

## **Domination 681**

### **Chapter 681: Mantra Arrow**

Over the years, countless people praised her beauty with all sorts of compliments. But today, she was only a grindstone to Li Qiye. This was even more rage-inducing than him calling her an ugly girl. At the very least, an ugly girl was still a person; a sharpening stone was hardly anything.

Jian Wushuang couldn't bear it any longer and angrily shouted: "Li! If I don't kill you, I vow to cease being human!"

"Cease being human?" Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh before retorting: "Ugly girl, you weren't a human from the start. Your Jian Clan are all golems, yet you think you are human?" [1. The word for human and person is the same.]

Jian Wushuang nearly vomited blood as she hatefully responded: "Li! Less wasting words. Make your move. Show me what you have, and I'll handle all of it!"

"If that is the case, then I have no choice but to pluck the flower." Li Qiye smiled while looking at Jian Wushuang and said: "Ugly girl, listen to my advice. Although your Jian Clan is renowned for its peerless archery, you won't be able to handle my next arrow. Even your ultimate arrow wouldn't be able to stop it. I gave you a chance earlier, and now I'm giving you one more chance. Before I make my move, change your weapon and you might have a small chance of survival." [2. Pluck the flower is a nice four words idiom that doesn't translate so well. It means not showing any mercy for the fairer sex.]

"Such a big tone!" Jian Wushuang couldn't help but coldly snort. It wasn't just her, if a third person was present, they would also think that his words were too outrageous.

If he said that his merit law was better than Jian Wushuang's, then other people would have thought that this was plausible. However, not many people or lineages in the entire Stone Medicine World or even all of the nine worlds would dare to compete with the Jian Clan in terms of the dao of archery.

Immortal Emperor Diyi Jian was called the number one archer for a reason. His archery was indeed peerless across the eons.

"Li, utilize all of your abilities. Today, I will use this bow in my hand to battle it out to the very end!" Jian Wushuang coldly spoke: "I want to see if your arrow is invincible, or if my Jian Clan's archery is invincible!"

Without a doubt, she was ready to protect her clan's prestige regarding the dao of archery. If she changed her weapon, then wouldn't she be backing down before Li Qiye? Wouldn't that imply that the Jian Clan's dao of archery was not as good as his?

"Very courageous. It is a shame that you have met me." Li Qiye said with a smile: "I can't deny that your Jian Clan's archery is indeed unbeatable. Unfortunately, the bow in your hand is not the bow of your patriarch. If it was, then you indeed have a chance to compete with me, but the Starshattering Bow won't do."

"Give it a try and find out for yourself." Jian Wushuang coldly said: "Remember, I will cut off your dog head and slay you!"

“So confident, although a bit arrogant. It is certainly not a bad thing to be this confident.” Li Qiye touched his chin and said: “At this moment, I do kinda like you, ugly girl. It is not too late for you to surrender now. I am missing a follower who likes to bear their fangs like you. No, to be more exact, I am lacking a courageous general with great spirit and pride. Swear loyalty to me and perhaps the seat of the number one general shall be yours in the future.”

Jian Wushuang was speechless from anger at this point. She was arrogant, but this young man ahead was even more arrogant than her, and this was enraging her! He actually wanted to take her in as a follower, but she was the Jian Clan’s golden daughter and not just some random plebeian from the streets!

“Quit your rubbish and unleash your arrow already!” Jian Wushuang coolly shouted.

Li Qiye looked at her and slightly shook his head before speaking: “What a shame. Since you are courting death, then I’ll lend you a hand.” With that, he slowly pulled the string back on his Nine Words True Bow.

“Pluff!” At this time, he unleashed one arrow created from four different true words: Celestial, Soldier, Fighter, and Descend. Until now, Li Qiye had always only used one word from this mantra to form an arrow, but at the moment, he used a combination of four words to form one mantra, so the power of this bow was unfathomable. [3. “(Celestial) soldiers/fighters descend and arrange yourselves in front of me” is the nine words mantra - lín bīng dǒu zhě jiē zhèn liè qián háng. The four words used here are the first four. This is a rough translation of the nine words; by arranging these words into an acceptable English form with connectors, we can’t really use it with the same usage as the original version, but this will do.]

The arrow made out of the four words mantra appeared to be very ordinary and traveled at a very slow speed as if it was shot by a regular archer.

However, Jian Wushuang did not dare to be careless at this time as she was on guard. If she lost to Li Qiye this time, then it would besmirch the reputation of the Jian Clan’s archery.

“Buzzz!” In the blink of an eye, Jian Wushuang also unleashed her own arrow. This time, it was also not a domineering attack and traveled at a slow speed as well.

However, the moment the two arrows met, Jian Wushuang’s arrow suddenly became dazzling and turned into a true immortal that swept through the world and was capable of protecting myriad realms and sealing the nine worlds.

Only now would others discover that Jian Wushuang’s arrow was a defensive one, the most terrifying defensive arrow in this world.

Immortal Guarding The Celestial City! This arrow was the strongest defensive archery technique from the Jian Clan and was capable of withstanding an attack from an Immortal Emperor’s Life Treasure. Its might acted like an impregnable fortress.

Before this “Immortal Guarding The Celestial City” technique, Li Qiye’s “Celestial, Soldier, Fighter, and Descend” arrow also erupted and turned into a bloody arrow. This arrow immediately caused the true immortal to shed his divine blood.

“Boom!” The true immortal instantly disappeared along with Li Qiye’s bloody arrow.

“Ahh...” Jian Wushuang opened her mouth, wanting to cry out, but words couldn’t form. At this time, her dress was slowly stained with blood.

She was shot by Li Qiye’s mantra arrow. The arrow didn’t only destroy the true immortal, it also killed Jian Wushuang.

At this moment, her life force was slowly dissipating, and she could feel death approaching as her pretty eyes began to slowly close.

“Buzz!” Right at the moment of her death, an immortal light erupted from her body along with an imperial and righteous force as if an Immortal Emperor was coming back to life inside her body.

In the blink of an eye, the immortal light shrouded her body and, with a flash, it instantly carried her away.

Li Qiye didn’t give chase after seeing Jian Wushuang being carried away by this encompassing light. He only watched as she disappeared into the horizon.

After she was gone, he rubbed his nose and murmured: “The Jian Clan, they’re worthy of their name. They’re actually able to bring someone back from near death, what a truly extraordinary act! Although it is a bit worse than rebirth, it is already heaven-defying enough.”

Li Qiye was well aware of the power of his arrow; it was capable of killing gods and devils. Very few existences could withstand such power, no matter how tough their body or true fate might be. When struck, death was the only outcome.

However, Jian Wushuang was the golden daughter of the Jian Clan after all, so all of their adoration and love was focused on her. She was their beloved jewel, so the clan used an extremely heaven-defying method to protect her. Once she received a fatal blow, it would instantly save her as well as bring her back to the Jian Clan.

The Jian Clan was still ultimately an imperial lineage with a great heritage, so it was not strange for them to possess such a magnificent ability.

Li Qiye put away his bow and turned around to leave. However, before leaving, he narrowed his eyes and gazed towards a direction in the far horizon. He didn’t say anything and only chuckled before leaving.

Outside of the Celestial Peak Mountain in a very secretive spot rested a very ordinary looking carriage. This was a carriage that wouldn’t garner attention no matter where it went.

An old woman with an indeterminable age was seated outside in front of the carriage. She gave off a feeble feeling as if her sun was about to set in the west. [4. Just a phrase saying that she was very old and weak looking as if she could die any time.]

At this time, a soft sigh came from inside the carriage. Although it was very brief, it had a particular rhythm that was very pleasant to the ears.

Others would immediately know that the person inside was a girl. Although they couldn't see her appearance, her sigh was already charming enough.

After hearing the sigh, the seemingly sleeping old woman immediately woke up and asked: "Young Miss, how is it going?"

"It is over, he has already left." An answer came from inside. This was a girl's voice, a voice with a very melodious touch that couldn't be described by words. This voice was capable of bewildering people, and it alone was enough to charm them all even when they didn't know what she looked like!

"Who won?" The old woman couldn't help but ask: "The girl from the Jian Clan?"

"No..." The girl's voice from inside the carriage appeared again: "Li Qiye won. If it wasn't for the Jian Clan protecting Jian Wushuang with an extremely heaven-defying spell, I'm afraid she would have died already."

"That brat is quite capable then." The old woman was a bit surprised and said: "Although the girl from the Jian Clan is arrogant and doesn't put anyone in her eyes, she is indeed talented. I'm afraid not many from the younger generation would be her match."

"He's more than just capable." The girl from the carriage answered: "I'm afraid this Li Qiye is absolutely terrifying, more terrifying than anyone else."

"Young Miss, that is too much. He only defeated the Jian girl, nothing more." The old woman couldn't help but say. Both of them had astonishing origins that were capable of scaring the rest of the world.

"No." The girl in the carriage deepened her tone and said: "Although I couldn't see the battle with my own eyes, I more or less felt it. Li Qiye didn't actually fight seriously and only used Jian Wushuang to train himself. If he actually fought for real, then it would be very hard to tell..."

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"Could he actually be stronger than Young Miss?" The old woman said: "Even if he was stronger, he can't compare to you. No one can in the current younger generation."

"Not necessarily." The girl answered: "At least, until now, I still don't know the limit of his power, so I can't make any conclusions. In my eyes, Li Qiye himself is shrouded in a mist and is completely unfathomable. Not even I can see through him."

"How does he compare to Ye Qingcheng of the Stony Edge Kingdom?" The old woman had to ask.

"Compared to Ye Qingcheng?" The girl in the carriage paused for a bit before answering: "I can't say in detail since I have no way of knowing just how strong Li Qiye is. However, my intuition is telling me that Li Qiye can only be stronger than Ye Qingcheng."

