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### [Chapter 1551: Forced To Be A Scapegoat?](#)

Li Qiye waved his sleeve to interrupt the clan master and said slowly: "Clan master, no need to go in a circle, get straight to the point. I'm waiting to listen."

"You..." The clan master became furious. This brat seduced his daughter and broke their clans' marriage plan. He had plenty of reasons to kill the brat but now, the guy was still so rude and arrogant. He really felt an urge to strangle the brat.

He stared at Li Qiye intensely and eventually subdued his anger once more. After a while, he spoke again: "Remember, brat, your sin is worthy of death."

"I know." Li Qiye smiled: "As the one causing this trouble, you want to hand me over to the Dongfang Clan to absolve your own of any problem."

"That's right." The clan master repeated: "Breaking our marriage alliance is an unforgivable sin. The fact that you can still prance around in front of me right now is because I'm merciful enough."

"Really?" Li Qiye didn't mind at all. He was only killing time by joining into this mess.

The clan master took a deep breath and said: "Lurui has made a great sacrifice because of you. She gave up her noble status from her own clan, giving up the chance to become the mistress of the Dongfang Clan as well as Eastern City and giving up staying in Renowned, all of this just to risk escaping with you. She's still thinking about you right now and plead earlier so that I would let you go."

"Are you trying to convince me?" Li Qiye chuckled. He could understand why she pleaded for him since he was only a stranger being caught up in the storm.

"You can see it that way." The clan master spoke frankly: "You must know that a marriage alliance between two clans has grave importance. Once broken, it must be cast again with blood!"

"I understand. The perpetrator must die. You are afraid that I won't admit to it, thus all of this persuasion." Li Qiye was still all smiles.

The clan master scowled, not liking his blatant reveal.

Just like Li Qiye said, though they have captured Li Qiye, there was no evidence. The Dongfang Clan wouldn't simply believe their words that Li Qiye was the one breaking the marriage.

At that moment, what if Li Qiye changed his mind and decided to bite them back? The relationship between the two clans would deteriorate to an unfixable level! The relationship was already awkward due to the failed marriage. If the Dongfang Clan were to think that the Wenren Clan used a scapegoat, there would be nothing left of their alliance.

"You must understand that you have to pay a price if you still love Lurui. This isn't only for the Wenren Clan but also Lurui and your daughter!" The clan master coldly said.

"So you are still trying to protect your daughter." Li Qiye said with a smile.

The clan master hesitated for a moment before maintaining his cold tone: "The Wenren Clan can only try its best. As for Lurui's fate, further deliberation is necessary with the Dongfang Clan. However, if you agree, we can guarantee you that your daughter will be safe!"

"Is that a threat?" Li Qiye inquired.

The clan master answered him with a cold stare. In fact, they understood that their only cards were Lurui and her daughter.

"Even if you don't care for Lurui, you must think for your daughter since you're the one bringing her to this world." The clan master added.

"What do you want me to do then? Admit that I'm the one breaking the marriage? Or let me put the blame on Soaring Hawk, that I'm a spy sent by this power to seduce your daughter in order to break the ties between the two clans?"

The clan master found it hard to reply because of Li Qiye's demeanor. He was unsure of the kind of person he was speaking to.

"Looks like you haven't made up your mind either. However, since you want to hand me over to the Dongfang Clan, so be it. I'll take a trip with you guys to that place." Li Qiye smiled. In his opinion, since he was already involved, might as well go all the way and finished a good deed.

The clan master took a deep breath and felt relieved. He was waiting for Li Qiye to say this.

"Very well. Just be aware of your own choice. I can't guarantee anything else but your daughter will definitely be safe!" The clan master finished.

Li Qiye chuckled and said flatly: "Don't worry, I am a man who always picks the right choice." He left after saying this.

The clan master's eyes turned cold. Everything that has transpired so far has escaped his expectation. In the past, he would think that Li Qiye would be panicking after being caught, especially when his daughter was in the hands of the Wenren Clan.

However, this ordinary brat was too calm and completely indifferent to everything. This made it quite difficult for the clan master to have a grasp of the situation.

He really wanted to use the hostages to force Li Qiye to admit that he was a spy from Soaring Hawk. With that, the storm would subside quickly and the relationship between the two clans could be mended. Moreover, that was a great opportunity for their clans to join against Soaring Hawk as well.

