

Domination 521

Chapter 521: Diamond Carp

While the news of Li Qiye bringing away a bunch of destiny stones spread everywhere, Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu had already left the Metal Realm. Although there were a lot of treasures, Li Qiye didn't want to spend more time here.

Lan Yunzhu went to look for some news and quickly came back: "I've found some new information. The lost mythical island you're interested in is indeed at the Earth Realm."

Li Qiye remained completely calm after hearing this since it was exactly as he predicted. Before, he was sure that the thing he wanted was inside the grave. Now that the lost mythical island was confirmed to be here, he was left completely at ease.

"How is the island right now?" He asked with a smile.

Lan Yunzhu replied: "I heard that it is no different from when it was outside at sea; it is still covered in mist. The mist has apparently become thinner, but one still can't see the entire island."

"I see." Li Qiye knew that sooner or later, the island would reveal its true colors. Its appearance at the Prime Ominous Grave was for a reason.

"Do we go to the island now?" Lan Yunzhu inquired. In fact, she was already curious when they were together back at the Thousand Islands. She even suspected that the sudden appearance of the lost island had something to do with Li Qiye.

"No, it will take some time. We can only wait until the mist dissipates. If it is here, then it can't run away. Plus, I have the Prime Ominous Key so time is on our side." Li Qiye cheerfully replied.

Lan Yunzhu curiously asked: "What is on the lost mythical island? I heard people say that songs from immortal phoenixes and flying golden dragons could be heard. Could there be mythical beasts on the island or maybe weapons left behind by these creatures?"

"I'm not certain whether there are divine beasts or not." Li Qiye smiled and narrowed his eyes: "But one thing is certain, there is something very heaven-defying on the island. However, it is hard to tell whether this something is good or bad. It depends on the person, really."

"Just what is it?" Lan Yunzhu continued. She could see that Li Qiye was very interested in the thing on the island, and she knew that there weren't too many things that warranted his attention.

Li Qiye looked at the far horizon with a serious look: "An existence." He became quiet for a while and then continued on: "An existence that destroyed gods. Even Immortal Emperors were extremely wary of it."

"Destroying gods and feared by Immortal Emperors!" Lan Yunzhu lost her colors and exclaimed: "Is there really such an existence in this world?"

Just what kind of existence could this be? Immortal Emperors shouldered the Heaven's Will, and they could be called the true heavenly princes and princesses of this world due to the recognition from the

heavens itself. Just what kind of existence could cause invincible existences like Immortal Emperors to feel dread?

“This is just my personal conjecture.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “It’s just a guess. If I’m not mistaken, then that thing is real and it has been sealed for a very long time. However, it is almost time for it to appear under the sun once more.”

“There is another piece of news.” Lan Yunzhu softly sighed and reported: “Rumor has it that the people from the Ancestral City are here. Right now, there aren’t too many of them — only a few came to check the situation. The Yin Yang Master and several Ancestral City Ancestors personally came. Someone saw them going to the lost mythical island to take a look.”

Li Qiye was not surprised at all and coldly grinned: “Hahaha, this is nothing surprising. They have heard of a few things and would absolutely not let go of this chance to participate in these muddled waters.”

Lan Yunzhu shared the same opinion. If the lost mythical island housed the existence Li Qiye was talking about, then the Ancestral City would not let it go.

“Where do we go now? The Fire Realm or the Wood Realm? Or should we go straight to the Earth Realm?” Lan Yunzhu regained her thoughts and asked.

“Where did Sect Master Bao Gui’s group go?” Li Qiye asked.

“While I was asking for information, I heard that Master’s group was at the Water Realm. Since we are not in the same realm, it is hard to contact Master.” Lan Yunzhu replied.

Li Qiye stroked his chin and said: “The Water Realm... Very well, we will go take a look at the Water Realm. From my knowledge, it is not a bad place.”

Lan Yunzhu agreed since she also wanted to see if the Thousand Carp River had any luck. She followed him to a dao platform in the Metal Realm then directly ported to the Water Realm.

With its blue sky and sea that spanned endlessly, this was a realm worth yearning for. One’s soul would become relaxed while standing in the Water Realm; the gentle misty breeze could wash away the fatigue of life.

Lan Yunzhu couldn’t help but exclaim while standing above the water: “I didn’t expect the Water Realm to be one huge ocean.”

“This is a sea reservoir; below are many secrets that can never be excavated completely.” Li Qiye cheerfully commented.

The elders of the river sect were at the Water Realm, so Lan Yunzhu quickly communicated with them before running over to them.

When they met, the elders were all standing on top of a huge carp. They didn’t move separately and instead continued to stay together.

The huge carp swam quickly on the ocean as if the elders were chasing after something, prompting Lan Yunzhu’s question: “Master, what are you doing?”

“Chasing after a big fish.” Daoist Bao Gui answered.

A few high elders were gazing at the sea’s surface while their heavenly gazes swept across everything in this realm.

“A big fish?” Lan Yunzhu curiously inquired: “What kind of huge fish? A treasure fish?”

“Crash!” A huge splashing sound came out as a monstrous animal leaped out from the ocean, causing waves to tower up high.

A gigantic fish leaped out from the surface. Although the carp that the elders were riding was already very big, it was still smaller than this gigantic fish.

This leaping fish’s entire body was pitch black and its scales resembled black iron. When it jumped, the sunlight reflected off its body formed a faint halo. The curves of this fish appeared especially perfect under this sunlight.

When it jumped, it gave off the illusion that it was a true dragon leaping out of the water with an indescribable momentum, shocking all spectators!

“So pretty!” Lan Yunzhu had to praise this gigantic fish.

“Stay close and don’t lose it! We have been chasing after it for nine days now!” Daoist Bao Gui commanded.

“Crash!” The sound of splashing water continued nonstop. The gigantic fish sometimes jumped up and sometimes dived down while creating a big pillar of water. This majestic and beautiful scene dazzled one’s eyes. Its speed was very fast, but the river sect’s carp followed it without failure.

“The big fish is here again. Everyone, quickly give chase!” This fish that swam in the water had already alarmed many cultivators in this realm, so they started to follow it.

Prior to this, it was not only the Thousand Carp River that chased this fish, many other cultivators also followed, albeit with a slower speed.

Lan Yunzhu looked at its perfect curves and praised: “What kind of fish is this? Is it a Kun Peng?”

“No, it is a Diamond Carp.” Li Qiye looked at this jumping fish and spoke with admiration: “Very beautiful, a timeless beauty.”

“Young Noble recognizes this fish?” Daoist Bao Gui was filled with interest and said: “I had to read a secret scroll from the patriarch before finding out the name of this fish.”

“It is nothing much, I’ve only heard of it. This fish is unique in this world; I think one wouldn’t be able to find another outside of the Prime Ominous Grave.”

Li Qiye did not only know of the Diamond Carp, he had even chased after it before. It could be said that this fish carried a heaven-shaking secret.

“It is indeed the one and only Diamond Carp.” Daoist Bao Gui continued: “Just like you said, rumor has it that there is only one in this place.”

“Why is Master chasing after this Diamond Carp?” Lan Yunzhu asked: “Do we want to catch it?” However, she could see that they had no intention of catching it at this moment.

“No, we are trying to find its nest.” Daoist Bao Gui explained: “The secret book of the patriarch contains a passage about the amazing nest of the Diamond Carp, about how it contains a very rare creation of the heaven and earth. This is why we are chasing after it, we want to find its nest.”

“Do you know where its nest is?” Lan Yunzhu looked at Li Qiye and asked. Nowadays, Lan Yunzhu would first ask Li Qiye about anything. He even knew about the secrets of the grave, so she felt that there was nothing he didn’t know.

“I don’t know.” Li Qiye shook his head and said: “Just like what your patriarch’s record stated, we can only chase forever until we find the nest because this nest is always moving. The only thing we can do is wait till the carp goes back to its nest.”

“It’s quite impressive that Young Noble knows so many things.” Daoist Bao Gui couldn’t help but praise: “The patriarch’s record does indeed say that. We have to give chase until it goes back to its nest.”

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“But are you guys prepared? When the Diamond Carp goes back to its nest, you guys have to seal it. If not, then that carp will disappear after entering, and it will be very hard to find it again.” Li Qiye smilingly asked.

“Young Noble can rest assured.” The Daoist instantly replied: “We have brought along a treasure of the patriarch. As long as we find its nest, we will seal it right away. Even if it tries to port away, we will still be able to find it immediately.”

Li Qiye only smiled in response while looking at the Diamond Carp that swam in front of them. The high waves set off by the jumping fish combined with the reflected sunlight from its curves created quite a pretty spectacle.

The elders were determined to not give up until they found its nest.

After looking for a while, Li Qiye told Lan Yunzhu: “We’ll go now.”

Lan Yunzhu asked in surprise: “Go? Where? Are we not chasing the fish to its nest?”

Li Qiye shook his head and said: “The fish will not return to its nest until it is tired, and there is still a very long time before it fatigues. We’ll go take a look somewhere else.”

“Go.” Daoist Bao Gui nodded and said: “Leave this place to us. You guys can go test your fortune somewhere else.”

Lan Yunzhu felt that they couldn’t really help even if they stayed here, so she said goodbye to the daoist’s group and followed Li Qiye.

“Where are we going now?” She asked: “To the Earth Realm? I’ve heard that something really incredible has been dug out over there.”

“No.” Li Qiye shook his head and replied: “You can indeed dig out amazing things at the Earth Realm, but you need to stay alive to use it later on.”

“Oh? Our egotistic Uncle is suddenly so timid? Isn’t Uncle unafraid of the heaven and earth?” Lan Yunzhu gave him a look then blinked her eyes before revealing a charming smile: “If I remember correctly, Uncle is always full of confidence, so why are you so afraid of death now?”

Li Qiye flicked her forehead and said: “Don’t tease me, Girl. The Earth Realm is not enough to take my life. However, in order to take out the good stuff from there, one would need to go into the graves — this is a very time-consuming and complicated process. Moreover, I don’t need those items. The things that I need are at many different places; for example, we are about to go to a very nice location.”

“Where?” Lan Yunzhu quickly asked.

Li Qiye gazed at the distance and answered: “The Wood Realm.” He then smiled and continued: “Don’t you want to find a King Medicine root or some kind of treasure tree?”