"That can't be." The old woman's expression visibly changed as she said: "The Stony Edge Kingdom spared nothing when it came to Ye Qingcheng. He is a supreme celestial being who is adored by the heavens. In the Stone Medicine World, outside of Young Miss, only the girl from the Jian Clan can compete with him. How could this nobody Li Qiye compare to Ye Qingcheng?"

Ye Qingcheng was quite renowned in the Stone Medicine World and was considered the number one man, at least among the younger generation. Countless geniuses in this world would dim before his presence; others simply did not dare to compare themselves to him, and many of them were willing to work under his banner.

“I’m afraid so.” The girl in the carriage continued: “Ye Qingcheng’s power can be estimated and measured, thus it is possible to compare. However, this Li Qiye is unfathomable; I simply can’t gauge just how strong he is. Despite not being able to calculate his true strength, my intuition is telling me that he can only be stronger than Ye Qingcheng.”

The old woman couldn’t help but contemplate in silence for a moment after hearing the girl’s answer. She knew her Young Miss’s abilities very well and had full confidence in her.

The girl in the carriage said: “Let us go, he found us.”

“Even if he makes it here, we aren’t afraid of him.” The old woman’s momentum peaked. At this moment, she no longer resembled an old carriage driver on the verge of death. The aura her body emitted was extremely frightening.

“No, Grandma. We don’t need to fight him.” The girl in the carriage said: “Even though we are not afraid of anyone, we stand to gain nothing from fighting with Li Qiye. Before he makes it here, we should leave first.” [1. Grandma here is more of a wet nurse/way to call an older servant respectfully in this usage.]

The old woman didn’t say anything else as she sat up straight and controlled the carriage to leave. With the sound of the wheels turning, the carriage traveled very far before disappearing over the horizon without leaving any traces behind.

Li Qiye ran back to the Celestial Peak River and found that there were no cultivators here. Only Yuan Caihe was there, waiting.

She saw him getting down from the carriage and was a little surprised. However, she didn’t ask any questions and only revealed a calm smile, saying: “Did Brother Li get any immortal sulfur?”

“What about you?” Li Qiye didn’t answer and only smiled back.

Yuan Caihe nodded her head and replied: “I obtained two pieces of very old immortal sulfur. This will be enough to use for one batch.”

“Nothing can be better. Let us go.” Li Qiye smiled and gently nodded.

Yuan Caihe couldn’t help but take a look around before saying: “I don’t know where Tie Yi had run off to. Are we not waiting for him?”

“He doesn’t need us waiting for him.” Li Qiye shook his head and said: “If he really wants to leave with us, then he would have shown himself already. I’m afraid he does not wish to go with us, he must have gone ahead already.”

Yuan Caihe was a clever person, so she thought about it for a second before revealing a faint and natural smile. She didn’t say anything else and sat inside Li Qiye’s carriage.

With a creaking sound, the Imperial Draco-Bull pulled the carriage far away — not too fast, not too slow. Li Qiye sat inside with his eyes closed; he didn't make any conversation.

Yuan Caihe seemed to be enjoying this silence as well since she didn't say anything either.

Although the bull was going neither fast nor slow, they quickly left the Celestial Peak Mountain. The moment they left the area, Li Qiye immediately opened his eyes and asked with a light smile while looking at Yuan Caihe: "Do you have to go back to the Serene Garden?"

She gently nodded her head and said: "Yes, I plan to go into isolated cultivation after I return since I need to refine a batch of medicines that will take some time. Where does Brother Li want to go? Maybe if you have time, you can come visit my Serene Garden?"

There was an indescribable sense of closeness that she felt towards Li Qiye. Although they only became acquainted recently, in her heart, it felt like they had known each other for a very long time, like old friends.

"I'm afraid I can't go to your Serene Garden right now since I have to take a trip to the Allpine Mountain." Li Qiye smiled and said: "After the Allpine Mountain, I have to go to the alchemy conference at the Alchemy Kingdom as well."

"Ah, are you going there to celebrate Allpine Treefather's birthday?" Yuan Caihe asked.

"Yes, I have made plans to meet with someone at the Allpine Mountain. If it wasn't for this previous arranged, I would have really liked to come take a look at your Serene Garden since it is famed for its unrivaled plant and medicine cultivation." Li Qiye answered.

His words were not flattery since this was indeed the truth. Many spirit medicines grew inside the Serene Garden that would cause people to salivate. Countless great characters had wanted to take a look but couldn't.

"It still wouldn't be too late to visit later." Yuan Caihe revealed a calming smile and said: "The Allpine Mountain is definitely worth a trip. It is protected by the Allpine Treefather and also contains great spirit medicines everywhere. It is quite famous for having a lot of great plants."

Li Qiye couldn't help but smile while looking at Yuan Caihe. He gently brushed the hair on her shoulders back. It seemed that they had an indescribable harmony.

"We'll meet again later." Eventually, he smiled and bid his farewell. Yuan Caihe left the carriage and waved at him as they went their separate ways.

Afterward, Li Qiye sat in the carriage once again with his eyes closed. He commanded the bull: "To the Allpine Mountain!"

There was no need for Li Qiye to drive since the bull could pull the carriage towards the Allpine Mountain.

The Allpine Mountain was a very general indicator. Some said that the mountain was the location where the Allpine Forefather was born and grew up. Some said that the Allpine Mountain was referring to the Allpine Mountain's vein.

In fact, the truth was not far off from this. The mountain range and the entire vein were all territories that belonged to the treefather. Although the treefather didn't establish a sect at this location, his followers and disciples were just as strong as any great power.

The Allpine Mountain was also called the Allpine Grand Vein, one of the eight great veins in the Stone Medicine World; it was on the same level as the Elegant Azure Grand Vein. It stretched far across the Alchemy Realm like a sleeping dragon.

It was grand and magnificent with incredible peaks and mountains everywhere. There were many spirit deers walking around, golden birds flying above, and flood dragons below the marshes...

Meanwhile, spirit medicines were in abundance here. As one of the eight grand veins, plenty of spirit energy had accumulated from millions of miles. The energy was as vast as an ocean.

Moreover, under the protection of the Allpine Treefather, the plants here were able to thrive and flourish, thus this land was famous for having a lot of plants.

Of course, one had to talk about the treefather when the topic of the Allpine Mountain was ever brought up in this world. The Giant Bamboo Tree and the Allpine Treefather were referred to as the two great Demon Forefathers. Although the Allpine Treefather was much younger than the ancient Giant Bamboo tree, his fame was much more widespread.

In fact, this was quite understandable because, for millions of years now, the Giant Bamboo tree had never taken shape. It had always silently stood there, so the world had forgotten about its existence or had just gotten used to it.

The Allpine Treefather was completely different. He had gained intelligence from the dao and also passed down his dao heritage. This caused his reputation to spread along with countless students. For several hundred thousand years now, living beings that were born at this location had heard the treefather preach the dao many times. Some of them were Demon Monarchs. Of course, the beasts and vegetation that had yet to reach the dao listened as well.

During this period, many golems traveled for countless miles just to beseech the treefather for a chance to listen to him preach the dao. Because of this, although the treefather had not left the Allpine Mountain's territory for a very long time now, he had students everywhere in the world, across the three grand realms. Moreover, some of his students even became Virtuous Paragons.

Thus, it was easy to imagine the treefather's great influence. As for his cultivation, no outsiders were privy to this. Some said that the treefather could be bestowed the Godking title. Some also said that outside of Immortal Emperors, no one else could compete with the treefather.

Regardless of how great his cultivation was, as a Demon Forefather that had lived for 500,000 years, this was more than enough to earn everyone's respect. Therefore, in the entire Stone Medicine World, numerous great powers and imperial lineages and even a monster like the Alchemy Kingdom were very respectful to the Allpine Treefather.

His 500,000th birthday was a huge event for the entire Stone Medicine World. All the great powers and imperial lineages, as well as renowned cultivators from all over the place, quickly traveled great lengths to give him their best wishes.

Even those from far away places like the Beast Realm and the Stone Realm began their departure early in order to make it on time for the celebration. Some had even left as early as one year ago.

His great birthday celebration caused the entire territory that spanned for millions of miles to become rowdy since many lineages were on their way.

In just a moment, the normally quiet Allpine Mountain became very busy and was overcrowded with newly arriving guests. The usually deserted valleys now contained many guests from far away.

### **Chapter 683: Allpine Mountain**

Fortunately, the Allpine Mountain was vast with countless mountains and valleys. Even though guests came from all over the world, there were still plenty of places for them to stay.

Although there was still some time before the treefather's birthday, the place was already packed with people, and more arrived on a daily basis.

Even the low-key imperial family of the Alchemy Kingdom, the reclusive Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel that never cared for mundane matters... All of these behemoths sent experts to come congratulate the treefather.

From this, one could see the treefather's frightening position in the Stone Medicine World.

"Squeakk—" A carriage slowly approached a small town below the Allpine Mountain. Li Qiye was still resting inside the carriage as if he was sleeping. He immersed himself in the carriage's rhythm. The bull took its time dragging the carriage towards the mountain.

This little town was normally deserted, but now, it was bustling with cultivators staying here. Some of them ran out of the mountain for a breath of fresh air while others were here to trade items.

Li Qiye turned a deaf ear to the commodious town and continued to stay in the carriage as it kept on moving towards the mountain base.

In fact, at this time, new guests filled the mountain base like carps jumping in a river. With this being the case, no one noticed Li Qiye mixing in with the crowd.

Once the carriage finally entered the mountain, Li Qiye immediately opened his eyes to look at the sight before him.

One could only see a verdant scenery with rolling hills and peaks that soared to the sky. There were also straight waterfalls that were three thousand feet high. There were also ancient pines that resembled horned dragons growing on the precipices...