However, Li Qiye's attitude was too bizarre. The guy was too calm as if he has predicted everything. Such nonchalant attitude made the clan master question whether he should recklessly implement this plan.

In his mind now, it was good enough for Li Qiye to admit fault. As long as they handed him over to the Dongfang Clan, that would be considered an appropriate answer to this whole mess.

"Go, inquire meticulously about who this brat is and where he came from." The clan master eventually ordered the disciples from the clan.

After Li Qiye returned to his place, he found the place swarming with Wenren disciples. It was on lockdown with patrols everywhere. Of course, it wasn't to protect him, only to stop him from escaping.

Wenren Jianshi came to him and said: "Brother Li, I'm afraid it's too late for you to leave now. The chance is gone."

"I haven't thought about escaping." Li Qiye smiled and said: "Plus, if I wish to escape, your clan wouldn't be able to stop me."

Jianshi's eyes slightly batted. He couldn't see through this man at all so he didn't know whether the guy was a master or was just putting up an act.

"Tomorrow, the Dongfang Clan will come and take you back to their clan. Though we'll be going there with you, you need to take care of yourself then." He said solemnly.

"Do you think I'm your brother-in-law?" Li Qiye asked Jianshi who was about to leave.

Jianshi gave him a playful smile: "If you're not my brother-in-law, why do you insist on staying here? Why not deny it?"

"Makes sense." Li Qiye smiled back: "To your clan, whether I'm the real thing or not isn't important as long as I admit it to become a scapegoat. Your father might not know but you certainly do."

Jianshi slowly said: "Brother Li, you can't blame me for this. I wasn't trying to implicate you and gave you opportunities to leave. The way I see it, you're the one who has an ulterior motive by wanting to stay here."

"Well said, I don't blame you." Li Qiye laughed: "I actually wanted to join in this trouble, just having some fun."

Jianshi became quiet. His father didn't know that Li Qiye was fake but he knew the truth. However, they were already riding the tiger and as Li Qiye has said, they needed a scapegoat.

#### [Chapter 1552: Wenren Jianshis Thoughts](#)

Jianshi turned to leave again but Li Qiye suddenly asked: "Do you know who your brother-in-law is?"

His body froze for a bit before turning around again with an unnatural expression: "Isn't it you, Brother Li?"

"Both of us are only saying that towards outsiders. I won't reveal it and you won't either but you know that I am a fake." Li Qiye chuckled.

It was an implicit understanding of sorts between the two to keep this a secret.

"But it is Brother Li at this moment." Jianshi smiled back: "You know that I didn't force you at all. You agreed to this."

"That's true." Li Qiye replied: "Let us go back to the topic of your brother-in-law. Though your lil sis is tight-lipped about this matter and probably never told you, you probably have guessed it being her brother and all."

"I'm not all-knowing. I don't know if Lurui doesn't tell me." He shook his head.

Li Qiye laughed in response: "Your little trick is of no use in front of me. Even if your sister doesn't tell you, you know the father of that child!"

"I also want to know but there's no place to start." Jianshi firmly denied.

To which Li Qiye laughed: "Is that so? I know that you know after seeing your expression towards Huaiyu. You don't mind the child at all and even like her a little."

He paused for a bit before continuing: "Just think about it, a man suddenly breaking the marriage alliance between your two clans and even had a daughter with your sister. This is a big scandal and as the future clan master, you wouldn't want something like this to happen at all. Say, you love your sister so you can accept her mistake, I can understand this. However, from the perspective of the future clan master, you will not be able to accept a bastard into your clan even if you love your sister! But surprisingly enough, you adore the little girl and could accept her without any difficulty. What does this mean?"

He smiled mysteriously and stared at Jianshi: "it means that you can accept her identity and bloodline. On a deeper level, it shows that you know who her father is but it even goes further than that, you must have had a deep relationship with him! If it wasn't for this marriage alliance, perhaps you would have been happy to have him as a brother-in-law!"

Jianshi was shocked after hearing this and staggered backward with waves surging in his mind.

Though his sister really didn't reveal the father, they grew up together so when he saw Huaiyu, he immediately guessed everything, including the identity of the father.

Just like Li Qiye has said, a bastard child shouldn't appear in the Wenren Clan. However, he didn't mind at all and could accept her. One could even say that he was very excited to see his niece and was ready to assume the responsibility of being an uncle.