Lan Yunzhu’s eyes lit up as she asked: “Is there a chance to stumble upon a divine tree like the Golden Divine Willow?”

“You can really dream.” Li Qiye chuckled and replied: “A divine tree like the Golden Divine Willow is unique. Obtaining such a tree is easier said than done. Your river sect’s divine willow required countless amounts of effort and time to move it from its original location back to the sect.

“In addition to requiring a lot of effort to relocate such a tree, more often than not, something like the Golden Divine Willow can only be met by chance. If you are lucky, you might be able to meet a similar divine tree.” Li Qiye smiled while shaking his head after getting to this point.

Lan Yunzhu looked at him and curiously asked: “Uncle, why do you know the matters of our river sect so well?”

Even though she was its descendant, she didn’t know about this stuff. In fact, her master didn’t know about this either, yet Li Qiye could recall these things as if he saw them with his own eyes.

He then teasingly responded: “Don’t forget that I am your Guardian. Your patriarch has appointed me as the Guardian so I’m naturally different from others. I have read a lot of books and there is nothing I don’t know or can’t do.”

Lan Yunzhu glared at him in response: “Bah, Uncle, please stop. Who doesn’t know that you were lucky, super lucky to become our Guardian.” Although she said this, she clearly knew in her mind that the patriarch chose him to be their Guardian for a reason, even though she didn’t know the exact details.

The Wood Realm was one of the five Grave Realms of the Prime Ominous Grave. Inside were old sky-towering trees that were full of vitality. It could be said that among the five, the Wood Realm was the one with the most abundant life essence.

There were also rolling mountains surrounded by rivers and loud waterfalls everywhere; life was in abundance here. Once one stepped inside, one would actually think that they were in a dense, old forest back in the Sacred Nether World.

Beasts and birds were running around among these tall trees. There was nothing that couldn't be found here, including trees and grasses that knew how to run. To be more exact, they were King Medicines and treasure trees that knew how to move around.

This was the best location for those who wanted to find some pills and immortal grasses. Anyone who came here would become very excited because this realm resembled a large garden full of herbs both good and bad. There were even King Medicines!

Each time the grave opened, many alchemists and cultivators loved to come to the Wood Realm.

The dangers here were also more moderate compared to the other realms, but this was not to say that this place isn't a paradise for finding treasures. It was more suited for weaker cultivators, especially the vagabonds and those who hailed from minor sects.

In the Metal Realm, one wouldn't know what they would dig out from under the sand. It could be a treasure, or it could be a nest of Metal-eating Insects, or it might be a different kind of dangerous sinister existence.

In the Water Realm, one wouldn't know what was under the water and what kinds of danger was below. Maybe as they were treading on the water, a water demon would come out and taste their flesh.

The Wood Realm was different. If one had no ambition and only wanted to make a little money by lingering in the outer boundary to pick some grasses, then it was absolutely safe.

Since this place specialized in producing medicines and grasses, even the entrance had a lot of them. Although they were ordinary, their freshness made up for this.

Low risk and decent rewards meant that this was the haven for many weaker cultivators. Said cultivators often chose this place as their stopping point.

Lan Yunzhu followed Li Qiye to this place where the medicinal fragrance blew into her face, causing her to take a deep breath.

She then whispered: "Silver Maple Grass, Pure Dan Fruit, Hundred Coiled Grass... This place is indeed nice for growing medicine."

Li Qiye then stared at her in surprise. Feeling his gaze, Lan Yunzhu gave him a look and said: "What? Is it that strange? Although I am not an alchemist, it is normal for me to know a few spirit medicines. Our river sect is an emperor's lineage, so we have a huge alchemy garden."

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't say anything else.

Lan Yunzhu couldn't contain her excitement and said: "This place has so many medicines, we should pick some and bring them back."

Li Qiye slightly lifted his chin and said: "I'm sorry, but there is no Silver Maple Grass or Pure Dan Fruit left for you."

Lan Yunzhu then shifted her gaze up ahead and noticed the barren hills. Outside of ordinary vegetation, the rest had already been plucked clean by people; there was no sign of spirit medicines.

“Hmm... This place is indeed a medicine garden, though.” Lan Yunzhu emotionally said after seeing a scene like this. Although the mountains had been harvested completely, by looking at the holes, one could see the signs of spirit medicines everywhere.

The two of them went deeper into the Wood Realm. They went past two mountains to see a group of cultivators happily harvesting some grasses.

A cultivator who climbed to the peak and then dug one thousand feet down managed to find a medicine root. Another hung by the cliff with a bated breath, waiting for a spirit flower to bloom. A different person went deep into a cave and then baited out the snakes to dig out Golden-String Grass. However, the majority of them were just picking spirit grasses normally on the mountain.

The cultivation of these cultivators was quite shallow, and a few of them were only beginners. The spirit medicines harvested by them could be found in stores. However, despite these medicines being common, this was still a great harvest to these cultivators.

“How did they manage to come in?” Lan Yunzhu puzzlingly asked after seeing these weak cultivators inside the grave.

“You have never been in a minor sect, right?” Li Qiye shook his head and said: “You have been in an emperor’s lineage since a young age so you don’t know that it is not easy to live as a vagabond or a cultivator from a minor sect. These spirit medicines are already very good for them. They risked their lives to enter the Prime Ominous Grave, and although they couldn’t make it alone, a group of them going together makes it possible.

“Among them, there will be one or two people who are quite formidable, so a group of them working together can ride the Corpseblood Clouds. Of course, many probably died during the process, but nevertheless, to these weak cultivators, entering the Prime Ominous Grave is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If they are lucky, maybe they will be able to change their sect’s fate. Thus, despite knowing how arduous it would be and how only one out of ten would survive, they still risked it all and came!”

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Chapter 523: Dangers In The Wood Realm

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Although this place was full of spirit medicines, Li Qiye didn't slow down his pace. He brought Lan Yunzhu deeper into the realm.

And he was not the only one who didn't stop; any cultivator that was a bit stronger or was from a bigger sect wouldn't pause. Although this place had a lot of medicines, they were very ordinary. Anyone with a bit of strength would not waste their time here.

This was especially true for the great powers who came here for the King Medicines and Sacred Trees. How could they allow time to be wasted on these ordinary grasses?

As Li Qiye went further inside, the grasses became rarer and more precious. At a certain depth, the truly rare spirit medicines began to appear.

"That is a Crimsonblood Fruit!" Lan Yunzhu happily uttered after seeing a red fruit growing on a lush and verdant tree by a creek.

She wanted to go closer, but this creek suddenly turned into a whirlpool.

"Splash!" White skeletons emerged from this whirlpool, warning Lan Yunzhu to not come any closer.

Li Qiye pulled her away and said: "Don't waste time here, there are too many spirit medicines of this level."

Lan Yunzhu wryly laughed and wondered: "Are there a lot of these here?" In the outside world, the Crimsonblood Fruit was very rare. Even the river sect's treasury only had a few of them.

However, it was just like what Li Qiye had said. After they crossed several mountains, they saw Crimsonblood Fruits everywhere in the creeks.

Lan Yunzhu, who was following right behind him, was dazzled after seeing how many spirit medicines there were in this part of the woods: "White Phoenix Tree, Raging Flame Vine, Five Transformations Dragon Rouge, 800,000 year old Pure Dan Grass..."

The spirit medicines here were all extraordinary and precious. However, wanting to pick these medicines was not easy. They either had insect kings and cruel beasts protecting them, or they would be growing in deadly locations.

"Why don't we pick some of them?" She was very tempted when she saw so many spirit medicines. She had absolute confidence that she would be able to easily pick a bunch of them.

"Wait a bit longer, then you will truly see what is called an alchemy garden." Li Qiye replied and smiled: "There are even more precious things, so why waste time here?"

Sure enough, as they continued forward, they saw even more spirit medicines that couldn't be described with just the word "precious." These were all priceless medicines.

"That is a one million year old Scarlet Soaring Dragon Tree!" Lan Yunzhu looked at a treasure tree and exclaimed in shock. The entire tree was scarlet and it emitted waves of fluttering lights. She was someone who knew her stuff, so she spoke: "If one trains here, they will be reinforced by a dragon essence."

However, as she came closer, she heard the sounds of bones clanking together as many skeletons crawled up from below the tree. Looking at the color of these bones, one wouldn't be able to tell how long ago they had died.

"Don't compete with the dead. Even after death, they will forever want to seize this treasure tree." Li Qiye cheerfully said before dragging her away.

The value of these herbs only rose as they went deeper inside. Many experts and great powers present wanted these medicines.

"Where are you running to?!" On top of a mountain, a formidable Heavenly King with surging blood energy and an emperor's aura was chasing a King Medicine root.

"That Heavenly King comes from the Zhan Clan. Legend states that after producing an Immortal Emperor, the clan then lived in seclusion for a very long time." Lan Yunzhu couldn't help but say after seeing this chase.

This Heavenly King had clearly brought an emperor's weapon. Although many lusted after this King Medicine root, after seeing this Heavenly King take action, all the other Heavenly Sovereigns could only watch on the sidelines no matter how heaven-defying they might be. A Heavenly King was terrifying enough, not to mention the fact that he brought along an emperor's weapon. Nobody wanted to offend such an expert!

The King Medicine being chased after by the Heavenly King was a 3,000,000 year old Violetblood King Ginseng. This ginseng root ran for its life at a scary speed while the Heavenly King panted as he gave chase.

This king ginseng knew that the enemy had an emperor's weapon, a weapon that it couldn't mess with, so it fled at an extreme speed deeper into the Wood Realm.

"Buzz!" On a different hill, a Demonic Sacred Tree exuded a terrifying divine radiance. Under the Demonic Sacred Tree were several hundred experts that all came from the same sect. They gathered together and tried their best to uproot this sacred tree.

"Clank!" Countless divine lights from this tree combined together to form a monstrous sword formation to cut into the experts of this sect.

Seeing that this sacred tree knew how to form a sword array, the sect master exclaimed in horror: "Retreat!"

But it was all too late as a rain of blood poured down from the sky. Terrible screams resounded as these several hundred experts were minced by this powerful sword formation.

"So strong!" Lan Yunzhu became shocked after witnessing the strength of the sacred tree's sword array. She had a keen eyesight capable of seeing through this heaven-defying sword array.