No matter who they might be, they would be praising the majestic scenery before them. This place was different from other locations with its countless clusters of green lights floating in the sky. They were around the size of needles and appeared to be extremely lifelike. Because of these little glimmers of green light, it made the entire Allpine Mountain appear even more magical and exceptionally beautiful.

At this time, Li Qiye's brows furrowed. In this split second, it was as if his eyes were able to see through the entire mountain range. His gaze stretched across everything and fell upon an old pine tree; it was not a big pine tree, but it was definitely extremely ancient.



After a while, Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and murmured: "Allpine Mountain, Allpine Treefather... A bit interesting... What a shame that after such a long time, he still isn't able to leave the Allpine Mountain."

The treefather's fame had spread across the entire world, but for hundreds of thousands of years, he had never left the Allpine Mountain. Although he could appear anywhere in the millions of miles of the mountain range, he couldn't actually leave it.

As for the reason why, there had been many different theories. The most plausible and widely accepted one was that before the treefather had gained intelligence from the dao, his root was entrenched in the deepest parts of the Allpine Grand Vein and had fused together with the vein.

Because his root and the grand vein had become one, this allowed for him to appear anywhere inside the Allpine Mountain, but he wouldn't be able to take a single step outside.

"Squeak..." At this time, the journey continued with the bull dragging the carriage along while Li Qiye kept his eyes shut inside.

However, before they could reach the gate of the mountain, they were stopped by someone.

"You're still not dead..." A cold, hateful voice appeared. Some bloodlust was even present.

After hearing this cold voice, Li Qiye opened his eyes and saw the Dragon Princess with some disciples blocking his path.

At this point, she glared at him with a chilling gaze and flashed her murderous intent as if she wanted nothing more than to kill him at this moment.

The princess's deep hatred towards Li Qiye was understandable. Despite her noble birth and high status, she was still slapped by this nobody Li Qiye before the eyes of others — nothing could be more humiliating than this.

If Jian Wushuang didn't stop her at that time, then she would have killed him already. Since Jian Wushuang wanted his insignificant life, the Dragon Princess thought that he wouldn't be able to leave the Celestial Peak Mountain alive. Who would have thought that she would be able to see him here fine and well at this place!

She was quite famous in the Alchemy Realm. As a princess and an excellent disciple with a great cultivation from the Crystallized Sea Sect, it could be said that she stood out among others of the younger generation.

And now, this very princess was blocking the path of a nobody with a crew, so this attracted a lot of attention from the guests. Many of them were curious about how this unknown human had offended her. Some even began to quietly discuss with others.

As for Li Qiye, he only blinked an eye and slowly said: "I'm quite tough. The king of hell and all the little devils couldn't take my life, so it shouldn't be strange that I'm still alive now, right?"

"The king of hell and all the little devils can't take your life?!" The princess snorted, exuding a sharp killing intent as she coldly said: "Then today, this princess will take your dog life!"

Li Qiye was too lazy to take another glimpse of her. He leisurely sat in his carriage and said: "With just you and your insignificant skills? Stand side. Today, I am here to celebrate and my mood is especially good, so I'll spare your life for now. Of course, if you really want to die, then I can help you. Alas, painting the earth red with blood is bad luck at a birthday celebration."

These words enraged the princess. She had already been slapped by him in front of everyone back at the Celestial Peak River and now he dared to utter these boisterous words? How could this not drive her mad?

Many guests even halted their steps after hearing Li Qiye's raving and couldn't help but click their tongues while glancing at each other. They wondered what the origin of this junior could possibly be for him to say these blustering words. He truly didn't know life from death.

"Junior, don't be arrogant!" An expert by the princess's side cried out. He wanted to rush forward to decapitate Li Qiye.

However, the princess stopped him and took a step forward herself. With a chilling visage like a vicious, unsheathed sword, she said: "I want to personally kill this little animal. I want to peel his skin and shred his tendons, to shed and drink his blood!" She gnashed her teeth while speaking these words. Nothing else could appease her anger besides doing so!

As for Li Qiye, he continued to keep his eyes closed and rested as if he didn't hear what she had said.

"Little animal, hand your life over!" The Dragon Princess cried out as her vitality erupted all the way to the sky like a flood dragon. Such powerful vitality was enough to illustrate her amazing strength.

"Worthy of being a dynasty's princess and an excellent disciple of the Crystallized Sea Sect." Even a cultivator from the previous generation had to voice his praise after seeing her powerful blood energy.

"Fellow Daoists, please take it easy." The moment the princess took action, a great character from the Allpine Mountain stepped out and told them to stop.

"Moo!" However, in this split second, a moo came about, followed by a popping sound. The princess was kicked flying by a hoof, shooting all the way to the sky and eventually disappearing into the horizon.

Her fate was unknown, one could only see blood dripping down from the sky. She didn't even have the chance to scream.

The great character from the mountain was a Demon Monarch, but before he could finish his words, the princess had been blown away and disappeared, causing him to swallow his words.

Everyone stood there looking silly. In the beginning, all eyes were on Li Qiye and the Dragon Princess. They began to guess his background since he was extremely arrogant, not to mention that they all thought that he was tired of living for opposing the Dragon Princess.

None of them looked at the Imperial Draco-Bull pulling the carriage. In their view, it was not worthy of attention. It was just a regular common buffalo, so what was there to look at?

They didn't expect that this ordinary looking buffalo could casually kick the princess flying with just one hoof.

Li Qiye opened his eyes at this time and calmly spoke: "Excuse me, you came a bit late. I was going to show mercy, but unfortunately, my divine bull accidentally kicked the girl flying."

The Demon Monarch from the Allpine Mountain was completely speechless. What else could he say now? The person had been kicked away already, so it was too late for him to resolve this conflict.

"Little animal, we'll cut you into little pieces!" At this time, the experts who were with the princess regained their sanity and shouted at Li Qiye.

The Demon Monarch quickly stopped them and said: "Fellow Daoists, everyone here are guests of the Allpine Mountain. I hope that everyone can change feuds into friendships and get along with each other. If you all are hell-bent on seeking revenge, then wait until after the celebration. Besides, you all should be focusing on saving the Dragon Princess, don't let a less important matter delay saving her life."

### **Chapter 684: Birthday Celebration**

The many experts who were together with the princess could only glare hatefully at Li Qiye after hearing the Demon Monarch.

This place was the Allpine Mountain and everyone was here to celebrate the treefather's birthday. This was the Stone Medicine World, so everyone would show the treefather some consideration. If they caused trouble at the treefather's birthday, then it would be too insensible.

Besides, the Dragon Princess had been kicked away and her fate was unknown. If they didn't quickly save her, then maybe she would die for real.

The newly arrived guests noticed that the excitement was over, so they went back up the mountain. In fact, they already knew that nothing too crazy would happen here, especially at this key moment since no one wanted to offend the treefather.

"Where might Dao Friend be from?" When everyone left, the Demon Monarch from the Allpine Mountain asked Li Qiye.

In front of the mountain pass were many Allpine disciples responsible for greeting the new guests from the sects all over the world. Of course, this was an amazing opportunity to prevent those with malicious intent from mingling inside.

The moment the Demon Monarch asked Li Qiye, he couldn't help but judge him. No matter how he looked at it, Li Qiye appeared very ordinary. However, his buffalo kicked the princess flying, so this couldn't be an ordinary beast. Thus, the monarch found it very strange. Just what was the background of this youth who dared to become enemies with the princess?

The monarch was very confident that he would be able to recognize anyone who was famous in the Stone Medicine World, but the youth before him was a complete mystery.

"From very far away." Li Qiye said with a smile: "I'm here to meet up with a friend and to celebrate the treefather's birthday."

"Welcome, welcome." The Allpine Mountain's Demon Monarch quickly said: "It is an honor to have Dao Friend here at our Treefather's grand celebration." He made a polite comment before asking: "Who might your friend be? Let us know so we can arrange a suitable dwelling."

With so many guests coming to the mountain, there were different levels of reception and areas for them to stay. For example, esteemed guests such as the Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family would enjoy the highest level of treatment.

"There she is." Li Qiye raised his chin slightly towards the front with a smile.

At this time, Madam Zi Yan had arrived from the mountain and heaved a sigh of relief after seeing Li Qiye. She had heard that someone was causing trouble outside of the mountain; she immediately knew who it was, thus she came running.

The Demon Monarch quickly cupped his fist and said: "Ah, so you are a friend of Her Majesty Zi Yan, please excuse us for our lack of reception."

"Brother Sang is too cordial. This person is our Young Noble Li." Madam Zi Yan hurriedly responded: "Brother Sang is very busy, so please don't mind us."

This Alpine Mountain Demon Monarch was smart, so he looked at Li Qiye then back at Madam Zi Yan and took his leave after a few more polite sentences.

"Have you been well on your journey?" The madam looked at Li Qiye then the carriage with the bull for a bit. She couldn't help but wonder where he got it from.

Li Qiye gently tapped the spot next to him without saying anything else. The madam quickly got on and sat there, then the bull pulled the carriage up the mountain.

"What a spiritual divine bull." The madam couldn't help but voice her praise after looking at the Imperial Draco-Bull. Although she couldn't see through it, she was still an enlightened Demon King, so her sight was far better than that of ordinary people.

At this time, Li Qiye asked in a relaxed manner with his eyes resting: "I have a divine chariot now, so how about you become the driver?"

The madam was slightly taken aback after hearing this because this was not the first time this proposition came up.

She was a Demon King in charge of the entire Giant Bamboo Country, but now, Li Qiye was asking her to be a driver. If a third person were to hear this, then they would think that Li Qiye was insane and far too arrogant.

However, these resoundingly ignorant words came so naturally from Li Qiye. He uttered them with his eyes closed as if it was not a big deal to him.

In fact, this was the truth. In the past, a Demon King of this level would not be qualified to drive his carriage since all of his past drivers were people he highly valued.

