Void Imperfection Clouds, the schoolmaster became less tense and patted his chest: "Then you are one of us, we can talk freely."

With that, his face turned a bit bitter as he looked at Li Qiye: "If you only took the clouds down in the beginning, then we wouldn't have had to do anything. I received quite a scare just now, my old bones can't handle this torture..."

"Sorry, sorry, I just arrived at the school so I forgot." Li Qiye smiled in response.

Both the schoolmaster and Ye Tu calmed down. They didn't want to fight at all.

The schoolmaster told Li Qiye: "Our Void Imperfection Three Schools do have an ancestral teaching. Seeing as how you could bring down the clouds, you are part of our family, so we won't say no."

Li Qiye gently nodded: "If Immortal Emperor Wu Gou has left behind a teaching, then nothing can be better. I have no other requests, like before, I only want to take water from the Void Imperfection Spring."

"I'm sure it will be fine." The schoolmaster quickly said: "Let me go report this to the ancestors to find out the ancestral whale's location. Once we find out, I'll inform you immediately."

Li Qiye agreed: "Very good, let me know when you find out. I'll be staying at Shallow Beach in the meantime." Having said that, he stood up.

The schoolmaster noticed that he was about to leave, so he rubbed his palms together and attempted to hold the guest back. With a big grin, he insisted: "It wasn't easy for you to come here, so why not stay for a while? Check out our pretty sceneries and allow me to play the part of a good host."

Li Qiye laughed and told the schoolmaster: "Don't tell me you want me to pick a bunch of ladies from the school?"

Such words were very direct, so the schoolmaster coughed awkwardly. He became a bit embarrassed and smiled: "If you like any lass from our school, you can take her away anytime."

"A girl isn't an object." Li Qiye chuckled and shook his head.

The schoolmaster grinned, but he spoke with a serious tone: "All along in the Heaven Spirit World, many things remain unchanging. It was this way in the past and shall be this way in the future. Who can escape the trend of reproduction for the greatness of a race?"

"Yes, and it's not just the Heaven Spirit World, a few things will never change in the nine worlds." Li Qiye had grown accustomed to this type of marriage.

This matter happened a lot in the rest of the nine worlds as well. Countless lineages sought alliances forged through marriage.

However, the three grand races here were a bit different. They wanted excellent human bloodlines to have descendants with brilliant talents and bloodlines.

The schoolmaster earnestly said: "Virtuous Nephew, you have an imperial bloodline. Even if you don't care for the charming spirits or the other races, you should still consider doing something for your own sake. Your precious bloodline should be passed down. In this regard, do you think there is a more suitable race than us charming spirits to be your match?"

This was not boasting. There were many races in the nine worlds, but none of them dared to claim to be better than the charming spirits. They were called the favorites of the heavens — this was not something they claimed themselves but a fact recognized by many races.

Li Qiye looked at him and said: "Your Void Imperfection School wants more than just an excellent bloodline. You also want to imitate Immortal Emperor Gu Chun's four branches as well as train an ultimate Immortal Emperor, even if it is a human."

"It is not just our school. The other charming spirits, treants, and sea demons are also doing the same, am I wrong?" The schoolmaster replied.

Li Qiye insipidly said: "The legend is not necessarily true."

Among the charming spirits and even the entire Heaven Spirit World, there was a legend. It states that when an imperial bloodline from the human race comes together with an excellent charming spirit bloodline, the result would be the further perfection and strengthening of the human bloodline.

At the same time, the charming spirit's bloodline would increase in potency and its potential would be excavated to the extreme.

This all started with Immortal Emperor Yan Shi. She was an extremely unbelievable Immortal Emperor, so people took note of the conditions surrounding her.

In fact, there was some evidence of this later on as well. After the emperor, the four branches of Immortal Emperor Gu Chun passed down even better bloodlines, giving them a large number of outstanding bloodlines.

With this result, the future generations believed that a human imperial bloodline had a great effect in enhancing the bloodlines of charming spirits.

Due to this, human imperial bloodlines were especially welcomed whenever they appeared in the Heaven Spirit World. They were absolutely the best among stallions.

"Well, well, without trying, how would we know if it is true or not?" The schoolmaster chuckled.

The schoolmaster really wanted Li Qiye to stay at the three schools. If they could have his bloodline as well, it would fortify their status.

"Oh? You want to steal Golden Isle's groom?" Li Qiye couldn't help but chuckle: "If I am not mistaken, your Void Imperfection School has never interfered with mundane matters or competed with others."

The schoolmaster gave a natural smile in response: "Nephew, you still haven't married the miss from the Ye Clan yet, so how can this be considered stealing their groom? Plus, even if you had married, this is no big deal. Since the start of time, heroes would always have many companions."

“I see, you want me to turn into the best stud to spread my seed everywhere.” Li Qiye laughed and shook his head: “Unfortunately, I have no interest in this.”

The schoolmaster opened his mouth in order to say something, but Li Qiye waved his hand: “I’m not interested, even if you provide better conditions. It’s not like Golden Isle hasn’t tried before, either.”

The schoolmaster could only softly sigh after hearing this, but he didn’t give up: “You are still one of us, our doors will always be open for you. One day when you are tired of drifting in this world, you can come and stay with us here, at Void Imperfection.”

“Thank you.” Li Qiye didn’t refuse the schoolmaster’s kindness. He flashed a quick smile before turning around to leave.

He went back to Shallow Beach afterward. Meanwhile, Ye Tu stayed with him the entire time, entertaining him with great enthusiasm.

“You are the regional supervisor here, don’t you have work to do?” Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and asked after seeing the youth working so hard.

Ye Tu smiled and replied: “Our Void Imperfection School aims for serenity and going with the flow. There is normally nothing to do, so we just sit there in a daze. Since you are here as our guest, let me be as good of a host as possible, lest others consider us to be inadequate with our hospitality.”

Li Qiye smiled and knew that this was the schoolmaster’s idea, so he didn’t chase him away.

After two days, Teng Jiwen finally came. He bowed after seeing Li Qiye: “By the command of the forefather, this junior is here to obey your commands, Sir. Just let me know when you require my service.”

“There’s no need for formalities, I am not that old.” Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve and told him to stand up.

Ye Tu also recognized Teng Jiwen and quickly chatted with him.

“If the two of you want to follow me, come then.” Li Qiye glanced at the two before leaving Shallow Beach.

The two looked at each other, not knowing what Li Qiye wanted to do. Regardless, they hurried to catch up to him.

After leaving the beach, they continued traveling quite far on the seabed.

This was the Void Imperfection School’s territory, so whether it was the surface or the seabed, Ye Tu was very familiar with it. He looked at the scene along the way and murmured: “Ahead is the Bottomless Trench, are we really going there?”

“Yes and no.” Li Qiye answered while comfortably leading the way. He strode forward while remaining untouched by the water as if he was gliding through the liquid. This manner of movement was very elegant, like drifting clouds flowing with the current.

Ye Tu calculated the time and said: “The season of the needlefish is almost upon us. Young Noble, could it be that you are here for them?”

“Needlefish?” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “You are underestimating me too much. Needlefish can indeed be regarded as precious. However, a fish king can barely be considered top grade, they can’t get into my eyes.”

“The Bottomless Trench?” Teng Jiwen thought about a legend and speculated: “Sir, are you here for the legendary Seacrossing shuttle then?”

“Yes and no.” Li Qiye smiled and flatly said: “Your thinking might not be as quick as Ye Tu, but you are much more meticulous than him.”

“Seacrossing shuttle?” Ye Tu heard this name and was surprised: “Legend states that the shuttle hasn’t appeared for a very long time. Until now, all three great races of the Heaven Spirit World have been searching down at the Bottomless Trench, especially us charming spirits who do so every single generation.”

“Certain things will appear when the time is right. The disappearance was only due to outsiders not knowing about its existence.” Li Qiye plainly explained: “Like your ancestral whale, it also disappeared to those who are unable to see it.”

Ye Tu felt that this explanation made sense.

### **Chapter 1192: Bottomless Trench**

According to legend, the Bottomless Trench was the deepest and longest trench in the Heaven Spirit World.

For many years, many people have explored this particular trench, but none were able to do so fully.

Someone once said that this trench was long enough to cross the entire Jade Sea. Its depths remained a mystery because no one had been able to reach the bottom.

It spanned further than the territory of the Void Imperfection Three Schools and brought about a different landscape to this region.

This was especially true when they were closer to the three schools. It had been said that this end of the trench near Shallow Beach was the most beautiful stretch.

When Li Qiye’s group got close, they saw a beautiful sight full of coral forests.

This coral field might span for thousands of miles along the two sides of the trench. Such a great field was truly spectacular, a sight only found at the Heaven Spirit World.

There were all kinds of colorful coral of varying shapes and sizes as far as the eye could see. Some were as large as trees that grew from the bottom of the sea all the way to the surface. Under these trees, groups of seaweed swayed about with happy fishes. There were also caves full of shrimps and crabs as well as large turtles lounging about...