Despite his guess, he didn't tell anyone, not even his father because he didn't wish to besmirch the reputation of a hero. After all, he made illustrious contributions and gave up his life for the Wenren Clan!

He thought that no one would know this matter outside of Lurui herself. Who would have thought that Li Qiye would know everything? There was an impulse manifesting in his eyes. He didn't want this news to spread.

"Don't bother thinking about it. It should be clear that I'm not afraid of anyone since I am sitting right here without any stress." Li Qiye leisurely smiled.

Jianshi took a deep breath and smile: "Brother Li, you're overthinking it. It would be good if I were to know but it doesn't matter right now since you are my brother-in-law."

"I won't deny it." Li Qiye said with a smile.

"The Dongfang people will come soon. I think you'll be departing tomorrow so take care then." Jianshi said.

“That’s no problem, I can handle taking the blame. However, you need to tell your father that if he wants me to be a scapegoat, Huaiyu must stay in my sight. If I am her father, I shall have the final say in her fate!”

“Brother Li, I’m afraid I can’t do that but I can assure you that she’ll be safe.” Jianshi considered for a moment before shaking his head.

“You missed my point.” Li Qiye said flatly: “I’m not negotiating with you or your clan. You only have one choice and that is to follow my wish.”

His aggressiveness changed Jianshi’s expression!

“Brother Li, that was too arrogant just now.” Jianshi took a deep breath and said.

Li Qiye smiled back: “What do you think? Do as I say and take her along. I don’t want to let the child see too much blood, understand?!”

Jianshi’s demeanor changed rapidly several times in a short period. Though their clan wouldn’t be intimidated so easily, but Li Qiye was here alone and completely at ease. He couldn’t tell what the guy was capable of.

“I’ll tell them about your request.” Jianshi made up his mind.

Sure enough, Li Qiye was taken to the Dongfang Clan on the second day.

In fact, the Wenren Clan had no choice. The moment they took Lurui back, the Dongfang Clan has gotten wind of this as well.

Right now, the Dongfang needed the Wenren to hand someone over. As in-laws, they might not do anything to Wenren Lurui but an outsider like Li Qiye seducing their bride? There was no chance for forgiveness.

Both clans wanted to deal with this in a low-key manner. The Dongfang clan found out very quickly so the Wenren Clan had to hand Li Qiye over.

In fact, the Wenren Clan Master had no control over this matter. They could only hope Li Qiye would shoulder the blame, then they could deal with it quietly and defuse the misunderstandings.

There were many people waiting outside when Li Qiye was escorted out. Outside of Jianshi and his father, a bunch of experts from the clan was responsible for him too.

In addition, there were several old men from the Dongfang Clan. They immediately sent out unfriendly gaze at him right away.

Two experts wanted to take his arms in order to subdue him.

Li Qiye didn’t become angry at all and repeated the same phrase with a smile: “You want to keep your dog hands?”

“Leave it.” Jianshi ordered. He knew that Li Qiye wouldn’t run away at this moment. He would have done so long ago if there was any intention of escaping.

A carriage slowly came about with Wenren Lurui inside. She was silent with a haggard complexion since she didn't know what fate was awaiting her at the Dongfang Clan.

The thing she was worried about the most was not herself but her daughter, Wenren Huaiyu. Alas, she alone couldn't protect her daughter.

The carriage was in front under the escort of the Wenren Clan's experts.

"Brother Li, it's time to hit the road." Jianshi politely told Li Qiye. He even deliberately let Li Qiye stay close to Huaiyu.

His intention was obvious. If the Wenren Clan has agreed to Li Qiye's condition, he must also not go back on his words and shoulder the blame.

"Good, I also want to take a trip." He smiled and said: "Let's go fast, I have to leave after dealing with this trivial business." With that, he trotted forward.

### [Chapter 1553: Dongfang Clan](#)

There were many islands in this particular chain with large tracts of land. On a huge island next to Renowned was Eastern City, ruled by the Dongfang Clan.

A total of three powers reigned over this region: the Dongfang, Wenren, and the State of Soaring Hawk.

However, the two clans weren't a match for Soaring Hawk thus they had no choice but to work together. Because of this, a marriage alliance has been the long-running tradition. It forged a bond of steel that could last for a long time.

