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Chapter 1431: Excavation

After deciding to stay at the Crane Beak Peak, Li Qiye told Sima Yujian to stay here for cultivation.

Xiaoxiao asked Li Qiye: "Why are we staying here?"

Li Qiye responded with a faint smile: "Because we want to find the entrance that is located right here."

"Really?" Xiaoxiao became spirited right away: "Where? Let's go right now."

She looked around, wanting to find the entrance. She had been wanting to enter the other world of the Divine Tree Ridge since she wasn't aware of it before.

"If one could find it using the naked eye, then it wouldn't be your turn right now. Many people would have entered long ago." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "It isn't that easy to enter. If it was before, I would need to spend a lot of effort and use many methods to do so. But now, it's not the same. Just one or two days will be enough."

He had visited that place in the past despite the difficulty. Even though he was the ruler of the nine worlds with a vast amount of resources, it still took everything he had.

But now, it was much easier for him despite still needing some time for preparation.

"Okay, we'll wait a bit then." Xiaoxiao felt a bit dejected.

"You're already being fed with a golden spoon, what more do you want?" Li Qiye pinched her cheek and smiled.

On the second day, he began by digging one large pit after another as if he wanted to plant some things.

Xiaoxiao woke up early and curiously asked after seeing the busy Li Qiye: "Ego King, what are you planting?"

Li Qiye laughed in response: "I'm planting some beauties. This is a good season for them. Plant one today and tomorrow I can harvest a nice beauty tree."

"Bah, pervert!" She voiced her disdain.

He continued to dig the pits. Of course, he wasn't planting seeds of beauties but rather some matchless runes. Each pit was also refined by him.

Xiaoxiao watched for a long time by his side but still couldn't see anything. Coming from the Golden Isle, she was well-educated throughout her youth. However, judging by these pits, she could only tell that this was part of a grand formation, its purpose eluded her.

In the end, she got bored and yawned: "Okay, you keep digging then, I'll go look at other places in the Undying Gate." She ran off after saying this.

In the next few days, he continued digging and filling in these pits. Moreover, he did it by himself in a very serious manner.

Even if someone wanted to help him, they wouldn't be able to. This looked like a simple excavation, but there was a great mystery that relates to the grand momentum of the Divine Tree Ridge.

He was fastidious about the location of each pit, not allowing for the slightest mistake. Even the three great beings in Heaven Spirit wouldn't necessarily be able to enter the inner world. There were too many things involved.

Meanwhile, Xiaoxiao ran around the Undying Gate to play. She also wanted to see if she could find heaven-defying treasures here. On the other hand, Sima Yujian was working hard after obtaining Li Qiye's guidance. Not only was she meticulous, she also extremely strict with herself to an overly severe level.

Her talents were clear even if a bit inferior to her junior brother. However, they were countless times greater than the other geniuses. Nevertheless, she never showed the slightest sign of carelessness and worked harder than anyone else. This resulted in her present achievements.

While Li Qiye was busy digging and Yujian focused on training, Godhalt became lively again.

Although people, especially cultivators and alchemists, have always visited this continent due to its abundance of alchemy ingredients, it was a bit different in recent times. Many cultivators and even powerful lineages appeared continuously. The most deterring of them all was Meng Zhentian!

"Meng Zhentian has arrived at Godhalt and is visiting the Spirit Abyss." This news quickly spread to the other locations in Heaven Spirit.

People found this visit quite surprising. They didn't know why he wanted to visit the abyss. For example, if he wanted to expand his own power, he could try to persuade one of Gu Chun's four branches. Strong as it might be, the abyss could only act unhindered at Godhalt.

"The Spirit Abyss' Ancient Prince of Darkness personally came out to greet him. The two are discussing the dao right now." Another piece of news came out while everyone was still confused.

This particular news was intentionally transmitted all over Heaven Spirit.

"The Prince of Darkness came into being?" Many big characters took deep breaths and sighed: "The times are always changing. The prince has been slumbering for so many years, yet he suddenly came out in this generation?"

A big shot knew the intricacies of this story and startlingly blurted: "Meng Zhentian's reputation is quite something, he actually managed to move the prince."

Someone who knew Meng Zhentian's background said: "They're family, it's not at all surprising that the Prince of Darkness came out."

The abyss claimed to have the oldest bloodline among the charming spirits while many lineages denied this. The reason was very simple, the majority of these lineages didn't come from the abyss.

However, the Dream Empyrean was an exception. Legend states that its progenitor, Shen Mengtian, came from the abyss. After reaching the top, he left the abyss and created his own sect and named it the Dream Empyrean.

"The Prince of Darkness is a very ancient existence. Rumor has it that he has a very pure bloodline coursing through his veins." An ancestor who knew of the prince's background spoke with some horror.

It wasn't surprising to many big characters that the prince would come out. After all, the empyrean and the abyss were on the same side. Meng Zhentian wished to become emperor, so the prince might have come out to assist him.

These experts understood that Zhentian didn't ask the abyss for help in the past, but now, he personally came to visit and the dark prince came out. This was very interesting since he now considers Li Qiye to be his most powerful enemy.

An ancestor murmured: "Li Qiye is too heaven-defying. Even an existence like Zhentian, who can call an emperor a brother, has to look for help!"

Zhentian's arrival made Godhalt quite lively. Another piece of news came about right after: the Roaring Conch has also come to Godhalt. The Seashield Prince personally brought many ancestors along to the Spirit Abyss.

After hearing this news, people wondered: "Does the conch want to team up with Zhentian too?"

"Not necessarily." Someone else thought differently: "Anyone would visit the abyss and ask for help to eliminate the suppression of the continent."

There were even rumors about Li Qiye being present at Godhalt. This news alone stirred the entire continent as if a storm was approaching.

For the last several days, Li Qiye had been digging holes during the day and teaching Yujian cultivation at night. She didn't disappoint him either. Not only was she fast, she was also extremely perceptive. Just a little pointer from him was enough for her to comprehend the rest.

He was very satisfied with her situation since it proved that he read people correctly. She was indeed a good seed and suitable for the Godslaying Dao.

Yujian was horrified during the training sessions because Li Qiye's understanding of the Godslaying Dao far exceeded that of her master. He actually knew a few secret arts that her master didn't. It was simply inconceivable.

If she wasn't certain that her sect didn't have someone as famous as him, she would wonder if he was actually an invincible ancestor. Of course, she didn't know that he was the creator of her dao as well as the night corps. Who could be more well-versed in this dao than him?

After reading her sea of memories, Li Qiye had regained his own memory of the Godslaying Dao. Thus, it was no problem for him to teach her.

On this day, Li Qiye finally finished his digging. The Undying Gate Master came to visit again with good wine and fine dishes.

"Please excuse this lowly one for not showing my full hospitality, Young Noble Li." The gate master personally poured a full cup for Li Qiye and apologized: "I brought some simple dishes and wine here to show our goodwill."

Li Qiye only smiled and finished the cup without saying anything after seeing the gate master's enthusiasm.

Chapter 1432: Undying Gate Masters Consultation

During their meal, the gate master repeatedly toasted for Li Qiye in a very respectful and polite manner.

Courtesy costs nothing. Today, in terms of status and position, the gate master was not qualified to sit together with Li Qiye. However, he had lowered himself completely so others couldn't criticize him for this.

Li Qiye took a small sip of wine and flatly said: "Gate master, speak what's on your mind."

The gate master wryly smiled and rubbed his palms together while looking quite awkward. Eventually, he let it out: "Please don't laugh, Young Noble. If I pretend that there is no business, it would be too much of a farce. The truth is that I do have something to ask of you."

"Go ahead." Li Qiye didn't mind and chuckled since the gate master's intentions didn't elude his eyes.