"Don't be fooled by the Wood Realm's appearance." Li Qiye smiled and explained: "Outsiders say that this place is safe, and indeed it is safer than the other places, but the King Medicines and Sacred Trees in this realm should not be easily provoked. Although there are no poisonous creatures or insect kings guarding them, they are plenty powerful by themselves."

Lan Yunzhu also recognized this. The King Medicines and Sacred Trees in the Wood Realm were different from the divine stones and treasure metals back in the Metal Realm. The metals and stones didn't have the power to fight back, but these medicine existences were different. They were very powerful, even more so than a Heavenly King.

"At this place, there are King Medicines and Sacred Trees even more powerful than Virtuous Paragons. One requires luck to be able to see them." Li Qiye reminded Lan Yunzhu.

As they trod deeper inside, even more King Medicines and Sacred Trees showed up as well as holy springs and wells. Later on, there were trees who knew how to fly and walking grasses as well as herbs that knew how to transform.

The more she saw, the more speechless Lan Yunzhu became. Eventually, the two arrived under a cliff with an old well next to it. Li Qiye looked at it and found that there was a moon floating inside.

"Is this the legendary Immortal Moon Well?" Lan Yunzhu only watched from the distance because there was a person sitting cross-legged above the well — an old man. This old man wore armor with a sword box on his thighs. Although the box was closed, the terrifying sword energy shooting out of it made it clear just how horrifying the sword inside must be.

Lan Yunzhu looked at the old man and felt a chill before asking: "Is he dead?"

"Yes. He is this generation's wellkeeper." Li Qiye happily explained: "It is not difficult to obtain this well, one just has to defeat him. But sometimes, after defeating its keeper, they would no longer be able to leave because they would turn into a corpse and become the next generation's keeper."

Seeing this scene made Lan Yunzhu shudder. A Virtuous Paragon had inexplicably died here to become its keeper. This place was too bizarre.

As they continued to explore deeper and deeper, the thick forests and mountains became more dangerous. The sacred medicines now had fierce beasts and insects guarding them, and even the mountain paths became more arduous.

The insects and beasts wouldn't attack someone for no reason, but the dangerous high peaks and hills were unpredictable. One wouldn't be able to discern safe spots from dangerous spots.

"Ahh!" Screams sounded out. Lan Yunzhu noticed a large clan with more than one thousand experts falling into a deep ravine. However, what took their lives was not the fall but a group of black clouds that descended from the sky like a bunch of devils returning to their ravine nest. In just a moment, more screams resounded from within the ravine.

After the black clouds disappeared, Lan Yunzhu only saw skeletal remains. More than one thousand experts had all become mere bones.

"The White River Tribe is a great clan from the ghost race. They have more than ten Heavenly Sovereigns!" She exclaimed after seeing this scene.

More than one thousand experts and ten Heavenly Sovereigns had turned into skeletons in just a minute without being able to put up a fight. This matter was way too creepy.

However, thanks to Li Qiye, he brought her along and dodged all the dangers as if there was a god protecting them. It was as if Li Qiye knew this place very well; he knew all of its dangerous locations along with the methods to evade them.

Lan Yunzhu followed him and noticed that, at times, he would take the longer path instead of a straight incline towards the deeper parts of the Wood Realm. Because of his meticulous path, they managed to cleverly avoid many dangers.

Lan Yunzhu couldn't help but ask with doubt after seeing this: "Have you been to the Prime Ominous Grave before?" He seemed to have come here before, and his familiarity with the place indicated it hadn't just been once.

Li Qiye smirked and remarked: "Did your patriarch not leave behind a map? For example, the dangerous spots inside the Wood Realm?"

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Chapter 524: Lost Alchemy Garden Of The Immortals

"No." Lan Yunzhu glanced at him and said: "Is there such a thing? I'm afraid it doesn't exist in this world. Even if our patriarch had come to the Prime Ominous Grave, it most likely would've only been once. The patriarch wouldn't have been able to find out the safe and dangerous spots."

"I'm sorry to say that I came across an old map that had the safe and dangerous spots marked on it." Li Qiye smiled and added: "I'll also tell you an exclusive secret."

"What is it?" Lan Yunzhu couldn't help but ask.

Li Qiye smirked and said: "Gather a lot of antiques, such as old books or maps. Then, your harvest will be completely unexpected. All of my knowledge came from these items."

"Bah!" Lan Yunzhu looked at him with one eye and said: "Uncle, I'm not stupid. It is fine if you don't want to say it, but don't try to trick me. The Prime Ominous Grave is one of the twelve burial grounds, so how could the secrets of this place be contained in old books and maps? If that was the case, then there wouldn't be any secrets about the twelve burial grounds."

Li Qiye only laughed and didn't deny this notion while Lan Yunzhu angrily glared at him.

He took her to a grassy field. It was not large, only around ten acres. There was absolutely nothing here, let alone King Medicines and Sacred Trees. Not even the most ordinary spirit medicines could be found.

In the middle of the field was an old stone tablet that had nothing special about its appearance.

“Uncle, you took me all this way just for this stone tablet?” Lan Yunzhu looked at him and said: “Don’t tell me that there is no secret about this tablet. I won’t accept such an answer.”

Li Qiye took her across numerous streams and hills while ignoring many King Medicines and Sacred Trees. This was definitely not because he had too much time on his hands.

Li Qiye replied with a smile: “You are right, this place is the secret.” Li Qiye took out the Prime Ominous Key. The key was like the unveiling of a decree as dao runes began to move with ancient words emerging on its surface.

“Thunk, thunk, thunk!” These old characters carved themselves into the ancient tablet, causing it to become shiny.

Lan Yunzhu had seen this before back when Li Qiye opened the grave, so after seeing these ancient characters on the tablet, she held her breath in anticipation.

“Clangggg!” The old tablet shifted itself, revealing a door where it used to be.

Li Qiye reached out with his hand and said with a smile: “Please enter. You can now see what true King Medicines are.”

Lan Yunzhu didn’t know what was beyond the door. She took a deep breath and was ready to accept a pleasant surprise. She entered first while Li Qiye followed right behind her.

“Rolllll—” After they entered, the tablet shifted back to its initial position, and the door disappeared as well. No one else knew that there had been a door here.

After going inside, Lan Yunzhu’s jaw dropped as she became astonished at the scene before her eyes.

It was too shocking. This place seemed to be a world of its own with plenty of waterfalls and hills. The gentle breeze gave the sensation that it was a paradise.

However, this was not the important part. The crux of the matter was that the vegetation here were not ordinary grasses or trees, they were all incredible King Medicines and Sacred Trees.

“Immortal Phoenix Grass, Galaxy Tree, Spatial Flower, Bewildering Bamboo...” All of these items were written down in the records, but very few people had seen them since the start of time. These immortal grasses and sacred trees were beyond the scope of alchemy. Using these things to refine pills would be wasting the heaven’s creations.

The Immortal Phoenix Grass was like a phoenix gently flying on a branch as it emitted the cries of a phoenix.

Lan Yunzhu looked at it and murmured: “Legend has it that this grass only shows up where an Immortal Phoenix made its nest.”

The Galaxy Tree gently swayed with the wind and had the appearance of stars descending to this world. The body of the tree was not large, but stars kept descending from it as if it was the sky itself.

As for the Spatial Flower, one of its tiny buds began to bloom. The moment it finished blooming, it was as if ten thousand years had passed; the endless time was flowing inside its petals.

Lan Yunzhu wanted to watch the flower bloom, but Li Qiye quickly stopped her: "Don't watch when it is blooming or else you will grow old along with it. No matter how powerful you are, you won't be able to stop its withering properties."

The sacred trees and other immortal grasses here were not simply ingredients, they were extremely terrifying existences. They had the power to cause even Virtuous Paragons to feel dread.

Although all of these kinds of vegetation were before her, even a genius like Lan Yunzhu wouldn't find picking any of them an easy task.

Despite the fact that they had no insect kings or other poisonous creatures protecting them, they themselves had horrifying power no weaker than a Virtuous Paragon.

"Where is this place?" Lan Yunzhu asked with an emotional tone. Seeing any one of these great treasures outside would already be more difficult than reaching the heavens, but from where Lan Yunzhu was standing, immortal grasses and sacred trees could be seen as far as her eyes could see. This shocking matter definitely couldn't occur in the outside world.

Li Qiye smiled and replied: "It is anyone's guess as to where this place really is, but you can call it the lost alchemy garden of the immortals."

"The lost alchemy garden of the immortals..." Lan Yunzhu repeated.

This was the only appropriate name for it. How could any other place have so many rare and precious herbs located in one place? This could only happen in the lands of the legendary immortals.

This garden before her was probably the alchemy garden of the immortals that fell to the mortal world.

Lan Yunzhu calmed down then looked at Li Qiye to say: "The King Medicines growing outside were not the most precious things in the Wood Realm."

"Correct." Li Qiye cheerfully smiled: "There is no better place in the Wood Realm than the lost alchemy garden of the immortals."

Lan Yunzhu suddenly recalled something, then she looked at Li Qiye and asked: "There are five great realms in the Prime Ominous Grave. The Wood Realm is not the only one with a secret grave; this lost alchemy garden is equivalent to the Heavenly Cemetery of the Earth Realm. They are both secret graves, right?"

Li Qiye smiled and said: "You are not stupid. To be more precise, all five realms have their own secret grave."

Lan Yunzhu then murmured in response: "Legends state that Immortal Emperor Di Yu once entered the Heavenly Cemetery and obtained the method for eternal life. This was how future generations got to know about the Heavenly Cemetery."

Li Qiye shook his head and said: "The truth is not like that. The key point is that the future generations didn't know about the cemetery because of Immortal Emperor Di Yu. You will understand later."

Lan Yunzhu then asked: “The Heavenly Cemetery is at the Earth Realm, then we have the alchemy garden at the Wood Realm. What about the Metal Realm and the Water Realm? If all five realms have them, then so should these two.”

Li Qiye gestured with his hand and said: “This I do not know. It is not like I know everything. If you keep asking me, then who do I have to ask for an answer?”

“Is that so?” Lan Yunzhu skeptically looked at Li Qiye because she was sure that it was not so simple. In her opinion, Li Qiye definitely knew a thing or two. She then had to say: “I got it now. Each secret grave of these realms has to be opened with the Prime Ominous Key! The world does not know that the key doesn’t just simply open the grave.”