However, because of Lurui running away from her wedding, a crack appeared in the alliance. The two clans almost turned into enemies!

This was why the Dongfang required a reasonable answer from the Wenren Clan and demanded the culprit right away. However, Lurui has been missing for the last couple of years. It became a cyst since the misunderstanding wouldn't go away.

For the Dongfang Clan, Lurui was still the beloved daughter of the Wenren so they couldn't do anything to her. However, the other adulterer wouldn't be able to escape. Both clans wanted to use the blood of this adulterer to wash away their grievances.

Of course, the Wenren Clan deliberately concealed the existence of Wenren Huaiyu in accordance to Jianshi's wish. Because of this, she didn't go together with her mother but stayed by Jianshi instead.

Eastern City wasn't far from Renowned so the group arrived in just a short time.

A youth personally greeted them outside of the Dongfang Clan's mansion. He was very handsome and noble with a body like gold.

"Brother Jianshi, the travel must have been hard." He came up and greeted the escort unit. He was especially polite towards Jianshi.

This was the Elder Young Noble of the Dongfang Clan, Dongfang Cong, who was once Lurui's fiancée.

In fact, Dongfang Cong and Wenren Jianshi had an extremely good relationship. They weren't brothers but were even closer. Because of this, both clans had high hopes for them. After Lurui married into the Dongfang Clan, the clans would have grown even closer.

However, the relationship soured after Lurui's debacle. Nevertheless, the two's friendship was still strong but they were stuck in an awkward position due to their clans.

"Thank you for your hospitality, Brother Dongfang." Jianshi gave Dongfang Cong a big hug. They sympathized with each other since they played the same role in their clan.

Wenren Lurui came down from the carriage as well. It was interesting that Dongfang Cong didn't become angry when his fiancée ran off with another man. Despite having a grudge about it, he maintained the demeanor of a noble.

"Sister, long time no see." He could only sigh after seeing her haggard appearance. He was helpless in this matter as well.

There was no reason for him to be angry since the marriage was decided by the seniors. He could understand that she didn't want to marry him. However, it was meant for the future of the two clans so they weren't in charge of their own outcome.

Lurui sighed in response and bowed deeply: "Brother, this was my fault so let it end with me."

In her eyes, it wasn't because of Dongfang Cong's lackings or flaws. She simply didn't want an arranged marriage and already had someone in mind. That was the reason why she chose to run.

If she had another chance, she would still make the same choice without regrets. The only thing she hated was her lack of agency while being stuck between the two clans.

"The ancestors will decide." Dongfang Cong stated.

Dongfang Cong looked at Li Qiye carefully. He wanted to see just who Lurui's man was.

He couldn't see anything special about the guy. Meanwhile, Li Qiye leisurely nodded as a greeting towards Dongfang Cong.

Dongfang Cong didn't wish to talk and said: "Let's go in."

The Dongfang Clan didn't wish for a big commotion so they kept it very quiet. It was a mess for both of the clans so there was no need to publicize this matter.

The clan immediately convened a meeting in order to make a decision with the fastest speed in order to calm the storm. After all, their clan didn't wish to turn against the Wenren Clan either. Moreover, if the alliance were to fall, Soaring Hawk would take both of them down eventually!

The sooner they could solve this, the less complication. Afterward, both clans could maintain the alliance of past.

After making the decision, the ancestors from both clans summoned Li Qiye and Wenren Lurui. This was only to tell them the result.

The two saw the ancestors from both clans. Jianshi and Dongfang Cong were present as well with a solemn expression.

She gently sighed and knew that it was about to come. However, she was ready to meet her fate. As long as her daughter could be fine, she was willing to pay any price.

Li Qiye glanced at the ancestors and only smiled. He actually walked up to the master chair and sat down with wanton regards.

Such arrogant attitude made the ancestors ugly. Both sides angrily glared at him.

"I'm already a dead man in your eyes, can't a dead man get to sit down?" Li Qiye nonchalantly laughed after seeing the glares.

The people present here snorted at this attitude but at this moment, they were more concerned about him acting as the scapegoat. This was more than enough.

Wenren Lurui took a deep breath and bowed: "Dear ancestors, this is my fault. All the blame is on me, I have shamed both of our clans so I'm willing to bear all the sins. May my life eliminates the grievances."