The master mused for a bit before respectfully saying with caution: "This lowly one wishes... to ask you about what we have to do to change our current situation."

He felt relieved after saying this because he had been thinking about it for the last several days and couldn't sleep. Nevertheless, he still had to try no matter what for the sake of the Undying Gate.

Li Qiye amusingly shook his head in response: "Gate master, you are asking the wrong person. I am only an outsider, you should be talking to the elders about this matter instead."

"Of course I know that this is very abrupt and rude." He sincerely said: "I don't wish for this to sound like flattery, but it seems that there is nothing you don't know. With the bearing of a celestial, Young Noble is an incredible person, so I wish to ask you about a strategy for revitalization."

"A strategy for revitalization?" Li Qiye smiled while shaking his head: "There are countless strategists and heroes in this world. I might look down on the nine worlds, but the truth is that I rarely think about matters such as sect building. If you wish to revive your sect, you should try to find someone else."

"I'm afraid wisdom alone can't solve this issue." The gate master forced a smile: "The overarching policy of the sect could be consulted with a strategist, but our lost items aren't things they can deal with. Even the most insightful strategist can't reverse the tide...

"In my opinion, you are capable of showing us the right path. There are no outsiders here so I'll be frank. No one else knows our sect's secrets except you. This means that you were sent by the heavens to be our benefactor. Please point us in the right direction and we shall forever support you."

Having said that, the gate master prostrated on the ground with great reverence. There was no doubt that he came with the utmost sincerity in asking Li Qiye.

He had always wanted to revive the sect. However, this was easier said than done. In fact, many gate masters have tried across the generations, but they couldn't reverse the impossible situation.

For them, it wasn't only a problem of resources. More importantly, they had lost their root. It was just like Li Qiye had said, without the special worldly essence, revitalization was only wishful thinking. However, this was someone who revealed their sect's biggest secret that had been hidden for many, many years. This made the gate master see a chance; perhaps Li Qiye would have the answer for them to rise again.

After thinking it through several times, the gate master finally decided to go and ask Li Qiye.

Li Qiye took another sip of wine while staring at the prostrating master before insipidly saying: "Rise, perhaps your Undying Gate still has a chance."

"Please enlighten us, Young Noble." The gate master was ecstatic and solemnly bowed his head nines times without the slightest pretense.

Afterward, he sat down respectfully and readied himself to listen to Li Qiye's golden advice.

Li Qiye began: "There is indeed a strategy for revitalization. Below this land is a supreme imperial foundation laid out by Immortal Emperor Bu Si. Even if your sect has fallen, just by using the old source and this foundation will allow it to survive."

In the past, Immortal Emperor Bu Si had performed an incredible technique in this place and refined an imperial foundation at the Earth Vein below the Undying Gate, fusing the two into one. This required painstaking efforts for him since he wanted a long-term strategy. Perhaps the Undying Gate would usher his reborn self. This was precisely the reason why future enemies found it prohibitively difficult to completely annihilate the Undying Gate.

The master replied: "The problem is that we don't have that worldly energy anymore."

"There is a solution to this." Li Qiye shook his head: "Your emperor has branded the entire lineage in this place. Even though the descendants have messed it up, it is possible to start over to regain the special worldly energy."

"What must we do?" The gate master didn't mind learning.

Li Qiye explained: "It is a step-by-step process to build such a basic foundation. In order to have the same worldly energy, you must reconnect to the entire Earth Vein with the foundation in order to create a new pathway for gestation."

"That, that isn't something we can do." The master revealed a wry smile. It wasn't so easy to reconnect the entire Earth Vein.

This was done by their progenitor. Not to mention their lack of power, even if they were strong enough, the mysteries left behind by their progenitor weren't something juniors like them could understand.

"This is something I can actually guide you towards." Li Qiye chuckled: "Go find a skeletal horse, one that gallops as fast as flight. It will be able to change the direction of your sect. Perhaps it will not only revitalize but even allow your sect to soar to the nine heavens and be as prosperous as the past."

"Really?" The master was ecstatic: "A skeletal horse really has such a magical effect?"

"Sort of." Li Qiye smiled: "However, success is still to be determined. This all depends on the fortune of your sect. We will have to see if your progenitor's remnant blessing can still help all of you."

This was the same as pouring cold water over the master's head. His earlier excitement has died down a little. Nevertheless, he now had a sliver of hope. Li Qiye has shown them the way.

"Thank you for your advice, the Undying Gate will never forget your kindness." Ultimately, hope was still rekindled, so the gate master prostrated again and paid his respects once more.

Li Qiye faintly smiled at the master's sincere demeanor and said: "The whole skeletal horse thing is a long shot, there is still one more path."

The master hurriedly asked: "May I ask what it is?"

Li Qiye was in a good mood as he replied: "There is a place worth venturing to. Outside of the Bonesea is Bones Island. Go there and look for their lord."

The Undying Gate Master murmured: "Bones Island? The lord of Bones Island?" He had heard of the island, but this lord was completely new to him.

He smiled and pointed out the other path: "Yes, go find someone called Old Man Zhu and tell him that you want to see their lord. As for whether an audience will be granted and if the lord is willing to help you or not, that will depend on your own fortune."

The master couldn't help but ask: "This Bones Lord can actually solve our problem?"

Li Qiye flatly replied: "It's possible. If we're talking about who is the most suitable in this world to revitalize your sect, one would be your progenitor and the other, Lord Bones."

Lord Bones and Immortal Emperor Bu Si shared the same origin. They once overcame trials and tribulations together and certainly, Bones was the one who understood Immortal Emperor Bu Si the most.

"However, you need to be mentally prepared." Li Qiye grinned: "Either you will be able to earn his favor and bring about revitalization to your sect so that it can return to its past glory, or it will be a fatal disaster. If Bones doesn't like you, he will crush you to death with one hand."

"At that time, don't blame me for not reminding you right now. You need to go while being mentally prepared to die. Don't die indignantly and then blame it all on me." Li Qiye drank some more wine and smiled.

"My personal well-being is no reason for regret as long as it can bring about hope to the Undying Gate. In order to revive the sect, I can jump into boiling water and scorching fire without hesitation." The gate master kowtowed again respectfully: "Thank you again, Young Noble. I am moved to tears from gratitude."

Li Qiye nodded and accepted his grand gesture before lightly speaking: "Go now."

The gate master bowed again and quietly left, not daring to disturb him any longer.

Li Qiye commented with a tinge of emotion: "Heaven Spirit... There are so many problems yet so many people still love this land and aren't willing to leave and give up despite the peril."

Chapter 1433: Entering The Inner World

Li Qiye finally finished digging up all of his pits and smiled towards Ye Xiaoxiao: "Playing around for the last several days should be enough, it's time to go."

"Really, is it ready?" Xiaoxiao was instantly filled with energy. She had grown impatient, so how could she not be excited after hearing this news?

"Okay, let's go." Li Qiye couldn't help but smile while looking at her face glowing red from excitement.

He told Sima Yujian: "Stay here for now and wait for us. It is not that I don't want to bring you along, but a place like this isn't suitable for you."

Yujian quietly nodded in agreement. In fact, she wouldn't bother Li Qiye just because he didn't want to bring her along.

Finally, Li Qiye stood by the edge of the cliff of Crane Beak and told Xiaoxiao: "Let's begin."

The excited girl stood next to him and could barely contain herself. At this time, Li Qiye released the Myriad Age Tree and a newfound vitality oozed out like the source of life. Anyone standing next to the tree would feel as if they were dozens or even hundreds of years younger.

In the past, this tree was on the verge of death, but it was now full of life as if it could stay lush for an eternity. Those unaware would still know that this tree was incredible after sensing this boundless vitality. Only this type of divine tree would be able to possess this life force.

