

Emperor 1541

### [Chapter 1541: Time of Departure](#)

Li Qiye didn't turn back and chuckled: "She's doing well and is very happy. Like father, like daughter, she is just as great as you so you should feel proud." He left with that.

He didn't tell her the truth because he spent everything to sever her bloodline back then so that she could fly away, far from Heaven Spirit to the edge of the worlds!

Alas, she still chose to return in the end, back to her home. After a full circle, she eventually came back to the beginning. This might not be the result True Martial wanted but Li Qiye still respected her choice.

After all, she had many paths to take including one that would make her an emperor. Nevertheless, she still came back because she loved this land and her father. Thus, she must embark on his unfinished path.

He might not know of his daughter's choice but as Li Qiye has said, he should feel proud of her. She has never faltered before difficult choices and chose to face them head on so she should be his pride.

Behind every brilliant daughter is a great father. This comment was perfectly apt.

He returned to the pavilion afterward and stay there in order to replenish Hallowed's life.

Fortunately, the pavilion has prepared all the necessary alchemy ingredients for the process. This made Li Qiye's life much easier. During the process, many visual phenomena occurred in this sect such as lightning waves all over the sky with rambunctious detonations as if a heavenly tribulation was descending.

This terrible period lasted several days before finally dispersing. The disciples here could finally rest easy.

The ancestors were ecstatic. They understood the significance behind this, a successful life replenishment of their Hallowed Ancestor.

A character like Hallowed was too important to the pavilion. It meant that he could protect them for several more generations!

Li Qiye has done everything he needed after this life replenishment so it was time for him to leave. However, he met the Seven Martial Goddess alone before leaving.

He looked at her and eventually said: "In a short time, your Hallowed Ancestor will tell you something. This means that it won't be long until you become a sea god and the Trident will show up again."

"Really?" The goddess spoke with skepticism: "The Trident didn't appear in the last generation, will it show up this time?"

"That's the last generation." Li Qiye said with a smile: "There was a reason for its disappearance but it shall arrive in this one."

"Why are you so certain?" The goddess curiously asked.

“The need for protection.” Li Qiye said with a smile: “This is a very critical period so the Bonesea requires a sea god to protect it until the next generation. Because of my provocation, both the Bonesea and the Divine Tree Ridge feel threatened. So, if they had a sea god or a treefather, they could have one more option.”

“Thus, I won’t assume anything about a treefather but the Trident will show itself and that is when you show your skills.” Li Qiye said solemnly.

She pondered a bit before answering: “Rumor has it that the Trident picks its master, I might not be chosen.”

“Aren’t you always confident? Why did you lose it all of a sudden?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but chuckle.

The goddess smiled wryly back. In the past, she was indeed very confident. She even thought she could defeat Li Qiye before he truly showed his might and gotten to know him. After all, she has mastered the seven styles. This was why she had immense confidence in her strength in the future.

But now, she had no hope of defeating Li Qiye. Her confidence was not worth mentioning. She understood that she wouldn’t have the chance to challenge him in this lifetime.

She has once said that she would challenge him after becoming a sea god. However, she knew that even after becoming one, it was far from enough to defeat him.

“Be confident in yourself.” Li Qiye stated: “Not being able to beat me is not something to be ashamed about. In the nine heavens and ten earths, you won’t be the only one who is afraid of me either. Remember, you are one of the few people in the history of the pavilion who have mastered the seven styles. Your future will be brilliant; your achievements could even be on the same level as the Prime Sea God.”

“I understand.” She took a deep breath and stood proudly with her eyes lighting up. The confident goddess has returned again!

“The Trident will pick you.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Even if it doesn’t, no big deal, just seize it then. It’s not like your pavilion hasn’t done this before. Once you could wield it, you will become sea god regardless of whether it picks you or not.”

She solemnly nodded since Li Qiye was right regarding this matter. Their pavilion has done this before. In the past, Deep Blue Sea God actually seized the Trident by force! Moreover, the Hallowed Ancestor was still around in case she needed assistance!

“I have faith in you.” He looked at her and said: “Just work hard and you’ll be a sea god. The important part is whether you will be ready after becoming one.”

She calmly met his gaze with her own that seemed to be illuminating into his mind. After a long time, she nodded: “Don’t worry, I’ll remember you well. If I have made a choice, I shall do it without letting you down.”

“Very good. One day, you will be a hero of the sea demon race, the greatest sea god of them all.” Li Qiye smiled and said while getting ready to leave.

She stopped him: “Young Noble Li.”

Li Qiye slowly replied: "There's something else?"

"I heard the Hallowed Ancestor said that you're not just leaving Heaven Spirit?" She hesitated for a moment before speaking.

Li Qiye confirmed: "Yes, when I leave, it won't just be leaving Heaven Spirit since I'll be off to a faraway place."

"Will I be able to say goodbye before you leave?" She eventually stared deeply at him.

"Yes. Don't forget that you still owe me. In this world, anyone who owes me will have to pay in the end when the time is right."

The goddess smiled and nodded solemnly: "I will repay what I owe you, Young Noble."

With that, he turned and left while she watched his departing back until he was out of sight.

Finally, Li Qiye and Su Yonghuang traveled towards the sky. Each of the nine worlds had a gigantic dao platform. It was the portal connecting all of them. However, it was sealed after the Black Dragon King tore apart the Heaven's Will.

He was thinking of using this dao platform to return to the Mortal Emperor World. However, there was someone quietly waiting for him there. It was a woman with a cold expression, Sima Yujian who has left several days ago.

"Why are you here?" He was surprised to see her.

"I was ordered to follow you, Young Master." She bowed after seeing. She was completely different and respectful this time around.

"Young Master?" His eyes became serious as he immediately turned around while being affixed to a certain spot in the sky.

He took a step forward and instantly climbed into the nebula above.

"Come out, there is only one person in the world who has cultivated the Godslaying Dao to this level." He said slowly.

The nebula was still silent with no one appearing.

"It's been so many years, Shadowless, but you are still so cautious. I chose you back then precisely because of your prudence." Li Qiye didn't blame the guy for not showing up and laughed.

#### [Chapter 1542: Shadowless](#)

A person appeared in this space and kneeled down after hearing Li Qiye: "Your Excellency, it is really you!"

It was a gray old man with muddled eyes just like a mortal. He wore a hemp robe and had an ordinary appearance. No one would take a second look at him in a crowd of people as if he was an old farmer.

Li Qiye smiled and personally helped him up: "Rise, no need for formality."

After being helped by Li Qiye, the old man carefully stared at Li Qiye with his arms shaking. Tears flowed down from his muddled eyes.

“Your Excellency, I didn’t think I could see you one last time.” He emotionally grabbed Li Qiye’s hands.

“I also didn’t think I could see you again. After the night corps disbanded and the elders went their separate ways, I never heard anything from you guys again.” Li Qiye also became sentimental.

The old man was Shadowless. Not only did he have an ordinary appearance, no one knew his name either. In fact, Li Qiye was the only one who would refer to him as Shadowless in this world.

But who would have thought that this ordinary old man was a terrifying existence during the Ancient Ming Era. Even that ferocious race shuddered when talking about Shadowless.

He was the leader of the Godslaying Night Corps, an assassin under the banner of the Dark Crow, a devil in the guise of the night. He directly reported to Li Qiye while being the supreme leader of his corps.

He carried out Li Qiye’s will including training and maintaining the orders and rules of the corps.

Of course, assassination was included. As long as Li Qiye wanted to kill a big shot from the Ancient Ming, Shadowless would bring the guy’s head to Li Qiye!

After the end of that era, his mission was complete and the corps disbanded. From then on, all the assassins disappeared along with Shadowless into the sea of people.