Some grew in a criss-cross pattern and intertwined into a huge maze. If one entered this cave of coral, they would surely get lost.

All in all, this field was a dazzling spectacle of indescribable and unforgettable charm.

A depression could be found after crossing through this field completely. This was the renowned Bottomless Trench. It was broad to the point that it seemed to split the whole sea apart.

It was completely black; looking down into the trench was like looking into the gaping jaws of a monster that would devour anything that fell into it, a cause for fear and awe.

The group stopped inside the coral forest and didn't proceed further. Here, Li Qiye meticulously examined a huge coral.

The two of them didn't know what Li Qiye wanted to do. They stood behind him with bated breaths and didn't dare to disturb him.

Next, Li Qiye moved as swift as lightning. His fingers swept forward with a speed beyond the two's perception.

He then spread his palms before Teng Jiwen and Ye Tu to show an insect with fuzzy hair around the length of a finger. This insect was squirming on his palm and gave quite a creepy feeling. [1. Not sure what kind of insect this is since it isn't clear. Not a clear word for worm, caterpillar, or something else, so keeping it as insect to play it safe.]

"Okay, since the two of you are here, I'll entrust this important matter to you both. Catch these insects for me, the more the better. Afterward, roast and grind them into a powder." Li Qiye then threw the insect over to these two.

The two were quite perplexed and didn't know the purpose of this bug catching session. Nevertheless, they followed his orders and searched through these coral reefs without saying anything.

These two both had great statuses. One was a supervisor of the Void Imperfection School while Teng Jiwen was even better off as the prestigious successor of the Heavenvine Citadel. However, they obediently acted as Li Qiye's followers to find these insects.

After passing this menial matter over to the pair, Li Qiye immediately left for the surface of the sea and began to walk on the water.

After walking a bit while gazing at the sky, he plopped down and began to float with his face out of the water. He closed his eyes as if he was sleeping.

The sea was quiet and moved Li Qiye along. The entire process was without sound, as if Li Qiye was one with the sea.

He slept and let the sea take him wherever it wished. The day passed by just like this.

"Are you Young Noble Li?" Some time later, a sweet and clear voice came about as Li Qiye was drifting about.

Li Qiye opened his eyes to see a pretty fairy-like maid standing on the waves. It was a beautiful scene.

“Yes?” Li Qiye closed his eyes and lazily replied.

The pretty maid told Li Qiye: “Young Noble Li, my madam wishes to invite you. Will you please follow me?”

“I’m busy.” He replied in a carefree manner: “Tell her to come and see me.”

The pretty maid didn’t know what to say in response to this rudeness. After a while, she said: “Young Noble Li, my madam is the schoolmaster of the Sacred Spring—”

“This uncle is not free.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve and didn’t bother opening his eyes: “Even if it is the supreme ruler of the heavens, let him come if he wants to see me.”

The pretty maid turned red. She had never been in such a situation before with this type of arrogant and rude person.

She hesitated for a bit before silently floating away.

Li Qiye acted as if nothing happened and let the waves push him again as he immersed himself in the water.

More time passed and an extremely melodious voice came about: “I didn’t know Young Noble Li was busy. Please excuse my uninvited visit.”

This voice was very pleasant — sharp and clear yet silky soft. In the softness was a hint of allurement. In the allurement was a touch of elegance. Anyone would feel comfortable and relaxed after hearing this.

It was easy to imagine how elegant this woman was just from listening to her voice. She was mature and charming in a refined manner. This was a natural born empress.

Li Qiye opened his eyes again to see a woman standing on the sea. She wore a faint yellow dress with a simple white flower on the front. Her figure was graceful and ripe.

A quick first glance showed that she was nearly thirty with an exceptional aura full of grandeur. Her maturity made it seem like she was a married woman, yet within this sophisticated charm was the refreshing sensation of a young maiden.

These juxtaposing auras perfectly combined to provide an exquisite appeal.

She was not at the level of being peerless. Her appearance was not as incredible as Ming Yexue’s or Mei Suyao’s, and she was inferior compared to Li Shuangyan and Chen Baojiao as well.

However, her special charm of a new bride could truly pull on others’ heartstrings. Her dress didn’t wrap too tightly around her body, but her curves were apparent and attractive.

This charm resembled a grape ripe to perfection. She was neither overly mature nor completely innocent. Inside the purple skin was sweet flowing juice, anyone would want to pick this grape and have a taste of the flavor within.

“Not a bad job at cultivating the Sacred Spring Physique.” Li Qiye glanced at her and stated before closing his eyes again.

The girl shuddered after hearing this. Li Qiye could tell what she was cultivating from just a single glance. This type of perception was simply too frightening.

She bowed and said: "Thank you for your praise. My name is Zhuo Jianshi, currently in charge of the Sacred Spring School. Please excuse my lack of courtesy for the sudden visit." [2. She is very respectful this time, referring to herself as "little girl". "This little girl is Zhuo Jianshi".]

Li Qiye plainly spoke: "I know, to be able to cultivate the physique to this level, you can indeed handle the schoolmaster position."

She was not offended by his rather rude and haughty attitude and sat down next to him on the water's surface.

"We haven't been able to show our hospitality to you ever since you arrived..." Her noble demeanor was also natural and quite approachable.

Li Qiye waved his hand and interrupted her: "Speak if you will and fart if you must, do not beat around the bush with me. I'm not in the mood to guess and waste time."

Such an overbearing attitude made her secretly lament the situation. As one of the schoolmasters from Void Imperfection, she was quite an influential person. However, Li Qiye simply didn't take her to heart.

Eventually, she took a deep breath and earnestly spoke: "I would like to invite you to my Sacred Spring School as a guest."

"I see, so it is still the same. Everyone views me as the greatest stallion. No doubt, you want me to go there and find various ladies to get close to and take my seed."

These words were too direct and sexual, leaving Zhuo Jianshi momentarily speechless.

An imperial bloodline like Li Qiye's was too precious for the charming spirits. This was the same for their Sacred Spring School, so they wanted to recruit him.

### **Chapter 1193: Zhuo Jianshi**

In the end, Zhuo Jianshi was still someone who had experienced countless waves. She took a deep breath and answered with an elegant smile on her face: "I do not deny your claim. Many lineages in the Heaven Spirit World desire an imperial bloodline like yours. It has always been a custom for sects to pay attention to these bloodlines. The sect masters all have a responsibility to find excellent bloodlines for their sects."

"You are very eloquent." Li Qiye smiled and asked: "The old geezer from Void Imperfection wants me to stay and now you do as well. Aren't your three schools afraid of an inner conflict?"

She smiled, her mature and noble appearance made people palpitate from excitement: "Young Noble, you are misunderstanding something. Our three schools are one and the same. The Void Imperfection Schoolmaster wants to keep you behind, as do we. This is only giving Young Noble more choices, it is not a competition."

Li Qiye chuckled with his eyes closed: "If you have talked with the old geezer, you should know that I am not interested in this matter."

“We want you to stay, but this doesn’t necessarily mean that you have to become our groom. You can just stay at our schools for a while if you like.” Her demeanor was calm and gentle: “Maybe we should approach this differently. In my eyes, your inner physique is quite powerful, so our schools are the best choice for you. We will have a suitable physique law for you to choose.”

Zhuo Jianshi was not just boasting. In the Heaven Spirit World or even all of the nine worlds, no other lineage had as many physique laws as the three schools since they had three different Immortal Physiques.

“Physique laws?” Li Qiye opened his eyes to look at her and smiled: “You have good eyesight, but as for physique laws...”

He burst out into laughter at this point.

She didn’t become angry for elegance exuded from her core. She spoke softly: “May I ask for the reason behind your laughter?”

Of course, she wasn’t aware that no one had more physique laws than Li Qiye in this world. He simply had them all.

“Nothing.” Li Qiye replied with a grin: “Your three schools have many physique laws. Not to mention the others, just the three Immortal Physique laws alone are truly precious. The Void Imperfection Windchase Law, the Evil Devourer Graceful Law, and the Surging Golden Spring Law... these three laws can be considered peerless in this world...”

With a brief pause, he continued: “Outside of the physique laws created by Immortal Emperors, your three laws are quite rare. This is especially true for the Void Imperfection Windchase Law; it is infinitely close to perfection. This level of physique law is very rare. For example, the physique law from the Soaring Immortal Sect of Immortal Emperor Fei could be considered another.”

It was truly difficult to receive such high praise from Li Qiye. After all, he had the Physique Scripture that contained all the perfect and profound laws in existence.

In fact, for cultivators, creating a physique law was even more difficult than creating an emperor law. This was one of the reasons why grand completion Immortal Physique users could assail Immortal Emperors.

The scale of difficulty soared when it came to Immortal Physique laws. There were quite a few wonderful masters who were able to create these laws, but they had defects and were incomplete. There weren’t that many at a level that could be considered complete, let alone perfect.