The tree lowered its green branches. Each branch looked just like swimming spirit snakes. They drilled into the ground as if they wished to reach the deepest part of the earth.

Peeling noises came about. The pits with dao runes made by Li Qiye had little shoots coming out. These were new lives that grew at an unbelievable speed. They turned into long vines that looked quite happy like baby elves full of curiosity towards this world.

Lights emerged from these pits with floating runes. They intertwined to form little maelstroms. This scene was extremely magnificent. These little maelstroms came together to form a supreme formation — majestic and full of mysteries. It seemed that this formation connected to another world.

However, it wasn't the entrance. It was granting the vines endless power and boundless life. It was as if under its empowerment, these vines could grow and blot out the sky in an instant. However, they chose not to do so and instead simply swam to the cliff by Crane Beak and continued to weave in the sky.

In this manner, they weaved into a vast dao chapter that suddenly ignited upon completion. They burned until they turned into ashes and only left behind scars of extreme temperature in the sky.

"Clank!" Something seemed to be alerting the mysterious grand dao. The scars in the sky suddenly lit up and turned into flashing golden laws as if they were made from gold.

A hymn to the nine heavens. A grand and incomparable dao chapter appeared before Li Qiye. It was esoteric and impossible to grasp.

In this split second, the chapter began to rotate at an increasing pace. In the end, it turned into a maelstrom and sucked in the tiny maelstroms from the formation.

"Whoosh!" In the end, this maelstrom disappeared and all the golden lights dissipated. Only a great dao portal was left behind in the sky, seemingly capable of connecting to any location in the nine heavens and ten earths.

Li Qiye faintly smiled after seeing the portal and slowly said: "Finally, success. Not bad at all."

It was no easy feat to enter the inner world of the Divine Tree Ridge, not even emperors could do so as they please. In the past, Li Qiye required a vast amount of resources and preparation in order to support this endeavor even though he had grasped the ridge's mysteries. However, it was now different. With the Myriad Age Tree, everything became simpler for him.

He told Xiaoxiao: "Okay, let's go in."

"Sounds good!" The girl jumped in exultation since she had been waiting for this moment for too long.

The two of them entered the portal and disappeared right away. This portal also disappeared with the wind as if nothing had happened.

Yujian was staying back at Crane Beak. She silently guarded the premises in full stealth. Even if someone climbed to the peak, they would find it empty; they would be unable to see her standing there.

The duo had finally stepped into the other world of the Divine Tree Ridge. A silvery light poured down from the sky and engulfed everything.

Xiaoxiao quickly looked up and saw that there were many silver rings hanging in the sky that looked like galaxies.

These silver rings were spread out and arranged themselves into a mighty and stirring array. The lights came from them and touched every single corner of the world. Everyone was being basked in this light.

"What are those things?" She was full of curiosity while looking at this scene.

In her world, the sky either had a sun or a moon, but now, this world had these silver rings. She had never seen or heard of something like this before.

Li Qiye flatly replied after looking up: "Those are the wheels of time."

"Wheels of time?" She had never heard of this name before: "What are they? Treasures? Is it that hard to pluck them?" Having said that, her eyes flashed with a glimmer.

"That depends on how strong you are. It would be quite amazing if you can pluck them." Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh: "In other words, the wheels of time are a measure of age. One ring is one era."

"One ring is one era?" She was startled and started counting: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven..."

"Okay, stop. There are 351 rings." Li Qiye gently knocked on her forehead.

"How do you know?" She was surprised.

"I calculated with my fingers, that's all. Such a simple number, do you actually need to count?" Li Qiye chuckled.

Of course he didn't calculate with his fingers just now since he had been here before. How could he not know how many rings there were?

"Please, I don't believe you at all. Let me count, you are probably making it up." Xiaoxiao was unconvinced and hoped that this number wasn't right in order to embarrass him.

After finishing, she found that he was right -351 rings. She couldn't believe it and did a recount only to find the same result.

"Looks like you were lucky." She unwillingly admitted before pondering: "351 rings, what is the meaning behind this number?"

"In a certain sense, there is no meaning. It lives that long and then dies. However, after reaching the number 365, it will be meaningful."

"365? What is the significance behind this?" Xiaoxiao was curious.

He paused for a bit before answering: "The number of an epoch." This was something few people talked about. Only apex existences in the nine heavens would be able to talk about it!

"What?" This was the first time for her to hear about this epoch number.

It wasn't surprising at all since even Godkings weren't qualified to talk about this issue. One had to be at the level of an Immortal Emperor to have such a discussion.

Chapter 1434: Pregnant Treecorpse

"Well, you don't need to know." Li Qiye laughed at the inquisitive girl.

"Hmph, whatever then, I don't want to listen anyway even if you want to tell me." She glared at him with dissatisfaction.

Li Qiye was amused at her duplicitous response. Suddenly, his gaze shifted.

The very next second, he pressed his palm on the ground and seemed to be one with the world. He was standing right there, but it looked like he had disappeared from sight.

He stood up again the next moment and pulled Xiaoxiao's arm: "Let's go!"

In the blink of an eye, his speed erupted in an incomparable manner. Even time couldn't compare to this swiftness.

"Where?" She was alarmed by this sudden movement and his rare dignified demeanor.

Even though Li Qiye didn't answer, she knew that something big has happened. Unfortunately, she didn't know the exact details.

He crossed this world so fast that Xiaoxiao couldn't see the surrounding scenes at all. The sight before her rapidly changed and became a shifting image, so she had no idea what kind of world she was in.

Li Qiye seemed to be very familiar with each mountain and river in this area, allowing him to maneuver without the slightest mistake. He eventually stopped, allowing Xiaoxiao to get a better look of her surrounding at last.

She found herself to be in the middle of a large heavenly grotto. She had no clue as to where this was. The ceiling was quite high with rocks as hard as metal everywhere.

They were standing at the entrance of this cave. In front of them was a giant valley below a steep precipice.

When she got a good look at the valley, she was quite startled due to the sheer amount of treecorpses below.

Not only that, she had seen all of them before. These were the ones that wished to relocate back at the Divine Tree Ridge.

She didn't expect to see them again today. Moreover, the little planks and wooden huts were moved to a corner of the valley here as well. They seemed to be building a fence for a courtyard inside.

They stood in a group of several layers around a dried up tree. It had fallen to the ground and looked just like a large bed.

There was actually the body of a treecorpse lying on this old tree. They were called corpses, but they belonged to the living corpses category. Life was present, only the soul was missing.

However, the body on the tree was a real corpse. It was completely dead without a sliver of life. Judging from its characteristics, this was a female corpse. There was a protrusion on its belly that was big and round. Moreover, it was undulating as if something was inside.

"This is..." Xiaoxiao almost screamed, but she quickly covered her mouth.

She took a deep breath and eventually calmed down: "Is, is it about to give birth?"

"Yes." Li Qiye nodded with a serious demeanor: "This is really a miracle. I thought treecorpses could only live for one generation, but this doesn't seem to be the case anymore. They also have a chance to give birth to a completely new life."

"What happened here?" Many treecorpses had fallen around the dead female. Without a doubt, they had died tragically here.

"Keep watching and you'll see." Li Qiye continued to stare at the big belly.

He didn't dare to think about the birth of this particular race. Was this heralding something ominous? What would be the effect of this on the world? Will the treecorpses surpass the withered in terms of reproduction?

Even an expert like him wasn't certain. The only thing he knew was that the future would be full of the unexpected.

At this time, several powerful treecorpses gestured at each other with signs only they understood. Eventually, four treecorpses walked out and slowly went towards the female corpse on the tree.

"What are they going to do?" Xiaoxiao was worried that these four beings might do something to the new life.