“We have done our job, the nine worlds no longer need the Godslaying Night Corps.” Shadowless quietly said: “Seeing you again, Your Excellency, after so many years of being buried is making me emotional, just like seeing my family again.”

He was an orphan taken in by the Dark Crow and was taught the Godslaying Dao. This resulted in his supreme achievements, allowing him to work as a harbinger of light for the nine worlds.

“It’s been so long but none of you have shown up again.” Li Qiye lamented.

The night corps was his capable assistants during the darkest time of the world. Though its inhabitants didn’t know of their merits, each assassin in the corps had an indelible contribution in bringing about the Emperors Era.

Unfortunately, Li Qiye never met them again after the disbandment. It was because their missions have been finished. After experiencing the murky and perilous hell, they deserved peace and rest. This was why Li Qiye didn’t try to find them.

“Our brothers have disappeared in the river of time, only my old bones are left now.” Shadowless found himself unbecoming of an assassin due to his current rampaging emotions.

“I have mistreated all of you who should be basking in all the glory and fame.” Li Qiye gently sighed.

“Your Excellency, you have never chased after vanity and fame so why should we?” Shadowless replied: “You have blocked the tides and saved the nine worlds. The world didn’t create memorials for you and never praised your grand deeds. But all of that is nothing compared to the price you have paid!”

“I know, but part of the glory should have been yours.” Li Qiye said.

“To be able to contribute under your banner and being part of the night corps is our glory!” Shadowless said solemnly: “Our sacred mission of restoring the nine worlds is our ultimate glory. Without your will, the nine worlds would still be lost in darkness. Even if we were still living as ordinary people, how could we enjoyed a peaceful time?”

“Let’s not talk about the past.” In the end, Li Qiye sighed again and gently fixed Shadowless’ gray hair.

Back when he saw Shadowless for the first time, the guy was only a child with a childish yet unyielding nature. But now, he was a decrepit old man on the verge of death.

Shadowless nodded while holding onto Li Qiye’s hand.

“I saw Yujian this time in Heaven Spirit so I knew right away that the Godslaying Dao still exist. I was happy and satisfied after seeing her.” He said.

Shadowless explained: “The current generation doesn’t need the night corps anymore. It’s just that the juniors want to pass on the dao so they accepted the kid, not wanting for the dao to end with them.”

“Yujian is quite talented and her personality fits the Godslaying Dao. It is indeed a good choice for her to pass it down.” Li Qiye agreed.

“Your Excellency...” Shadowless opened his mouth but hesitated.

“You have followed me for a lifetime, there’s nothing you can’t say.” Li Qiye said: “If you are afraid of me, who else in this world still dare to talk to me?”

“I want Yujian to go with you.” Shadowless said seriously.

Li Qiye replied wryly: “You should and do know that I will be stepping on bones and bathing in blood. There’s no denying that the Godslaying Dao requires blood for mastery but following me isn’t a good thing. The future will be merciless, my enemies are emperors and gods as well as the end of the world. An assassin following me won’t have a good ending.”

He became very earnest after saying this.

“I know.” Shadowless nodded gravely.

Li Qiye continued on: “You should know that when I let the corps go back then, I hope that everyone could spend the rest of their days peacefully. No need to wake up to an overwhelming darkness, no need to lose sleep over murders, no need to rest with your blades, no need to loom in the darkness of the enemy’s camp.”

“After the end of the Ancient Ming Era, all of you are more qualified than anyone else to earn some peace. That’s why I didn’t bother anyone, not wishing to tie you to my chariots again and the eventual restless wars. Both you and your descendants deserve solace.”

“I understand your feelings.” Shadowless said: “Because of that, our descendants can’t follow and work for you. However, Yujian was able to meet you by chance. This is a type of fate just like when I met you back then.”

"I know." Li Qiye had to smile in the end: "Since you have put it that way, I have to let her stay by my side then. It looks like the Godslaying Dao will have to find another successor."

Shadowless smiled back: "No one will be more suitable than her. In the future above the nine heavens, she'll make the dao shine. Its name will resound across the thirteen continents!"

"Your ambition is quite grand." Li Qiye chuckled: "I'll promise you, I'll take her above the nine heavens. As long as she puts in the effort, the Godslaying Dao will be famous throughout the thirteen continents!"

An old man like Shadowless was laughing like a child at this moment due to overwhelming excitement. He was no longer an assassin, only an ordinary child.

The two of them laughed for a while until they got tired.

"Go, it's time for me to leave too. No need to see me off, you're too old now, take better care of yourself." Li Qiye told Shadowless.

"Your Excellency." Shadowless had trouble expressing himself again.

"Speak." Li Qiye replied.

"I was only an orphan back then, straying across the wildlands like a dog, victim to the harsh weathers and fear. I didn't know when I would be able to find a home. You gave me food and shelter, peace... and a home. Though the training at the corps was the toughest not to mention the life-and-death examinations, the corps was our home, our big family. We never gave up on each other and you never gave up on us. As we trod through the darkness, you have always managed to guide us back. You were quite harsh on us but everyone knew that as long as you were around, we still had hope and our big family would never collapse."

#### [Chapter 1543: Entering The Northern Grand Sea](#)

At this particular point, Shadowless lowered his head and spoke softly: "You have always been a strict father to us, but we are assassins, we have our mission..."

Li Qiye became a bit sad before eventually say: "I know. You may kneel, I shall allow this since we might not be able to meet again after this."

It would be a separation between heavens and men after this goodbye so Li Qiye agreed.

"Thump!" Shadowless immediately kneeled solemnly there and bowed his head three times: "Father!"

Li Qiye's mind shuddered a bit as he closed his eyes and accepted the grand gesture from Shadowless.

Before Shadowless knew it, his eyes were already wet. He also knew that this would be the last time in his life when he could call Li Qiye's "father".

Finally, his body flashed into nothingness. For him, the hardest thing in life was saying goodbye!

After a long time, Li Qiye also opened his eyes that were glistening as well. Even his numb heart shuddered a bit.

In the past when he started the Godslaying Corps, Shadowless' group was only a group of teenage orphans with no home. He took them in and trained them under the harshest regiment for the highest effect. This was him being responsible for their lives. Otherwise, they could have died at any time during the war.

Under his guidance, the innocent children became remarkable killers and eventually, white-haired old men.

During the retirement of the corps, he has personally sent them off. He was the one who turned children into assassins so he needed to send them away from war.

In his mind, he hoped that they could find peace and rest for the remainder of their lives. Because of this, he didn't try to find them at all lest he would disturb their serenity.

Today, he met Shadowless again. The child was on the verge of death now. He felt his emotionless heart quivering when saying goodbye to Shadowless again. It was as if he was saying farewell to a junior, to his own son. In the future, they would all be buried in the soil.

He finally sighed and his calm gaze returned. He was now his old self, shrouded in indifference again. He was once again the Dark Crow. No need for emotions and sorrow. The grand dao was long and he needed to continue on.

He went back to the dao platform where Su Yonghuang and Sima Yujian were waiting for him.

He looked at Yujian and said: "Do you need to say goodbye to anyone? If so, then go or there won't be a chance later."

Her eyes slightly batted as she stared towards the horizon. In the end, she took a deep breath and said: "I have said my goodbyes and am ready for this."

She knew that she was about to leave Heaven Spirit completely so she had made ample preparation.

"Very well." He continued: "From now on, you will stay by my side. The world in the future will be vast and cruel. Just a single thought could determine life and death. Because of this, your fortune and achievements in the future will rely on your own effort. I can only show you the way."

"I understand." She nodded solemnly. Though she didn't know what Li Qiye had to do with her Godslaying Corps, her ancestor has entrusted her to him. So from now on, she would give him her all!