The physique laws of the three schools were considered complete. Of course, there was still a large way to go before true perfection.

“It is thanks to our predecessors’ achievements, we descendants have not been able to do anything so we need to work even harder.” She answered in a demure manner without pride.

Li Qiye looked at her and smiled: “Your eyesight is not bad since it can see that my inner physique is powerful. The temptation of physique laws might work for everyone else in this world, but it is nothing to me.”

For cultivators with powerful inner physiques, to be able to cultivate an Immortal Physique would be their greatest pursuit in life. They would find it impossible to refuse such a temptation.

However, he promptly added: “However, your Void Imperfection Three Schools does have something that tempts me.”

“What might that be?” She became curious as well. Since Li Qiye wasn’t interested in Immortal Physique laws, was there anything else in this world that was even more precious to pique his interest?

He emphatically replied: “Your Immortal Emperor Wu Gou’s creation, the Windchase Break!”

Despite her normal calm demeanor, his answer shocked her: “The Windchase Break! One of the Immortal Physique Strikes!”

Immortal Physique Strikes were mysterious techniques that very few people had seen.

Legend states that only grand completion Immortal Physique emperors were able to create these attacks. Without reaching grand completion, even an Immortal Emperor wouldn’t be able to do so. Conversely, grand completion users wouldn’t be able to create them without having the Heaven’s Will.

Because of these strict requirements, these attacks were extremely rare. Furthermore, future generations speculated that there was an additional requirement, that the emperor’s physique law must be self-made. Only those who had created their own physique laws to become an emperor with a grand completion Immortal Physique would be able to develop these attacks.

There were many stories about these attacks themselves. Some said that they were more powerful than Heaven’s Will Secret Laws. However, the opposition stated that these attacks couldn’t oppose a secret law if its user had the Heaven’s Will.

Another group speculated that a grand completion user training in these attacks could definitely ambush an Immortal Emperor. They could even contend against the emperor’s secret law!

Alas, these were all guesses because there were too few Immortal Physique laws in this world and even fewer Immortal Physique Strikes. A grand completion user with these attacks was a hundred times rarer than an Immortal Emperor!

As such, no one was able to witness such a duel, especially those from the younger generations.

Zhuo Jianshi was trembling after hearing this. After all, the Windchase Strike was once the most powerful and frightening technique from her three schools. A Void Imperfection user with the Windchase Strike held unimaginable power!

“However, you lot have lost the Windchase Strike!” Li Qiye insidiously stated: “This is very regrettable and is also the reason why the Void Imperfection Three Schools lost some of its deterring influence.”

Zhuo Jianshi pondered in silence for a moment. Across the generations, this had been a truly regrettable matter for their school. In fact, they had tried to look for it all this time to no avail...

She eventually calmed down and took a deep breath to look at Li Qiye: “Our schools have many disciples training in different types of physiques, including Saint and Immortal Physiques—”

“I know what you are trying to say.” Li Qiye smiled and interrupted her: “An imperial bloodline combining with an Immortal Physique bloodline would make a perfect combination. If the offspring could inherit both legacies, then they might be able to surpass the old Immortal Emperor Yan Shi if they were to become an Immortal Emperor...”

“This is a great temptation for any lineage.” Li Qiye continued: “However, I have never thought about spreading my bloodline to the nine worlds. Even if I were to do so, the woman must be worthy of my entrustment!”

“May I ask what kind of woman would be worthy of Young Noble Li’s entrustment?” She looked at him with eyes as soft as water and directly met his gaze.

Li Qiye was still lying on the sea. He laughed and answered: “If you come have some intimate fun with me for a while, I may consider.”

Such words changed her expression. They were direct and assailed her with obscenity. It was no longer teasing, this was the most straightforward call for sex!

Ultimately, she was still a schoolmaster. This direct invitation to mate was provocative to the point of being humiliating.

“Young Noble Li must be joking.” She regained her composure and demure appearance to say: “I am a married woman, your request is too much of an imposition.”

“I know.” Li Qiye looked at her and said: “I understand the meaning of the white flower on your chest. I didn’t really want to reveal your scar, but I can let you know that I don’t mind you being a widow. Plus, you are still a maiden.”

The lady, despite her experience, couldn’t stay calm while handling this type of provocative conversation. After all, the topic was too much.

“Forget it, I was just kidding.” Li Qiye flatly added: “But remember, in order to get something, one must pay for it. Without an ace, you better think carefully before doing anything. Are you all worthy of my favor?”

Such words were quite domineering. If it was someone else, they would want nothing more than to be the groom of the three schools.

Zhuo Jianshi turned quiet again in the face of this dilemma. Her schools could indeed propose some very tempting conditions. However, Li Qiye was dismissive of them all.

#### **Chapter 1194: Mythical Divine Weapon**

She eventually composed herself and looked at Li Qiye to say: “Perhaps you are interested in the great maelstrom. We may be of assistance in this respect.”

After hearing this, Li Qiye opened his eyes wide. A glint shot out from within while he stared at her intensely.

She didn’t know why, but the glint that flashed from his eyes frightened her in an indescribable manner. She felt like an ancient beast was awakening.

However, she met his gaze head-on for a long time without fear because she had no malicious intent in the first place.

“It seems like you have seen a few things.” Li Qiye slowly said, still fixated on her.

“I wouldn’t dare to hide it from you. I was at the Abyss Sea that day, but it was still quite far away from the maelstrom. I only caught a glance.” She nonchalantly said: “However, I didn’t expect this coincidence, for you to have an imperial bloodline. Perhaps this is a type of fate.”

“Fate...” Li Qiye only smiled and closed his eyes without caring too much.

“If you wish to venture into the maelstrom in the future, our three schools can help you. After all, we are part of the ancient Charming Spirit Race, we have things other lineages lack.”

Li Qiye laughed while looking at her: “Little Beauty!”

She couldn’t help but ask: “Young Noble, why are you laughing? If I have said something wrong, please point it out.” She was negotiating with great sincerity.

“You have no idea.” Li Qiye shook his head and replied: “You think that I am trying to go into the maelstrom, but the truth is that I want nothing from it.”

He had already obtained the Life Origination he wanted and didn’t care about the other things in there. Even if it had a few heaven-shattering secrets and incredible treasures, they still had nothing to do with him. Others were free to covet these treasures all they want.

Zhuo Jianshi found this surprising. On that day, she saw him entering the maelstrom, so she thought he had some ideas about it.

“You are mistaken about this matter, the maelstrom is meaningless to me. On the other hand, you charming spirits should pay more attention to it.”

She shuddered internally and immediately asked: “What do you mean?”

Li Qiye slightly raised his brow: “Don’t play this mind game in front of me or I’ll rip off your clothes. If you are one of the schoolmasters from Void Imperfection, you should know a little about this.”

Her heart sank a bit. Of course, it was not because of Li Qiye’s threat of tearing off her clothes, it was because she had heard some legends before. There were records within the sect, but they were too vague for her to learn anything substantial.

She sincerely asked while looking at him: “I am not trying to conceal anything. The records left behind are only legends, making it quite difficult to tell whether they are accurate or not. Since you dared to enter the maelstrom, I’m sure you know more. Would you be willing to enlighten me?”

He looked at her for a moment before answering: “Even if I say more, you won’t necessarily be able to distinguish its validity. I can only say that if one day something actually happens to the maelstrom, it will be a catastrophe for the entire Heaven Spirit World, especially for charming spirits!”

She curiously asked: “What kind of catastrophe?”

“That depends on the things in there. One accident will bring about a disaster, so when that day comes, run for your life, flee from the Heaven Spirit World. The farther the better.” He smiled and added: “Of course, that day might also never come.”

She quietly contemplated after hearing this. The maelstrom had always been a mystery, but ever since a very distant era the charming spirits had been wary of it.

“Is it true that there are supreme items within the maelstrom?” She had to ask the question that was lingering in her mind because there were too many different versions of this legend.

“Yes, truly supreme treasures.” He answered: “But it also depends on what you have in mind. If you are thinking about weapons, then yes, they are indeed there.”

“How do we obtain those weapons then?” She couldn’t help but ask: “How do they compare to the sea demon’s Trident?”

Li Qiye laughed and said: “Do you know the origin of the Trident? Or of its true power?”

She answered: “It is the supreme divine artifact of the sea demons. Those who are accepted by the Trident can become the Sea God. Its power is boundless and invincible in myriad realms and even more formidable than an Immortal Emperor True Treasure.”

Sea demons were similar to treants. Their strongest existences were not Immortal Emperors; their equivalent to treefathers were called Sea Gods.

However, these unrivaled existences must be recognized by the Trident. After meeting this requirement, they would become a Sea God capable of wielding the artifact.

Historically, these supremes of the sea demons wielding the Trident could put up a good fight against an Immortal Emperor with a true treasure!

“What you know is only superficial drizzle, but there’s no need to elaborate on this. Even if there are divine weapons comparable to the Trident in there, who among your race can wield such artifacts?”