The madam regained her composure and asked softly in a calm and gentle manner: "If I become your driver, how will you arrange the future of the Giant Bamboo Country?"

He only smiled and didn't say or ask anything.

At this time, the madam felt that something was different, but she couldn't tell what it was. She quietly said: "Is Young Noble unhappy?"

This was hard for outsiders to imagine. She was the ruler of a country, so how could she act so gentle towards an ordinary looking brat?

"No, I can understand." Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: "A great Demon King and a driver — there is too big of a gap between these two positions. People would know which to choose between the two — nothing is strange about this."

"I..." The madam opened her mouth, wanting to say something. In fact, she was indeed hesitant since the proposition was a bit too crazy.

"Don't worry, I will give you a chance." Li Qiye smiled and said: "You can think about it. I am very patient when it comes to you."

This type of patience was very rare for Li Qiye; it spoke plenty of how much he valued Madam Zi Yan. Apart from her being from the Giant Bamboo Country, it was also because of her personality.

She gently sighed while Li Qiye maintained the quiet atmosphere as if the matters of this world had nothing to do with him.

"Did Young Noble and the Dragon Princess have a fight?" The madam gently asked while looking at Li Qiye.

Li Qiye didn't bat an eye as he nonchalantly replied: "It was nothing, not worth mentioning."

The madam didn't say anything else. This wasn't her first time seeing Li Qiye's overbearing and arrogant manner, so what could she say if he didn't even care for the Crystallized Sea Sect?

She quietly sat beside him and pointed the way for the bull to enter the Allpine Mountain.

She enjoyed a very high-level reception at this place and had her own valley. Such treatment was comparable to that of an imperial lineage; other great powers would not have this privilege.

"Not a bad place." After entering the valley, Li Qiye took a look around and nodded approvingly.

The madam wryly smiled and said: "This is due to the blessing of our Divine Guardian. With my reputation alone, I would not be able to claim such a valley."

This was indeed the case. Although the Giant Bamboo Country was considered a great power, there were other countries much more powerful than it. There were many guests from all over the world who came for the treefather's birthday, so normally only imperial lineages could have their own valley.

However, the Giant Bamboo Tree was also a Demon Forefather just like the Allpine Treefather and was even more ancient, so the madam enjoyed the highest level of accommodations.

Li Qiye smiled and didn't say anything else. He slightly tapped the bull then entered the house. Meanwhile, the bull pulled on the carriage and stopped in a corner where it lied down near a water source just like a coiling dragon.

The madam prepared dinner for Li Qiye and also washed his face. She was busying herself as if she was his maid.

Such a matter should be left to the servants, but the madam chose to do it personally. This would have been an unimaginable sight to outsiders. She was very thoughtful and gentle as she took great care of Li Qiye.

This made Li Qiye comfortably sigh, prompting the madam to softly ask: "Is something on Young Noble's mind?"

"No." Li Qiye slightly shook his head and replied: "Just recalling something. It is very hard to find a suitable candidate these days."

Of course, she didn't know that Li Qiye was talking about her progenitor. It could be said that she was someone who Li Qiye thought of very highly, someone who had never disappointed him before.

There was still some time before the treefather's birthday, so Li Qiye stayed in the valley without leaving while the madam served him as if he was a young master.

Of course, although he didn't leave the house, this did not mean that he didn't do anything. He took a stroll around the valley every day over and over again. It could even be said that his steps filled every corner of this valley.

During his strolls, sometimes he would gaze towards the far distance or listen to the earth as if he was surveying something.

Although Li Qiye's actions seemed strange, the madam knew that Li Qiye had something he wanted to do, so she chose not to ask. However, she was quite anxious since she knew of Li Qiye's lawlessness and propensity to do anything he wished. She was afraid that he would cause some trouble at the Allpine Mountain.

On this day, the madam was not in the valley while Li Qiye was lying on a hill to bask in the sun. Although he had a lazy appearance, no one knew that he was calculating something over and over again in his mind.

Some time later, Li Qiye suddenly stood up and heavily stamped the ground. With a boom, part of the ground collapsed.

"No, no, no..." At this time, a figure immediately climbed out of the ground and quickly begged for mercy: "Young Noble, please no. We're on the same side."

Li Qiye laid back in his armchair and finally opened his eyes in a lazy manner while looking at the figure crawling up from the ground, saying: "On the same side? Since when?"

[spoiler title='684 Teaser']The many experts who were together with the princess could only glare hatefully at Li Qiye after hearing the Demon Monarch.

This place was the Allpine Mountain and everyone was here to celebrate the treefather's birthday. This was the Stone Medicine World, so everyone would show the treefather some consideration. If they caused trouble at the treefather's birthday, then it would be too insensible.

Besides, the Dragon Princess had been kicked away and her fate was unknown. If they didn't quickly save her, then maybe she would die for real.

The newly arrived guests noticed that the excitement was gone, so they went back up the mountain. In fact, they already knew that nothing too crazy would happen here, especially at this key moment since no one wanted to offend the treefather.

"Where might Dao Friend be from?" When everyone left, the Demon Monarch from the Allpine Mountain asked Li Qiye.

### **Chapter 685: Tie Yi's Affair**

"Ah..." The figure crawling up from the ground hurriedly replied: "If Young Noble desires, I would answer your call anywhere and anytime, so of course we are on the same side."

This figure was Old Demon Tie Yi from the Celestial Peak Mountain. At this time, he was cheerfully smiling while scratching his head with his ant claw. However, while he was laughing, he was occasionally taking glances at the Imperial Draco-Bull relaxing to the side.

"Really? You will answer my call?" Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and said: "You are not here to steal my bull?"

"Moo!" The bull also lifted its head and let out a cry at Tie Yi. This gesture did scare him quite a bit.

"No, no, no. Young Noble, this is a misunderstanding." Tie Yi hastily waved his hands and explained: "Even if I was a thousand times more courageous, no, ten thousand times more courageous, I wouldn't dare to even have such a thought. Moreover, your divine bull is unparalleled and unique in all of eternity. Outside of Young Noble, no one else deserves such a divine bull..."

Tie Yi didn't only suck up to Li Qiye, he even buttered up the bull as well. His flattery left the bull satisfied and refreshed, so it laid back down in a comfortable posture.

Li Qiye was too lazy to glance at Tie Yi and respond to his incessant flattery, so he said: "I have seen many sycophants, but not many of them were at the same level as you. To be able to make a bull this happy, this is a whole new level of art."

The old demon only cheerfully laughed after hearing Li Qiye and wasn't embarrassed in the slightest.

Li Qiye looked at the demon and asked: "You didn't stay at the Celestial Peak Mountain? Why are you here at the Allpine Mountain?"

"I am here to..." Tie Yi opened his mouth to say something but was quickly interrupted by Li Qiye with a wave of his sleeve. Li Qiye shook his head and said: "If you are about to say that you are here to work for me, then forget it. If you lie so much, you better watch it or else I'll squeeze your true form out before crushing it."

"Ah..." Tie Yi hurriedly responded: "Young Noble is so funny, too funny. I only came here to see the world as well as the grand celebration of the treefather where everyone comes together. This is quite a rare occasion, so I must broaden my horizons. Of course, if Young Noble ever needs my assistance, then I'll be more than happy to help."

Li Qiye glanced at him and slowly asked: "You want to see the world by sneaking underground?"

"Well..." Tie Yi forced out a chuckle and replied: "About that... This little demon is only an insignificant character, so I'm afraid they won't let me in at the front door. Moreover, the Allpine Treefather is merciful and benevolent, so he won't mind a little guy like me."

"Is that so?" Li Qiye stroked his chin for a bit while looking at Tie Yi, causing Tie Yi to be frightened out of his mind. His intuition told him that something bad was going to happen.

"If Young Noble has nothing else, then this little, little demon will excuse myself as I don't want to bother your quiet time." The jumpy old demon quickly told Li Qiye.

"No rush, no rush, since you took a lot of time to come here, how about we have a nice chat?" Li Qiye leisurely suggested.

When he heard Li Qiye talk about "a nice chat", the old demon knew that something bad was going to happen for sure. His mind was jumping from fear as he quickly replied: "Young Noble, this little demon doesn't know anything, so I won't be able to hold a conversation with you..." He spoke as he retreated backward.

"I won't stop you if you want to leave, but I might accidentally spill news about someone wanting to dig out the main root. That wouldn't be good, would it?" Li Qiye leisurely spoke again.

"No, no, no..." Tie Yi was horrified by these words and he hurriedly responded: "Ahh... Young Noble, you are definitely misunderstanding something. I am happy to contribute to your cause any time and anywhere. Just say the words and I'll even head into a sea of fire without hesitation."

"Into a sea of fire?" Li Qiye's eyes narrowed as he burst out in laughter and said: "This fellow daoist, your words are too much. There is no need for you to run into a sea of fire, how could I ask such a thing from you?"

Tie Yi was stricken with fear after seeing Li Qiye's expression. He made a decision and said: "Young Noble, please spare me. Just tell me what you want me to do directly."

"So refreshingly straightforward." Li Qiye clapped his hands and said: "I am a person without a lot of merits, but I do appreciate straightforward people like you. It is quite a rare sight these days, ah."

At this time, Tie Yi had resigned to his fate as he drooped his head while saying: "What does Young Noble want me to do?"

"You said that iron ants like you love to dig holes? Correct. To be more exact, iron ants are best at digging and hiding underground." Li Qiye leisurely said.

"What does Young Noble want me to dig out?" Tie Yi couldn't help but shudder. Very quickly, he thought about something and frighteningly exclaimed with a shocked expression: "Young Noble, you won't make me go dig at that location, right?!"

"What location?" Li Qiye played the fool and asked: "Is there a particularly valuable location in this place?"