"Just watch." Li Qiye pressed her down to prevent her from acting rashly.

"Crackle!" A burst of thunder resounded right when the four treecorpses got close. The huge belly shot out thick rays of lightning that instantly struck these four.

They shuddered after this hit. Despite being powerful, they couldn't withstand such a horrifying attack. Nevertheless, they persevered while shouting something.

Meanwhile, three more treecorpses from the crowd instantly rushed out. They clearly made a plan beforehand as these three leaped for the bell. They were using these other four to divert that lightning.

"Boom!" However, the belly shot out a terrifying flame this time and ignited the three.

They miserably screamed and were burnt to ashes. At the same time, the other four finally fell straight to the ground with green smoke billowing from their bodies.

Seven powerful treecorpses had been killed in an instant. The crowd turned chaotic after seeing this. Even though they wanted to come closer to the new life, there was nothing they could do.

Xiaoxiao murmured: "Just what are they trying to do? They want to forcefully take that new life from the womb?"

"No, they're trying to save it." Li Qiye gently shook his head while watching without blinking.

"Save it?" She didn't expect this answer: "How?"

Li Qiye slowly explained: "By helping it come into being. This is a unique life form, a miracle. Its life began from the heaven and earth. If it could actually come out, this might be the start of an entirely new race."

He took a deep breath and continued: "Since it is a gift from this world, it must accept the heaven and earth. When its mother was alive, she acted as the medium, allowing it to connect with the world. Alas, she is now dead, so it is trapped inside its mother's body and severed from the world. If this continues, it will die for sure."

"But if all the treecorpses here are trying to save it, why is it attacking them?" She was quite puzzled.

"Because it is just a baby with zero knowledge of the world, it's completely ignorant." Li Qiye said: "In its mind, outside of its mother's body, all other existences that come close are potential threats. Without its mother's protection, it is a frightened little beast that will attack anyone who comes close."

"What should we do then? These corpses can't get close and can't help it come out." She felt worried.

Li Qiye didn't say anything while watching this situation.

"Hey, Ego King, you are omnipotent and omniscient." Xiaoxiao immediately swung his arm back and forth: "Nothing is difficult for you, so maybe you should save this little life."

Li Qiye glanced at her and chuckled: "You need to know that the coming of this new life is full of the unknown. Its birth might be the will of the heaven and earth, but so is its death."

"What is this about the heaven and earth." She wasn't satisfied with this answer and pouted: "Are you going to watch this little baby die without doing anything?"

Li Qiye smiled in response: "You don't understand. Letting it come out is not hard, but you don't know what it will bring to the world, especially for treants like you. It can result in an unimaginable consequence. If you understand the implications within, from a selfish standpoint, I wouldn't want this lifeform to be born in this world if I were you."

"Well, leave that for later." She unhappily said: "Save it first. It is only a baby, who knows if it will be good or bad? Maybe it will even become the savior of the world."

Chapter 1435: Welcoming The New Life

He simply chuckled at her words and remained unmoving with his gaze fixated on the large belly. It was as if he could see through to the new creature inside.

At the same time, the treecorpses in the valley had made several more attempts that all resulted in failure. They simply couldn't get close to the dead corpse.

"Hey, Ego King, what are you waiting for, hurry and save it!" She became quite anxious for these treecorpses, unlike Li Qiye who was completely indifferent.

He didn't pay attention to her as his eyes became incomparably deep in order to gaze at the new life.

After a long time, he gently sighed and said: "Maybe this thing is connected to me by fate since the new momentum will start because of me."

Having said that, he pulled Xiaoxiao and jumped into the valley.

Their sudden intrusion alerted all the treecorpses in this place. They turned around and glared at the two with their eyes full of deathly energy.

Anyone else would be creeped out by these pupils. Those who were timider would lose their mind from horror.

As the duo approached, the nearby corpses roared at them with a ferocious demeanor like vicious monsters.

"What are they trying to do?" She was frightened and had to take a step back.

"Protect the new life." He flatly said: "In their eyes, we are outsiders — a threat to the new life, so they won't let us pass."

"Hey, we are good people wanting to save the small life in the belly." She immediately raised her voice and told them: "This Ego King will save it."

Despite her words, the treecorpses blocking the way continued to viciously scream and didn't let the two of them take half a step further.

"They don't understand what you're saying." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "The withered can understand, but not treecorpses."

"What do we do then?" She anxiously asked since she would feel very remorseful if they were late in saving the baby.

He slowly replied: "Get ready. Don't refuse me, just let me in."

"What?" She was startled due to confusion.

Li Qiye explained: "Just follow your heart and don't refuse me. I will help you see just how precious your bloodline is."

"Okay." She didn't think twice and agreed right away due to her considerable trust in him.

He placed his palm on her forehead. In this split second, his majestic vitality crazily poured into her body like a flood.

In a brief moment, small blasts erupted inside her body. She didn't reject him and went with the flow. Wherever Li Qiye's vitality reached, her own followed.

"Whoosh!" Her entire body lit up and bright halos emerged around her. These halos began to spin. Moreover, inside these halos were blinding and magnificent solar flares. With their rotation, each halo seemed like its own great world that could accommodate trillions of existences. As they began to pulse and spread out like a peacock's tail behind her, three thousand great worlds behind her were opening.

Her brilliance engulfed this entire world. The whole process made her appear quite lofty.

"Whoosh!" A peerless world opened behind her with the shadow of a great tree.

This tree was unimaginably large. Each leaf carried a star of their own with galaxies floating around the branches while worlds were hanging above. It looked just like a World Tree, the start of all life.

When this epic world opened, it also had Ye Xiaoxiao's dignified and holy aura, making her seem as if she was the ruler of all creations. With the emergence of the tree, all the treecorpses stared at Ye Xiaoxiao with reverence. They quickly backed off and didn't dare to stay close to her.

It wasn't only because of their respect for her aura. More importantly, they seemed to be afraid of staining her with their foul aura. In their eyes, even a small strand of their foul energy touching her was blasphemy.

"Why is it like this?" Ye Xiaoxiao was very confused at the treecorpses' actions.

Li Qiye revealed: "Because your bloodline is sacred and they are afraid of staining you. This is an instinctive feeling, so they don't dare to come close."

He withdrew his palm, but the light around her body raged on. He ordered: "Stay here, do not come forward no matter what happens."

She quickly nodded: "I understand, you go save the baby."

Li Qiye slowly inched forward while looking at the big belly. He opened his fate palace and the pillar, tree, cauldron, and spring of life all appeared at the same time once he got closer to the corpse lying on top of the tree. He let the pillar and cauldron protect his left and right.

After all four images of the fate palace appeared, he was even closer to the dead corpse.

"Crackle!" A terrifying bolt of lightning shot for him without any mercy.

However, the pillar of life immediately protected him and absorbed this type of energy.

"Crackle! Crackle!" A burst of thunder sounded. The new life crazily unleashed a relentless torrent of lightning.

Such fierce lightning could render anyone to ashes. However, runes appeared on the pillar of life. Under their protection, it didn't matter how terrorizing and powerful these bolts of lightning were. They couldn't amount to anything nor were they capable of hurting Li Qiye due to the Ancient Void Rune being capable of devouring all lightning and curses.

While the pillar of life withstood the torrent of lightning, Li Qiye slowly walked towards the lying corpse.

"Poof!" The new life in the belly unleashed an endless flame. This was the peerless fire of life that was capable of burning everything in this world. However, the cauldron quickly sucked in this powerful flame without leaving the tiniest spark.

Nevertheless, the new life continued to crazily send out more flames as if wanting to destroy anything that comes close.