With that, he finished: “Charming spirits should continue to pursue the path towards Immortal Emperor. This is the correct way. The others are only alternative methods for when there is no other choice.”

Having said that, he closed his eyes again and gently waved his sleeve: “Okay, now don’t bother me again.”

Zhuo Jianshi sighed and stood up then bowed: “Our doors will always be open to you. Come visit us anytime.”

Li Qiye seemed to have fallen asleep at this moment; it was impossible to know if he actually heard her or not.

She stopped bothering him and gently rode the waves away before disappearing completely. She was not offended by this meeting and only felt disappointment instead. This trip was essentially meaningless; in the end, she understood that her schools didn’t interest him at all.

Li Qiye was still lying quietly on the sea and drifted with the flow. This process continued for a while. Eventually, he suddenly opened his eyes and drilled into the sea. A moment later, a huge trench appeared before him.

This was a small part of the Bottomless Trench distant from the previous sea region.

Li Qiye entered the trench in one go. In this split second, he released his divine intent to sweep through this area. Nothing could escape from his sense.

Eventually, he stood before a particular cliff inside the trench. There was a depression with a clam the size of a basin that occasionally spat out bubbles.

It looked quite ordinary. The only thing worth noticing was the pearl within it, emitting a faint light.

Li Qiye smiled upon the sight of the clam and the pearl: "It really isn't easy to find this pathfinder clam. Only by following the current of the ocean would one be able to eventually find this clam and the correct path."

Li Qiye was drifting with the sea in order to catch this type of clam.

Of course, there were countless clams in the Jade Sea and the Bottomless Trench. One could find as many as they wanted. However, very few clams were capable of pathfinding.

In the past, he had searched and caught many clams before finally learning the mysteries within and understanding their usage. With the successful capture, he identified the correct direction and headed back to Shallow Beach.

His trip here was to find two things in order to replenish the life of the Peacock Tree. One of them was the Void Imperfection Spring inside the ancestral whale while the other was hidden in another secret location.

This was precisely why he needed this pathfinder clam; he needed it to find the second well-concealed item since a thoughtless search would yield no results.

### **Chapter 1195: Teeming Sea Tribe**

In recent days, Shallow Beach had become quite lively. Many lineages and cultivators from the Jade Sea came here. Even those from the Profound and Dragon Demon Seas came as well.

They came for the precious needlefish. In the Heaven Spirit World, these fish were used for both food and medicines due to its nutritious properties. They lived in the Bottomless Trench, so it was difficult to find them normally. Even those who entered the trench might not see them.

Only in the season of coral blossoming would these fish come out of the trench to eat the pollen.

The best time to catch them was when the flocks came. Because of this, many people ran to Shallow Beach and waited for this season to come.

Despite the number of people, there weren't any powerful cultivators here. The majority of them were only disciples of the third generation. [1. Ancestor -> Master -> Disciple (Third Gen).]

Needlefish weren't precious to the point that they would make people go crazy, so experts wouldn't come in person.

Because of this, no extremely famous people could be found here, only a few people with some influence that could garner some attention.

For example, Gongsun Qianer. During her stay at Shallow Beach, many young disciples came to greet and befriend her like little bees swarming to flowers.

Qianer was the favorite maid of Gongsun Meiyu while Meiyu was a concubine of the Profound God-Monarch. He liked her to the point that rumors spread about how she might become the first wife. Because of this, her servants caught her momentum as well, thus making Gongsun Qianer a character that could call for the wind and clouds at the Profound Sea Dynasty.

Naturally, ordinary disciples would want to acquaint themselves with such a person.

Besides her, there were a few others such as Dao Attendant Lin and Yan Yanglong.

Dao Attendant Lin came by himself. He descended from the sky directly into the sea where the water split to make way for him.

This dao attendant was around sixteen or seventeen years old with a slight immortal and ethereal aura. His face was jade-like. If it wasn't for his daoist robe, others would actually think that he wasn't part of the mundane world.

Many young cultivators came to greet him the moment he arrived. It was a warm welcome. Even the youths with some status came to greet him as well: "Please send my regards to the Daoist."

Many were envious of him being able to cultivate the Stainless Void Imperfection Physique Law, so they continuously sung his praise.

One of the youths spoke: "Dao Brother, your Immortal Physique is out of this world. It won't be long until you find some success with it, such as half completion at the age of thirty."

"No way, no way..." Dao Attendant Lin smiled humbly in response: "I am only a firefly compared to my master, I can't reach the apex."

Despite the humble response, he seemed quite pleased with himself.

The "master" he was referring to was Daoist Lin of the Immaculate Expanse, a famous contemporary talent.

The Immaculate Expanse was a lineage created by a grand completion Immortal Physique user. It had the Stainless Physique Law that could be trained into the Void Imperfection Physique.

Daoist Lin was the current master of the Immaculate Expanse. It was rumored that his Void Imperfection Physique was at half completion and on the way towards grand completion!

Meanwhile, Dao Attendant Lin was only a servant of Daoist Lin. Nevertheless, he began to follow the daoist at a young age and was held in high regard, so he became an influential figure as well.

The other big shot who was present was Yan Yanglong, a disciple of the Extreme Yang Monarch. [1. Yang represents sun/hot/male, yin represents moon/cold/female.]

A red shuttle was docked at Shallow Beach. It was quite huge and cast a shadow down below. Many shuddered in awe after seeing the crimson emblem on the shuttle due to its master — the Extreme Yang Monarch.

It didn't stop there. After letting a youth down, it quickly disappeared. This youth that came down from the shuttle was very handsome and dazzling. It seemed that he would illuminate whatever place he went.

This was Yan Yanglong, a brilliant disciple of the Extreme Yang Monarch. Those who were familiar with the Extreme Yang School came to greet him.

Both the Extreme Yang School and the Immaculate Expanse were famous lineages in the Jade Sea. The Extreme Yang School was also created by a grand completion Immortal Physique user and had the Limitless Divine Yang Immortal Physique Law.

Of course, both of these sects had quite a sizable gap compared to the Void Imperfection Three Schools. Nevertheless, as lineages of the Charming Spirit Race, they still had a very powerful influence in this region of the sea.

Li Qiye returned to the festive Shallow Beach with people coming and going by the minute. This initially quiet place had now become quite rowdy.

He bought some materials necessary for refinement then returned to his inn to process them.

"Step aside, out of the way!" At this time, a commotion could be heard on the streets, creating a chaotic mess.

There had been many cultivators walking through these streets, but now, they had to make way.

A large group of fish at least one thousand strong aggressively swam through these alleys. Each was about three feet long and looked quite similar in appearance with silver bodies and red fins. A sharp spur jutted out of their foreheads, resulting in a ferocious appearance that only became more vicious when they revealed their glistening razor-sharp teeth.

This group of fish could speak. A few of their fins had turned into hands, but they still couldn't evolve from their original form.

"Teeming Sea Tribe..." Expressions changed with the appearance of these ferocious fish. No one wanted to antagonize them.

"Pop!" One cultivator was slow and couldn't get out of the way in time, so the biggest fish in the front mercilessly unleashed his whip.

The cultivator immediately evaded it and was astounded. To be publicly humiliated like this was something that he couldn't bear. This anger gleaned from his eyes as he declared: "You think you're all that just because you're part of the Teeming Tribe? You think you can do as you please?!"

“Hehehe...” The big fish sneered and arrogantly replied: “That’s right, our Teeming Tribe is indeed amazing. My children, go, show him our tribe’s overbearing domination!”

“Crackle!” The spurs on their heads suddenly flashed with lightning. With a thunderous crackle, the cultivator was struck by it and fell straight down to the ground before he could react.

An even more terrifying event occurred right afterward. The more than one thousand vicious fish suddenly rushed forward and tore him into pieces. They ate him completely without leaving a trace of blood behind. Even his bones were completely and thoroughly chewed up.

The crowd was creeped out even more. In just a moment, everyone quickly retreated with not one daring to block these fish any longer.

“Hehehe, this is our Teeming Tribe’s domination, got it?” The leading fish looked around with an imposing momentum.

The crowd was moved by the bullish behavior from this tribe, but they didn’t dare to say anything. No one really wanted to provoke the Teeming Sea Tribe!

This was a great tribe among the sea demons, especially in the Jade Sea. Some even said that the Teeming Sea Tribe was the most populous demon race in the Heaven Spirit World.

Even though they were sea demons, they weren’t welcomed by the other sea demons. On the contrary, they were considered a low-level race or even a wretched race.

The truth was not far from this. Despite their vast population, the Teeming Sea Tribe consisted of low-level demons that couldn’t get rid of their true appearance. They needed a very long time to cultivate into a human form. Their humanoid members were all powerful existences and part of the royal clans.

They might be weaker than the other sea demons, but in their own way, they were also the most fearsome because of their unimaginable numbers. It could be said that their numbers rivaled the rest of the fish in the Heaven Spirit World.