Li Qiye flicked her forehead and said: “Smart. You are right, only with the Prime Ominous Key would one be able to enter these secret graves.”

“If you have the key, then how come you didn’t go to the other ones? Like the ones back in the Water and Metal realms?” Lan Yunzhu inquired.

People would go absolutely crazy if they knew this secret. These secret graves were unbelievable; this lost alchemy garden was a prime example. Anyone who entered would surely come out as a rich man.

Li Qiye shook his head with a smile and replied: “Hmm... I don’t know where the other secret graves are located.”

Lan Yunzhu fiercely glared at him and retorted: “Do you think I’m stupid? You even know about the Secret Realm, so how do you not know about the secret graves? Hmph, these secret graves are surely easier to find than the Secret Realm.”

“Okay, okay. Little Girl, you really are not stupid at all.” Li Qiye smiled, then continued: “There are a lot of rules for these secret graves, and it is not as simple as just going and taking the treasures. The secret graves in the Metal and Water realms do not necessarily have the things I need. My first rule for this trip is to find the things that I need, the other stuff will be for when I have enough time. Of course, unless a secret among secrets of the graves appears, I wouldn’t be able to go to all the secret graves.”

“What is a secret among secrets of the graves?” Lan Yunzhu curiously asked. She had never heard of this before, but since it came out from Li Qiye’s mouth, it would surely not be simple.

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Li Qiye nonchalantly responded: “You don’t need to know this. However, if the secret among secrets appears, then I’ll take you to experience it.”

Having heard that, Lan Yunzhu didn’t ask anything more. She only knew that this secret must be really amazing.

“Let us go.” Li Qiye brought her into the garden. They didn’t get too far before a soulgrass jumped out. This soulgrass was like a little coiling dragon. If it wasn’t for the dragon’s tail being linked to the mud, making it seem like a type of grass, then people would actually think that it was a dragon.

Lan Yunzhu knew her stuff, so she exclaimed: “A Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass! This is already an eight transformations soulgrass; it’s only one step away from becoming a dragon grass!”

Soulgrass was the essential primary leading ingredient for refining fate pills. Without soulgrass, one wouldn't be able to refine fate pills at all. There were many types of soulgrass, but the Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass was one of the best. It had a very potent medicinal effect, so it was sought after far more than the others.

Soulgrass could have nine transformations and the ninth transformation would be the limit. It was the same for the Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass that had nine different stages. In the three initial stages, it would take on the form of an insect flower; the middle three stages were ones where it would be in the form of a soulgrass; the last three stages was when it would take on the shape of a dragon grass. Legend states that after reaching the ninth transformation, it would completely metamorphose into a real little dragon!

Li Qiye reached down and plucked the soulgrass. It was unwilling, but Li Qiye's hand covered everything so it had no chance to escape.

Outside of the grave, this soulgrass was considered priceless as it only grew in the most dangerous of locations and was protected by poisonous creatures. However, in this lost garden, this type of soulgrass was only a common spirit medicine.

Li Qiye put it away and told Lan Yunzhu: "Remember, there are three rules in this lost garden. First, one can only pick ordinary spirit medicines."

"What does 'ordinary spirit medicines' entail?" Lan Yunzhu asked.

Li Qiye replied with a smile: "Ordinary means little King Medicines, basically ones that are three million years old or younger, or ones that have nine or fewer transformations."

"Could there be a soulgrass with ten transformations?" Lan Yunzhu found the answer puzzling.

This was impossible since the world knew that nine transformations was the limit for soulgrass.

To this, Li Qiye only smiled and continued on: "Second, Emperor Medicines, Immortal Medicines, and True Immortal Medicines as well as divine trees that are at least five million years old can only be plucked if they are willing. If they agree to go with you, then you can take them. However, if you forcefully do so, then prepare to face the punishment!"

"How are the Emperor Medicines, Immortal Medicines, and True Immortal Medicines classified?" Lan Yunzhu asked in confusion.

Li Qiye shook his head and grinned: "The truth is that there is no real standard. Some people consider King Medicines with three million years of age as Emperor Medicines, but this is the classification used by the weaker alchemists. Once an alchemist reaches a certain level, they will be able to interact with King Medicines that belong in the legends, so the majority of these alchemists consider the ones that are at least five million years old as Emperor Medicine. As for rarer spirit medicines, such as the Immortal Phoenix Grass, they call them Immortal Medicines."

"What about True Immortal Medicines then?" Lan Yunzhu asked: "How could medicine be fake and real?"

Li Qiye responded: “True Immortal Medicines are divided into several levels. A spirit medicine like the Immortal Phoenix Grass is indeed very rare, but it is not a real immortal grass. Real immortal grasses come from a very ancient era and were cultivated by immortals. Some people even say that True Immortal Medicines hide the true secret to immortality!”

“Do they really exist in this world?” Lan Yunzhu asked: “A True Immortal Medicine capable of granting eternal life...?”

Li Qiye didn’t answer her question since he was digging up a two million year old Silver Maple Grass. It was a type of supporting ingredient for Longevity Medicines. A two million year old spirit medicine like this was very rare and absolutely priceless.

“The third rule is that one cannot be too greedy. At this place, you can pick any ordinary spirit medicines without any danger. However, if you are too greedy and pluck too many, then the alchemy garden will sanction you. If there are three, then take two and leave one behind — you should consider this as the maximum. This is already pushing it to the limit.”

Lan Yunzhu couldn’t help but smile at this point. In this place, little King Medicines and King Medicines were only called ordinary spirit medicines. These were priceless items that could start countless conflicts.

However, she then remembered that Li Qiye was cautious about this threat from the garden, so she curiously asked: “What will happen if you are sanctioned by the garden?”

“Very simple.” Li Qiye answered with a grin: “If you are not an Immortal Emperor, then don’t even think about leaving alive.”

Lan Yunzhu immediately lost her colors. Immortal grasses were already so heaven-defying that even Heavenly Kings wouldn’t mess with them. And yet, being sanctioned by the alchemy garden was even worse, according to Li Qiye. One that wasn’t at the emperor level wouldn’t be able to dream about these immortal grasses unless they were willing to go with you.

“Don’t stand there in a daze. First come first serve, I’m not going to give you any!” Li Qiye casually dug up another nine transformations Jadeblood Bamboo.

Lan Yunzhu regained her wits and yelled: “Uncle, you are bullying this girl. You already started digging before me without saying anything!” She let go of all her feminine manners and screamed while rushing to dig out medicines with Li Qiye.

Li Qiye only smiled and let her have a King Medicine root.

She had quite a great harvest while digging with Li Qiye. The more she dug, the more speechless she became. Here, King Medicines were not any different from radishes; one could easily pluck them since they were everywhere.

She was not an alchemist so her digging skills were much worse than Li Qiye’s. If it wasn’t for him taking it easy on purpose, she wouldn’t be able to win anything in front of him. Although the amount she gathered was far less than that of Li Qiye, she was already very satisfied.

Think about it, a Heavenly King from the Zhan Clan chased with an emperor's weapon while panting and sweating for ten thousand miles just for one King Medicine. In the end, no one even knew if he caught it or not. However, Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu were digging up King Medicines as if they were radishes in such a simple manner. This was such a joyous occasion!

After digging and moving for a long time, Li Qiye finally looked ahead and said with a smile: "We are finally here."

Lan Yunzhu was taken aback. She now understood that digging up King Medicines wasn't Li Qiye's goal, it was just a convenient venture. If this wasn't his goal, then what was attracting his attention?

She stood up after digging out another King Medicine, but she was startled after she saw the scene before her. She was so shocked that she couldn't close her mouth.

Before them was a medicine field with a blue radiance like a jade with blue smoke. However, a more careful look would show that it was not smoke and instead was an extremely refined and precious worldly energy.

Immortal Medicines and divine trees were growing in this medicine field. Each of them spewed out mists while absorbing worldly energy just like a real living being.

The two of them were about to step inside, but they had to stop due to a dragon's roar as a dragon landed in front of them. It was not huge, but it emitted a draconic aura and roared before Li Qiye as if it was warning them not to step into this place.

"Hold on, hold on." Despite being roared at by the dragon, Li Qiye leisurely smiled and said: "This is not how you treat a guest."

"This is not a place for you to visit. It's not a place meant for little existences like you." A voice appeared from an old tree; this tree had the face of an old man. Any coward would have a heart attack after seeing this existence.

"Of course I have my reasons for coming here." Li Qiye replied in a laid-back manner.

"What are these things?" Lan Yunzhu whispered and asked Li Qiye after seeing how this dragon seemed as if it was about to attack them.

Li Qiye smiled and gently touched the dragon flying before him and replied: "This is a ten transformations Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass. That tree over there is an eight million year old Soldier Tree."

"That over there is a Reincarnation Heavenly Soulvine..." Li Qiye continued to call out the names of these immortal vegetation that sucked in the mists with a leisurely expression.

A few needed no introduction from Li Qiye since Lan Yunzhu could tell what they were with a more careful glance: "Is that a seven million year old Violetblood King Ginseng?"

"No, my name is Ginseng Ancestor." The ginseng that was emitting a violet light faintly spoke. A ginseng that knew how to talk was quite scary!

Lan Yunzhu couldn't help but take a calming breath. An ancestor ginseng such as this was the finest ingredient to prolong one's life span; even an Immortal Emperor would need this. If an Immortal Emperor came here, he would forcefully take it away even if he had to suffer the sanctioning of the garden.

"This is our territory!" The Soldier Tree warned Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu: "Leave now. We don't care what you do in the other parts of the garden, but you can't enter here!"

"Whether I can come or not, you guys do not have the final say." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and said: "The truth is that you guys are not the real masters of this place, correct? I am a peace-loving person and I don't want to fight. I do have this thing, so maybe I can borrow a medicine field?"

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After saying this, Li Qiye took out the Prime Ominous Key and slowly unfurled it. At this time, the key was just like the royal decree of an emperor.

Both the Soldier Tree and the Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass and even the Ginseng Ancestor became silent. They all looked at the key in Li Qiye's hand. Eventually, the Soldier Tree scowled and didn't give his opinion.

Without a doubt, these trees allowed for Li Qiye to use the medicine field in front of them.