"Clank!" It was all useless after the sound of a lock clicking came about. The raging fire couldn't hurt Li Qiye's cauldron at all since the Heavenly Dao's Primal Chapter had fortified the cauldron.

The branches of his tree of life swooped down towards the protruding belly. They gently patted it with their aura of life like the return of spring. Each gentle touch could melt snow. It was gentle and delicate with great vitality, calming down the restless lifeform inside. It was gradually becoming effective. The restless life calmed down and both the lightning and flames slowly dissipated.

At this time, Li Qiye was standing next to the corpse. Xiaoxiao, with her heart hanging on a thread, finally heaved a sigh of relief after seeing this scene. Even the treecorpses became relieved. They didn't attack Li Qiye since they knew what he was trying to do.

Chapter 1436: The Birth Of The New Lifeform

After stabilizing the baby inside the belly, Li Qiye took out the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. With a buzz, it opened and its flames jumped out.

Li Qiye casually flipped his hand, allowing the fire to land on his palm. It suddenly turned into an icy knife as he prepared to perform surgery on this corpse in order to take out the new form of life.

Xiaoxiao nervously held her breath after seeing this. Of course, she wasn't the only one since the rest of the treecorpses grew tense as well. They watched each of his actions and didn't dare to breathe loudly lest they disturb his concentration.

Fortunately, his actions were masterful. Each cut showed his mastery with their perfection like a skilled butcher. This granted solace to the spectators. The smooth surgery finally finished as he cut open the large belly.

A golden light emerged from inside. Next, he took out something from inside, the source of this blinding brilliance. It looked just like the sun hanging in the sky.

"Success." Xiaoxiao quickly got close after seeing the smooth process.

She was startled after seeing the object he was hugging. It wasn't a baby like she imagined. At first, she thought that this new life would be a baby regardless of how strange it might look.

However, he was hugging a lotus made out of flesh. The buds have yet to open completely as they were tightly stuck together. Who knows what was actually wrapped inside? Each petal looked like the fat white skin that belongs to a baby. Moreover, it was pulsing as if it was breathing. One could also hear a thumping heartbeat. Even though it wasn't very loud, people could hear it clearly.

While looking at this fleshy lotus bud, she asked with uncertainty: "Hey, is this the new life? Can this still be called a baby?" It was too different from what she imagined.

"Yes, this is the new life." Li Qiye raised this lotus bud high with both hands and carefully looked at every single detail.

After a meticulous observation, Li Qiye emotionally commented: "This is a miracle of the world, the accumulation of all wonders. It is not only the next generation of treecorpses but a true masterpiece of the heaven and earth."

At this time, all the treecorpses slowly prostrated on the ground and worshipped the new lifeform in his hands.

She curiously asked: "What are they doing now?"

Li Qiye glanced at them and insipidly replied: "They are greeting their king's arrival to the world. This is their race's crownless king, its supreme sovereign. This newborn represents the origin of their race and will herald new hope for them, allowing them to actually have a functioning lineage. Perhaps it will be able to turn them into a new race."

She stared at it and countered: "But this is only a meat lotus, it doesn't look like it can become a new race at all."

"No, this is only the external form." Li Qiye gently shook his head: "It hasn't formally been born yet. An existence like this would need to gestate for another ten years or more. It only came into being now because there was no other choice, this is a premature birth. When it actually grows up, it won't look like this."

While taking a better look, she asked: "What will it look like then?" She couldn't imagine what this lotus would look like in the future.

Li Qiye opened his mouth to speak, but in this instant, he slightly raised his brows. A rustling sound came about.

Little roots as thin as silk crept up from the ground like snakes. After they appeared, many of the treecorpses here were very wary of them and quickly retreated.

"What are these things?" Xiaoxiao was startled and creeped out after seeing so many roots coming out and wiggling about.

While she was still caught off guard, these strips of roots wove together to form a gigantic palm. People would tremble at its sight since it looked like it could grasp the entire world.

"What does it want?!" Xiaoxiao had a bad feeling about this as her expression dimmed.

Li Qiye flatly responded: "It wants to take away the new life."

"No! No matter what it is, it can't take away the baby." Xiaoxiao was completely alarmed now. Despite her young age, her maternal instinct still erupted. She waved her hand and a sword array made out of trees appeared.

"Clank!" The trees in the form of swords slashed forward with their branches. In the blink of an eye, this great formation mercilessly aimed for the gigantic palm!

"Boom!" This palm was undeterred. It pressed down and instantly shattered the sword formation and the main trees.

Xiaoxiao was certainly not weak, but this palm was too mighty. Ordinary paragons had no chance to resist!

"Go!" She was driven by her maternal instinct at this moment and was not afraid of any foe, regardless of how powerful they were. She casually summoned five more divine trees and trapped the palm inside.

"Rumble!" Explosions ensued shortly afterward. However, these trees were severed by the palm; they simply couldn't slow it down at all.

Her face changed after witnessing this power, so she told Li Qiye: "We have to take the baby and run, it's too strong."

He pulled her back behind him and insipidly stated: "You are not its match, leave it to me."

After dispatching Xiaoxiao's divine tree, the gigantic palm unleashed an attack that shattered the void before reaching for the meat lotus.

"Clank!" In a split second, Li Qiye had a sword in his hand. He didn't bother taking another glance before a sword shadow erupted. At this moment, dao laws poured down like heavenly waterfalls. Each of them could crush the heavens!

Its hymn echoed across the sky as he swung towards the palm. It was a slash without any technique or variation. He actually didn't use that much strength either, it was just a simple swing.

However, this casual slash made everything scream. The power of the grand dao, the might of the heaven and earth, the force of myriad beings... everything was suppressed and disintegrated before this destruction.

"Poof!" The gigantic hand was instantly cut without suspense. It was slaughtered like a rooster that stretched out its neck in its final moment. Any existence would need to present their neck after witnessing this sword technique!

All of the roots immediately broke apart and drilled back into the ground.

The weapon in his hand was the Dao Sword that allowed him to be invincible in this world! This was the reason why this weapon was so terrifying. Once utilized to its full potential, it could suppress and annihilate all other forces!

"Rustle!" More rustling sounds came from the ground. Even more roots came out compared to before with an even more aggressive momentum.

Li Qiye didn't care at all. He didn't even bat an eye.

"Clank!" The sword in his hand erupted again with its hymn. He inserted the sword into the ground.

"Buzz!" The black sword suddenly came back to life with boundless dao runes flowing through it.

In the blink of an eye, these runes came together with the dao sword as the center to form a dao chapter that was continuously spreading. It quickly encompassed every single inch of this valley.

This expansion wouldn't stop as if it wanted to engulf the whole world and imprison it inside the chapter.

Chapter 1437: Protecting The New Life

The chapter from the dao sword continued to expand as if wishing to suppress the entire world. It was an absolute suppression; even stronger forces would find it impossible to resist!

"Xshhh—" Under its power, the roots from the ground withered at a speed visible to the naked eye. They had lost their support and scattered all over the ground like grains of sand.

"Rumble!" The entire world began to shake at this moment. The land became increasingly violent as if it was being turned upside-down. It seemed that a cataclysm was swiftly approaching.

An invincible power was drilling out of the earth in order to tear apart the dao chapter and its suppression.

"Hmph!" Li Qiye snorted. His vitality rushed out as he opened his mind and sea of memories. "Boom!" Untouchable dao laws instantly drilled into the ground as if wanting to penetrate it completely.

"Boom!" A boundless world surged in an instant. The silver rings in the sky turned bright and illuminated the entire world!

At this time, the strongest of auras engulfed the entire area. It was extremely ancient as if it had existed since the dawn of time.

"Boom!" Li Qiye took out a bronze box and placed it on the chapter, instantly empowering it!