"Lurui, you don't need to speak for this Li guy's sake." One Wenren Ancestor shouted: "Your mistake can't be forgiven. Because of this, the clans have decided to imprison you in the inner tower for the rest of your life!"

Both Jianshi and Cong were shocked to hear this sentence. Cong stepped out and addressed the ancestors: "Ancestors, she is indeed at fault but it is only out of youthful ignorance. Just let this marriage past and our clans can still be allies. There is no need for a life sentence."

"Cong'er, stand to the side." A Dongfang Ancestor spoke coldly: "The laws must be upheld."

With that, he turned towards Li Qiye: "And you, purposely breaking our marriage pact and alliance, seducing a married woman, a crime deserving of death! You shall be decapitated to set an example!"

An agreement has been reached between the two clans. If Lurui escaped with someone else, then the fault was on her. However, if Li Qiye was purposely breaking the alliance by seducing her, then it would be a different story. He would bear the bigger burden of the crime.

Both clans chose the latter version in order to kill this scandal as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye smiled and casually picked up some fruit on the table nearby before leisurely taking a bite.

This made the ancestors nearly vomit blood from anger. They felt an urge to kill him right away.

#### [Chapter 1554: Further Complication](#)

After finishing the fruit, he threw the seeds on the tray before wiping his hands. This only further enraged the ancestors with fire in their eyes. They wanted nothing more than to tear him to pieces.

"Would you like to hear my opinion?" After cleaning his hands, he calmly said: "I'll go ahead. Why bother killing and seeing blood because of this?"



“Ultimately, both clans still want to keep the alliance, not wanting to break all pretense since you still need to face the lurking Soaring Hawk. If this is the case, then let bygones be bygones. The sky wants rain and a child wants its mother; just let them be.”

He paused for a bit before continuing: “Your clans are still in a marriage alliance, at least from the last generation. Thus, why the need to break a couple and force a loveless marriage? As for your Dongfang Clan, will you feel better after killing me, the adulterer? You still won’t be able to get a Wenren girl into your clan as a bride. As for the Wenren Clan, would you feel better by imprisoning your own daughter, never letting her see the sun again?”

“In the end, your Dongfang Clan will be responsible for this imprisonment. The grudge will still be there after the punishments are carried out.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“Junior, don’t bother trying to spout your nonsense!” A Wenren Ancestor furiously shouted to shut him up.

In this complication, the Wenren Clan was at fault so they hoped that everything would be over with.

“Nonsense?” Li Qiye shook his head: “I’m only showing you the correct way. It’s not like the alliance won’t be there without a marriage. The powerful foe will still be there. Your alliance is not predicated on benefits, it is necessary to combat the existential crisis. No matter how you looked at it, your two clans need to stay together. When the mouth is open, the teeth will be cold...”

“Since it is so, why not be more benevolent and just let this thing pass? Don’t let this failed marriage leave a knot in your mind. Killing me and imprisoning the daughter from the Wenren won’t solve anything. Let’s be honest, both sides do not like the current situation but everyone should let it go for the sake of the future.”

Li Qiye’s spiel was endless and made the ancestors quite angry.

However, Dongfang Cong stood up and said: “Fellow Ancestors, I feel that this makes sense. Our alliance is not because of the marriages. We have been close for many years now with ties as deep as the ocean and vast as the mountains. Even without the marriages, our friendship still has roots from the past. Since this is the case, why should we turn a wedding into a funeral? Why not just let this pair be together? It will be a happy commotion instead if we can see past this. Everyone will feel better and it won’t affect the friendship between our clans.” Dongfang Cong carefully articulated in a solemn manner.

“Cong’er, don’t listen to his nonsense.” One Dongfang Ancestor immediately stopped him.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, started clapping: “Good, well said, what a prodigy. Your attitude is worthy of being in my sight. With such a heart, there is no fear of not accomplishing great deeds.”

“How presumptuous!” The Dongfang Ancestor could no longer stop himself from shouting: “Junior, we still haven’t torn you to pieces because we respect the Wenren Clan but you dare to run your mouth?! Take him outside, kill him!”

Some experts immediately rushed towards Li Qiye. For both of the clans, leaving him behind would only cause more problems. Why not just kill him now?