"Alright." Li Qiye told Su Yonghuang: "I'm opening the dao portal to bring the two of you to the Grand Middle Territory. You take her to the Cleansing Incense Ancient Sect."

"What about you?" Su Yonghuang was surprised.

He responded: "I need to go to the Grand Sea to personally end a few things. Plus, I still have some items there."

Su Yonghuang wondered why he had some items in that region. His only connection to the Grand Sea was Zi Cuining.

However, she wouldn't pry needlessly so she nodded: "Yes, I'll let the others know too."

“Whoosh!” He opened the portal and locked onto the coordinates before telling the two: “Get ready. Once you arrive, keep on cultivating hard.”

The two nodded their head and entered the portal.

The nine worlds were sealed so these portals were not connected at all. It was exceedingly difficult to travel between worlds under these circumstances. An ordinary Godking wouldn't be able to do it with their own strength. Some could do so but an unstable dao portal had many uncertainties and risks.

However, it was too easy for Li Qiye since he cultivated the Space Scripture.

After sending the two girls away, he changed the coordinates and also stepped into the portal for the Grand Sea.

The Northern Grand Sea was one of the five domains in the Mortal Emperor World. It was vast and extremely prosperous.

The place was indeed full of oceans of an incalculable size. However, it was different from Heaven Spirit. There were many islands in this place and they formed chains together on top of the many continents.

The continents floated on this ocean like eternally unsinkable ships!

While standing in the sky of this place, the islands and continents scattered like jewels and gems. Its beauty was beyond description and made people forget their way back home!

After entering this region, Li Qiye was full of thoughts with memories emerging.

He came this time to end a few things. In fact, to be more specific, he came to collect some debts and eliminate a few people from this world. Most importantly, there were a few extremely important items he needed to take. One of them could decide the outcome of the ultimate war in the future.

He left a great number of treasures in this place, his largest treasury, in fact. People would never be able to squander the number of resources in this treasury for many lifetimes.

The resources were accumulated by him in preparation for the apocalypse. The treasures within were heaven-defying. Even emperors would crave them but of course, none of them would dare to have any thoughts about it. They knew who this treasury belonged to.

However, there was one unrepentant soul who has always been eyeing this treasury. His name was Gu Zun!

For Li Qiye, he could eradicate the guy easily regardless of how strong he was. In fact, he didn't even need to do it himself. If it wasn't for the Black Dragon King's beseech moving Li Qiye, Gu Zun would have been removed from this world long ago.

Though Gu Zun claimed to be reformed and has changed his heart to become a good person, Li Qiye knew full well that a dog would never stop eating shit. He only acted in this manner back then to win the Black Dragon King's sympathy and would never actually give up.



Of course, both Li Qiye and the dragon king knew that Gu Zun wouldn't change even in face of death. Alas, the king promised someone which was why Gu Zun could live till now. Otherwise, he would have personally crippled him and force him to be a mortal!

In Li Qiye's eyes, Gu Zun was only an ant. It didn't matter whether the guy was repenting or not. If Gu Zun continued to be a fool standing on his path, he would crush him like an ant.

Though he didn't want to massacre the Heaven Suppression City, he wouldn't show any mercy if it had to be done even if it meant slaughtering the city! Thus, for this trip to the Grand Sea, blood was on his mind.

#### [Chapter 1544: Mother And Daughter](#)

A clean, ocean breeze made Li Qiye take a deep breath and felt quite refreshed.

Despite their aquatic nature, Heaven Spirit and the Grand Sea were distinctly different. Heaven Spirit was a marsh full of abundant moisture or a grand mist with the smell of the ocean. The Grand Sea, on the other hand, had a pure and refreshing aura with a slight fragrance of soil and vegetation.

Li Qiye landed on a series of islands. The large ones were ten thousands of miles while the small ones were around a hundred mile wide. These islands chained together like a long bridge spanning a vast distance.

They actually surrounded a great continent stretching for a million miles. It was a giant ship that would never sink.

Li Qiye stepped on this continent and took his time strolling through it.

"The evolution of the races is one of the most profound questions across time. A few evolutions have far exceeded linear expectation. A creature crawling out of the deep sea, there's too many secrets behind it." Li Qiye commented with a tinge of emotions.

He eventually came to an old city and looked up to see the words, "Renowned".

Renowned was a bustling city under the control of influential clans. Most properties were owned by them.

He stepped among the loud streets with the waves of people. He enjoyed this rare experience of mortal life.

"I still like the Mortal Emperor World the most." Li Qiye couldn't help but smile.

Mortal Emperor gave such a different aura than Heaven Spirit. Though the latter was outstanding, it gave a suffocating feeling after staying there for too long as if a shadow was looming overhead.

Finally, he leisurely entered an inn and sat by the window before calling for several breakfast meals with some warm wine. He drank and ate his breakfast while watching the crowd. There was an indescribable sense of enjoyment to just waste away the day with a smile.

He didn't come here randomly since there was an item that he wanted. This trip was meant to gather several weapons that he hasn't touched before. However, since he was planning to leave the nine worlds to go all out, he must bring his ace cards with him.

True Martial has heard from Immortal Emperor Min Ren before. Li Qiye indeed had some terrifying items and weapons. Moreover, there was a world-destroying artifact that could render the gods and emperors to ashes in an instant.

Such an item truly existed. More importantly, it has fallen into his possession after he paid a great price.

As the saying goes, a wily rabbit has three nests. For Li Qiye, the Grand Sea was one of them. He hid many things in this place, including two weapons.

He was ready to bring these weapons along for the final battle in the future. Victory shall be decided with one blow since there won't be another chance.

He took his time sipping his wine and watched the pedestrians outside. Meanwhile, the guests in the inn were chatting it up about everything.

Normally, these conversations wouldn't interest him since they were completely insignificant. But at this moment, he enjoyed listening in.

It reminded him of Jian Wenxin's phrase - the heavens is too unreachable. There is nothing bad about being a trapped ant in this world.

He smiled wryly after thinking about this. Unfortunately, he can't do it. He was a rebellious ant that wanted to trample on an elephant!

Children everywhere and prosperity... If he wanted this, he could still experience such happy days. Alas, this was not his true pursuit. Nothing in this world could stop him from treading forward.

He dispelled his thoughts and everything disappeared with a single smile.

"Thump! Thump! Thump!" Busy and light footsteps came about. Two people entered the inn, one old and one young like a mother and daughter. They entered the top floor and quietly sat by a remote corner and ordered a few dishes.

Li Qiye glanced over and found that the woman was more than thirty but still looked quite young. She wore a simple hemp dress with an embroidered flower and no makeup.

The dress was quite big with a hood. She wore it all the way down as if wanting to hide her face. These factors didn't hide her beauty at all due to her charming eyes and defined brows. It was an amorous and flirtatious look.

On top of her finely sculpted features, her figure was also incredible. The dress couldn't hide her curves, full breasts, and rounded hips. Her feminine charm was as clear as day. This was a mature and juicy grape that made others can't help but want to pluck it down for a bite.

She was very cautious. After sitting down with a sweeping glance, she immediately lowered her hood even more. On the contrary, her daughter was a lot bolder. She was around six or seven with a pair of

big and round eyes, full of spirit and life. Her fair skin and already-apparent features made it clear that she would grow up to be a beauty.

The girl curiously looked around as if she rarely came to such a fun area. Everything seemed new to her.

She also saw Li Qiye looking at them but she wasn't afraid of strangers at all. She even glared at him and raised her tiny fist.

Her mother immediately pulled her back and gave her a mean stare. This was a nervous and vigilant woman.

At this time, more noise came from the outside from horses and carriages. The inn was surrounded in a short time.

"What's going on?" The guests looked around after hearing the commotion.

"It's people from the Wenren Clan." The guests were alarmed after seeing the troops outside.