Next, he placed the green lantern housing the dark flame right below it. This dark flame that could incinerate all in this world at his command jumped up!

"I don't care where you are hiding and I don't care whether there will be reincarnation or not!" Li Qiye coldly uttered: "If you have given up on this world, then get the hell out of here! This new life was brought to this world by me, so I am responsible for it and will be its supervisor from now on! No one will be allowed to interfere. From now on, I am responsible for its life and its future! Interfere and I won't just let the dao chapter suppress this place! I will even turn over this land and kill everything! Trust me when I say I shall stay true to my word!"

His overbearing words echoed across the world. This was the gravest of warnings, the most tyrannical of threats.

He had made up his mind to keep this new life behind. No one would be able to take it lest they risk forming an irreconcilable feud with him! At that time, he would use all of his means and power to annihilate his enemies!

As long as he was determined, it didn't matter who he faced. Even the gods above the nine heavens and overlords of myriad realms better think twice.

Keep in mind that for an existence like the Dark Crow, other beings on the same level understood that he would stay true to his word. If gods tried to stop him, slay gods; if devils tried to stop him, slay devils.

The dark hand behind the curtains, the butcher of eons, the guardian of the nine worlds... these prestigious titles didn't come from nothing. They were built on countless piles of bones and rivers of blood!

Everything finally calmed down after his warning. As long as it was someone who knew about the Dark Crow, they wouldn't easily declare war!

Li Qiye emphatically declared: "Very well, from today on, I am the highest supervisor for this new life."

Xiaoxiao stood there in a daze for she was overwhelmed by his current domineering nature. This was her first time witnessing his authority! In the nine heavens and ten earths, he alone was invincible!

Overbearing, invincible, all-encompassing, suppressive... she could only use these adjectives to describe him at this moment.

"Poof!" The dark flame from the lamp oozed out and started to incinerate everything along the lines of the dao chapter.

"Zzz—" Eventually, the flame burned the chapter into this world! It then returned to the lamp so Li Qiye could put it away. The invincible laws nailed to the ground also withdrew to his sea of memories.

Keep in mind that these laws had been empowered by Immortal Emperors such as Min Ren, Hong Tian, Qian Li, and the Black Dragon King... This empowerment made this power eternal and have an unbelievable might. He also put away the bronze box. With a hymn, the Dao Sword and its chapter suppressing this world disappeared as well.

Although the chapter had stopped its task, it had left behind an eternal seal in this world after being imprinted by the dark flame. It would continue to suppress this location with considerable and everlasting power, albeit weaker than the original.

Both the Dao Sword and the green lamp were unstoppable artifacts. One could imagine their combined effort in creating this imprint.

Xiaoxiao eventually calmed down and looked at Li Qiye: "Let's go."

He flatly rejected: "No, we need to prepare for the new life. This will be a safe home for it."

"It will stay here?" She found it surprising and stared at the meat lotus in his hand: "We, we're not taking it with us?"

Li Qiye explained: "No, it was born here so it needs to gestate in this place. If we take it out, it will suffer from a congenital deficiency. It must stay here until it matures."

He looked around before stating: "This place is its origin as well as its root, it will grow strong in this world."

While staring at the little pulp, she asked with anxiety: "But it is only a baby, what if something happens to it after we leave?"

"Don't worry, no other place is safer than here." He explained: "This will be its home."

Having said that, he started by pointing at the ground, summoning a spring. A golden liquid oozed out and spread around the valley.

He transformed the land with earth-shattering changes by refining the entire valley. Not only was he making it suitable for the new life, he also aimed to turn it into an impregnable fortress.

Afterward, he left behind multiple items in preparation for the arrival of the new life. Finally, he summoned the group of immortal medicines. They breathed in deeply after coming out.

After looking around, the Ginseng Ancestor murmured: "I see, this is a primal ground, no wonder we can't absorb the majestic lifeforce at Godhalt."

Li Qiye stared at the group and said: "Two of you will stay behind to take care of this new life. We'll do this on a voluntary basis. Of course, I won't make you stay here for nothing."

The immortal medicines exchanged glances. The first to come out was the Soldier Tree.

The Soldier Tree solemnly declared: "I was born to protect and exist to protect. Therefore, I shall stay and protect."

The Reincarnation Heavenly Soulvine also stood out: "I have reached my limit. Further breakthroughs would be difficult, so this place shall be my resting place. Who knows, maybe I can still break through here."

"Very well, then the two of you shall stay. You will still be able to shine one day and see the ultimate era." Li Qiye nodded.

Eventually, he left behind many treasures for the two. After destroying many lineages, he had too many treasures to count.

After taking care of everything, he created a lotus from a supreme law and placed the meat lotus inside. The lotus flower slowly closed and sank into the golden spring, disappearing from sight.

Eventually, he looked away and told Xiaoxiao: "We'll leave now."

The Ginseng Ancestor and Immortal Injury Peony were very sad. They bid farewell to the Soldier Tree and soulvine one after another. After all, they had always been together since the days at the garden of the immortals. Who knows when they would meet again after today's separation? This could perhaps be their final farewell, they may never meet again.

"Goodbye, brothers." The Soldier Tree and soulvine didn't want this either, but they still waved to the group. Even immortal beings like them couldn't help but be a bit sentimental with wet eyes upon parting.

"Take care, we may meet again one day. When that day comes, I'm sure the two of you shall shine magnificently." Li Qiye also said goodbye.

Of course, there were some attachments since the two medicines have followed him for so long. If it wasn't to protect the new life, he would be very reluctant to leave them behind.

In the end, the rest of the group unwillingly jumped into his fate palace, and the duo set off once more on their journey.

Chapter 1438: Dried Trees And Shallow Water

The inner world was quite magical. There were magnificent sceneries and some unimaginable spectacles.

Here, one could see huge craters that were very spectacular. However, they also had a terrifying suction force that annihilated their surroundings.

In a different location, flames chaotically soared up and down. The most terrifying scene was a volcano unleashing a rain of fire in the sky. The lava rained down and continued to burn everything on the ground. This was a devastating scene — a completely scorched earth.

In another location was a silver waterfall pouring down from the sky. When it coursed through the earth, it looked just like a silver galaxy with tiny glimmering lights like little elves flying around.

However, there was an even scarier place. Xiaoxiao and Li Qiye passed through a certain location and heard a rustling sound.

She saw huge pits of quicksand with grain flowing to its center and enjoyed the spectacle very much. In the beginning, she didn't care too much, but upon taking a second, closer look, she felt creeped out.

They were not grains of sand but rather a bunch of tiny seeds around the size of sesame seeds! These were the seeds that drilled into corpses to turn them into withered back at the Divine Tree Ridge!

The sheer amount made them look like an endless coursing river. One would never be able to count all of them as they happily rolled in waves. Just how terrifying was this scene?

After thinking about how all of these seeds could get to the Divine Tree Ridge, Xiaoxiao could only shudder in horror.

"Isn't, isn't this a little too much?" Goosebumps were everywhere as she said: "If all of these seeds come out, even if everything in the nine worlds die, it still wouldn't be their turn!"

She felt nauseous at the thought that the creatures in the nine worlds could turn into half-dead withered.

"How could it be so easy in this world?" Li Qiye smiled and said: "Seeds that can survive are very rare. You can even say that seeds that can turn into withered are one in several billion."

"There is a natural order in this world, anything that breaks it will attract the attention of the villainous heavens." He smiled and pointed at the sky: "It will not permit anything that becomes extremely heaven-defying to survive."

She curiously asked right away: "Is there such a thing in this world? The high heavens is actually watching?"

"I don't know whether the high heavens has eyes or not." Li Qiye chuckled: "I don't believe it either. I only trust that the world itself is the judge."