Li Qiye simply smiled and still remained seated as the experts headed for him.

Wenren Lurui could only sigh. She couldn't help him at all since she was having trouble protecting herself, let alone assisting him.

Suddenly, loud commotions came from outside. It sounded like fighting.

"What's going on?" The ancestors here were surprised and didn't want further complication.

"Ancestor, not good, Hai Yangying is here." An expert from the Dongfang Clan rushed in with sorry appearance.

The ancestors were alarmed after hearing this! Even the experts wanting to catch Li Qiye stopped and looked outside nervously.

"What's going on? I'm visiting in good faith but was faced with swords? This is the hospitality of the Dongfang Clan?" A hearty laughter came from outside.

Next, a youth came in with a vigorous aura and a pair of sharp hawk eyes, capable of piercing through everyone.

Two rows of experts accompanied him. It was clear at first glance that they were quite formidable and aggressive.

"Hai Yangying." Everyone's expression darkened outside of Li Qiye after seeing the youth.

"Dongfang Clan Master, you greet guests with swords?" Yangying smiled and said after rushing into the chamber.

The clan master and the ancestors here weren't happy. However, since he claimed to be a guest, they couldn't express their displeasure.

In fact, everyone here put on a serious expression as if they were about to head into battle.

Yangying was the crown prince of Soaring Hawk. Rumor has it that he was about to take over as the next king. Moreover, his talents were quite great. He had the potential to become the strongest in the State of Soaring Hawk. Jianshi and Cong in the same generation were no match for him.

"Nephew Hai, it must have been a long journey. Please go rest in our esteemed guest quarter. The Dongfang Clan will treat a guest well." The Dongfang Clan Master replied.

Though there has been constant friction between the clans and Soaring Hawk, they were small-scale skirmishes. An all-out war has not broken out so not all pretension and formalities were broken.

His sudden intrusion into their deliberation chamber was only met with swords. This was already very polite of their clans.

He looked around fiercely and aggressively. After seeing Wenren Lurui, he smiled: "Miss Wenren, long time no see. I heard you have been missing for a long time now after leaving the Wenren Clan and running away from your marriage..."

The experts from both clans didn't like this. They had a bad feeling with Yangying's appearance right before they could quietly end it.

Lurui interrupted him: "Prince Hai, you're mistaken. I'm born a Wenren and will die a Wenren!"

"Oh?" Yangying revealed a sarcastic smile. He turned towards Li Qiye instead: "you must be Miss Wenren's husband?" [1]

Lurui became quiet after hearing this. This development was out of everyone's expectation!

Li Qiye didn't care at all about this new intruder. He picked up another fruit and took his time eating while leisurely watching the situation.

Yangying withdrew his gaze and smiled: "I came in order to see a trial of the adulterer. It seems like I have come at the wrong time."

"Young Noble Hai, please leave." The Dongfang Clan Master lowered his tone.

Yangying replied: "Clan Master, I'm not here to interfere with your internal affairs. However, I received news that your clans have secretly captured a cultivator from our Crouching Dragon Continent so I came to ask about this specifically."

"No such thing is happening." The clan master denied right away.

"But I have received information that this person is a cultivator from our continent!" Yangying was confident and pointed at Li Qiye: "But now, he is captured here. Why are your clans secretly capturing cultivators? I'm waiting for an explanation."

The people here were alarmed after hearing this. It meant that Yangying deliberately wanted to make a big deal out of this publicly.

#### [Chapter 1555: Hai Yangyings Scheme](#)

While the experts in the Dongfang chamber were shaken, Hai Yangying continued: "Clan masters, we are three great powers belonging to the Crouching Dragon Continent so we are responsible for maintaining the peace in this land. If your clans are capturing cultivators without just cause, this would lead to public unrest. Because of this, we need the Crouching Dragon Cliff to preside over this situation!"

This didn't bode well with the clan members. The participation of the cliff might end badly for them.

"Nephew Hai, you are worrying too much. This is our internal affairs, not some secret detainment of cultivators from the continent." The Wenren Clan Master lost his cool and said.

"Is that so?" Yangying smiled: "I think the opposite. If this person belongs to your clans then I won't be interfering. However, if he isn't, then this is an improper capturing of cultivators!" He pointed at Li Qiye.

The experts glanced at each other. Li Qiye naturally wasn't a part of their clans. They wanted to kill him today but this sudden development caught them off guard.