There was a phrase in this world: any place with water would have the Teeming Sea Tribe. Just this belief alone was indicative of their massive hordes.

Their reproductive capabilities could only be described with the word madness. There was no way to kill all of them. In the long years, their lairs had been attacked several times. However, they rose time after time by reproducing. Ultimately, the sects and tribes that had destroyed the Teeming Sea Tribe were wiped out by them.

This was the scariest aspect of this weak tribe; it was impossible to kill them all!

### **Chapter 1196: Eating Dragon Tendon**

After seeing the quick meal they made out of the cultivator, a lot of people were frozen stiff and didn’t dare to block their way.

The thousand fish became even more emboldened by the silent crowd. They arrogantly trod forward on a rampage without any hesitation.

However, they didn't get far before having to stop because someone was taking a stroll on the street.

The other pedestrians had all ran away long ago, so the path was fairly empty. But now, a single youth was standing there, so he seemed especially conspicuous with no intention of backing off.

Moreover, this person was a human, so it seemed even more out of place.

The biggest fish snapped: "Brat, are you blind? You dare to block our path?!"

The spectators on both sides of the streets were sweating for the human youth. This boy must not know how terrifying the Teeming Sea Tribe was.

Of course, it was Li Qiye walking down the street. He didn't bat an eyelash since he didn't care for this fish at all.

The fish leader was furious after being shown such disdain by a human boy. It yelled: "Brat, You ignore the accepting heavens and barge into the unwelcoming hell! My children, feast on him until there is not a single pulp left!"

A different fish added with an evil tone: "Heh, boy, we like to eat human flesh the most, so plump and fresh!"

"Crackle!" The spurs on the thousand fish's heads began to channel lightning that was then shot right at Li Qiye.

The spectators nearby couldn't bear to watch any longer. They could already see Li Qiye being torn into pieces in an instant.

"Pop!" The powerful lightning bolt struck his body, but there wasn't even a tiny spark. It seemed to be completely absorbed by him.

Keep in mind that even the lightning pond from a tribulation couldn't do anything to him. His Ancient Void Rune could absorb all tribulations in this world, so this tiny lightning bolt was nothing to him.

The vicious fish were all shocked to see the attack have no effect. During their daze, Li Qiye pointed his finger forward. Next, one could hear a thunderous crackle. Extremely powerful lightning burst from the tip of his finger like a brilliant sun. Clusters of lightning suddenly surged wildly in an unstoppable manner.

Fiery sparks sprang up as the lightning clusters swept by with an indescribable speed.

Time seemed to stop for a moment. Next, the sounds of bodies falling echoed as more than one thousand fish dropped to the street.

The only fish standing was the biggest one. After seeing his children fall down, he knew he had hit a steel wall and didn't dare to think too much before turning around to escape.

However, he couldn't take two steps before Li Qiye had him gripped by the jaw; he couldn't move at all.

Despite being restrained, the fish was still as arrogant as before and shouted: "Boy, let me go right this instant. I am a vanguard of the Teeming Marquis. If you so much as touch a scale of mine, the army of

millions under him will tear you to shreds. They will even uproot you humans from the Heaven Spirit World altogether.”

“Teeming Marquis?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “I’ve never heard of him. Not to mention this insignificant fish marquis, even your entire race is less than an ant in my eyes.”

After hearing such disdainful words, the fish immediately cried out: “Little animal, you dare to shame our race? There will be no peace for you humans in the Heaven Spirit World!”

Li Qiye simply smiled and pointed his finger again. With a buzz, the fish’s entire body split into thin and neat fillets.

At this time, a very magical scene happened. Every inch of the fish’s meat was separated. Its intestines and internal organs were also removed along with all the meat. Eventually, only the fish bones remained.

On the backbone of this skeleton was a glittering jade-like tendon just like the tendon of a dragon. What was even more incredible was how the pieces of the fish were jumping as if they were still alive.

After Li Qiye tore out the tendon, all of the pieces finally screamed and stopped jumping, becoming devoid of life.

This translucent fish tendon in Li Qiye’s hand emitted a beautiful light, as if it was full of life force.

Li Qiye threw it into his mouth and carefully chewed a bit before swallowing. Then he flatly said: “Though it is not a real dragon tendon, it is still quite delicious. Now I’m just missing some sauce.”

The crowd was stunned after seeing this. Li Qiye dared to say such things after eating the fish tendon.

Li Qiye glanced at the one thousand fish on the ground and said: “Well, that’s another dish for today. It has been awhile since I’ve eaten a dragon tendon of the Teeming Sea Tribe.”

He swept his sleeve forward and stored all of them into his spatial pouch before entering the inn in front of him.

The crowd was still looking at him as he disappeared into the inn. After a while, one person calmed down and swallowed their saliva before whispering: “I heard, I heard that the dragon tendon of the Teeming Tribe is very delicious, but I have never eaten it before.”

His friend next to him immediately warned him: “Are you insane? If the Teeming Tribe heard those words, they will exterminate your family!”

The Teeming Sea Tribe had a straight spine with their muscle surrounding it. They called this part the dragon tendon and this was their most important body part. Without the dragon tendon, they wouldn’t be able to survive.

However, it was rumored that this tendon was a special delicacy, one of the most delicious dishes in the sea. Alas, ordinary people wouldn’t dare to eat these dragon tendons because once the Teeming Tribe found out, it would bring about their merciless, wrathful vengeance. It could even result in the complete annihilation of their race.

Only top-level experts such as invincible Godkings, Immortal Emperors, treefathers and sea gods would dare to openly eat dragon tendons.

Of course, the Teeming Tribe wouldn't dare to do anything against these top-level experts and had to pretend as if nothing had happened.

In the Heaven Spirit World, some people said that sea gods and treefathers had all eaten dragon tendons before. No one really knew if this was true or not.

Li Qiye stepped into the inn with the whirlpool again. It was the one opened by Ye Tu's senior uncle. The boss here enthusiastically greeted him because of the school's command. In their territories, they must do their best to treat Li Qiye well.

"Boss, give me a good root of turmeric and some fermented bean paste." Li Qiye sat down and swung his sleeve. All the vicious fish fell to the ground.

The boss and customers were astounded to see the mountain-like heap of fish before them.

"Teeming Fish!" The boss's expression changed along with many of the guests'.

In spite of this, the boss didn't do anything and immediately brought some turmeric and aged sauce over for Li Qiye.

Despite being struck by his lightning, these fish were not dead. They were only limp on the ground and couldn't move at all.

After preparing the turmeric and paste, Li Qiye casually picked up one of the fish. With a silver knife in his left hand, he cut into the fish's back to reveal the dragon tendon. With a pair of chopstick in his other hand, he swiftly pulled out the tendon.

"Ah!" The fish screamed and died immediately after its tendon was taken.

Li Qiye dipped the tendon into the sauce and carefully chewed while nodding his head approvingly: "This is the taste, one of the seafood delicacies in the Heaven Spirit World."

After he finished, he grabbed another fish. His hands were as smooth as flowing water as they instantly removed the dragon tendon and dipped it into the sauce before putting it into his mouth. Everything seemed so coordinated and perfect. He was enjoying this just like an emperor savoring his meal.

The guests were slack-jawed from this scene. This was far too domineering.

Daring to eat dragon tendons in public — this was simply provoking the entire Teeming Sea Tribe, the millions and millions of Teeming Fish in the Heaven Spirit World!

In the present day, only the top level experts would dare to eat these tendons out in the open. Of course, some weaker experts couldn't help but catch them and eat them as well, but they didn't dare to do so publicly.

However, this human boy didn't care for any of this. This was the most overbearing and arrogant display of a feast.

"Ah!" Another scream resounded as Li Qiye repeated his delicious procedure.

A dao attendant stood up and warned him: "Fellow Daoist, your actions are too brutal. It is too much to eat dragon tendons before everyone like this."

### **Chapter 1197: Dao Attendant Lin**

This dao attendant was situated in a corner near a window. There were some other cultivators sitting with him that seemed to be moon gazing. When the dao attendant called Li Qiye out, these cultivators looked at him with unfriendly gazes as well.

The guests in the inn held their breaths after seeing this. Some even moved further back lest they get involved in this mess.

Many of the guests recognized this attendant. It was Dao Attendant Lin, the servant of Daoist Lin from the Immaculate Expanse.

Not to mention this attendant's powerful backing, this young man ahead surely wasn't a nice person either since he dared to eat dragon tendons publicly. At the very least, he must be very fierce.

Moreover, this involved the Teeming Sea Tribe, and no one with a sense of self-preservation wanted to deal with them.

Li Qiye chewed another dragon tendon then gulped it down before slowly turning towards the attendant: "Immaculate Expanse, right? Your progenitor also ate dragon tendons. He swallowed millions of tendons in one gulp, it is no big deal."

Dao Attendant Lin wanted to question Li Qiye because the Immaculate Expanse had some friendship with the Teeming Sea Tribe. After all, this tribe numbered in the billions, so it made sense that it had some relationships with the sects in this world.