"Is there a difference?" Xiaoxiao wondered: "Aren't the world and the high heavens the same? They are both existences made out of laws."

"No, they are different." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "The phrase 'the heavens have eyes' is too funny since its villainous self never cares about the well-being of any existence. Only the world's judgment would be passed down. No matter how much the world changes, its judgment will remain the same."

"What is this judgment you are talking about?" In many people's minds, the term "world's judgment" was only a general idea.

Li Qiye didn't answer her question, he only gazed at the far horizon. Who knows what he was thinking?

They continued traveling to a very magical location. This seemed to be the highest point in the world, a height even above the nine heavens. Standing here, one could reach out and grasp the stars in the sky.

The luminescent sky was full of stars, resulting in a beautiful and spectacular scene. Others would be mesmerized by its wonders. There were twelve great palaces in this lofty place.

They were of an unimaginable size, calling them cities was more accurate. One of them could contain several hundred thousand people or even an entire realm.

It was quite shocking to see these gigantic palaces by this starry sky. This was something in myths, the dwelling of immortals. They had a golden shimmer as if crafted from gold. This scene would incite greed and cause hearts to palpitate.

All twelve palaces were connected seamlessly with their gates closed. It appeared that there was no way to enter. It had a type of formation with grand potential. However, Xiaoxiao couldn't grasp it at all.

"Is this where immortals live?" She was shaken to see these majestic palaces in the sky.

Li Qiye smiled and replied: "Who knows if there are immortals in this world or not? However, I'm certain they aren't here."

Having said that, he brought her through the palaces and the indiscernible formation. There was a small open space inside. It didn't look special at all, especially when the twelve palaces surrounding it were taken into account. People would completely ignore its existence.

There existed a shallow pond that was about to dry up; the water could barely reach one's instep. Perhaps calling it a puddle was more appropriate.

Next to this little puddle was a very small tree. Its withered self could only reach Li Qiye's knee while only being a finger thick.

It had died long ago. Even though some of the branches still had leaves, it was definitely dead.

After seeing the puddle and the tiny tree, Li Qiye murmured: "A peerless location, worthy of all my efforts."

After seeing his expression, she knew that he purposely came to this place. However, she took a look around and found nothing noteworthy. This puddle and dried tree looked very common. This place was definitely not a treasure ground.

"Are there treasures here?" It wasn't that she didn't believe him, but this place was too ordinary. No one would look twice after coming here.

He leisurely replied with a grin: "More than just treasures." He looked as if he was certain of victory and that everything was under his control.

"Where?" She carefully looked around but found nothing valuable.

He answered: "Some things cannot be discerned with the naked eye. The mysteries here would require generations of pondering, even for the greatest genius."

In fact, this applied to him as well. Throughout the long years, he couldn't see through it until he obtained the Ancient Void Rune and Heavenly Dao's Primal Chapter.

Of course, he knew full well that this place had an incredible secret as well as the most extraordinary items in this world. Alas, there was no way of obtaining them before understanding the mysteries. Before that, he only knew of its value.

Later on, he finally understood its true significance. This was one of the reasons why he came to Heaven Spirit.

Of course, it wasn't Xiaoxiao's fault that she couldn't see through the mysteries. Her intelligence surely wasn't the issue because even Immortal Emperors couldn't understand them after a few glances.

He told her: "Stand aside and watch."

She quickly moved far away from this puddle.

Li Qiye took a deep breath and stood in the pond's water that could only reach his instep.

"Buzz!" He opened his fate palace. All four images came out and immediately arranged themselves at the four corners of the puddle.

The tree of life seemed to be wanting to take root here; the spring of life wanted to turn this place into a spring; the cauldron of life wanted to embed itself deeper and turn into a volcano; the pillar of life directly nailed itself into the ground as if it wanted to connect to the heaven and earth.

"It's time to begin." His gazed slightly shifted. With a loud blast, his vitality soared and separated into four strands that flew into each of the four images.

"Splash!" With his vitality fueling the images, water began to gush from the spring, filling the pond in just a short period of time.

If one looked carefully, they would find that the drop of water in the spring of life had melted completely and became an indispensable part of the spring. The Life Origination in the pond was gently undulating in the pond in a very quiet manner. It seemed to be fusing with this little pond.

After the merger, the pond water unexpectedly seeped into the ground. The little tree nearby seemed to be absorbing the pond water as if it was parched.

Chapter 1439: Epoch Leaf

"Buzz!" At this time, branches from the tree of life swooped down. The unbelievable happened; these branches drilled into the trunk of the tiny, withered tree.

Keep in mind that these branches were already around the size of the small tree. However, the withered tree was like an unfathomable bottomless pit. It could accommodate even more branches entering its body.

"Buzz!" The cauldron of life poured out an endless fire that engulfed the entire tree.

People would be suspicious that just one spark alone would be enough to turn this dried up tree into ashes. However, it didn't catch on fire and remained completely unharmed.

"Zzz—" With the fire of life engulfing the tree, the Heavenly Dao's Primal Chapter turned into laws that descended onto its body. Metallic bursts came about as they imprinted themselves on the tree in the form of mysterious runes.

"Boom! Boom!" Electric arcs flashed around the pillar of life. Each of them entangled around a thick rune made from profound laws. These arcs from the Ancient Void Rune jumped into the pond. One could hear the sputtering of currents as the arcs and their runes drilled into the ground before disappearing from sight. "Buzz—" A series of sounds came about as if something was devouring the pond water. This indeed seemed to be the case as the water in the pond began to disappear. It was all gone in just a short period of time.

Xiaoxiao watched this magical scene and had no idea as to what Li Qiye intended to do.

"Crackle!" After sucking up all the water in the pond, the tree began to absorb the lightning from the pillar itself, evident by the current flashing through its trunk.

"Come out now!" Li Qiye shouted and unleashed all of his blood energy. At this moment, he looked just like a mighty godfiend.

"Whoosh!" The tree seemed to be completely revitalized at this moment. It was clearly still a tiny tree, yet it emitted a strange and indescribable feeling. One would think that it was covered with green leaves and long branches overflowing with life.

The Ancient Void Rune, Heavenly Dao's Primal Chapter, and Life Origination appeared at the same time on this tiny tree. A sound of something peeling appeared as a new leaf grew.

This green leaf didn't look extraordinary at all, but its emergence flooded the world with life.

Buds seemed to be shooting out of the earth and grew at an astonishing pace to bear fruits and flowers. Everything was verdant and alive at this particular juncture. It was quite unimaginable for a little leaf to have this much life.

Xiaoxiao was immersed in this newfound vigor as if bathing in an ocean of life. She took a deep breath and understood that this little leaf was a peerless treasure despite not knowing what it was.

The branches from the tree of life that had drilled into the withered tree finally came out. They gently held this single leaf in a very natural and gentle manner. It was transplanted into the tree of life as if this was its mother in the first place.

"Splash!" The water of life returned to the spring of life, as did the lightning to the pillar and the fire to the cauldron. The Ancient Void Rune, Heavenly Dao's Primal Chapter, and Life Origination also returned to their respective containers.

Li Qiye revealed a satisfying smile after seeing this green leaf hanging on the tree of life. After so many years of research, his efforts didn't go to waste despite taking this long for it to appear. He had finally obtained what he needed.

"Epoch's Leaf, it is finally mine now." Li Qiye grinned. Hard work has finally paid off! One must sow before reaping in the harvest!

The void rune, primal chapter, Life Origination, and Epoch's Leaf had always been mysterious with few records. Trying to find any mention of them in writings was akin to finding a needle in a haystack.