Tie Yi immediately shut his mouth and knew that he was very unlucky this time. If he knew this was going to happen, he wouldn't have messed with Li Qiye. This was the same as him digging a grave for himself and jumping down to finish the job.

At this time, Li Qiye looked at him with squinted eyes before revealing a lazy smirk as he said: "Fellow Daoist Tie Yi, how about this, go to that location underground."

"No, absolutely not." At this time, Tie Yi shook his head at a rapid pace and hurriedly answered: "Young Noble, please don't misunderstand, I don't know of any locations underground."

Li Qiye sat back in his armchair and gently waved his sleeve towards Tie Yi, saying: "Okay, don't pretend anymore, everyone here knows what is going on. You can put on your pitiful and weak act in front of others, and they might believe you, but I am very aware of what you can do. If it wasn't out of consideration for your non-malicious intentions, I would have already forced your true body out back at the Celestial Peak Mountain."

Tie Yi wryly smiled but didn't say anything else at this time.

"I was going to take a look at that location underground." Li Qiye semi-laid down and slowly spoke: "However, with you here, nothing could be better; I won't have to waste too much effort. Moreover, you have been there before, so the trip will be very familiar to you. No one would have an easier time getting there than you."

"Young Noble, you think too highly of me." Tie Yi gave a mirthless smile and said: "This is the territory of the Allpine Treefather. As long as he wants to know, nothing would be able to elude him within the span of a million miles in this land."

At this time, Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and asked: "But aren't you still doing it?"

Tie Yi took a deep breath and replied: "Young Noble, I won't hide it from you. A lowly character like me sneaking in... Even if the Treefather found out, he wouldn't take the time to care about me. However, if Young Noble wants me to dig at that location, he will certainly kill me. I don't dare to dig there since I only want to sense something underground, that's all."

Here, he paused for a bit before continuing: "Let's take a step back and assume that the treefather found out, he probably won't care since I am only doing so out of curiosity. If Young Noble knows about that location underground, then you definitely know that that place is not to be disturbed, or else the treefather will unleash his fury onto us! In the Stone Medicine World, how many people can withstand his wrath? Not to mention, we are doing it at the Allpine Mountain!"

"I know, I'm not telling you to dig all the way inside. I just want you to get close for a good look, then you can come back and report to me." Li Qiye lightly added: "I trust your top-notch digging skills. As for your ability to escape... There is no room for critique."

"This..." Tie Yi couldn't help but hesitate after hearing Li Qiye.

Li Qiye glanced at him then dismissively said: "I will not say more about other matters. You came from the capital of the Giant Bamboo Country all the way to the Celestial Peak Mountain, and now you are here at the Allpine Mountain, do I need to say more?"

Tie Yi was slightly stunned by this sentence while Li Qiye continued on: "Even though you might not be following me, do you think this is only a coincidence?"

Tie Yi sighed and smiled wryly: "Do I have any other choice?"

Li Qiye laid back in his chair and leisurely said: "Yes, unless you don't want to beg me. I am a person who could be said to not lack anything. Even if I need something, as long as I am willing, I can immediately obtain it... If you want to beg me, then you need to at least take out an item capable of tempting me. If you can't, then that is fine too as long as you can show some sincerity and work for me and achieve great merits. As long as I am willing, many people in this world would be eager to answer my call. Do you think that I am giving you this chance, or is it something that you have to earn?" Having said this, Li Qiye glanced at the demon.

Tie Yi was stunned after hearing this. He didn't think that Li Qiye knew everything so well since he was confident that his disguise was exceptional. However, it was still seen through by Li Qiye.

After a while, he took a deep breath and looked at Li Qiye to say: "So to speak, Young Noble can solve my problem?"

"The wounds have been there for too long, so this is indeed tricky." Li Qiye smiled and paused for a bit before continuing: "However, that is only for other people — it is nothing to me. Of course, you and I don't really know each other, and we also aren't friends, so if you want me to do something, shouldn't you show some sincerity first?"

Here, Li Qiye shrugged and said: "Of course, if you don't want to, then I won't force you. Going to that location underground isn't an issue for me. Of course, if someone was willing to work for me, then I would be happy to oblige."

"No, no problem." At this time, Tie Yi made a decision and quickly said: "Your business is my business. This little demon is willing to work for Young Noble and solve your issues. Just say the word, this little demon is waiting for your command at any time."

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### **Chapter 686: Madam Zi Yan's Hesitation**

"I like straightforward people." Li Qiye said with a smile: "Go. I hope that you can bring me good news. Do not disappoint me."

Tie Yi took a deep breath and cupped his hands before Li Qiye to say: "Rest assured, Young Noble, wait for this little demon's good news."

Having said that, he drilled into the ground and instantly disappeared.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't say anything else. He continued to lay on his chair as if nothing had happened.

In the afternoon, Madam Zi Yan came back and saw the hole in the ground. She was slightly surprised and asked: "This is...?"

"It's nothing, just a mouse digging a hole, there is no need to be alarmed." Replied Li Qiye with a grin.

Although Li Qiye said that, the madam was still looking at the hole. She was quite worried that the thing she feared would happen.

Li Qiye saw through her and said with a smile: "Don't worry, no matter what happens, we will be fine. Moreover, we are here for the birthday celebration, not to cause trouble, wouldn't you say?"

The madam could only smile back; she didn't continue to pry about this matter. She sat down behind him and gently massaged his shoulders.

Only Li Qiye would enjoy such treatment. He closed his eyes to rest and enjoyed the gentle touches from the madam.

After a while, he slowly opened his eyes to look at the madam's beauty that was without any trace of mundane vulgarity and revealed a faint smile to say: "I like people like you. As soft as water, meticulous and patient..."

The madam only charmingly smiled in response. Of course, she was not misunderstanding his intentions. She knew full well that Li Qiye was not referring to the kind of affection between a man and a woman.

"I believe in Young Noble. With your abilities, you will surely have a grand future." The madam continued to gently rub his shoulders while softly speaking: "But I don't know anything about your origin."

She was very confident in him becoming a renowned Alchemy Emperor in the Stone Medicine World in the future — there was no questioning this. However, she had her own concerns, especially about his origin.

Of course, she was fully aware that Li Qiye didn't want anything from her, especially not her beauty or the Giant Bamboo Country; he was already able to obtain them.

"Zi Yan, you are looking at this the wrong way." Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: "I don't care for an achievement like becoming an Alchemy Emperor. As for your concern, my origin is really not important either. You only need to know one thing: by following me, you are following the future Immortal Emperor, no, much more than an emperor. Follow me and you will be following the existence at the apex in the future..."

"When that day comes, the gods will tremble as all the races in the nine worlds bow their heads before us. Godkings, among my followers, would only be qualified to have the lowest positions. If True Immortals are still in this world, they would also have to be under my banner. If True Dragons are still here, then they would have to coil themselves respectfully before our presence! I am the sole ruler above the high heavens, and among the endless stretches of time, I alone am eternal!"

These words were uttered as if he was whispering to a lover, as if it was mere mumbling in one's sleep. These dream-like words were uttered so lightly by Li Qiye.

Above Immortal Emperors? Causing the gods to tremble and True Immortals to prostrate as well as True Dragons?! These words were truly surreal, and only an ignorant or crazy person would say such things.

However, the madam listened very carefully to his dream-like words while gently massaging Li Qiye's shoulders.

She had heard these words before, in the building at the outskirts of the capital. However, there was a completely different feeling to them this time. At that time, she had doubts in her mind, but now, a part of her heart was shaken by these words.

Also at this time, Li Qiye opened his eyes and reached out with his right hand to gently touch Madam Zi Yan's delicate and beautiful chin, then he caressed her pretty face.

This kind of action from someone else would perhaps be viewed as disrespectful and vulgar, but Li Qiye's touch was without any sexual thoughts. It was natural and calm without the slightest intention of taking advantage of her.

"Zi Yan, your heart is swaying nonstop as if you are a lost baby fawn." Li Qiye smiled while touching her cheek.

The madam's mind returned, but she was still slightly dazed. Meanwhile, Li Qiye withdrew his hand and slowly closed his eyes again to say: "It's nothing surprising since not too many things can hide from my eyes. It is not difficult for me to see through your thoughts."

The madam sighed and said: "Young Noble, this, to me, is a huge life decision."

"I know." Li Qiye smiled and said: "Call me Young Master, I like it more this way since it has a unique flavor."

If someone else said this, it would sound a bit twisted. However, when it came out so nonchalantly from Li Qiye, it became a bit interesting as if this was how it should be.

“Young Master...” The madam calmed down and softly whispered. She couldn’t say no to his request; it was as if she was at his beck and call.

Li Qiye comfortably closed his eyes while listening to the moving, gentle call. To him, this was a type of pleasure with a long lasting aftertaste.

After a good while of enjoying Madam Zi Yan’s gentleness, Li Qiye slowly spoke: “I can understand your hesitation and can tell you a little bit about my origin. I didn’t come from the Stone Medicine World, I’m from the Mortal Emperor World.”

Li Qiye indeed liked Madam Zi Yan a lot and held her in high esteem. He seldom had such patience. If it was some other girl, he would be too lazy to say so much. It was quite rare for him to have so much patience for her.

The madam was surprised to hear this. She carefully thought about it and felt that it was not strange. Li Qiye was a dragon among men; such a grand character couldn’t be unknown, so being from another world was the most reasonable explanation.

She couldn’t help but say after some contemplation: “However, the nine worlds are not connected at the moment...”

Li Qiye interrupted her and said: “Even though the pathways have collapsed, it would not be difficult for me if I wanted to travel through the nine worlds.”

The madam trusted these words since it came from Li Qiye despite how impossible they might sound. Nevertheless, she was still frozen from this overwhelming information.

Li Qiye opened his eyes to look at her beautiful face and said: “So? Too caught up in your thoughts?”