Li Qiye then smiled and said: "My thanks. I will only cultivate here, so you guys don't need to worry about me. Do as you please." With that, he sat down in a meditative pose and took out his Myriad Heavenly Cauldron.

"Buzz!" After it was taken out, the cauldron turned into a giant frog and spewed out powerful flames like a wolf staring at lambs. It looked at the Ginseng Ancestor, then at the Dragon Soulgrass and it didn't leave out the reincarnation vine... It looked as if it wanted to eat all of these immortal vegetations.

"The Myriad Heavenly Cauldron!" These grasses and trees all exuded sky-pillaring auras; they were ready for battle.

They had no love for the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. The reason was very simple — the cauldron had eaten many immortal grasses and spirit medicines. There was even a time when it devoured King Medicines like veggies. Of course an existence who had eaten so many spirit medicines like the cauldron would be hated by the group.

Li Qiye stopped the cauldron from provoking the immortal vegetations and said: "Hey now, stop, we all need to live together peacefully." He added with a smile: "We are only here for cultivation, not to eat immortal medicines."

He stroked the cauldron and persuaded: "You have eaten too many spirit medicines so there is no need for more. The thing you need to do now is to refine all the essence in your body so that they can harmonize to turn your medicinal trove into the best trove possible. Otherwise, it would only be a waste if you eat even more."

Since an archaic age, the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron had devoured countless mixes of herbs. Although it had an amazing medicinal trove, the essence of these different herbs couldn't completely fuse together, and its power did not reach the level of an Immortal Medicine or True Immortal Medicine.

Li Qiye continued to stroke and speak to the cauldron: "This medicinal field has been blessed by the heavens so this is a very rare opportunity. Cultivate here to refine and melt all of the different kinds of essence within you."

Eventually, the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron obediently turned into a regular cauldron next to Li Qiye and obeyed his command.

The group of immortal vegetations angrily scowled then left the field. To them, the cauldron was an unforgivable enemy. Because of its presence, they didn't want to linger around any longer, so they temporarily gave way for Li Qiye.

Li Qiye then sat down and told Lan Yunzhu: "You should also sit down and cultivate. This field is unique in this world and it is hard to see it again. Use this chance to strengthen your True Fate and dao foundation, it will definitely be beneficial for you. However, if you don't want to, you can go take a look around."

With that, Li Qiye closed his eyes and opened his Fate Palaces. With a deafening blast, all of his palaces opened with his True Fate along with a dao foundation that looked like a galaxy. After a long roar, the foundation then turned into a Primordial Kun Peng that shrouded the sky.

"Boom!" His palaces then turned into a kingdom as the Terra's Root instantly dug into the medicinal field. It quickly sucked up the extremely refined worldly essence from the field, so the kingdom inside the Fate Palaces was quickly filled with this new source of energy.

"Boom!" Another explosion occurred. The Kun Peng turned back into a galaxy and surrounded the True Fate that went on top of the dao foundation. At this time, the ten palace kingdom gave all of its energy to the True Fate and dao foundation.

More rumbling blasts resounded. His Life Wheel took action; its rolling blood energy flowed into the dao foundation like a long river flowing into the sea. The Revolving Crescent Sun Law crazily sucked in worldly energy. Like a devil, it crushed Li Qiye's blood energy then the worldly energy and fused the two of them together before sending the newly formed energy back into his foundation and True Fate. In just a minute, Li Qiye's True Fate emitted a blinding brilliance.

Li Qiye had been refined by the Worldly Prime Liquid so his body, dao foundation, and True Fate could be said to be perfect.

This time, Li Qiye wanted to use this medicinal field to temper them once more. Because he had opened ten palaces, he needed an even better condition to refine his dao foundation and True Fate. Only this type of training would allow his potential to become limitless and gain the opportunity to open the eleventh, twelfth, and even the thirteenth palace from the legends.

"Rumble!" Meanwhile, the cauldron sucked in an endless amount of refined essence while its treasure trove appeared. It was as vast as a sea with dense medicinal essences.

Lan Yunzhu was shocked to see such a scene and wondered just how many immortal herbs this cauldron had devoured to have such a treasure medicinal trove.

Li Qiye then roared again as his foundation turned into the Primordial Kun Peng. The creature flew into the sea of medicinal essence and immediately turned into a gigantic incubator, allowing Li Qiye's dao foundation to wildly refine the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron's medicinal trove.

The True Fate channeled the worldly energy and blood energy to harmonize the essences. In just a second, newly refined sources of energy filled the cauldron and strengthened it repeatedly. Universal laws smoothly poured down onto Li Qiye's body like a waterfall, tempering both his body and the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron.

At this point, the cauldron and himself reached a new level of synchronization as Li Qiye borrowed the cauldron's medicinal trove to strengthen both of them in a complementary manner.

Lan Yunzhu also followed suit after seeing Li Qiye meditate. She opened her Fate Palaces and borrowed the worldly essence in this medicine field to refine her True Fate and dao foundation.

A green smoke filled the garden as pure energy drifted everywhere. This place was not a simple medicine field, it was also a supreme land. This was why amazing existences like the Silkworm Dragon Soulgrass and the Ginseng Ancestor were absorbing energy at this place.

The worldly energy continuously moved as Lan Yunzhu's dao foundation turned into an eternal river with nonstop changes. She had dual saint talents with her Saint Fate and Saint Wheel. It could be said that her talents were excellent, so her worldly energy absorption speed was very fast. Her True Fate became blindingly radiant with universal chains hovering around it. At this minute, it was as if the heavenly dao had become closer to her.

A long time later, she withdrew her law and slowly opened her eyes. She felt her True Fate had reached a new level after being refined by the worldly energy. Due to her saint talents, both her True Fate and dao foundation were already extremely perfect, but now, they had reached a new sublime level.

As she looked around, she felt an endless power as if this was the right path of the dao. As this force pervaded the area, it was as if all of the energy in all the nine worlds was being gathered at this place.

She turned around and noticed that this endless power was coming from Li Qiye's body. He was no longer using the pure worldly energy to refine his dao foundation since the process had already been completed.

The tempering of the cauldron was also finished, so he had put it away as well.

He then sat in the medicine field with a solemn expression. The palaces floated above his head and turned into both the dao and a kingdom.

"Eleven Fate Palaces!" Lan Yunzhu exclaimed in shock after seeing the palaces above his head.

Before this, Li Qiye had nine stars and ten palaces — this was already shocking enough. Nine deserves utmost veneration, ten embodies extreme perfection! A person with ten palaces was already considered a heaven-defying genius with the fate of becoming a supreme existence.

However, Li Qiye had eleven palaces at this moment. During the refinement of his dao foundation and True Fate, he had opened a new palace.

“Eleven palaces... A miracle across the eons!”

Although eleven was only one more than ten, this was not an insignificant number. Even the most brilliant genius that was meant for greatness would find it nearly impossible to open another after having ten palaces. This was why eleven palaces was also called a miracle across the eons.

Those who had opened eleven palaces could be counted on one’s fingers, and some speculated that there were no more than three in total.

“Crack!” However, while Lan Yunzhu was astonished at the sight of eleven palaces, the meridian in Li Qiye’s forehead suddenly made a sound.

It was as if something else was digging inside and was about to burst out.

Lan Yunzhu immediately knew what was going on and uttered in horror: “The opening of the twelfth palace...!” She lost herself in fear. Twelve palaces... How terrifying was this?!

There existed a phrase in the cultivation world: eleven is a miracle across the eons, twelve decides the position of the Immortal Emperor!

In other words, one with eleven palaces would be a timeless miracle, but one with twelve meant that, who could be the Immortal Emperor during that generation if not they? Since time immemorial, no one had heard of someone successfully opening twelve palaces.

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The formation of twelve palaces meant that the person would arrogantly sweep over the nine heavens and ten earths. Di Zuo, who was this? Tian Lunhui, so what? Even if Tian Lunhui was actually a reincarnation of an Immortal Emperor, he still wouldn’t be able to stop Li Qiye’s ascension to the imperial throne.

The absentminded Lan Yunzhu could only force a wry laugh. A genius like her was nothing compared to someone like Li Qiye. In someone else’s eyes, having dual saint talents was an unreachable apex, a reason for pride, but she had no choice but to be convinced before Li Qiye’s aptitude. It was no exaggeration that even someone with tri-saint talents would not be comparable to Li Qiye.

Once Li Qiye has twelve palaces, his talents, body, and bones would just be fleeting clouds in the sky — no longer relevant. There was no need to mention other prodigies. The twelve palaces alone would render anyone breathless.

Four palaces to form a domain, eight palaces to form a kingdom, and twelve palaces to form the heavens! Once he has twelve palaces, he will be the heavens itself; which existence was greater than the heavens? Perhaps only the high heavens beyond the nine firmaments! [1. The high heavens here is most likely the utmost existence since “nine heavens” and even “heavens” are thrown around pretty frivolously.]

“Whoosh!” A slight distortion appeared while Lan Yunzhu had a forceful smile on her face. Her eyes then focused on something that appeared to be flapping its wings.

She couldn't help but to take a closer look and noticed a figure appearing in Li Qiye's chest like a soaring immortal. Behind the figure were portals to all the nine heavens and ten earths. These portals then eventually turned themselves into supreme immortal wings!

This flying shadow was surrounded by silky strands of immortal laws, creating a very serene spectacle as if everything had stopped in its tracks.

However, once Lan Yunzhu used her Heavenly Gaze to take a better look, she was quickly startled. These silky strands of immortal laws were not standing still, they were rotating at an unbelievable speed. Because they were moving too quickly, it appeared as if they were still.

"Soaring Immortal Physique!" She finally figured out which Immortal Physique Li Qiye was cultivating.

The Soaring Immortal Physique was considered the fastest physique in this world. Once it reached grand completion, nothing would be faster than it.

"How can anyone bear to live on after seeing this?" She couldn't help but wryly smile once more.

Eleven palaces already took away the breath of others, but now, Li Qiye also had the Soaring Immortal Physique. This was akin to suppressing all the other geniuses in this world.

Now, Lan Yunzhu understood why Li Qiye didn't care for Di Zuo. Although he was still at the Ancient Saint realm, this was a trivial matter. Eleven palaces already exceeded the limits of an Ancient Saint. What could a Heavenly Sovereign do against an eleven palaces Ancient Saint?