However, he didn't expect such a response from Li Qiye. In the Heaven Spirit World, the majority of the top level experts had all eaten dragon tendons before. After all, they were a type of delicacy.

Even though he didn't know if his progenitor had eaten them or not, he didn't dare to deny this claim.

"Well, well, it is not the same in this case." He struggled to blurt out a reply.

Li Qiye took out another tendon and chewed on it carefully before lazily speaking: "Oh? Not the same? How is it not similar? Do tell. Is it because your progenitor used fire to broil them instead? Then I would really be disappointed, that is like steaming a good pear. The best and most delicious way to eat dragon tendon is with turmeric and aged seasoning..."

"... Back then when Immortal Emperor Wu Gou was young, he used this very type of seasoning and ate tens of millions of dragon tendons. The Teeming Fish were so scared that they ran to the bottom of the sea and didn't dare to come out for a period of time. This became a well-known legend. As for your Immaculate Expanse Progenitor, who knows what he did back then?" Li Qiye ate one more tendon at this point.

He seemed to be quite pleased with this feast. In fact, many spectators were quietly swallowing their own saliva, but they didn't dare to join in.

This delicious meal was no secret in the Heaven Spirit World. Everyone knew that the Teeming Fish were the most vicious and numerous. However, few people dared to say that their tendons were also extremely delicious!

Li Qiye truly made many people hungry, but no one wanted to incite the anger of the Teeming Tribe. His words also silenced Dao Attendant Lin and shocked the inn's boss as well. He suddenly involved the Void Imperfection School. After all, this was no longer Immortal Emperor Wu Gou's generation, his school also didn't want to provoke this fish tribe even if they were stronger. The real problem was that there were too many of them.

"You..." Dao Attendant Lin couldn't retort. He struggled to say: "You are eating dragon tendons before all of us, this is a very cruel and evil display. The Teeming Tribe is part of the sea demons, a great race in the Heaven Spirit World. You are eating living cultivators, an extremely vicious path far from the dao!"

"Extremely vicious and straying away from the dao?" Li Qiye laughed in response: "If you are saying that I am vicious, then I will accept it. However, if this is because of me eating dragon tendons, then my teeth are about to fall out from laughter..."

"... Teeming Tribe? They're nothing special, merely living creatures no different from beasts. Not to mention that I am a human, even the sea demons in this world do not consider them to be cultivators."

He carefully chewed on more tendons before leisurely continuing: "Don't think so highly of yourself. In their eyes, you cultivators are no different from food. They have eaten countless cultivators and mortals, so me eating them today is part of the natural order."

At this point, he coldly glared at the boy: "When you eat meat, do you consider yourself to be cruel as well?"

"You..." The attendant was speechless once again. Because of some ties with the Teeming Prince, he wanted to speak up for the Teeming Tribe, but he didn't expect to be left tongue-tied by Li Qiye's swift rhetoric!

The guests didn't dare to openly praise Li Qiye's response despite agreeing in their minds. The Teeming Tribe being cruel was not anything new. Their enemies would eventually be eaten until there was nothing left. Countless cultivation sects had been destroyed and innumerable mortals had been devoured. Alas, the angry cultivators and lineages were apprehensive of them and didn't dare to speak up.

Li Qiye, today, said many things that resonated with the crowd, so they cheered him on in their minds.

Li Qiye stopped paying attention to Dao Attendant Lin and got bored after eating for a while. He immediately burned all of the fish and stood up to leave.

The dao attendant snorted while watching his departing back. The youth didn't expect to be humiliated like this. He had a hard time swallowing this anger. His master was Daoist Lin, the leader of the Immaculate Expanse. As his master's confidant, he was respected everywhere he went while basking in the spotlight. But today, this human junior didn't spare him any face at all in front of the crowd — he absolutely wouldn't let go of this grievance!

After refining the necessary items, he left Shallow Beach and headed for the coral forest.

Many cultivators were already here, waiting. They came from all corners of the oceans for the needlefish.

Some were riding huge ships on the ocean while others were controlling swift shuttles. There were also those who rode sea turtles or gigantic whales. It was a colorful and diverse scene.

These people had occupied some places at the coral forest, such as the hills. Many began to place traps around the coral trees just to wait for the needlefish...

Fortunately, the forest was vast, so for the time being there was no fighting for spots.

Li Qiye found Ye Tu and Teng Jiwen. The two of them had caught many insects for Li Qiye and already ground them to dust in accordance to his instructions.

He found an open place and casually took a lap around to pick a spot before ordering the two boys: "Sprinkle this dust over the forest, do it all over the trees and ground."

The two immediately followed his command. Meanwhile, Li Qiye placed his refined materials onto the ground. He wanted to refine something else here. It was an item that resembled a fish hook with a very long string. This overly long string actually covered the fish hook completely.

When Li Qiye was ready and the two had sprayed the insect powder everywhere, Ye Tu asked with curiosity: "Young Noble, what are you trying to do?"

To which Li Qiye responded while calmly sitting on the highest position in this location: "Fishing!"

He asked: "Fishing? Fishing for the needlefish?" However, he immediately felt that this wasn't right. Li Qiye had said that he didn't care for the needlefish.

He changed his question: "Is there something else besides the needlefish?"

He was the supervisor of Shallow Beach and was very familiar with this area. Outside of the blossoming coral trees leading out the precious needlefish, the other marine creatures here were not worth fighting over.

Li Qiye replied with a smile: "Yes, there is a devil shark, but you haven't seen it before."

"Devil shark?" Ye Tu carefully thought about it, but he had never heard of such a fish in this neighborhood.

Teng Jiwen was a bit more knowledgeable than Ye Tu. He recalled a legend after hearing Li Qiye and spoke with surprise: "The Archdevil Armored Shark?"

"Indeed, that's it." Li Qiye said: "I want to catch it, otherwise I wouldn't have gone to these lengths to prepare."

"Archdevil Armored Shark?" Ye Tu asked Teng Jiwen: "What kind of fish is it?"

Teng Jiwen shook his head: "I am not clear on the specifics. I only heard that it is an extremely vicious creature. It's also quite powerful as well. Legend states that it appeared in the Bottomless Trench, but no one has spotted it before."

With that, he became a bit worried and asked: "People say that it is extremely strong, can we actually handle it?"

"Not us." Li Qiye shook his head: "Just me. Stand to the side and watch to avoid accidents, or I won't be able to explain it to your sects."

### **Chapter 1198: Lively Coral Forest**

Both Ye Tu and Teng Jiwen didn't oppose or support his decision.

Li Qiye looked around the area a bit to make sure everything was ready before telling the two: "Okay, the two of you should change as well. Transform and conceal your identities, it's up to you."

"Transform?" Teng Jiwen was surprised. After all, he was the descendant of the Heavenvine Citadel. His conduct was open and straightforward, there was no need to hide or do anything in secret.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "There will be disputes when benefits are up for grabs. Conflicts are inevitable, so when one of you happens to be from the Void Imperfection School and the other from the Heavenvine Citadel, it will have a negative influence if you two follow me around killing."

Ye Tu quickly said: "Young Noble, rest assured, the schoolmaster told me to guide you and be a good host. If anything happens in our territory, we will maneuver all three schools."

This was not an exaggeration or a careless statement. There were very few things that the three schools couldn't handle due to their sheer strength.

Teng Jiwen supported him as well: "Ye Tu is right, your enemy is our citadel's enemy. We will always tread together with you."

The Sunflower Forefather had instructed him earlier. This type of little trouble didn't matter to their citadel, so they naturally wanted to take on some risk for Li Qiye.

"The two of you are mistaken." Li Qiye shook his head and smiled: "That isn't what I meant. Not wanting to cause trouble for the two of you is only a small part of the reason. The truth is that I don't want you to block my way."

"Block your way?" The two of them were a bit confused after hearing this.

Li Qiye explained: "With you two and your sects, who would dare to come and provoke me? How can I find a reason to kill then?"

Such words astounded the two; it was as if the guy was overzealous in his quest to become a mass murderer.

"There's no need to overthink things." Li Qiye chuckled: "I love trouble, especially those who come to chase me. The more the better so I can have a baptism of blood. This is the only thing that makes me feel alive and gets my blood boiling."

With that, a glimmer of amusement flashed deep in his eyes. He could imagine this day play out already.

The two of them glanced at each other. For some reason, Li Qiye's smile crept them out; it was like a beast showing a kind smile to a little rabbit. Anyone would be scared after seeing this smile.

This had a greater effect on Teng Jiwen. He remembered when Li Qiye didn't care for anything back at the Heavenvine Citadel. He held the ancestors in disdain and ignored absolutely everything. Just imagining the possible massacre back at the citadel left him shuddering. He could smell a sanguine stench right now. There was a faint scene of carnage with mountains of flesh and rivers of blood.