The madam composed herself as her face blushed. While still gently rubbing Li Qiye’s shoulders, she spoke her mind: “What kind of master is capable of training a deity like Young Master?” [1. Deity here is just an expression, kind of like Deity Jikong Wudi back in the Mortal Emperor World.]

“You are mistaken, no one in this world can be my master.” Li Qiye laughed and said: “Moreover, I am not a deity, but a brute. In the Mortal Emperor World, many people called me Fiercest, and I really like such a title.”

After hearing this, the madam couldn’t help but smile and said: “So Young Master was also living quite well in the Mortal Emperor World.” These words were so gentle that it would cause people’s hearts to thump.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile: “So, are you tempted? Of course, if you are willing to follow me, the Giant Bamboo Country will still be fine. I trust that you can find a good ruler. Plus, it is a land of peace, there is no need to compete against the rest of the world. With the Giant Bamboo as its protector, it will stand strong for tens of millions of years.”

The madam elegantly chuckled without losing her gentle demeanor and said: “Young Master is the most domineering and arrogant person I have ever seen. Sometimes, I wonder where your confidence comes from?” The madam didn’t hide her thoughts and told Li Qiye the truth.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't answer. The madam continued to service him and, inadvertently, they slowly had an implicit understanding as the madam undertook her role.

"How was your trip outside today?" Asked Li Qiye as he cheerfully enjoyed the tender touches from the madam.

She softly replied: "There are a few great powers in the Alchemy Realm who want to form an alliance with our Giant Bamboo Country. Their sect masters and royal lords wanted to find out our goals."

"Not surprising." Li Qiye chuckled and said: "The world of cultivation is where the strong reign over the weak. Once you are powerful enough, plenty of goods will come straight to your door."

The madam didn't want to talk much about these trivial matters since she didn't wish to disturb Li Qiye's rare tranquil mood. She gently rubbed his temples and said: "However, a Demon Monarch of the Allpine Mountain came to find me. He said that the Maple King wants to meet you. Would you like to see him?"

"Maple King?" Li Qiye casually asked: "A disciple of the Allpine Treefather?"

"No." The madam gently shook her head and said: "In terms of seniority, the Maple King is only a grand disciple of the treefather. He wants to meet Young Master and ask a few questions."

### **Chapter 687: Mysterious Girl**

"He wants my consultation?" Li Qiye chuckled and said: "A bit interesting, a grand disciple of the treefather wants to ask me questions. Interesting..."

It was needless to talk about the treefather's status, but as the grand disciple and the current sect master of the Allpine Mountain, the Maple King's status in this world was not less than the sect master of an imperial lineage. But now, such a grand character wanted to consult a no-name junior — this was indeed worth pondering.

"Maybe, news of the Divine Guardian's actions had reached the Allpine Treefather." Madam Zi Yan said: "Our Divine Guardian and the treefather are referred to as the two Demon Forefathers of the Stone Medicine World, and our guardian had not taken any action for millions of years. But now, it suddenly acted. Perhaps the Allpine Mountain is curious about this."

Li Qiye smiled since he knew more things that the madam couldn't have speculated.

"Will Young Master meet the Maple King?" The madam asked while rubbing Li Qiye's temples.

The Maple King had a great reputation in the Stone Medicine World. Others wouldn't be able to meet someone with such a high status, but now, it was the complete opposite.

However, the madam felt that this was how it should be. She understood that not just anyone could earn her Young Master's approval.

"We'll meet him then." Li Qiye smiled and lightly said: "Tomorrow, send a message to the Allpine people and tell the Maple King to come to my place."

The madam acknowledged the command without saying anything else.

On the second day, she sent out the message and told the Maple King to come meet Li Qiye. Meanwhile, Li Qiye was still staying in the valley as if he had nothing else to do besides happily sunbathing.

“Hey, do you have a secret place for me to hide?” While Li Qiye was still leisurely bathing in the sun, a pleasant voice suddenly appeared next to him.

At this time, he slowly opened his eyes to look at the direction of the sound. A girl could be found standing next to him.

She wore a light-coloured dress. Although it was simple to the point of being plain and was without a single accessory, it still couldn't hide her dazzling appearance.

She was like a jewel whose brilliance even the night's darkness couldn't conceal.

It could be said that the girl ahead was kingdom-topplingly beautiful. Whether it was her features or her figure, all were without complaints.

Her figure was outstanding despite her loose clothing. One could still see her towering peaks rising and falling, full and firm. Her breasts could only be described as perfect. Such a pair of rich breasts could still show off its perfect outlines despite the loose clothing. Her narrow waist could easily be embraced with one's arm — round and slender. Her pretty thighs in combination with her tall and thin figure could only be considered unparalleled.

Li Qiye had many women around him, but regarding such an alluring figure, only Chen Baojiao would be a match.

However, the girl ahead was different from Chen Baojiao's sexy demeanor. Her features and temperament were completely different.

She had beautiful, golden hair to match her proud and unrivaled figure. It gave off a very exotic appearance, creating an irresistible temptation.

However, these were not her most attractive points. The most seductive aspect about the girl before him was her eyes. They were as bright as stars and as clear as a spring.

Her face was peerless and had an oval contour that exuded a unique nobility. With just a glance, people would know that she came from a high standing family. Moreover, there was an indescribable aura, gentle yet strong, mixed together. This aura was completely unique and full of flavor.

“Do you have a place to hide?” The girl hastily asked Li Qiye once more while revealing a very anxious look.

Li Qiye sat up and smiled. He casually prepared a chess board on the table in front of him and said: “Come, play a match with me.” [2. This is Xiang Qi, Chinese chess.]

The anxious woman was taken aback, but she was very clever and immediately sat down on the opposite side of Li Qiye. At this time, Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve and the girl's appearance immediately changed. Although she was still a girl, her clothes and appearance were completely transformed.

This girl was also quite unfathomable. After sitting down, she was initially very nervous. However, in an instant, she immediately composed herself and began to make moves with her pieces.

Li Qiye couldn't help but chuckle at the calm girl in front of him and leisurely played against her.

As their match went on, a commotion rang outside and a group of people quickly rushed in. All of them had soaring blood energies and were very powerful.

They were led by a middle-aged man that appeared to be very ordinary, but he had a frightening aura as if there was a dragon hidden inside his body. Even if this man wanted to hide his aura, it would still be akin to high tides slamming into a beach; one could easily imagine how powerful he must be.

They rushed over and looked around as if they wanted to see through the entire valley. Eventually, their eyes fell upon Li Qiye and the girl. However, it was just a passing glance, they didn't pay too much attention to them.

At this time, the madam returned and saw quite a few people in the valley, thus she inquired: "What's happening?"

At this time, Li Qiye finally lifted his head and commanded: "Zi Yan, we have some guests so go greet them. Wait until I am finished with this match."

Meanwhile, the middle-aged man took a look around and found nothing suspicious, so he cupped his hands towards the madam and said: "Royal Lord Zi Yan, please excuse us. Goodbye."

With that, he didn't wait for a response and quickly led his group away. It was clear that this man was in a hurry; he didn't linger at all.

The madam stared at the departing group with some surprise. She went closer to Li Qiye while looking at the chess match between him and the girl and had to ask: "Young Master, what actually happened?"

At this time, Li Qiye smiled while looking at the girl ahead: "It is nothing, someone only wanted to hide at our place for a bit."

At this time, the girl laughed and excitedly exclaimed: "Haha, you lost!" After a series of moves, she immediately pushed Li Qiye's pieces to checkmate and obtained victory.

Li Qiye glanced at the match and smiled to say: "Amazing, truly amazing. To be able to see everything with just one move, interesting... interesting."

The girl did not gloat too much, she only smiled while standing up. The moment she got up, her face and clothing returned to normal. She was already supremely peerless, so the moment she smiled, her country-toppling smile was able to seduce all living beings.

Although Madam Zi Yan was also considered a great beauty, she couldn't help but sigh before the supreme beauty ahead of her. She was indeed far from being comparable.

At this time, the supreme beauty looked at Li Qiye and asked: "How did you know that this little trick would fool them?"



Li Qiye smiled lightly and leisurely explained: "You are smart, so you should know the techniques to deal with smart people."

Her pretty eyes narrowed as she responded: "I see, how could he think that I would be so bold as to leisurely play chess without a care for him? Under such circumstances, I should have either ran away or went to find a special place to hide."

Li Qiye let out a faint smile as he praised: "Very smart, a smart girl is indeed very likable."

"Thanks." The supreme beauty revealed a truly charming smile as she said: "You helped me this time, so I'll get you back later."

Li Qiye looked at the beauty and calmly said: "Later? That's too far away, it is fine if you pay me back now. I'm not the type who asks for a lot, so I won't mind if you pay me back with your body. I'll just get the short end of the stick this time."

The madam was speechless the moment she heard Li Qiye's words. However, she had to admit that this type of teasing from Li Qiye didn't sound dirty at all. His leisurely and calm bearing made it sound very natural.

Meanwhile, the peerless beauty couldn't help but glare at Li Qiye, snappily saying: "I actually thought you were a good person just now. Who would have thought?!"

"You are right about that." Li Qiye leisurely smiled and replied: "I have always been a bad person, a notorious brute who likes smart beauties the most. Of course, if you are willing to stay by my side, I would be very happy to take you in."

"Shameless scoundrel!" The angry beauty uttered while glaring at Li Qiye. The moment her words came out, she pointed a finger at him in an extremely overwhelming manner, a finger that looked like a falling star.

"Meteor Finger, a bit interesting." Li Qiye chuckled after seeing this approaching finger technique. Having said that, he also used a finger as a sword and swung it in the air. In this split second, his sword swept towards the meteor to cut through the girl's supreme finger technique.