The woman sitting in the corner was alarmed as well and pulled her daughter behind her for concealment.

"Thump! Thump! Thump!" Vigorous footsteps resounded with dozens of people coming to the top floor.

They all wore silk robes with a young man leading the way. He wore a dazzling robe and looked quite handsome and gallant. His eyes were quite clear with a smile as bright as the sun. This made him look quite approachable.

"Young Noble, what, what's going on? Did my little inn offend you in any way?" The shopkeeper was quite tense and hurriedly asked.

"No, this has nothing to do with your inn." The youth looked around and saw the woman. He then told everyone: "Gentlemen, the Wenren Clan has to take care of personal business, please leave for now. It's my treat today."

Having said that, he handed a gold ingot to the shopkeeper.

The shopkeeper was happy right away and didn't dare to object. The guests also withdrew one after another without lingering around.

Wenren Jianshi was the oldest male from the Wenren Clan. This was the ruling clan of Renowned so everyone gave the clan and its oldest son some face.

In a short time, there was only Li Qiye and the mother-daughter duo left. The inn became quiet instantly. Li Qiye acted as if nothing has happened and continue to eat and drink while watching people walking through the street.

"Hey brother, it's my treat today. Please take your leave?" Wenren Jianshi noticed Li Qiye and asked.

[Chapter 1545: A Daughter Out Of Nowhere](#)

Li Qiye slowly turned around to look at Wenren Jianshi and chuckled: "I don't need you to treat me since not just anyone is qualified to do so." Having said that, he casually threw a refined jade piece on the table as the payment.

The shopkeeper was salivating after seeing the refined jade but he didn't dare to get it since Wenren Jianshi was still around.

Jianshi's followers' expression sank after hearing this. Some experts wanted to step up but were stopped by Jianshi.

He stared at Li Qiye for a moment and raised his brows. He couldn't see through this man ahead at all. The guy looked very ordinary but was completely unperturbed in the face of danger.

"Excuse us then." He cupped his fists and said, not wanting to provoke Li Qiye.

He headed towards the corner and told the woman: "Lil' Sis, come back with me. Father has ordered to bring you back!"

The woman lowered her head without saying anything. She was holding onto her sleeves under the table, seemingly thinking about breaking through the containment to run.

"Sis, you know that you have no chance of escaping." Jianshi spoke gravely: "If you're not thinking for your own sake, at least think about your child." He gently signed as his eyes fell upon the little girl behind her.

The woman didn't respond but she clearly hesitated for a moment. After a long time, she finally looked at him: "Eldest Brother, let me go out of consideration for sibling love and our time together."

Jianshi sighed again and shook his head: "Sis, you know that this isn't up to me. The Dongfang Clan wants an answer and Father won't let this go either unless you name that person! But I can guarantee you about you and your child's safety. That's all I can do."

She pinched her sleeves again before answering: "I won't return and won't go to the Dongfang Clan either. That's already a thing of the past!"

"It is indeed in the past but someone must answer for this! The relationship between the two clans isn't a joke. Sis, must you force my hand?" Jianshi said sternly.

She was dazed at this moment and didn't know what to do.

"Invite the miss home. Do not hurt her." Jianshi ordered.

At this time, the ten experts behind him slowly stood up. The leader cupped his fists towards the woman: "Miss, please, forgive us for our action."

In the blink of an eye, the ten experts surrounded the mother and daughter. There was no way for them to escape.

"Don't hurt my mother!" The daughter stepped in front and shouted.

"Don't worry, we won't hurt your mother but the two of you need to come back with us." Wenren Jianshi slowly told the girl.

“You’re a bad person! You’re all bad!” She shouted at Jianshi.

Jianshi was startled for a moment before smiling and didn’t really mind her.

At this time, the experts slowly headed for the two of them. The woman pulled her daughter back behind her but she was stuck in a hard situation!

At this key moment, the little girl hiding behind looked around for a bit before her eyes flashed and shouted at Li Qiye: “Papa, quick, help mommy!”

“Ugh-” Li Qiye froze a bit while sipping his wine and almost spat some out.

He turned around to look at the girl. The woman was also momentarily stunned.

At this time, gazes swept by. All the experts surrounding the two women turned towards Li Qiye with an unfriendly expression as if they were looking at a prey! Some were even in the motion of walking over to trap him.

“This has nothing to do with him!” The woman was alarmed and quickly cried out. She wanted to absolve Li Qiye of any involvement but this only made it worse!

In a short time, the experts glaring at Li Qiye had an even more fierce gaze and were surrounding him.

“Brother, this is a misunderstanding. It has nothing to do with him.” The woman hurriedly told Jianshi.

Jianshi was surprised initially before smiling wryly and looking at Li Qiye: “I want to hear an explanation from the gentleman.”

“Papa!” The daughter came out of nowhere and latched onto Li Qiye’s thigh while pointing at the experts: “Beat down these bad guys, all of them!”

The woman grimaced and shouted again: “Huaiyu, stop messing around, come back...”

“No, I won’t!” The naughty girl hollered back: “Papa is unstoppable and can take down these bad guys in just three or five moves!”

The woman was speechless after hearing this despite wanting to correct this weird situation.

“Papa, you’re the strongest in this world, take them down already.” The girl looked like a bully right now as if Li Qiye was really about to give the experts a beating.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile while looking at the slyness evident in the girl’s eyes: “You are wrong. Even if I was your father, I would be a defenseless scholar, not the strongest in the world.”

Having said that, he raised both hands and smiled amicably at the experts: “Gentlemen, we’re all educated people here that use their words instead of fists. Let’s take our time talking, I rely on my handsome face to eat so please, don’t hit the face or I’ll go hungry.”

The girl glared at Li Qiye after not getting her imagined result and scoffed: “Coward!”

Li Qiye didn’t mind at all and smirked: “I’ve never been courageous before because the bold always die relatively early. I’m still so young and don’t want to go down the grave so soon.”

“You!” She stared at him for half a day but couldn’t say anything.

The girl was a bit cunning but the disparity was too great compared to Li Qiye. Plus, he only wanted to tease her.

“If you are my brother-in-law, then you should visit our clan. A groom should see your in-laws.” Wenren Jianshi said slowly.

“No, Brother, he’s an outsider. This is all a misunderstanding, the child was only speaking nonsense.” The woman became anxious and spoke loudly.

Jianshi’s eyes remained fixated at Li Qiye: “I want to hear him say that this is a misunderstanding or not.”

The girl also looked up at Li Qiye. Despite her naughty nature, her bright eyes were calling for hope.

Li Qiye noticed this and chuckled: “Then I’ll visit the Wenren Clan for a bit. Being a guest isn’t bad at all. Plus, everything can be solved with words. I’m a scholar who isn’t very good at other things but I’m sure I can reason any problems just fine.”

The girl smiled after hearing this.

“You... You don’t know what you’re involving yourself in.” The woman urgently spoke.

Li Qiye cheerfully smiled: “I might not be sure but as the adage goes, as long as reason is on your side, you can travel all around the world. I’m a reasonable person so there’s no place I can’t go. I’m certain that the Wenren Clan is a place that adheres to reason as well. Of course, even if they don’t, I am a very persuasive person!”

She was completely stunned and didn’t know whether this man was really stupid or pretending. She couldn’t see through him at all.

“Really? Then we’ll go back to the Wenren Clan.” The girl excitedly jumped up and clapped.

“In that case, please follow us then.” Wenren Jianshi said with a smile.

The woman had no other choice. She couldn’t break away under these circumstances and now, a stranger has become involved as well. Without any other ideas, she had to go with the flow.

Under the escort of the experts, the three of them left the inn. Of course, it was more apt to call it a forceful transport.