The two of them quickly hid their true identities and turned into ordinary attendants before standing next to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye sat down in a meditative pose inside the coral forest and slowly closed his eyes as if he was hibernating.

He was not the only one to occupy an area here at the coral forest. Many people had occupied their own locations and drawn circles around their chosen zones to warn others.

In a few short days, the vast coral forest became quite crowded. The latecomers didn't have any spots, so conflicts became inevitable. In this enclosed situation, those who came from powerful sects or were personally strong were at a great advantage. No one dared to compete with them for the hills. Even if they came later, they could easily seize others' territories.

Thus, the place became particularly lively in a short amount of time. All kinds of cultivators from all the races appeared in the forest to wait for the flowers to blossom.

Battles and robberies were common everyday occurrences. Many cultivators had yet to see the blossoming coral flowers before they fell in these struggles.

Yan Yanglong came as well during this waiting period. He came by himself; the places he stepped on were illuminated by sunlight.

After walking around the coral forest, he chose a hill near the Bottomless Trench. The problem was that some other cultivators had already claimed it.

He stood above them while sweeping over them with his eyes and told these cultivators: "This place is mine. Will you leave by your own volition or will I have to resort to force?"

The people who occupied this land didn't want to fight against Yan Yanglong, so they packed their items and handed this hill over to him.

No one would laugh at them for conceding in this fashion. Yan Yanglong was a disciple of the Extreme Yang Monarch. This meant that he had enough strength to look down on them. Which minor sect or vagrant cultivator was willing to mess with the monarch's disciple?

Not long after this event, Gongsun Qianer arrived as well. Her entourage was much bigger than Yan Yanglong's. Her followers were all powerful. Their group, under her lead, was quite bullish; everyone had to make way for them.

No one dared to say a word about her aggressive attitude. Even though she was only a maid, they didn't look down on her status and strength.

Her master was a concubine of the Profound God-Monarch — this was a young character known by all in the Heaven Spirit World. He came from Gu Chun's four branches and had already become a God-Monarch. It could be said that he was invincible among the younger generation.

In terms of status and power, Yan Yanglong was not necessarily higher than Gongsun Qianer at all.

She took fancy to a bay close to the trench due to its excellent location. It had changed masters several times, so the current cultivator occupying it wasn't friendly at all. He also came from a big sect and had just killed the last person who occupied this location.

She glanced over and told this cultivator: "Scram, this place is mine."

However, he didn't leave. He came from a big sect that was also quite famous at the Jade Sea. If he was to scram after she told him so, how could he have any face left?

He replied with a cold expression: "You are too overbearing, I have already occupied this place."

She declared in a domineering manner: "I'll make you scram then." She had a high status back at the Profound Sea Dynasty, one of the four branches, so she didn't care for a young cultivator of the same generation as her.

This cultivator stood up and sneered: "Fine, let me see the great techniques of the Profound Sea Dynasty, I hope you have at least learned a little from them."

The followers next to her scowled and wanted to teach this guy a lesson, however she stopped them and revealed a cold smile: "Such impudent words, worthy of death!"

The phoenix hairpin in her hair flew out before she finished speaking.

It was violet in color and turned into a purple ray that moved at an indiscernible speed. It would pierce through people's forehead before they could react.

This cultivator was also strong and had great reaction speed. With a changed expression, he formed a mudra to stop the hairpin.

"Pluff!" Blood slowly spilled. The cultivator's eyes were wide open as he fell down. It was useless even if he was faster; his mudra couldn't stop this hairpin. Not only did it penetrate his mudra, it also went straight through his forehead. It was a fatal blow.

She recalled her hairpin and coldly spat out: "Just an ant." This hairpin was a treasure bestowed by the Profound Sea God-Monarch. It was quite powerful, so ordinary cultivators couldn't stop its lethal might.

The crowd was astonished by this and didn't dare to say a word or come closer. Back at Shallow Beach, she would have scruples about killing people due to it being under the jurisdiction of the Void Imperfection School. However, in this coral forest, she could kill whoever she wanted.

Many people were unwilling to near her in order to avoid getting killed.

Li Qiye's hill was quite far from the Bottomless Trench. Very few people would care about his location, so it was a quiet stay for him. Of course, he wasn't here for the needlefish, so he didn't need to pick a place too close to the Bottomless Trench.

He was sitting here with his eyes closed as if he was sleeping.

Not long after Yan Yanglong and Gongsun Qianer got here, Dao Attendant Lin came as well. He also took a lap around the forest before stopping at Li Qiye's hill.

“A bit courageous. In a world dominated by the three great races, a human actually dares to occupy a mountain by himself.” He stopped and coldly stared at Li Qiye.

Back at the inn, he had been completely humiliated by Li Qiye. If they weren't at Shallow Beach, he would have taught the fool a lesson already.

### **Chapter 1199: Needlefish**

Li Qiye turned a deaf ear to the attendant's taunt. He remained there in his meditative pose and simply ignored the attendant.

Such an arrogant display enraged the attendant once again. He snorted and said: “Ignorant junior, and arrogant as well. I'm afraid you will die without a burial not long from now!”

Some cultivators noticed this from the distance. Humans were quite rare in the Heaven Spirit World, but this youth was arrogant enough. Not long ago, he opposed the Teeming Sea Tribe and now, he was looking down on Dao Attendant Lin. From this, he offended two big lineages in the Jade Sea right away. Just what was this human boy's background?

Li Qiye finally opened his eyes and revealed a smile: “Come if you dare, your uncle will crush you with one hand. If you are afraid, then get the hell out of here, don't disturb my peace!”

The attendant's expression quickly shifted as a murderous glint flashed across his pupils. However, he restrained himself from taking action.

The crowd became even more confused about this human junior who was spouting such overbearing words.

Everyone thought that the attendant would attack right away to kill Li Qiye. However, the attendant took a deep breath and suppressed his anger.

He gave a cruel smile and sneered: “Ignorant brat, it is not difficult for me to take your dog life. However, the Teeming Marquis has declared that he wants to personally take your life and let you experience a fate worse than death. Just wait, at that time, you will regret having been born into this world. Maybe you will even beg me to end your life then.”

Many people became afraid after hearing this. Someone murmured: “Teeming Marquis, will there not be a single blade of grass left?”

The Teeming Marquis was a royal member of the Teeming Sea Tribe and one of its fierce generals. He had previously led an army of millions to eradicate several lineages. Rumor has it that wherever his army went, not even a single blade of grass would be left. They didn't only eat their enemies but also all vegetation. Anything with life would be completely chewed up.

Not long ago, Li Qiye had killed a group of Teeming Fish. These fish were the marquis' soldiers. The marquis was famous for his brutality in the Jade Sea, so he was infuriated when someone publicly ate his soldiers and dragon tendons. Thus, he declared that he would make Li Qiye suffer!

Li Qiye caught a quick glimpse of the attendant before slowly closing his eyes again.

The attendant didn't pursue the matter. If it wasn't for the marquis' declaration, he would have taken this brat's head already.

He snorted and left. Not long after, he selected a hill. The cultivator here saw that he wanted it and quickly gathered his stuff and handed over the land. This smart cultivator made the attendant's expression much better. His prestige was still there, very few people in the forest would dare to provoke his authority.

The sea creatures didn't dare to appear. Whether they be crabs or fish, all were hiding since they could sense the terrifying murderous intent from the large number of cultivators present.

As the day of blossoming approached, the cultivators became more and more quiet in anticipation. They would take action the moment the needlefish came out and immediately retreat after catching the first batch.

Eventually, the coral flowers were about to blossom. The entire forest turned silent like the calm before the storm. The little buds finally came out from these flowers. All of them had different colors in the center, making them resemble stars.

Many beautiful flowers bloomed throughout the entire forest in a quiet yet spectacular manner. To see these flowers blooming at the same time was quite shocking and difficult to describe with words.

In a short amount of time, the star-like buds of different colors made this entire area look like a magnificent galaxy, pulling at the spectators' heartstrings.

Everyone held their breaths since they didn't want to break this beautiful serenity while the millions of coral flowers blossomed. In this moment, many people felt that they were immersed in a sea of stars and became in touch with just how vast this world truly was.

Eventually, all the flower buds finally came out. The pollen began to shed from the flowers' core and drifted away with the current. Shortly after, this colorful pollen dyed everything with their shades. The entire area was gorgeous and spectacular.

The crowd became even more nervous while gazing at the Bottomless Trench. They were all waiting for the needlefish to appear.

Only Li Qiye remained calm on his hill without even bothering to look at the trench.

"Crash!" Finally, the sea current surged with waves. The coral forest's water began to move violently as well.

They saw silver shadows rushing out from the trench. The moment these shadows appeared, a net was cast over the sky above the coral forest.

Upon a closer inspection, these shadows were fish swimming for the coral flowers. This was the meaning behind their name. Each of them was as small as a needle and their eyes were even smaller than sesame seeds.

Their speed was quite frightening, like a meteor flashing by. Because of this, when they rushed out, the net immediately blotted out the forest.