"Clank!" The two fingers met just like the collision of two divine swords. Earlier, the girl only wanted to scare Li Qiye a bit with her attack, so she immediately found herself at a disadvantage and had to take several thumping steps back.

"Hmph, you think you are so great?" After being pushed back by Li Qiye's technique, the peerless and unconvinced girl scowled and exclaimed: "I also know this technique!"

Having said that, she pointed her finger straight up to form a sword. The moment she unleashed this technique, there seemed to be a heavenly sword swinging in the sky, causing the stars to fall.

The madam startingly gasped after seeing this sword because this move from the girl was exactly the same as Li Qiye's sword technique from earlier.

[spoiler title='687 Teaser']"He wants my consultation?" Li Qiye chuckled and said: "A bit interesting, a grand disciple of the treefather wants to ask me questions. Interesting..."

It was needless to say about the treefather's status, but as the grand disciple and the current sect master of the Allpine Mountain, the Maple King's status in this world was not less than the sect master of an imperial lineage. But now, such a grand character wanted to consult a no-named junior — this was indeed worth pondering.

"Maybe, news of the Divine Guardian's actions had reached the Allpine Treefather." Madam Zi Yan said: "Our Divine Guardian and the treefather are referred to as the two Demon Forefathers of the Stone Medicine World, and our guardian had not taken any action for millions of years. But now, it suddenly acted. Perhaps the Allpine Mountain is curious about this."

Li Qiye smiled since he knew more things that the madam couldn't have speculated.

"Will Young Master meet the Maple King?"

### **Chapter 689: Gathering Of Guests**

"Young Master, is there a problem with the Maple King?" The madam was quite puzzled. In theory, the Maple King's question was quite reasonable, so why was her Young Master so unwelcoming towards him?

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"You are mistaken about this. If the Allpine Treefather truly wanted to communicate with the Giant Bamboo Deity, then there would be no need for a messenger since he can directly send his messages." Li Qiye smiled while shaking his head.

The madam couldn't help but say: "However, I heard that the treefather cannot leave Allpine Mountain."

Li Qiye said: "Zi Yan, your information regarding this aspect is a bit lacking. Both the treefather and our Divine Guardian... For existences of their level, distance is no longer a problem unless it is crossing between the nine worlds. Therefore, the treefather shouldn't have any issues communicating with our guardian."

"Young Master is saying that..." After hearing his response, the madam was slightly stunned since she didn't expect that this would be possible.

"So to say, that wasn't the reason why the Maple King came. The whole thing about communication was only a facade." Li Qiye slowly explained.

The madam found it strange and asked: "Then what did the Maple King come for? In theory, Allpine Mountain is stronger on all fronts compared to our Giant Bamboo Country. We shouldn't have something for them to scheme for."

"No rush, it is not hard to find an answer to this question." Li Qiye smirked and calmly said: "If Allpine Mountain wants our assistance, then they will come again sooner or later."

As the birthday celebration of the treefather drew closer, more and more carriages and guests came to Allpine Mountain. The reception line at the entrance of the mountain was endless and extremely crowded in some locations. Many sects from the three realms brought along experts and disciples to give the treefather their blessings.

Luckily, the mountain was vast so there was still enough space to hold the guests from all over the world. Although monstrous existences like the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, the Beastmaster Citadel, and the Heavenhoof Ravine were present, ordinary guests didn't have the chance to even meet them.

However, this didn't stop them from discussing the great characters from these monstrous lineages. The older cultivators could stay calm, but the younger ones couldn't handle their excitement. For a grand matter like the birthday of the treefather, outside of being a good chance for older cultivators to meet again, this was also a great opportunity for the younger generation to broaden their horizons and an occasion for them to make their names known. Because of this, the mountain itself almost became a stage as many young people, especially the proud geniuses, quickly showed themselves.

The descendants and disciples from all the big sects talked to each other, made friends, and even competed among themselves. Small groups also gossiped continuously, and this continued on every day at Allpine Mountain.

Thus, during these conversations, lineages like the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan naturally became hot topics of discussion.

"I heard that someone from the Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family came to celebrate the treefather's birthday. Could it be that Fairy Ming is here?" Although they had heard about the imperial family's arrival, none of them had the chance to see them. Nevertheless, some still inquired due to their curiosity.

The younger generation, especially the boys, talked to the point of craze about the number one beauty.

A young male cultivator from the Stone Realm excitedly uttered: "Is Fairy Ming actually here? Rumor has it that the fairy visited our Stone Realm last year, I wonder if that was true or not."

Ming Yexue, the main descendant of the imperial family and future ruler of the kingdom was also known as the number one beauty of the Stone Medicine World.

Any of these statuses were incomparably grand and untouchable. Thus, when anyone referred to Ming Yexue, including the older generation, all would call her "Fairy."

"Who knows. Fairy Ming has always been mysterious and low-key, and it is said that very few people have actually seen her. I heard that all those who saw her were enchanted. Unfortunately, those who have seen her face are few in number even across our entire Alchemy Realm." An Alchemy Realm's cultivator emotionally explained.

"Yeah, Fairy Ming's charm is boundless. I heard our Golden Crow Prince from the Heavenhoof Ravine also fell for her upon their first meeting." A young cultivator from the Beast Realm excitedly commented.

“That’s nothing. I heard that even the supreme celestial being also marveled at Fairy Ming after seeing her. Rumor has it that he might have a chance of marrying her.”

The young participants couldn’t help but become silent after the supreme celestial being was brought up. Ye Qingcheng — this was a magical name. Both old and young would become silent after hearing this name, even the most arrogant of geniuses.

“Strictly speaking, if Fairy Ming is the most eligible to become the imperial queen, then the supreme being is the most qualified to become the Immortal Emperor.” Although some people felt annoyed in their minds, they couldn’t help but admit this fact. [1. Empress would sound better than imperial queen here, but those are two different words. For example, Empress Hong Tian is Nu Di (female + emperor) while this word is Di Hou (imperial queen). Note that some of the more clunky terms in ED are pretty deliberate not just to be close to the raw in terms of the words themselves, but more about the overall meaning. It is because there are too many terms in ED, or else I would just go easy and use “queen” for this word instead of including the imperial prefix.]

Countless people among the younger generation adored Fairy Ming, so no one was willing to talk about this matter any longer. To them, if Ye Qingcheng truly wanted to court Ming Yexue, then no one else could compete with him.

“I heard that someone from the Jianlong Clan came as well.” Those who didn’t want to continue discussing the issue of marriage, since it was only a cause of sadness, changed the topic.

The young cultivator from the Stone Realm inquired: “Mei Aoxue, no, Young Noble Mei is also here?” [2. Mei Aoxue = Apricot + Arrogant Snow.]

A cultivator who knew a bit about this issue lightly shook his head and said: “No, just some other disciple from their clan. I heard that Mei Aoxue... No, Young Noble Mei only ordered someone to come in her stead. [3. Note, the reason why these speakers are hesitating is because she is a girl, but people still call her Young Noble, which is an address meant for guys.]

“Pretty amazing, right? Young Noble Mei leaving the Jianlong Clan by herself... Is this the prelude to her ambition of creating her own sect or country?” Someone couldn’t help but comment.

There was a saying in the Stone Medicine World: Imperial Edge Mei Aoxue, Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng. Another one dictated: Not a man yet even better than one; the woman with a heroic spirit, Mei Aoxue. [5. The word here is closer to frontier/border, but edge also has that meaning and sounds better.]

Mei Aoxue was renowned across the world along with Ye Qingcheng. Moreover, she came from a monstrous existence, the Jianlong Clan.

A cultivator movingly said: “Although Young Noble Mei didn’t debut early like Ye Qingcheng and her fame is not as great, in recent years, her momentum has become unstoppable. She welcomed experts from all over the world to form her own group. I’m afraid she will be able to establish her own country in just a few years.”

Another youth from the Stone Realm said: “Young Noble Mei’s country could be considered established already, but she still hasn’t made it official for now. Young Noble Mei’s Imperial Edge has become a great power; it’s extremely strong and can’t be overlooked by any sect.”

“Young Noble Mei is quite ambitious, she wants to become the Immortal Emperor of a generation, an Empress, actually.” Said another. [4. Capitalizing Empress here since it is a special word for certain female emperors. There are other female emperors who still use Immortal Emperor instead of Empress. The only Empress I know of so far is Hong Tian. It might just be in titles only, but I’m gonna keep the distinction intact even for the translation.]

Although Mei Aoxue came from the Jianlong Clan, she was very different from others. Many geniuses relied on their sects or clans to begin their rise, but Mei Aoxue chose not to do so.

Her story was a legend throughout the Stone Medicine World. It told that the Jianlong Clan didn’t worry about mundane matters, but Mei Aoxue had supreme talents and wanted to reach Immortal Emperor. The story told that she left the Jianlong Clan at a very young age to venture all over the world, including many dangerous locations, in order to train herself.

A few years ago, Mei Aoxue came out of nowhere and established the unstoppable Imperial Edge by herself. Within this timeframe, her fame slowly caught up to Ye Qingcheng’s, and others started to honor her by calling her Young Noble Mei.

“The seclusive powers like the Jianlong Clan came, but other monsters like the Beastmaster Citadel from the Beast Realm have arrived too.” Someone stated.

“There is more than just the Beastmaster Citadel from our Beast Realm coming here, such as the Heavenhoof Ravine. A few days ago, I actually saw the Pill Monarch from the Beastmaster Citadel...” A different cultivator from the Beast Realm responded.

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While the young ones congregated together to talk about all kinds of interesting topics, Li Qiye waited several days inside the valley before he suddenly opened his eyes and told the madam standing by his side: “Come, we’ll take a trip outside. The scenery of Allpine Mountain is top-notch in the Alchemy Realm, so wouldn’t it be a waste if we don’t go sightseeing for a bit?”