In a short time, everyone stared at Li Qiye and hoped that he would admit to being part of the two clans. However, they knew that it was impossible since they wanted to kill him. Anyone would grasp on to this sliver of hope and immediately deny.

However, Li Qiye continued to eat his fruit in a nonchalant manner, content on watching the fun.

He didn't admit to being part of the clans but he didn't deny this either. At the very least, this made the clans heave a sigh of relief.

"Nephew Hai, this is our business, please take your leave." An ancestor from the Dongfang Clan spoke coldly with a firm attitude.

Yangying wasn't too surprised. He wasn't afraid of this ancestor and smiled back: "I definitely wouldn't interfere with your internal affairs but what if it isn't? Recently, Her Majesty has been patrolling the continent. I have just received news that not long from now, she'll come to our island. If she were to learn about this secret detainment, what would she do? How will your clans explain it to her? I'm not trying to be an alarmist but I'm sure the cliff won't sit idly by and tolerate such a thing!"

He sneered at this point after making his threat clear to the chagrin of the listeners present.

Even if they could chase him away, when the Sky Dragon King did her round, he would report negatively to the king about their clans. At that time, they wouldn't have the chance to defend themselves. The experts here were in a difficult position that could lead to a disaster. If the clans aggressively chased Hai Yangying away and kill Li Qiye, then the guy could still report this to the king and bring about her wrath.

"What do you want?" Wenren Jianshi uttered coldly.

Yangying smiled in response: "Nothing, I just want to maintain the peace of our islands. If your clans aren't secretly capturing cultivators, then fine, give him a public trial then! This will decide right from wrong! If he is an adulterer who seduced the bride to break the arranged marriage, then that's worthy of death. I hate this type of scum the most as well. Moreover, this will prove your clans' innocence and provide closure as well."

This was not what the clans wanted to see since they didn't want to show the skeletons in the closet to outsiders.

Even if Li Qiye were to admit his relationship with Lurui for some reason in an open interrogation, it would lead to everyone knowing about their issue and they would lose all face in the process.

Moreover, there were too many uncertainties with a public trial. What if Li Qiye decided to change his mind and bite back? That would have an even greater impact on the two clans.

At this time, the Wenren Clan made up their mind. One ancestor spoke coldly: "Nephew Hai, please leave. No need for you to worry about our problems, we can deal with this ourselves!"

Yangying disagreed: "I'm only doing this for the peace of our island. If your clans wish to do this by yourselves, very well, my Soaring Hawk and the surrounding sects will invite Her Majesty here to maintain order. I heard she has just arrived at Distribute Country so she could be here in a jiffy!"

He wouldn't leave so easily after coming here since his goal was to disturb this matter so that the two clans wouldn't be able to take care of it. Nothing could be better for his state than having the two clans at odds with each other.

The clan members weren't happy with this comment. If Soaring Hawk were to team up with the other sects to invite the Sky Dragon King, the situation wouldn't be favorable for them. However, there was no way back.

“Why not?” Li Qiye who was eating his fruit spoke with a smile while the clan members were stuck in a dilemma: “I feel that if he wants a trial, then give him a trial. No need to leave him out, right? I think we should go to the Field of Dragon War for this trial. That place has a good view up high so the heaven can listen to the trial. Plus, how could we not have an arbitrator for this great matter? Invite the Sky Dragon King as the judge then.”

“No!” Members from both clans unanimously rejected this idea. They couldn’t accept a public trial at all, especially not with the king presiding over it!

“Clan masters, the involved party has agreed to a public trial so the two of you shouldn’t refuse anymore.” Hai Yangying smiled. This was a great chance to attack the two clans.

The clan members were naturally angry and scared. They couldn’t allow for this to happen.

The Wenren Clan Master repeated: “Nephew Hai, this is our internal affairs...”

“No, that’s not the case, it’s my problem too from now on.” Li Qiye interrupted him: “If I am not a disciple from either of your clans, there should be a public trial. Okay, we’ll go with that.”

“Clan masters, any other comments?” Yangying gloated: “Since he’s not your disciple, he has to follow me now since I’m responsible for his safety.”

“Who the hell are you?” Li Qiye casually said while Yangying was feeling quite content with himself: “You’re not giving any order here. Go, tell the Sky Dragon King to come to the Field of Dragon War.”