In fact, across the generations, he had only found some jade paintings that related to these items. Moreover, the few phrases on them were incomplete. Even their names had never appeared in the same place before. Li Qiye was probably the first time that someone had been in possession of all four at the same time. In a distant era, the progenitor of the Blood Race had obtained the primal chapter, but even he didn't realize the existence of the other three.

While looking at the leaf hanging on his tree of life, Li Qiye murmured: "The four images of the fate palace... once I understand their mysteries and combine them with these four secret items, who in this world will be able to grasp the ultimate profundities better than me?"

He looked towards the horizon through the nine firmaments with a thick smile: "I will return to the end of the world one day and slay whatever ultimate force is there! No one will be able to stop me in this generation!"

Xiaoxiao stared at him in a daze. Before she knew it, he had changed into a completely different person. Even though there was no aggression or divinity, he stood there unchanging through time as if he was the eternal master of fate!

Eventually, he withdrew his gaze while feeling quite good and told Xiaoxiao: "Let's go, I'll take you to somewhere else."

She calmed down and quickly went next to him. Before leaving this space, she couldn't help but look at the twelve golden palaces here several more times.

From start to finish, he didn't bother looking at the palaces; it was as if they were meaningless to him.

She couldn't help but ask: "What exactly are these palaces?"

"You tell me." He noticed her inquisitive mind and stopped while smiling.

"Let me see." She didn't give up and rushed forward in front of the palace then carefully observed it. She even knocked on the walls.

After a long time, she came back to his side and said: "These twelve golden palaces here, I feel as if they are the twelve fate palaces judging by their appearances and auras."

She found this quite surprising. If these were actually fate palaces, what was the meaning behind all of this?

"You are very gifted." He maintained his smile and didn't answer her.

"Stop praising me, I already know that I'm gifted!" She didn't like his answer and unhappily gave him the dirty eye.

"Off we go to the place you have been wanting to visit." Li Qiye acted as if he didn't notice her dissatisfaction.

She thought about something and blurted: "Where? The place you mentioned before? Is it really here?"

Back at the Divine Tree Ridge, Terminus had talked about a location but was interrupted by Li Qiye right away. She thought that there would still be some time before he took her there, so she was a bit unprepared for this.

"Just what is my blood?" She felt a bit nervous. All along, she wanted to find out more about her bloodline, but this was a bit too sudden.

He noticed her flustered appearance and smiled while gently patting her soft hair: "Don't worry, it will be fine with me around. You just need to go with the flow."

His words were a medicine that set her mind at ease. Her slightly panicking mind quickly went away.

Chapter 1440: Awakened Bloodline

He brought her through the starry sky. There were so many celestials in this vast world that he couldn't cross them all in a short period of time despite his great speed.

Eventually, they arrived at a particular location. It was a frigid world of ice that contained an aura of death.

Outside of stars, this space was empty and solitary. There might be a galaxy here, but it was without movement, giving the sense that this was a forgotten world. This space was completely desolate without any signs of life.

It was made up of countless stars in the formation of a maelstrom. However, it was completely void of starry lights, only a scene of gray could be seen. One could tell at first glance that this galaxy was dead.

Because of its current state, this maelstrom slowly rotated as if it would take millions of years for a full revolution.

This was not a corrosive aura of death but an eternal silence that will remain unchanging for years to come.

Just staying for a moment in this place would drive people crazy. Its macabre nature took away breaths.

"This is the place?" Xiaoxiao asked, to her own astonishment. She thought that he would take her to a magnificent or mysterious location and not this space of deathly stillness.

"Yes, this is it." Li Qiye flatly said: "Here is where you can find your source, your bloodline's magical properties and origin."

"How do I go about it?" She couldn't help but state: "This is a dead zone, everything here is dead. Life, the grand dao, universal laws, other forces... all are dead already!"

She truly had trouble breathing in this place and was about to go crazy from the oppressive aura.

"How can there be rebirth without death?" Li Qiye smiled: "Death and rebirth dualities. For a life, there is only reincarnation after death. Only this place will allow you to find your root."

"You are saying my bloodline will be reborn through death?" The intelligent girl immediately understood what he was implying.

"That's one way to put it." He replied: "Go, you don't have to be afraid or reject it. Just follow your heart and feelings. Regardless of what you see or dream, don't be afraid since I am here. I shall guarantee your safety."

She felt relieved since nothing offered more solace than Li Qiye's assurance. He had enough strength to be her backing. Even if the sky were to fall down, as long as he was around, she could stay safe and sound!

Finally, she took a deep breath and entered the maelstrom at the center of this galaxy.

When standing in the middle of this place, she looked around and couldn't see what it could offer her. She shouted at Li Qiye: "What do I do now?"

He answered with a grin: "It's very simple, just release your blood energy in a natural manner. You don't have to let it erupt or anything. This isn't a battle, you are only trying to find your root. Let it pour down like the quiet rain in spring."

After hearing this, Xiaoxiao sat in a meditative pose at the center. Her true fate appeared and her blood energy flowed out.

Her energy was quite powerful. Even though she was releasing it naturally, it still gushed out like a large river. However, it was very gentle without any waves. It slowly flowed patiently and peacefully.

This energy flowed into the galaxy. However, this galaxy was simply too big, it would require many years before it could reach all the corners. Of course, since Li Qiye had told her so, she wasn't in a hurry. It looked as if she was sleeping and in a mental trance. She felt that she was traveling through time to an extremely ancient era.

Li Qiye smiled while watching from a distance, paying attention to her focus and the tiny changes. He had great confidence in her. Despite her tender age, lack of experience, and inferior dao heart compared to Ruyan and Jianshi, Li Qiye still had high hopes for her. She was a coarse jade that required polishing. However, just a minor change would allow for her to shine.

Before one knew it, her blood energy fused with half of the galaxy. In the beginning, the gradual flow made this seem like it would take a long time for a full integration. However, it unexpectedly reached the halfway point quite quickly. It was just as he had said, her blood energy was the gentle rain in spring that was slowly filling up the galaxy.

During this process, the initially gray galaxy began to turn red with her blood energy. However, it wasn't actually the color of red, it was more of a ruby. Its hue was bright and beautiful in a breathtaking manner.

At this moment, the galaxy seemed to be waking up. This seemed to be a king of rebirth since everything was being filled with life and power. After an immense wait, life finally appeared in the dead galaxy.

"Boom!" The dead galaxy suddenly erupted. A tidal wave of endless height shot straight into the sky and swept through this void. It seemed as if an ancient existence was awakening at this moment.

Xiaoxiao suddenly opened her eyes that had no semblance of a young girl anymore. It looked like she had experienced a billion years of vicissitudes!

"Rumble!" The world trembled for a short period of time. Even the stars hanging in the sky were rustling as if they were about to fall down at any time.

There was an unprecedented storm raging across this red galaxy. The heaven and earth quaked under this raging storm along with all existences.

The outside world at the Divine Tree Ridge was also shaking from these explosions; it was as if an earthquake was coming. Not only were the withered pale from fear, so were the visiting cultivators.

A majestic aura soared straight into the sky of the ridge. It contained an unimaginable life force that pierced the clouds as if wanting to take down all the stars up above.

"What's going on?" This sudden development left everyone in fear. Even God-Monarchs were shaken after sensing it.

Back at the Divine Ridge Citadel, Terminus opened his eyes and murmured: "What an ancient bloodline, the origin of the treants."

Back in the unknown world of boundless space, Li Qiye was still sitting while calmly watching the development.

At this time, the galaxy and the raging storm were nowhere to be found. Everything had calmed down and even Ye Xiaoxiao had disappeared.

An ancient tree of a size too monstrous to describe appeared in her place. It must be the number one tree in the world. Galaxies were floating around it along with myriad worlds. Trillions of existences were living under this almighty tree. Its leaves could support stars and its branches could break through temporal constraints.