When coupled with the Soaring Immortal Physique, this was simply too heaven-defying. Even if Di Zuo were to reach the Heavenly King realm, his chances of winning against Li Qiye would be slim.

Maybe if Di Zuo could reach Existence Heavenly King, then perhaps the play could go on. However, there was no chance for this because Di Zuo was still very young. He could reach Heavenly King at this moment, but it would absolutely be impossible to reach Existence Heavenly King without a few more years.

"Rmmmbbb!" While she was wryly smiling, a streak of lightning suddenly struck Li Qiye; to be more precise, it struck the Inner Physique in the middle of his chest. However, the lightning suddenly disappeared as if it had been suppressed by something.

"Physique Tribulation... The minor completion tribulation is about to come!" Lan Yunzhu could tell what was going on after seeing the flashing lightning. His Physique Tribulation was about to come.

"No, wait..." However, she found it strange when the lightning disappeared because Li Qiye's Inner Physique didn't budge. It seemed that the previous bolt of lightning was suppressed. It was as if there was something even more powerful behind the Soaring Immortal Inner Physique.

In a split second, Lan Yunzhu saw another Inner Physique, an Inner Physique capable of suppressing the entire nine heavens and ten earths, an Inner Physique that caused both gods and devils to quiver.

"This is impossible..." Lan Yunzhu felt that she was only seeing things. Cultivators could only have one Inner Physique — this was unchanged knowledge since the start of time.

She assumed that it was only an illusion because no one had ever been able to break this common sense. Only one Inner Physique per cultivator, even for someone with an Immortal Fate.

However, now she was not so sure and felt lacking in confidence. Common sense — it seemed that this had no effect on Li Qiye.

This wouldn't be his first time breaking common sense. Just like back at the Divine Dragon Mountain when all the destiny stones chose to follow him. Until now, it had always been stones picking their masters, but now, Li Qiye was the one to pick the stones.

What if... What if Li Qiye actually had two Inner Physiques? Two Immortal Inner Physiques? She became dumbstruck at this point.

Anyone who heard this speculation of hers would immediately think that she was insane because it had never happened before. Having two Immortal Inner Physiques was even more unbelievable than someone with an Immortal Fate.

But at this time, this was her incredible conjecture. If Li Qiye had two Inner Physiques, then the other Inner Physique would have to be even stronger than the Soaring Immortal Inner Physique at this moment.

Having thought to this point, she felt that if this was indeed the case, then the three heroes of the Sacred Nether World were nothing at all!

After a good while, she calmed down and sighed gently, then she shook her head and no longer wanted to think. She stood up and noticed that Li Qiye was still lost in his trance. She didn't want to disturb him, so she silently left the medicine field, intending to go to other places to witness the entire lost garden of the immortals.

Li Qiye was still sitting cross-legged back at the field while immersed in his own world. His dao foundation and True Fate had become impeccably perfect after the refinement from the extremely pure worldly energy.

Both this worldly energy and the medicinal essence from the trove of the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron helped him a lot. Because of this, he was able to easily open the eleventh palace.

Right now, opening the twelfth, to him, was not a challenge, it was already a foregone conclusion. The real challenge was opening the thirteenth palace.

While Li Qiye and Lan Yunzhu were cultivating inside the lost garden, many shocking things happened outside. There was finally someone who obtained a big harvest.

The Thousand Carp River had managed to chase the Diamond Carp all the way to its nest. Its elders were the first to seize the nest, and they obtained many divine items and immortal treasures, including numerous amazing metals and aquas. Such a great harvest further reinforced the sect's strength!

By the time many other great powers ran to the Water Realm after hearing this news, the digging operation at the Diamond Carp's nest had already come to an end. The river sect obtained the majority of the treasures there.

Such a rich harvest left many reddened with greed. A few great powers and experts wanted to sneak an attack for the treasures, but an emperor's lineage could not so easily be provoked. The high elders of the river sect killed three Heavenly Kings and beat all the robbers into submission. Afterward, no one else dared to try again.

The Thousand Carp River's power was not just in name. Many great powers realized that, in order to fight the river sect, at least two emperor's lineages must cooperate or else there would be no chance. Multiple great powers working together would still be slaughtered.

The luck of the river sect caused many people to drool in both greed and envy. A bunch of cultivators in the Water Realm were full of regrets, and one of them said: "Aizz, should have just followed the river sect to the end. I gave up halfway so I lost this great opportunity."

In the beginning, many cultivators chased the Diamond Carp for a very long time just like the river sect. However, after a while, group after group began to give up because they felt that wasting time chasing the Diamond Carp was not worth it.

Who would expect that the river sect actually reached its nest and obtained such an envious fortune?

However, fortunately for the ghost race, the river sect was not the only group with good fortune. Otherwise, they would have been beating their chests in anger!

Another piece of news of someone having great luck began to spread. Tian Lunhui, the descendant of the All-Eras Ancient Kingdom, had entered the Fire God's Palace.

The ghost race was the most excited after hearing this. They quickly went around asking for more information: "What is the Fire God's Palace?"

This was a reason for celebration since Tian Lunhui, one of the three heroes, had obtained a great fortune.

Before this, the river sect's great harvest had left the ghost race dejected and envious, but now, someone in the ghost race had also obtained a great fortune and gained the ghost race some pride!

"The Fire God's Palace..." After hearing this, an undying from an emperor's lineage emotionally exclaimed: "Legend states that this is the biggest and most desired fortune in the Fire Realm. Some say that a grand completion Immortal Physique from the Myriad Bones Throne wanted to enter this palace when he was here at the Fire Realm at a young age, but alas, he was unsuccessful. Who would have thought that Tian Lunhui would get such a great opportunity like this?"

Chapter 528: Twelve Fate Palaces

"Amazing! Entering the Fire God's Palace will surely grant him a great fortune." After hearing this, many people became very envious.

Although the All-Eras Ancient Kingdom did not necessarily require a heaven-defying treasure, obtaining a great fortune inside the Prime Ominous Grave was a matter of pride. Since the start of time, anyone who obtained great fortunes in this grave would eventually become an invincible existence capable of threatening the nine worlds. Even if they couldn't become an Immortal Emperor, they would still become a paragon of a world.

While everyone was still extremely jealous of Tian Lunhui's luck, a shocking piece of news also came out from the Earth Realm: "Di Zuo is mounting an offensive on the Heavenly Cemetery."

After hearing this, great characters from all the tribes greatly changed their expressions as they exclaimed: "Attacking the Heavenly Cemetery! How bold!"

Another whispered: "Legend states that the Heavenly Cemetery is the end point of the Prime Ominous Grave, and very few have been able to enter since time immemorial. Di Zuo indeed has the style of a young Immortal Emperor, now that he wants to attack the cemetery."

Even an ancestor from a great power emotionally added: "The Myriad Bones Throne trained such an amazing descendant. This courage and decisiveness when deciding to attack the Heavenly Cemetery... It wouldn't be strange if he becomes the Immortal Emperor in the future."

Many were saddened after hearing this, especially the younger generation. Di Zuo was already famous enough, but today, many became shocked when he chose to attack the Heavenly Cemetery.

Geniuses didn't dare to attack the cemetery, not even imperial descendants like the Titanic Crescent Saint Child or the Ghost Insect Evil Child who had emperor's weapons. But now, Di Zuo was intending to do so, highlighting his domineering temperament.

"Sir Di Zuo will surely become the Immortal Emperor of this generation!" A ghost excitedly uttered.

This battle that Di Zuo started caused the ghosts to become very lively. Recently, they had been oppressed, especially when Xian Fan fought evenly against Di Zuo. Many of them couldn't accept this result. But now, Di Zuo's actions meant that he was confident in himself, further rejuvenating the ghosts' hope that the future emperor would come from their race.

Outside of the actions taken by the heaven's proud sons like Tian Lunhui and Di Zuo, powerful lineages like the Simple Mountain Immortal Kingdom attracted attention very easily even with the slightest movement.

Recently, news about the Immortal Kingdom began to spread. A cultivator in the Wood Realm sent out this message: "The Simple Precious Tree of the Simple Mountain Immortal Kingdom is going to the deepest parts of the Wood Realm."

Many great powers became receptive to this news and, overnight, countless people paid attention to every action of the Immortal Kingdom.

An ancestor from a great power tried to analyze the kingdom's goal: "What are they trying to find? It seems that they don't care for treasures or divine stones or immortal medicines. However, this doesn't make sense. They even brought along their precious tree, so they had to come to the grave for something."

Another sect master who had always paid attention to the Immortal Kingdom murmured: "It seems like they are trying to find a certain something, and now they are off to the Wood Realm. Maybe they are trying to search every corner of the Prime Ominous Grave."

In fact, as a lineage with two emperors, it would make more sense if they kept to themselves in order to not attract attention. However, the Immortal Kingdom was different; they even brought their Simple

Precious Tree. Because of its fanfare, the other emperor's lineages secretly tailed the Immortal Kingdom.

All of this could be traced back to Immortal Emperor Di Yu. In a very ancient era, there was a rumor where the grave had the method for everlasting life, but no one had ever seen it before.

It was not until Immortal Emperor Di Yu's generation that there was a hint of such a thing. At a young age, he went into the grave, but no one at that time knew if he had obtained the method or not.

However, many tales explained that his talents were quite terrible, but he still managed to survive through five generations and five Immortal Emperors. Even invincible emperors disappeared, but Immortal Emperor Di Yu lived on just fine.

What was even more suspicious was that Immortal Emperor Di Yu didn't seal himself inside a Blood Era Stone like the other undyings. He had always lived normally throughout the generations. After many years and witnessing the change of five emperors, he finally embarked on the imperial journey to become an invincible emperor.

Because of this, no matter the method, future generations suspected that he had gotten the method for everlasting life during his youth inside the Prime Ominous Grave.

Nevertheless, the Immortal Kingdom had always denied this claim, but they couldn't dispel all suspicions.

This time, the Immortal Kingdom even brought along their precious tree and didn't care for all the treasures inside the five grand realms. Things that others lusted for were ignored by the Immortal Kingdom, making people think that they were searching for something; their strange behavior resulted in many great powers spying on them.