The woman whispered to him: “You don’t know what kind of trouble you’re getting yourself in. If you are actually capable, it’s not too late to run or you’ll be courting death!”

#### [Chapter 1546: Wenren Clan](#)

Li Qiye smiled and leisurely answered: “Courting death? No, no. I always reason first and I’m confident that I can convince just about anyone.”

“Reason?” The woman still couldn’t guess whether Li Qiye was a master in disguise or a foolish scholar.

She continued: "My father doesn't reason if it stands in the way of his goals. This applies to his family members as well, let alone an outsider."

Li Qiye chuckled: "When I reason, no one can refuse to listen."

She became speechless again, having no idea what kind of guy this was.

Meanwhile, the girl was not worried at all as she looked around curiously. It was as if this was her first time at Renowned.

Li Qiye saw this and spoke to her: "Looks like she rarely came to the city. She must have grown up in a remote place?"

The woman stared at her daughter with eyes full of affection and love. There was a deep regret as well.

"She's a good seed. Further delays would only ruin her future." He said with a smile.

The woman had no good response for this. The experts escorted the group forward with great caution. They kept their eyes on the group, especially the woman lest she were to run.

After a long time, a huge mansion appeared. It was covered in clouds and looked very transcending in this old city.

The girl's eyes turned bright and pointed at the mansion: "Mom, this is grandpa's house? The Renowned Mansion you talked about?"

The woman only sighed in response.

"Yes." Wenren Jianshi answered instead: "This is your grandpa's house, your mother's, and yours as well."

She looked back at Jianshi and said: "Really? Grandpa is a bad guy and you are too!"

"Watch your words." The woman scolded her right away.

"But it's true!" She pouted indignantly: "If they're not bad people, then why do they want to separate you and papa? Only bad guys will do something like that!"

The woman swallowed her words after seeing her daughter's reddening eyes.

Jianshi didn't scold her and only smiled: "It's hard to gauge good and bad when it comes to adults. When you grow up, you'll understand."

"A good person is good and a bad person is bad, how is it difficult?" She angrily pouted.

Li Qiye enjoyed her cute appearance and rubbed her head.

However, the girl full of personality shook her head in order to dodge his hand.

"Am I not your papa?" Li Qiye wanted to tease her again: "In that case, I'll be leaving then."

"You're a bad guy too!" Her eyes became watery and acted as if she was wronged.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't respond. Meanwhile, the woman was sighing with a dejected and sad appearance. Her pretty brows were shrouded in a gloomy air.

They entered Renowned and found themselves in a new world. The serene scene here immediately isolated the lively city outside.

An earthly scent pervaded the mansion like the mist. A mortal would find himself thinking that this was a land of immortals. Breathing in this aura was too comfortable.

"Feels nice, what is this?" The girl clearly reacted after entering.

Jianshi took note and told the woman: "Sis, she's a good seed. If she were to stay here, her future will be bright."

The woman continued her silent act.

Li Qiye was just smiling like always. The earthly scene and energy might seem like a transcending realm for mortals but in his eyes, this was only a minor abode.

Wenren Jianshi let the rest stay outside while he came in alone.

The woman quietly told Li Qiye: "Before actually entering the mansion, you should escape now. This is your last chance."

"Why?" To which he responded: "Getting a beautiful wife and a cute daughter on top of an influential father-in-law out of thin air, that's a good thing like a pie falling down from the sky. People would kill for this luck so how could I refuse it?"

"You..." She stared at Li Qiye, wondering about his true intention. In the end, she coldly said: "You should know what kind of existence the Wenren Clan is."

"No idea." He bluntly answered. In fact, he really didn't know and didn't need to know at all. It wasn't necessary to investigate a little clan.

After some time, Wenren Jianshi came back and told the woman: "Father wishes to see you."

She took a deep breath and took the girl's arm. However, Jianshi stopped her and said seriously: "Sis, it's not wise to let father see her right now, that's fanning the fire. Don't worry, I'll make sure nothing happens to her."

After hesitating for a bit, she eventually nodded and left the girl to enter alone.

The girl wasn't afraid of people. She looked at Jianshi and asked: "Does grandpa have horns and wings and a long neck like a bad guy?"

The experts here had black lines running through their forehead. Wenren Jianshi didn't know whether to laugh or cry either.

He squatted down and told the girl earnestly: "Grandpa isn't a bad guy. It's just that he doesn't have a choice in some matters..."

"If he's not a bad guy, why does he want to separate mama and papa?" The girl hastily complained.



“You will understand when you grow up.” Jianshi rubbed her head and smiled: “Your father and mother also understand his predicament.”

Having said that, Jianshi continued: “Tell your uncle, what’s your father’s name?”

The girl blinked and circled back to hold onto Li Qiye’s thigh: “This is my papa!”

Li Qiye said with a faint smile: “It’s not that easy to trick this girl.”

Jianshi rubbed her head more and smiled wryly: “A clever child, like her mother. Unfortunately, clever people sometimes do foolish things.”

Li Qiye said casually: “I’m tired. There must be an area for guests to rest?”

Jianshi gave him a strange stare and was full of curiosity at his leisure attitude. This guy was acting as if this was his own home.

“Accommodate the young noble, do not be impolite to our guest.” Jianshi told one of the experts nearby.

Li Qiye smiled casually and followed the expert without commenting.

They prepared a place for him. Of course, he was separated from the mother and daughter.

Despite being a guest, he wasn’t that far off from being a prisoner and always had people following him. They did follow Jianshi’s order and didn’t make it difficult for him.

After settling down, he treated this place as his own home and took his time relaxing. He seemed very comfortable taking a stroll everywhere.

The clan’s disciples followed him but didn’t stop him from wandering since they didn’t see any intent on escaping from him.

Not long later, Wenren Jianshi came by and saw Li Qiye in the garden. He smiled wryly at this guy appearing out of nowhere and acting as if he was the boss.

“Looks like you are used to this place now. I am relieved.” He came forward and said with a smile.

#### [Chapter 1547: Wenren Lurui](#)

Li Qiye was half-lying down in the pavilion while looking at the lake before telling a disciple from the Wenren Clan: “Go brew a pot of tea, pick something good.”

The disciples’ expression shifted after hearing and seeing his attitude. They were important characters in the clan but now, a fake son-in-law was actually treating them as servants.

“Don’t be unhappy.” Li Qiye didn’t bother looking at them and said flatly: “To be able to wait on me is your fortune. Go.”

Their expression turned for the worst. They have seen arrogant people before but never to this level.

“Go brew some for him. I still have a good one here.” Wenren Jianshi’s attitude was much better as he ordered these disciples.

Though the annoyed disciples ignored Li Qiye, they didn't dare to not listen to the Elder Young Noble's instruction so they went to make some tea.

After they left, Jianshi looked over at Li Qiye and asked: "May I ask where you are from and your name?"

"Last name's Li, just a wandering vagabond." Li Qiye casually answered.

This attitude of his was very unreasonable. Keep in mind that the Wenren Clan was very influential in this region. Jianshi, in particular, had a prestigious status as well. No cultivators in these parts would dare to act so pompously in front of him.

He didn't become angry and replied: "Brother Li, you can't become the Wenren Clan's son-in-law with these answers."

Li Qiye chuckled in response: "You got it wrong. I don't know and don't care to know whether I can be the Wenren's son-in-law. However, it is impossible to find someone in the nine heavens who can become my older brother-in-law."

Jianshi had no words and had to take a careful look at Li Qiye. He didn't know where the guy's confidence came from. In just a short time, he felt a bit uncertain. Was this ordinary man truly a hidden master or was he just boasting?

During this difficult moment, the disciples of the clan brought the tea forward.

As the host, he adhered to the proper etiquette and personally poured a cup for both him and Li Qiye. Li Qiye didn't act reserved either and slowly raised his cup.