The madam didn’t say anything and continued to accompany him. The moment they reached the door, the Imperial Draco-Bull dragged the carriage over without Li Qiye having to say anything.

Li Qiye sat on the carriage and casually handed the reins to Madam Zi Yan. She hesitated for a moment before accepting the reins in a natural manner.

Li Qiye sat inside while the madam sat next to him with the reins in one hand, acting as if she was the driver.

“From now on, this Imperial Draco-Bull shall be the second Divine Guardian of the Giant Bamboo Country.” Inside the carriage, Li Qiye told the madam.

She couldn’t help but be slightly jolted upon hearing this since this was outside of her expectations. Keep in mind that not just any existence could become the Divine Guardian of a country.

“Moooo—” After hearing this, the bull let out a cry. It was obviously very reluctant to take this position.

The beast’s response surprised the madam even more. One must know that their Divine Guardian right now was the Giant Bamboo, an existence known as a deity of the Godking level. However, this buffalo ahead actually didn’t want to become their Divine Guardian. This made her feel quite dejected.

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### **Chapter 690: Dao-sense Peak**

“Don’t worry, you will still be my mount later on. Of course, half of your mark will be left behind at the Giant Bamboo Country while I try to find a better location for your other half. You will have two places then.” Said Li Qiye with a smile in response to the bull’s complaint.

“Moo—” At this time, the bull called out again. It seemed to be satisfied with Li Qiye’s new arrangement.

The madam was amazed. This ordinary buffalo before her was very spiritual. Meanwhile, Li Qiye noted her expression and shook his head while smilingly saying: “You are looking down on this bull. In the future, it will become a true dragon. At this moment, it just can’t seem to pass the final test. Of course, when it breaks through the chains of its bloodline, it will become a dragon. Naturally, it can turn into a supreme, divine buffalo as well.” [1. A Kuiniu/buffalo is a polysemous figure in ancient Chinese mythology. Classic texts use this name for the legendary musician Kui who invented music and dancing; for the one-legged mountain demon or rain-god Kui that is said to resemble a Chinese dragon, a drum, or a monkey with a human face; and for the Kuiniu wild yak or buffalo.]

Keep in mind that both true dragons and divine buffalos were true divine beasts with unimaginable power. Moreover, this buffalo was only one step away from becoming a real divine beast, so one could only imagine its power.

The Imperial Draco-Bull pulled the carriage out of the valley and walked through Allpine Mountain. No matter if it was a deep gorge or a dangerous mountain, it kept on pulling the carriage with a consistent speed as if it was on flat ground.

In fact, the bull didn't need a driver. With Li Qiye's command, it could take Li Qiye to any destination. Madam Zi Yan, as the driver, only sat and kept him company; there was no need to control the bull.

As one of the eight grand veins, Allpine Mountain was extremely vast with countless valleys and peaks in its territory that spanned tens of millions of miles. In this place, there were too many beautiful and dangerous sceneries to be described with words.

Rolling mountains were everywhere, and some even reached the high clouds in the sky. There were also mysterious gorges as well as many tall and old trees with vines crawling everywhere. There were also lingzhi roots and amazing grasses. As for the beasts, one could hear the cries of cranes and the hoots of birds as well as the roars of tigers alongside hidden dragons... [2. Bird here is actually a mythical bird resembling the phoenix, a luan. However, using mythical bird here didn't seem to fit the context. Perhaps I could just use phoenix here, but that would be inaccurate although fitting.]

Even ten days and ten nights would not be enough to visit all the places in this vast land despite the carriage being able to go through all the menacing terrains as if they were flat.

Li Qiye closed his eyes to rest inside the carriage. He had a lazy appearance as if he didn't get enough sleep, so he had to make up for it right now.

The madam next to him noticed him resting the whole way without batting an eye. He didn't appreciate the sceneries at all, so she couldn't help but softly ask: "Didn't Young Master want to see the beautiful sceneries of Allpine Mountain?"

At this time, Li Qiye opened his eyes slightly to look at the madam and cheerfully said: "Zi Yan, for me, sceneries aren't appreciated with the eyes, but with the heart. Use your heart to sense just how vast this land is; use your mind to feel its wonders."

Upon hearing this answer, the madam understood that her Young Master was not here for sightseeing at all. However, she didn't inquire any further and only gently placed a soft fur coat around his body.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye enjoyed the madam's care and lied down as if he was falling asleep.

Their carriage attracted a lot of attention. Since there were so many guests at Allpine Mountain, each peak and valley were occupied. Moreover, the guests went around everywhere, causing quite a lively atmosphere.

A plain person like Li Qiye shouldn't have been notable, and his carriage was lacking even more pomp. Among the new arrivals, too many of them used auspicious beasts as mounts. For some people with higher status, even a dragon horse was only the lowest type of mount, so Li Qiye and his buffalo appeared to be peasants. Such a person with such a carriage wouldn't be able to steal a glimpse from others.

However, the other person sitting on the carriage was Madam Zi Yan. She was not only a ruler as a great Demon King, she was also a beauty. Thus, among the younger generation, she still enjoyed quite a reputation.

But now, a belle like Madam Zi Yan was accompanying Li Qiye. She was in charge of the reins while waiting on him with an attitude as soft as water. How could such a picture not garner many askance views from the wandering guests?

She had many admirers and suitors, so many were both envious and jealous after seeing this scene. They found it strange and wondered what this ordinary junior's identity was to win such favor from the madam.

The carriage moved at a steady pace as many passengers whispered while pointing with their fingers.

However, Li Qiye's eyes remained closed, resting as if he was asleep. The madam sat there and occasionally, she would look down at the sleeping Li Qiye.

This young man before her had no notable characteristics and was even younger than her, but for an unknown reason, when sitting beside him and giving him company, it gave her an indescribable tranquility as well as an unprecedented sense of security. She felt that even if the world was torn asunder and the nine worlds faced destruction, she would be fine just by staying close to this man.

Only after contact would one be able to understand just how unimaginably unfathomable this seemingly ordinary man was. He was full of mysteries and had a strange charm that attracted everyone in a sublime manner. It was as if he had an answer for all things in this world since he was the ruler of the universe.

All of a sudden, Li Qiye opened his eyes and smilingly said while looking at the madam's pretty face: "Don't go crazy over me; I am only a legend." [2. Don't go crazy over this Young Master, this Young Master is only a legend — this would be the raw.]

This caused the madam to jump. Her face flushed after hearing Li Qiye's words. She couldn't help but reveal the appearance of a young lady as she coquettishly glared at him and asked: "Is Young Master always so narcissistic?"

As a great Demon King, she always gave off a dignified impression to others, but today, her appearance that resembled a young lady was truly dazzling and beautiful.

"This isn't called narcissism." Li Qiye chuckled and slowly said: "This is called a matter of course. Your Young Master's irresistible charm is capable of conquering all existences."

"Young Master, 'irresistible charm capable of conquering all existences' is a phrase used to describe girls; you are a man!" The madam didn't know whether to laugh or cry as she gave him a stern yet flirtatious look.

Li Qiye smiled and gently caressed her jade-like hand before closing his eyes again, saying: "Of course I would conquer everyone with my charm. However, you also 'conquered' me. I like girls of your type the most."

The madam faintly smiled, and inside this smile, there was an indescribable sweetness as if she understood that Li Qiye wasn't just teasing her. This gave her a satisfaction like never before.

It seemed that at this moment, even the Imperial Draco-Bull pulling the carriage slowed its pace. It didn't want to disturb this moment of peace and enjoyment for Li Qiye.

The carriage moved forward, and after a while, it passed by a towering mountain. This mountain was gigantic and towered all the way up into the clouds like a huge hand planted in the firmament.



“Would Young Master be interested to go to Dao-sense Peak for a look?” The madam looked at this high mountain and asked Li Qiye: “Many people who visit Allpine Mountain would also go to the Dao-sense Peak at least once. Not only is it famous here, it is also renowned throughout the entire Alchemy Realm.”

“Dao-sense Peak?” Li Qiye opened his eyes at this time to look at the towering mountain that barged into the clouds.

“On this peak, one can further their understanding of the dao. So, does Young Master wish to go?” The madam looked at him and gently smiled to say: “Who knows, maybe Young Master can become enlightened and obtain a grand dao.”

“Obtain a grand dao? I am the grand dao.” Li Qiye arrogantly proclaimed. However, he looked back at the madam sitting next to him and said: “Well, since we are here already, we might as well take a look.”

There was no need for any instructions from the madam, the bull dragged the carriage towards Dao-sense Peak. The moment they made it up the mountain, they saw a straight cliff that was very vast and full of runes. These complex runic arrays were naturally formed as if this wall had withstood an eternity and began to crack, forming these lines.

Among the cliff full of intricate patterns, a large palm print could be found. It was bigger than a table. Moreover, it didn't seem like it was chiseled via tools, someone must have left their mark on this cliff. Nevertheless, it still had a natural appearance as if it had been given shape with time.

In front of this cliff on Dao-sense Peak were many people. The majority belonged to the younger generation, mostly the geniuses. They sat cross-legged before it and carefully gazed at the cliff. Some also stood under the shade of the trees nearby with their eyes closed while trying to sense something. Others hovered in the sky, wishing to understand the mysteries within...

All in all, cultivators on the peak were observing the cliff from all possible angles with great vigor in order to sense any fluctuations that might emanate from within. These young cultivators from sects all over the world hoped to gain some harvest in grasping the mysteries of the tall cliff.

Dao-sense Peak was famous in the entire Alchemy Realm. Anyone who came to Allpine Mountain would take a trip here to look at this cliff in hopes of becoming enlightened in the dao.

The reason was very simple; Immortal Emperor Wan Shi left behind a palm print on this Dao-sense Cliff even before the birth of the Allpine Treefather.

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