During the spying process, a person had a bold thought: "Maybe Immortal Emperor Di Yu only got half of the method in the past. Maybe the other half is still inside the Prime Ominous Grave. This is why the Immortal Kingdom carried along the precious tree this time, to find the other half!"

This speculation was quite outrageous, but many great powers couldn't stop themselves from thinking about this possibility. This was why even more eyes became fixated on the Immortal Kingdom.

If there really was another half of the everlasting life method, then a terrifying war would erupt. Even monstrous existences like the throne of bones and the All-Eras Ancient Kingdom would join in.

Not to mention weaker cultivators, even Immortal Emperors would be tempted by true immortality.

Li Qiye sat for a very long time in the medicine field before slowly opening his eyes and issuing a roar. After this cry, the eleven Fate Palaces withdrew.

At this time, Lan Yunzhu was next to him. She cheerfully said: "Congratulations, you have finally opened eleven palaces."

Li Qiye smiled and responded: "It is a thing of the past now. The twelfth palace will be the next challenge."

This sentence sounded very arrogant. Everyone assumed that having twelve palaces was an impossibility. Anyone who heard of someone talking about opening the twelfth palace would laugh their teeth off and think that that person was either insane or incurably full of themselves.

However, Lan Yunzhu knew that this would not be an issue for Li Qiye. She trusted that he would be able to open the twelfth.

Lan Yunzhu emotionally spoke: "Legend states that no more than three people had eleven palaces, this miracle across the eons. Eleven opened palaces... Any type of genius would be trivial before this."

Li Qiye shook his head and smiled: "Here is where you are incorrect. The truth is that, since the start of time, there were at least five people who had eleven palaces. The most famous are Immortal Emperor Gu Chun and Immortal Emperor Fei." [1. Gu Chun = Ancient Purity, Fei = Soar; so Soaring Immortal Emperor and Ancient Purity Immortal Emperor.]

Lan Yunzhu was not surprised at all to hear these names: "The first Immortal Emperor and the legendary Immortal Emperor Fei!"

Immortal Emperor Gu Chun came from the Charming Spirit Race and was the first existence to be called "Immortal Emperor" in the nine worlds. It could be said that Immortal Emperor Gu Chun created a new age during the Desolate Era and was considered the most powerful existence.

Meanwhile, Immortal Emperor Fei created a legend, the Soaring Immortal Sect. Since time immemorial, this sect continued to shine its radiance over the nine worlds.

"Okay, Uncle, your arrogance can reach even the sky. Eleven palaces may be nothing new to you, but wait until you open the twelfth. Then, you can enjoy being called number one across the ages." Lan Yunzhu continued with a smile: "If you open the twelfth palace, then you will be the first since time immemorial to achieve twelve palaces."

She was happy for him and his achievements.

"You are mistaken again. The title of being the first across all ages has already been taken by someone." Li Qiye shook his head and continued: "Even if I successfully accomplish this, I wouldn't be the first to have twelve."

Lan Yunzhu replied in disbelief: "Who was it? Impossible... Someone opening the twelfth palace in this world is but a legend, a legend that had never been proven before. This is because everyone knows that whoever opens the twelfth would become an Immortal Emperor! However, no one has heard of an Immortal Emperor with twelve Fate Palaces!"

Li Qiye slowly uttered a name: "Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng!" [2. Jiao = Proud/Arrogance/Overbearing, Heng = Sweeping/Dominating. The combination would result in being imperious or insufferably arrogant, but I would say that in the contextual sense, it is not talking about his arrogance and more about the qualification he had achieved to have such arrogance, if that makes any sense. It is a very powerful title, Proud Dominating Immortal Emperor is what I would probably use.]

Lan Yunzhu had nothing to say after hearing this name. If there was someone in this world to be the first to obtain twelve palaces, then Lan Yunzhu wouldn't be able to think of a second person outside of Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng.

Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng, the first emperor of the human race. This name was like a spell that echoed across eternity, illuminating the nine worlds.

Since time immemorial, only Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng was fitting of the two words "Jiao Heng." He was undefeated his whole life and swept through all of his enemies in the nine heavens and ten earths. He was the only emperor who remained unbeaten even till now.

Although, after a cultivator becomes an Immortal Emperor, it would be very difficult for them to lose. Claiming that Immortal Emperors were invincible was not just mere words, but many Immortal Emperors did not have smooth sailings at a young age, and there were no emperors who were always victorious during their years of growth.

However, throughout the eons, Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng alone remained unbeaten throughout his life. When he was young, the emperor powerfully pushed through all of his foes no matter how powerful they were. No one had ever managed to stop his steps!

Lan Yunzhu said with a smile: "If you open the twelfth palace, then you will be the first since time immemorial to achieve twelve palaces."

She was happy for him with this achievement.

"You are mistaken again. The title of being the first across all ages has already been taken by someone." Li Qiye shook his head and continued: "Even if I successfully do accomplish this, I wouldn't be the first to have twelve."

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Li Qiye slowly uttered a name: "Immortal Emperor Bao!"

Chapter 529: Secret Among Grave Secrets

For as long as one could remember, no matter who the speakers were, they would immediately control their temperament when the name of Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng came up. There was no other option since Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng was the most dominant and arrogant person from the ancient era till now.

"Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng..." Lan Yunzhu could only sigh after hearing this name. She was not surprised at all.

To any cultivator, having twelve palaces was a heaven-defying achievement beyond comparison, but it became a matter of course for Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng.

"Having twelve palaces wasn't Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng's most glorious achievement in life, so very few people later on knew that he had twelve palaces." Li Qiye explained with a smile.

Lan Yunzhu didn't know what else to say since the words "Jiao Heng" alone represented all there was to say. She calmed down and suddenly remembered something, then she spoke: "While you were cultivating, I took a stroll through the garden. Do you know what I saw? I actually saw a phoenix!"

“A phoenix? What kind of phoenix?” Li Qiye’s eyes suddenly lit up.

She quickly answered: “At first, I thought I met an immortal phoenix, one of the mythical beasts, but after chasing for a while, I found out that even though this phoenix was about the size of a fist, it was still extremely powerful. I noticed that it entered a location with a violet energy that could make others easily lose their way, so I didn’t dare to chase any further and had to come back.”

“That phoenix had five divine lights that turned into very long tail feathers, right?” Li Qiye inquired further.

“Yes! The bird’s cry could tear apart the nine heavens. If it wasn’t a young phoenix, then it was definitely a very amazing immortal medicine that was turning into one.”

At this time, Li Qiye’s eyes became brighter than even starlight. It was as if his eyes could see through myriad dao of the heaven and earth. He then asked: “Where did it go? Quick, take me there!”

From seeing his expression, Lan Yunzhu understood that this matter was not so trivial, so she quickly led him to the place she stumbled upon before.

The two of them ran there and saw many King Medicines and nine transformations soulgrasses, but Li Qiye didn’t even bat an eye to any of them. He was anxious to go to the place that Lan Yunzhu discovered.

“What is it, really?” Lan Yunzhu asked while leading the way after seeing his serious demeanor.

“I can’t say for sure right now, I would have to see it with my own eyes to be certain.” Li Qiye replied as he shook his head.

In a short period of time, Lan Yunzhu took Li Qiye to the place where the phoenix disappeared. It was a small valley with broken brick walls, making it seem as if someone had lived here before.

Logically speaking, no one should have lived here, but considering how the name of this place was the lost alchemy garden of the immortals, maybe the person who lived here was an immortal!

The little valley was covered by a dense violet energy as if a treasure was about to come out. Despite its humble size, one would be easily lost once entrapped by this violet treasure; they would lose all sense of direction.

“This place...” Li Qiye stood in the same spot and looked around before murmuring while becoming lost in thought.

After looking for a bit, he aimed for a direction and ran with Lan Yunzhu there. Not too long after, they reached a precipice with no other path to go.

Next to the precipice was a little hole around the size of a fist. It was pitch black and seemingly bottomless.

Li Qiye narrowed his eyes then shot out two rays of light as if he wanted to pierce through it.

“How about we use our divine intent to check out this hole first?” Lan Yunzhu suggested after seeing Li Qiye looking at the small hole.

"It is no use, your divine intent won't be able to sweep it completely." Li Qiye shook his head and said. He then pondered for a bit while looking at the small hole.

"Boom!" He opened his palace and a withered trunk that resembled a hand came out. With a whoosh, the dried trunk then took root inside the small hole.

"Whoosh!" A black light suddenly flashed. The dried trunk was taken by Li Qiye from the Thousand Islands. It was dead before he poured in a liquid, and a seed began to bud shortly after. The trunk looked like a spread palm with the middle hollowed like a tree.

A black portal then appeared on the tree as universal laws weaved together to form it.

This black portal was shiver-inducing since it looked as if it was connected to hell.

"Is this... Is this what you called a secret among secrets of the graves?" Lan Yunzhu looked at this scene and suddenly remembered something, prompting her inquiry.

Lan Yunzhu was also present when Li Qiye got this tree trunk from the Thousand Islands. At that time, she felt that he was being quite wasteful for cooking a young leaf of the World Tree into a liquid to pour on the tree.

However, after entering the Prime Ominous Grave and seeing Li Qiye using this tree trunk to obtain the defining treasure in the Secret Realm, Lan Yunzhu realized that he had been planning for a very long time before he entered the Prime Ominous Grave.

He was now using it again. She then remembered that Li Qiye said that each Grave Realm had a secret among secrets.

She then speculated that this little hole could be the secret among secrets that Li Qiye was talking about.

"You are right about that." Li Qiye nodded and revealed: "This is indeed a grave secret among secrets. You are very lucky to meet such a big fortune. It is a shame that you couldn't stop the phoenix before it went back, but it is really not your fault. This thing is extremely powerful and stopping it is exceedingly difficult, unless it agrees to give you something or you are powerful enough!"

"That phoenix is the big fortune?" Lan Yunzhu emotionally asked. She didn't think that she would meet one.

"Yes, for you or any other person. If you could have that phoenix, then it would be quite incredible." Li Qiye nodded and said: "But I am not satisfied with this phoenix since I want to enter the secret grave! This is a rare chance; I didn't expect for the entrance to actually appear."

Lan Yunzhu seemed to have guessed a thing or two from Li Qiye's words, so she looked at him and asked: "Has no one entered the secret grave before? Do only these fortunes come out from inside?"