Jianshi also took a sip as well before asking: "Brother Li, the son-in-law of the Wenren Clan might not necessarily enjoy wealth and riches so easily. Maybe even before they see any of that, their lives would be thrown away first."

He made it clear enough as a reminder towards Li Qiye.

"Who says I want riches?" Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "Materialistic possessions are fleeting."

This answer perplexed Jianshi even more.

"How much do you know about your brother-in-law?" Li Qiye enjoyed the sceneries and his tea. After a long time, he casually asked Jianshi without turning around.

"I thought it was you, Brother Li." Jianshi smiled and said: "Of course, it's not too late to deny it. Otherwise, once people made up their mind, you won't be able to escape even if you want to."

"I'm a reasonable person." He took another sip: "So I hope your Wenren Clan is reasonable as well."

"If this matter could be solved in this manner, it wouldn't be like this right now." Jianshi shook his head: "Reasons won't do here. If you think you can talk it through, Brother Li, you are sorely mistaken."

"No. my logics have always reached people, that's what I'm best at." Li Qiye emphasized.

Jianshi had no idea what Li Qiye wanted to do. He eventually said: "Brother Li, what's your intention?"

“So you think I’m not your brother-in-law? Don’t tell me you know who he is.” Li Qiye leisurely smiled and said.

Jianshi’s expression changed. He looked at Li Qiye: “If it’s someone I know, all of this wouldn’t happen now.”

Li Qiye chuckled and sipped his tea. After a while, he broke the silence: “How does your clan want to tidy up this mess?”

Jianshi pondered meticulously before responding while staring at Li Qiye: “A great price must be paid for a few matters. Brother Li, this isn’t a joke. There’s nothing here for you to scheme about since you are risking your life.”

“You can’t put it like that.” Li Qiye nonchalantly replied: “A beautiful wife and a smart daughter, what more can a man want? There’s no need to scheme for anything else.”

Jianshi still found this man mystifying like in the beginning. In the end, all he could say was: “I have done my part trying to convince you to this point. Brother Li, take care. Leave the heavens to decide whether this will be a disaster or a blessing for you.”

“No, that’s up for me to decide. When I am angry, it is a disaster; when I am happy, it is a blessing.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

Jianshi didn’t say anything else. He sighed and got up.

As he was about to leave, Li Qiye chuckled: “Your clan needs a scapegoat, right?”

Jianshi became slightly stiff before answering: “It’s not something we can decide, not even my father. If you are really my brother-in-law, you better start praying.”

“What about you?” Li Qiye leisurely asked: “What is your opinion on this? Are you on your sister’s side or your clan’s?”

“It’s not up for me alone to decide.” Jianshi shook his head: “One misstep and it’s all downhill. This is the current situation of our clan. I can only say that the child is innocent so I can guarantee her safety. As for other matters, I am completely powerless, same for my father.”

“What about your sister then?” Li Qiye asked.

Jianshi took his time thinking before answering: “She’s a smart woman. When she made this choice in the past, she knew what would come of this. If he was only a bit less willful and a little more rational, this wouldn’t be the outcome, an impossible to clean up mess! I can’t do anything to help her either, the ancestors in the clan won’t just sit idly by.” Having said that, he sighed and left.

Li Qiye continued drinking his tea with an amused and carefree smile.

On the second day, the woman came with her daughter. Jianshi was with them as well.

“I won’t disturb your family. Say what you have to say, there might not be a chance in the future.” He stared with implication at Li Qiye before leaving. He ordered the guards by the door to leave as well.

In a short time, there was only the three of them left but they weren't family so the atmosphere became a bit awkward.

Li Qiye looked at the plump and seductive woman before asking: "What's your name?"

The woman took a deep breath and bowed down. She didn't lose the elegant demeanor of a noble: "My name is Wenren Lurui. What is your name, Young Noble?"

"Last name, Li." Li Qiye didn't reveal too much. His eyes then fell on the little girl.

"This is my daughter, her name is Huaiyu. Same last name as me." She hurriedly said.

"Her mother's surname, I see." Li Qiye smiled.

Meanwhile, Wenren Huaiyu stared at Li Qiye for a bit then back at her mother before smiling cutely: "Mother, you two do look like a pair of husband and wife."

"Less nonsense." Lurui instantly scolded her with her face turning red.

Li Qiye didn't mind and looked at the girl: "Why did you do that back in the inn?"

"Are you not my father then?" She blinked and said with some slyness.

"Huaiyu. I told you to not run your mouth, have you not cause enough trouble yet?" Lurui's maternal sternness erupted and told her daughter to stop.

"But, but... he's kind of like papa!" Huaiyu pouted in response: "You always told me that papa is an indomitable and fearless man who never panic in any situation! Plus, because he's so powerful, he can face any danger without a problem!" Her eyes turned a little red at this point.

Lurui didn't know what to say after seeing her daughter like that.

#### [Chapter 1548: Lurui's Husband](#)

Li Qiye only smiled and patted Huaiyu's head after seeing her indignant expression.

"Go play outside." Lurui looked at her daughter with pity and said: "I need to talk to Young Noble Li."

She was still a little girl after all. Despite feeling wronged earlier, she immediately cheered and ran outside. She was curious about all the new things since she used to stay with her mom in a remote location. This was her first time visiting a lively city like Renowned and a big clan like the Wenren. Thus, this outside world was new to her.

Lurui became sad again and sighed after seeing her excited daughter zooming outside. She calmed down and told Li Qiye: "Young Noble Li, you can still leave now before seeing my father."

"Leave? Why should I?" Li Qiye sat down and calmly said.

Lurui looked at him and slowly explained: "No need to pretend. We know that this is only a misunderstanding since my silly daughter dragged you into this problem. Though I can't leave, I still have a way for you to escape safely."

“No rush. To have a beautiful wife and cute daughter out of nowhere is a nice development like a pie falling from the sky. It would be a shame if I don’t eat it.” He leisurely smiled.

Lurui became angry but she didn’t know whether he was kidding or not. She took a second look at this ordinary man with an extraordinary calmness. It was as if he was a majestic mountain and nothing could move him. She had a hard time gauging his intention.

Nevertheless, he didn’t look like a scoundrel. It seemed that whatever he did, he would carry it out in a leisure, natural, and elegant manner.

“Young Noble Li, even a pie falling down from the sky might not be a good thing.” She said slowly: “You are throwing your life into this mess if you keep on pretending. It’s just that you have no clue what is going on.”

Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh: “Though I don’t know what is going on, I can still easily guess. This is the age-old story of a rich daughter running away from marriage.”

Lurui was surprised. She didn’t expect him to still be so calm. There was no opening from his expression and gestures.

He continued on: “This is all too common so it’s easy to guess. To put it simply, your Wenren Clan and another clan had a marriage alliance but you didn’t wish to marry so you ran away with your man before giving birth to a daughter. Am I right?”

She had no response because he was completely right.

“Let me guess what kind of man he is?” Li Qiye glanced at her and smiled: “Since you ran away to be with him, it shows that you love him very much. But your daughter still takes on her maternal surname instead of her father, there are three possible explanations for this. First, the father’s name is Wenren too. Second, his background is extremely humble, not worth taking his surname. Third, your clan knows who he is so you don’t want others to find out his last name!”

He paused for a bit at this point: “However, if you dared to do this, it shows that you don’t look down on him that much. In Renowned, there is no second Wenren Clan so the only explanation is the third, he is someone your clan knows.”

Her expression shifted because he was right again. He realized this and said flatly: “If it is the third choice on top of you running away and hide, it shows that your father and brother know who he is.”