Someone shouted after seeing them: “Needlefish!” The rest of the crowd got ready.

“Ah!” However, someone screamed before anyone took action. A weak cultivator wanted to catch these fish, but he couldn’t stop these fast creatures. When a big flock of them rushed over, they pierced him and turned him into a sieve in their quick frenzy.

At this time, everyone else shouted and immediately maneuvered against these fish in order to catch them!

The majority of cultivators came prepared. One took out a huge net and instantly covered many of the fish. This net was a great treasure, but he couldn’t pull it back. He was stuck in the net as well and was pulled by the fish all the way down the Bottomless Trench...

Gongsun Qianer, Dao Attendant Lin, and Yan Yanglong finally took action. They all came from imperial lineages, so they were quite powerful. They caught a large group of fish right away, unlike the other cultivators here.

In this fashion, cultivators were busy catching these fish. However, more were still rushing out from the trench in an endless manner as if they wanted to crush this whole region.

The ones that weren’t caught crazily ate the pollen from the flowers. They were like rampaging winds; wherever they went, the initially colorful seawater would turn clear again. It was quite a majestic scene.

Li Qiye’s location was quite far from the trench. Although some fish managed to break through the barricade, there weren’t many of them that came to this place to eat. Li Qiye continued to ignore them by sitting there.

“Boom!” While everyone was trying to catch these fish, the current became turbulent. A group of sea demons split the water to come to this place. This new group resembled an army more than a school of fish.

“Get out of the way! Scram!” They came with an aggressive momentum. Anyone who stood in their path was instantly killed and their blood dyed the water red.

“Teeming Fish! It is the marquis!” A cultivator screamed after seeing the army that consisted of tens of thousands of fish and quickly retreated.

In a short moment, this army of sea demons completely surrounded Li Qiye’s hill with several layers of fish.

A chilling aura pervaded this region with the arrival of this demon army.

### **Chapter 1200: Teeming Marquis**

The atmosphere of the coral forest was strained to the extreme after being invaded by the mass of Teeming Fish. Even those who were catching needlefish stopped in their tracks.

Many were frightened at the sight of the nearly 100,000 Teeming Fish surrounding the hills nearby. They quickly left this troubled location in order to stay safe.

In terms of individual strength, these fish were not that strong. Many cultivators were confident in killing an ordinary fish in a one-on-one. However, their sheer numbers made them dreadful.

Killing one Teeming Fish would be the same as provoking thousands or even hundreds of thousands of Teeming Fish. This was the most frightening matter.

“Someone is about to be very unlucky.” A cultivator murmured after seeing the fish encircling Li Qiye.

Li Qiye still didn’t open his eyes despite being completely trapped.

One person stepped out at this time. It was a Teeming Fish in full human form.

In this great army, very few fish had a human form. Although a few of them were very strong, they still had characteristics of fish remaining. For example, some had two hands and a human head, but their body was still that of a fish. As for others, they only had a human’s head... The majority of them were still in fish form.

The humanoid expert wore armor and had an imposing demeanor. He emitted a powerful aura and a bloodthirsty glare. His entire being gave off the smell of blood as if he had bathed in it, resulting in a chilling air.

“Teeming Marquis.” A person shuddered after seeing him.

This was a noble of the Teeming Tribe. It was said that he had several hundred thousand troops, and this number might have reached the millions mark. He was a marquis that recently rose to prominence in their tribe and was notorious for his cruelty.

“You are the brat that ate dragon tendons!” He stared at Li Qiye with bloodthirst in his eyes.

Li Qiye finally opened his eyes. However, he was not looking at the Teeming Marquis but at one particular needlefish.

Although millions of these fish were trapped in this forest by cultivators, some still made it to this particular region and were crazily devouring the pollen in the water.

This fish was not that much different from the others. If one had to point something out, it would be that this fish had a pair of feelers that others didn’t. They were extremely small, one on each side and were quite difficult to see even upon carefully scrutinizing it.

The other needlefish were eating the pollen in the water, but this one was eating the insect powder that Ye Tu and Teng Jiwen ground and scattered on the ground.

The marquis was not happy at being scorned by Li Qiye, so his expression turned sour.

He smiled cruelly: “Ignorant brat, today, I will show you a fate worse than death!”

Li Qiye finally turned back to look at the marquis and slowly said: “Run now and I’ll spare your dog life. Otherwise, I will massacre the entire Teeming Tribe in the future.”

The crowd was speechless after hearing this. People looked at each other and felt that this statement was too outrageous.

Someone murmured: "He's not afraid of biting his tongue while bragging at all."

Over the millions of years, a few people had made this claim that they would destroy the Teeming Tribe. Some had even attacked their lairs, but in the end, they couldn't wipe out this race due to its great numbers.

But now, this human junior was making this claim. This was simply not knowing the immensity of the heaven and earth and, in the eyes of the spectators, being too naive.

"Which hole did this kid come out from? He doesn't know how terrifying the Teeming Fish are." A cultivator shook his head.

"Good, good, good." The marquis actually smiled instead of becoming angry. He turned back to the tens of thousands of fish behind him and shouted: "My children, did you hear that? This little animal says he wants to destroy our tribe!"

Boisterous laughter immediately resounded. All the fish started laughing and felt that there couldn't be a better joke than this.

"Well, since this animal dares to make this claim, we don't need to be polite anymore." The marquis smilingly said: "Children, it is time to eat. Remember, one bite per person, but don't kill him just yet. Peck his flesh but let him survive, I want to torture him!"

"Affirmative!" All of the Teeming Fish shouted and immediately rushed towards Li Qiye like hungry sharks.

At this time, they didn't try to attack him with lightning, they wanted him to feel his flesh being torn apart so that he would suffer the agonizing pain.

The marquis exposed a cruel smile as his horde rushed towards Li Qiye. In his mind, it would only take an instant for Li Qiye to be eaten by his underlings until only his bones were left, letting him survive with only a single breath remaining.

That would be when he would use the most vicious method to let this brat live on. His wails would echo across the entire region.

The cultivators here couldn't bear to watch. They could already see the brutal scene and Li Qiye's miserable end. However, some of them were gloating as well. They believed that this human junior was courting death. He chose to barge into hell instead of heading for heaven. Opposing the Teeming Fish would bring about a genocide.

"Mere ants wanting to commit suicide!" Li Qiye was too lazy to look at the fish for his eyes were still fixated on that one needlefish.

Right when all the fish rushed over and were about to attack Li Qiye, Li Qiye spread out his palm and coldly declared: "Die!"

A huge black hole emerged from his palm, engulfing all of the Teeming Fish like a tidal wave.

The black hole twisted all the fish into fleshy suds before swallowing them whole.

“Ah!” Screams shrieked left and right. Before the Teeming Fish knew what was happening, all of them were devoured by the black hole without even leaving behind a corpse.

Myriad Dao Fist, Heaven Devourer Evil Fist. This was based on the Heaven Devourer Evil Physique. The moment it came out, the fish were no different from moths flying towards a flame. It was an attack that resembled a shark capable of swallowing everything while the Teeming Fish were only tiny prey barely enough to satiate the fist’s appetite.

This reversal shocked everyone, including the Teeming Marquis. In the next second, his body was up in the air.

Before the crowd could grasp the situation, Li Qiye was gripping the marquis by the neck. This only took a split second so no one really saw it happen.

Li Qiye glared at the fish and chillingly uttered: “Just an ant that’s barely at the Heavenly Sovereign level, yet you dare to prance around in front of me?”

“You...” While spasming, the marquis had difficulty speaking with his neck gripped.

Eventually, he gasped for breath but didn’t change his ferocious nature. He cried out: “Little animal, even if you kill me, my race will not spare you. Our billion-strong armies will tear you into pieces and eradicate your ten clans!”

Countless people held their breaths while watching this scene. They knew that this was not just an exaggeration, the Teeming Race had established numerous countries in the vast oceans.

What was even more scary was that they were quite unified. Killing one of their marquises would bring about revenge from these innumerable fish.

The marquis was not strong by himself, but behind him were hundreds of countries and billions of citizens — this was the scariest part.

“I’ll be waiting.” Li Qiye smiled and placed his palm on the marquis’ body.

“Pop!” The marquis let out a shrill scream. His cultivation was destroyed by Li Qiye, thus his true body was revealed. He was a gigantic fish.

Li Qiye’s palm ran on the fish’s body, stripping him into thin slices. In the blink of an eye, the skeleton of the fish appeared. One could still see a heart beating inside.

Li Qiye instantly ripped the dragon tendon from the fish’s backbone, severing it of its life.

He casually threw the tendon into his mouth and began chewing. He looked around at the other cultivators before swallowing and spoke: “If you see any Teeming Fish, let them know that I, Li Qiye, do not like them. They better scam to the ends of the world to get away from me. Otherwise, not only will I tear them apart, I’ll also eat their dragon tendons as an appetizer for my wine!”