"Perhaps." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes and said: "But if there were to be someone who had entered, then it could only be one person."

She then curiously asked: "Who?" Where was this grave secret among secrets? Who had been to one before?

She also added: “Was it Immortal Emperor Di Yu?” She mentioned this emperor for a reason; he was the only person since the start of time to be rumored to have obtained the method for everlasting life.

“No.” Li Qiye denied that claim: “A person who had never existed or been heard of before. At least, this is what the future generations believe.”

Lan Yunzhu couldn’t help but ponder this answer. A person who had never existed or had been heard of before? Then who was it?

Lan Yunzhu looked at the dry trunk taking root in the hole and asked: “Is this trunk another key? Just like the Prime Ominous Key, is it a key to open the top secret locations of the grave?”

“No.” Li Qiye answered: “It is not a key, but it is ten thousand times more precious than one. It contains an immemorial secret that no one knows about.”

Lan Yunzhu looked at it and, at this time, no longer underestimated it. Perhaps it was not only the key to the secret graves, maybe it also had some other usages.

Li Qiye hugged her waist and said in a serious tone: “Ready? We are about to go in and it might get rocky, be careful.”

Lan Yunzhu took a deep breath and nodded her head before speaking: “I am ready.”

She then grabbed his waist as well as Li Qiye shouted: “Open!”

The place that the dried trunk connected to suddenly created a vortex, and the black portal’s black universal laws were all sucked up.

“Whoosh!” In just a moment, sand and pebbles flew everywhere. The black portal then sucked in Li Qiye along with Lan Yunzhu, who was hugging him tightly.

Once sucked in by the black portal, Lan Yunzhu felt her entire body being torn apart. This portal was different from an ordinary one.

“Crshhh!” Another rumble appeared and she felt as if she was being pushed out. Fortunately, Li Qiye was tightly grabbing her so she didn’t fall and roll on the ground.

Once she opened her eyes, she noticed that they were standing on a high peak that arched through the high sky with circulating primordial energy.

A spectator would have the sensation that this mountain was from a scene at the beginning of the world, that this mountain was there at the world’s inception. Looking upward, one would find that there was nothing except another high cliff in the sky. There was a giant wooden nest on top of the peak and primordial energy poured down from it like a sea of clouds.

Chapter 530: Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng

After looking at the nest, Lan Yunzhu suddenly realized that the primordial energy that surrounded the mountain did not originate from the peak itself, but rather the wooden nest.

“We are finally inside.” Li Qiye looked at the gigantic nest and slowly spoke: “Allow me to uncover this mysterious veil.”

He took a deep breath as the two of them climbed the mountain. It took a while before the two finally made it up to the top.

At this second, the two stood by a cliff with primordial air surrounding them. They looked up to see the nest still exuding this energy as dense as a sea of clouds.

They found that this wooden nest was gigantic. When standing at the very top and looking down, one would feel that this nest was endless, as if it was its own world and all the mountains and rivers in existence could fit inside.

It was built by many extremely tough, blackened, and dried tree branches. Lan Yunzhu felt as if she had seen this type of wood before. After searching her memories, she realized that she really had seen it before, back at the Thousand Islands. Back then, Li Qiye had taken out this type of wood. Of course, it was the Ghost's Origin Ancestral Key that Lan Yunzhu was thinking about!

Lan Yunzhu struggled to get through the mass of primordial chaos. There, she saw something.

"Look, what is that over there?" In the middle of the nest was a wooden pavilion. Because of the primordial energy, even Lan Yunzhu with her Heavenly Gaze couldn't see the pavilion in its entirety. It was huge and held a touch of majesty. Her gaze could faintly see that there was something inside the pavilion.

The primordial chaos around the wooden nest was like powerful waves. If one considered the nest as a primal sea, then below it should be the vortex where this energy was pouring out of.

One couldn't tell whether this energy was coming from the bottom of the nest or the wooden pavilion, but one thing was certain: the bottom of the nest must have something amazing or a heaven-shocking secret.

"See that? The phoenix you met earlier is over there." Li Qiye had his eyes fixated on the wooden nest. He then pointed at the outermost corner.

Lan Yunzhu quickly turned around and saw a little phoenix right outside of the pavilion. It emitted five different divine colors that turned into its long tail feathers.

It was picking up and dropping branches to fix what seemed to be its nest.

"That's the one!" Lan Yunzhu exclaimed after seeing the phoenix. She had the luck to meet such a great fortune, but she had given it up so she didn't expect to see it again right now.

Lan Yunzhu asked after seeing the phoenix fixing the wooden nest: "Is this its nest?"

"No, this isn't, it is only settling in this place right now. However, it was able to become something this amazing because of it being able to stay at this place." Li Qiye looked at the phoenix and added:

"Moreover, it isn't a phoenix."

"It's not a phoenix?" Lan Yunzhu asked with surprise: "Then is it the transformation of an immortal medicine?"

Li Qiye was still gazing at the phoenix as he said: “No, it isn’t an immortal medicine either.” He shook his head then continued: “It is a True Immortal Medicine, a real one. Even an Immortal Emperor might not have the fortune to see one; of course, they crave for it as well.”

“What?! A True Immortal Medicine?” Lan Yunzhu exclaimed in shock. This name was so awe-inducing even an Alchemy Emperor would be dumbfounded.

Any cultivator or alchemist in this world coveted immortal medicines. To them, they were priceless and unique treasures in this world. Immortal Emperors needed immortal medicines as well.

However, the immortal medicines referred to by these cultivators and alchemists were not real immortal medicines. To them, rare or five million year old King Medicines would be called immortal medicines.

Knowledgeable alchemists knew that these things were real immortal medicines, so they called real ones True Immortal Medicines to distinguish them from the ones more commonly talked about by the rest of the world.

“There are actually True Immortal Medicines in this world?” Lan Yunzhu thought to herself. Was the phoenix before her actually one of them?

Although ancient sages and remarkable alchemists believed in the existence of True Immortal Medicines, no one had seen them before. Later on, even alchemists with great achievements began to doubt this notion. They felt like True Immortal Medicines were only the fantasies of those who walked before them.

If they were real, then even Immortal Emperors would crave for them. They were wonderful panaceas capable of prolonging the life of existences like Immortal Emperors.

Many of the available medicines were useless for emperors, so they needed immortal medicines if they wanted to prolong their lifespan, and True Immortal Medicines were the best items to do so!

Li Qiye nodded while staring at the phoenix ahead, saying: “Yes, one of them is before you. Its name is the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng, a very rare True Immortal Medicine.”

“Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng...” Lan Yunzhu looked at it and couldn’t see how it resembled a ginseng at all.

Li Qiye understood what she was thinking and shook his head to say: “Your current cultivation cannot see its true form. Unless you are able to suppress it, it won’t take on its true appearance.”

“Is it possible for me to obtain this fortune? Can we catch it?” Lan Yunzhu asked while looking at the phoenix. She was quite tempted, and this was understandable. A True Immortal Medicine would cause even an Immortal Emperor to palpitate, let alone her.

“No.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “Unless you were fated for it, it won’t follow you. If you have a heaven-defying method, then maybe you would be able to take one or two ginseng roots from its body, but even this is very difficult.”

“I’ll give it a shot!” As a heaven’s proud daughter, Lan Yunzhu — of course — had some arrogance in her. She took a deep breath and channelled her blood energy while stepping closer towards the wooden nest.

“Bang!” She only took one step inside, but she was suddenly bounced back. The rolling primordial chaos protected the nest.

“So strong.” Lan Yunzhu exclaimed. However, as the descendant of an emperor’s lineage, her gaze became serious as she declared: “I don’t believe that I can’t get past this!”

She wanted to take out a heaven-defying treasure but was stopped by Li Qiye. He shook his head and said: “Don’t mess around, this place is not as simple as you think.”

Li Qiye looked at the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng in the shape of a phoenix and shouted: “How about we make a deal?”

The ginseng coldly glanced at him before ignoring him. It went on with its business of gathering wooden branches while carrying an extremely arrogant posture.

“It really is arrogant.” Lan Yunzhu wanted to laugh after seeing the phoenix’s attitude.

The phoenix had looked at Li Qiye as if it was a high above existence looking down at an ant.

“A True Immortal Medicine is indeed powerful.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, it shouldn’t have provoked me.” With that, he took out a treasure.

“Boom!” The Tetra-war Bronze Chariot appeared before Li Qiye, then he told Lan Yunzhu: “Get on. We will enter from the edge of the nest. If it doesn’t agree to the transaction, then I will teach it a lesson so that it will know who it is dealing with.”

Lan Yunzhu sympathized with the phoenix; it had provoked someone it shouldn’t have.

“Bang—bang—bang—bang!” The four divine beasts on the chariot activated. The true dragon, divine phoenix, qilin, and white tiger stood by Li Qiye’s side as the chariot powerfully pushed away the primordial chaos.

Li Qiye quickly rode on this chaotic energy towards the edge of the nest and, in just a second, the chariot had reached the Five Immortal Phoenix Ginseng’s place.

At this point, the phoenix unleashed a roar capable of tearing apart the nine heavens; this loud thunder-like roar was accompanied by an alarming force. However, Li Qiye sat on the chariot with the four divine beasts accompanying him, so he was unperturbed. He looked at the phoenix and slowly uttered: “I will use one drop of Myriad Star Water to trade for five of your old ginseng roots!” He then carefully took out a drop of star water.

At this moment, he had a very little amount remaining, so he greatly treasured them and wouldn’t use this water unless he had no other choice. However, trading one drop of star water for five old ginseng roots from this phoenix was a great deal.

The eyes of the ginseng in the form of a phoenix lit up after seeing the star water drop. It sent out its divine intent to speak: “One bottle of Myriad Star Water to trade for five old roots.”

Li Qiye shook his head in response: “You know that is impossible. If I had a bottle of star water, then I could trade for a complete True Immortal Medicine. This encounter was guided by fate and is a big opportunity. One drop of star water is enough.”

However, the phoenix sat there without moving and didn’t bother to look at Li Qiye. This was also understandable since one drop of star water was not worth five of its old roots.

In fact, one drop of star water for one old ginseng root was already a terrible deal. If Li Qiye used one drop to trade for a young root, then the phoenix would definitely agree. One for five old roots? Forget it! The phoenix would not take part in such a horrible transaction.