“Since you took all of this risk, it shows that you are a courageous and daring woman. Thus, how could you be afraid of your clan knowing your lover’s name? Nevertheless, you chose to do so. This shows one thing clearly. This person is very important. You are trying to protect him and his position and reputation.”

“So, if he is a strong man in a prestigious position, there’s nothing wrong with him marrying someone he likes. Moreover, from what you’ve told your daughter, he is extraordinary and single. But the most important thing is that your daughter has never seen her father, at the very least from when she began to have memories. It shows that the two of you haven’t been together for at least five years. You two dared to birth to a daughter but why not stay together? One plausible explanation is that he was

working hard to win the recognition of your clan so that the two of you could make your relationship public.”

He smiled and stared at the shaken woman: “What kind of man would want to win your clan’s recognition on top of being powerful and prestigious? Let me take a guess, it must be a disciple from your Wenren Clan but his last name isn’t Wenren!”

She turned pale after hearing this. Li Qiye knew that his guesses were right so far and continued on: “I’ll keep going. Your daughter’s name is Huaiyu so it’s as clear as day that your lover’s name has the word “Yu” in it. You gave her this name because you miss him.” [1]

With that, he looked at the white flower in front of her dress and said: “To add to all of these speculations, I know that there is a particular group in the Grand Sea, a branch of the dragonfish belonging to the demon race. This race is elusive due to inhabiting in the depth of the sea. It has a particular tradition. When a member of this race dies, his family, every five years, would wear a spectral flower to remember him. Your daughter is seven now and you are wearing this special flower, it means that your husband came from the dragonfish branch. Moreover, he has died five years ago. Your appearance in Renowned means that he was buried here. You brought your daughter here to commemorate him. Furthermore, he was buried in your clan’s cemetery. That’s how you were spotted.”

“You...” Lurui was indeed frightened and took several steps back with her wide-open eyes staring at Li Qiye.

“Who, who sent you here!” He got it right completely.

Li Qiye chuckled and denied: “Does someone need to send me? Rich experience, extensive knowledge, and some bold guesses. Not that hard to figure out.”

She looked at him as if he was a ghost and felt that there was no place to hide before his peering eyes. Under his calm eyes, she seemed to be completely naked.

It took her awhile before she removed her glare. This Li Qiye knew too much.

“Don’t bother.” He saw her eyes slightly moving and knew her intention: “Trying to silence me is very unwise. If I dare to sit here, it means that I’ve never been afraid of you or anyone for that matter!”

She eventually took a deep breath and regained her wits: “What do you want?”

“What do I want?” He shook his head: “Why does everyone thinks I am plotting something? To be frank, you have nothing worth my effort. In terms of beauty, you are indeed a little pretty but if I want women, I just need to signal and women ten times as beautiful as you would come running to serve me. As for treasures, you don’t have any worth mentioning, same with your clan.”

Lurui had no response. She might not be a supreme beauty but she was definitely number one in Renowned and enjoyed great fame. Moreover, her clan was quite prestigious but Li Qiye spoke as if it was not worth a single coin.

[Chapter 1549: Marriage Trouble](#)

In this short moment, Wenren Lurui stared at Li Qiye in astonishment. She couldn't gauge him at all. In her eyes, this seemingly ordinary man was an unfathomable abyss shrouded in mist. No one could see just how deep he was.

She became afraid. The closer someone stood to him, the closer they found themselves standing on the precipice. A careless step would result in falling down, never being able to escape again.

"Don't worry, I won't expose you by telling your father and brother." Li Qiye chuckled: "You can protect his reputation and status."

After a long time, she calmed down and took a deep breath: "Since you know already, why are you involving yourself in this trouble?"

Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh: "Trouble? This matter might seem insurmountable to you, a problem that could swallow up the sky but in my eyes, it's no big deal and can be easily solved."

"And as for why?" He continued: "I am only coming through here by chance and I'm bored enough to find some entertainment."

Lurui became quiet again and didn't know what to say at all due to the mystifying nature of this man and her own unawareness.

Li Qiye looked at her and said: "I'm actually curious, was he your senior brother or junior brother?"

She eventually sighed and had to respond: "He's my eldest senior brother and was taken in by my family at a young age."

Since Li Qiye guessed everything completely, Lurui didn't feel the need to hide it any longer. She might as well tell him everything.

"Our Wenren Clan has been in an alliance with the Dongfang Clan all this time. Moreover, it is a marriage alliance as well. Only when our two clans are together that we are able to oppose the ambitious Soaring Hawk State. Because of this, I was engaged to the Dongfang Clan's eldest son when I was still a child..."

Her clan dominated Renowned while the Dongfang Clan ruled over a city named East. The two clans were quite close with their marriage pact. [1]

Meanwhile, the other ruler in another territory within the island chain was Soaring Hawk. It was much stronger than the two clans so in order to contend against this third faction, the two clans needed to form an alliance. No alliance bond was stronger than a marriage.

Wenren Lurui was betrothed to Dongfang Cong, the eldest son of the Dongfang. Alas, she hated this marriage, the source of her internal conflicts.

Moreover, as she grew up, she found herself liking her eldest senior brother, Gu Qiyu. The two were childhood sweethearts and were together all the time. Naturally, feelings eventually arose and turned into love.

Gu Qiyu was taken in by the Wenren Clan when he was a child. His talents were exceptional on top of being diligent, resulting in his great cultivation. Though he couldn't become the successor for the clan, he would be one of its pillars in the future.

He knew that his junior sister was engaged to the Dongfang Clan as well. Because of this, he didn't move forward in spite of their feelings for each other.

However, as time continued to pass, the marriage date was fast approaching.

In spite of Lurui's protest, the marriage was decided by the ancestors from the two clans. It wasn't something a young lady could oppose nor control. Even her father couldn't object to this marriage.

Her disgust with the marriage only worsened since she had someone else in mind as well. She garnered courage out of nowhere and actually left the clan to escape out of Renowned.

The Wenren Clan naturally became angry when the marriage was so close and the bride was nowhere to be found. If anything happened to this marriage, the pact between the two clans could crack.

Because of this, it sent out many disciples and tried its best to find Lurui. Of course, the eldest senior brother shouldered this responsibility as well.

He and Lurui grew up together and had feelings for each other so he understood her quite well. He knew where she was hiding so he was one step ahead of all the other pursuers.

His mission was to take her back to the clan but he couldn't do it when actually staring at her face to face.

In the end, he helped her escape into a very remote area. During the perilous getaway, they finally took the next step and became husband and wife.

After settling her in, he came back to the Wenren Clan and guaranteed her that he would publicly win her hand in marriage.

However, it was easier said than done. He needed to contribute greatly to have the chance. Five years ago, during a skirmish between Soaring Hawk and the Wenren, Qiyu wanted to be the shining example so he rushed into the battlefield to kill many opposing experts.

Alas, though the Wenren Clan won that battle, Qiyu also died on that day. He couldn't wait until the day when he could marry Lurui and she couldn't wait till his return any longer.

After the five years anniversary, Lurui snuck in with her daughter to commemorate her husband but the disciples there unexpectedly found her. She had to run away and managed to meet Li Qiye."

"Love is difficult." Li Qiye said after hearing her story: "What is your plan?"

She mused for a bit before answering: "I'll apologize with my life towards the Dongfang Clan so that Huaiyu can live on."

"No, you can live on instead of treating your life so frivolously." Li Qiye shook his head: "It's not that desperate yet, no need to think about dying."



“You don’t understand.” She disagreed: “Someone has to die for this matter to end. The Dongfang Clan requires an answer from my clan. Otherwise, the alliance might break and they could even become enemies.”

Li Qiye simply smiled. He has seen this many times before with a runaway bride. Both the clans thought that they have lost all face from this. Thus, something has to be done for the alliance to stay intact.

“Don’t worry.” He smiled: “As long as the two sides work together and talk, there will be a turnaround.”

She smiled bitterly in response: “There’s nothing to talk about. My father can’t be in charge either. Even if the ancestors in the clan want to protect me, it will still be impossible. The best method is for me to die as an apology!”

She took a deep breath and solemnly said: “I have expected this end long ago. As long as father and the others can protect Huaiyu and that my death will end this feud, I don’t mind dying. You should know now that no good thing will come from involving yourself. A scapegoat is necessary so if you continue to pretend, our Wenren Clan will be more than happy to oblige.”

With that, she spoke with good intent, not wanting to implicate Li Qiye: “It’s not too late to make a decision now. Once the people from the Dongfang Clan come, then you won’t be able to escape death at that point.”

“I can’t die even if I want to.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh.

Such attitude left her speechless. It looked like he didn’t care for her goodwill.

“Your region must belong to the Crouching Dragon Continent.” Li Qiye asked leisurely while she stood there in a daze. [1]

“Yes, all of the island chains belong to this continent. Our two clans and the Soaring Hawk State are all under the jurisdiction of the Crouching Dragon Cliff.”

“How many locations are under the control of the cliff now? Who is currently in charge?” He asked again.

This sudden question surprised her since it was common knowledge to any cultivator at Crouching Dragon.

### [Chapter 1550: The Wenren Clans Plan](#)

Wenren Lurui’s wits returned after a short stupor. She nodded: “The twenty-eight countries on this continent are under the jurisdiction of the Crouching Dragon Cliff, including small factions like our two clans and Soaring Hawk.”

“Twenty-eight countries? Looks like the cliff’s power is growing.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

Lurui nodded: “Ever since the Sky Dragon King took over the cliff, it continued to grow. Recently, after the king came out from isolated cultivation, she shocked the entire Mortal Emperor World with her unfathomable power. Many great powers in the Grand Sea were convinced by her and became friends with the cliff.” [1]

“Sky Dragon King? Who is that?” Li Qiye found this surprising.

Lurui gave him a strange stare because not just in the Crouching Dragon Continent but all of the Grand Sea has heard of the Sky Dragon King. Someone who hasn't heard of her must have been a complete rookie.

“The Sky Dragon King is the current sect master of the cliff. Her name is Wolong Xuan.” Lurui eventually replied. [2]

“Wolong Xuan.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Sky Dragon King, a dragon presiding over the sky; quite a domineering title.”

“The dragon king's prestige is considerable. Some say that she is the strongest in the cliff so of course, her title is domineering. In the contemporary, she and the Heaven Suppression Goddess of the citadel are known as the two supreme geniuses of the Grand Sea. Everyone says that she is qualified to compete for the Heaven's Will.”

Lurui said with a longing expression. She once desired to be someone like the Sky Dragon King or the Heaven Suppression Goddess, able to walk freely in this world. If she had such power, her fate wouldn't have been at the mercy of others.

Unfortunately, she could only think about it. Though the Wenren Clan was a mighty power compared to ordinary citizens and cultivators in Renowned, they were only a tiny sect compared to a behemoth like the Crouching Dragon Cliff.

Moreover, Lurui's constitution wasn't bad but it was no match for real geniuses. Because of this, she knew that she would never become a character like the dragon king. A dream it shall remain.

“The Heaven's Will, huh?” Li Qiye only chuckled.

Lurui eventually returned from her yearning and said solemnly: “Young Noble Li, run now. This is all I can do.”

“No rush.” Li Qiye said flatly: “On the contrary, I don't have anything to do right now so I can join in on the fun. I'm the type who becomes a bit agitated when there's nothing to do.”

Lurui couldn't convince him any further. In the end, she looked at him and wondered what was his plan for joining the fray. She eventually sighed and left with Huaiyu.

The Heaven Suppression City wasn't far from him. At this moment, he was wondering if that city was ready to meet its fate. However, this prompted him to think even more carefully about whether he was ready to massacre the place.

Of course, he knew that Gu Zun would never give up and would never leave the city or stop coveting the treasury!

“Lil Blackie, though you have promised someone before, I won't show mercy this time. If Gu Zun tries to stop me, I'll kill him mercilessly as usual. Don't blame me for not being considerate. The city is also the culmination of your effort and mine as well, but if it tries to stop me too, it will turn into ashes. I won't mind massacring them all!”

His leisure eyes gazed towards the far distance and became quite profound and emotionless. Anyone would piss in their pants after seeing this glare.

“In this lifetime, I shall not yield for anyone and will never allow them to cross my bottom lines. Lil Blackie, you need to pray for the fool to wise up. I have spared him once already, this was already merciful beyond my own creed.”

He could enter the city now if he wanted to. However, he was still hesitating on whether he was mentally prepared to kill them all.

Of course, massacring was trivial to Li Qiye. The act itself wouldn't be difficult at all. However, the dragon king spent too much effort on this city. This was someone who had absolute loyalty and paid too much for him. This was the reason for his hesitation. Otherwise, he would have already taken charge of the city.

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In the afternoon, just like Lurui has said, Wenren Jianshi came again with two experts behind him this time.

“Brother Li, father wishes to see you.” He was still very polite towards Li Qiye.

“Well, as the saying goes, even an ugly daughter-in-law will have to meet her in-laws eventually. I should also see my father-in-law.” He chuckled at his own joke.

When he stood up, the two experts behind Jianshi immediately came forward and pushed down his arms.

“If you don't remove your dog hands, they shall fall on the ground.” Li Qiye leisurely told the two of them.

Their expression sank and was about to become angry but Jianshi immediately smoothed things over: “Don't worry, Brother Li won't run away because if he wanted to, he wouldn't wait till now.” Having said that, he stared implicatively at Li Qiye.

The furious experts couldn't do anything but to let go and stood to Li Qiye's left and right.

“Let's go then. It's nice to be able to see father-in-law.” He leisurely said.

Finally, under the escort of two experts and Jianshi leading the way, Li Qiye entered a chamber and saw the Wenren Clan Master, Jianshi and Lurui's father.

Jianshi's group left right after bringing Li Qiye here.

The clan master was a dignified old man wearing a large robe while sitting in the master chair. He had the bearing of a leader.

His old eyes were fixated on Li Qiye the entire time. They were sharp to the point of seemingly flaying meat from his body.

Li Qiye didn't mind at all and coolly sat down.

“What is your name?” The clan master spoke coldly just like his demeanor. If he wasn’t maintaining the style befitting of a clan master, others would actually think that he might cut down Li Qiye’s head at sight.

Of course, he was already polite and merciful enough to not kill someone who impregnated his daughter.

“Surname Li, no need to say the rest.” Li Qiye smiled while looking around.

“Such big tone!” The clan master angrily shouted after seeing his attitude.

“I’ve always been like this. If you have something to say, go ahead. After all, I know that you don’t want to kill me right now since my life is still useful to your clan.” Li Qiye nonchalantly replied.

“You!” The livid clan master glared at him while clenching his fists. Sure enough, if Li Qiye didn’t have some use left to them, he would have killed him already!

In the end, he suppressed his anger and said: “You are courageous indeed, no wonder why my daughter likes you.”

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile. There was no doubt about the clan master’s lack of knowledge regarding the situation.

“But your courage is misplaced.” The clan master coldly said: “Seducing my daughter and breaking this marriage alliance, this is a crime deserving of death! No one will be able to save your life.”

“Is that so?” Li Qiye was still unperturbed.

The clan master started to feel a little strange after seeing the calmness in Li Qiye. He wondered where this brat was getting his courage from? There was no sign of nervousness or shock at all.

“There’s no repentance for your crime. Our Wenren Clan still hasn’t killed you because we are merciful. I can also forego your mistake...” The clan master said slowly.