“You!” Yangying’s expression turned quite ugly.

“Okay, everyone can go now. Your two clans don’t have any other choice so we’ll do it like this.” Li Qiye laughed and left before anyone could react.

At this time, the clan members couldn’t do anything, not even capturing him again. However, they were relieved to find that he wasn’t trying to escape and was still staying happily at the Dongfang Clan.

The meeting dispersed with the Wenren Clan Master furiously leaving. Wenren Jianshi and Lurui’s group left as well.

He caught up with Li Qiye and said coldly: “Even if you don’t care for your own wellbeing, think about your daughter!”

Li Qiye said flatly: “If you are smart right now, you will keep your mouth shut. At the very least, your son is much wiser than you in this regards!”

#### [Chapter 1556: Pleading](#)

“You!” The Wenren Clan Master was becoming livid. This was quite a bad strings of misfortune for their clan so they became quite unhappy.

“Father, let me talk with Brother Li.” Jianshi immediately pulled his father back and persuaded.

In the end, the clan master scowled before waving his sleeve then left.

After these experts left, a Dongfang guard came in and spoke coldly: "Crown Prince Hai wants to see you."

This disciple didn't like Li Qiye at all. If he wasn't under orders to only stop Li Qiye from leaving, they might have tried to teach him a lesson.

"No, tell him to scram." Li Qiye was disinterested and waved his hand.

The disciple was caught off guard. Even Lurui and Jianshi found it strange. If Li Qiye wanted to stay alive, his best option was to work with Hai Yangying but he chose against it.

Nevertheless, after the disciple left, Yangyin rushed in. He even dared to rush into the main chamber, let alone this place.

"I am upholding justice and saving your life, it's one thing if you don't show gratitude but to even refuse an audience?" Yangying spoke aggressively with a stern demeanor.

"Scram. You're nothing." Li Qiye didn't bother looking at him.

Li Qiye naturally knew the guy's objective. He wanted to persuade Li Qiye so that during the public trial, he would lambast the two clans. Once successful, the clans wouldn't be able to prove their innocence before the Crouching Dragon Cliff.

"You!" Yangying didn't like this response. In his eyes, Li Qiye was a nobody. If Li Qiye wanted to live, the guy must rely on him and beg. Even if Li Qiye was ten times more courageous, he still wouldn't dare to go against him.

But now, Li Qiye actually insulted him. This made the always imperious Yangying have a murderous flash in his eyes.

"Crown Prince Hai, since brother Li is going to attend a public trial, you should leave now." Jianshi raised his voice.

"Oh? Wenren Jianshi, you want to oppose me too?" Yangying laughed in response: "If your clan's Gu Qiyu were alive, he might be able to fight me for a couple of moves. But you? No chance."

Jianshi's eyes turned cold before such arrogance. Lurui also stared angrily at him.

Gu Qiyu used to be the Wenren Clan's Eldest Martial Brother who happened to be Huaiyu's father.

"What if I join?" Dongfang Cong walked in and spoke with a heavy tone.

Yangying looked at the two of them and laughed: "So just like the rumors, you two are quite close. I wonder if you can stay this way after this storm."

Jianshi and Cong's expression slightly changed but they didn't react.

Yangying ignored these two and sneered at Li Qiye: "If you want to survive as a cultivator of Crouching Dragon, don't rely on these two clans. Only my Soaring Hawk will be able to uphold justice for you..."

His intentions were clear while saying this in front of Jianshi and Cong. Anyone who wasn't utterly stupid would pick the right choice.

Even though Yangying was running his mouth before them, Jianshi and Cong couldn't do anything.

"Scram already." Li Qiye interrupted him: "If you want to live, go tell the Sky Dragon King to go to the Field of Dragon War!"

Yangying instantly became livid with a murderous urge.

Though Cong and Jianshi weren't Li Qiye's friends and resembled his enemies even more, they felt quite good to see Li Qiye's disdainful response towards Yangying.

"Crown Prince, please leave. Brother Li does not wish to see you." Jianshi seized the opportunity and said.

Yangying snorted and gave one last glare before leaving.

Meanwhile, the duo stared strangely at Li Qiye. At this moment, they were quite confused. During the meeting earlier, they thought Li Qiye sided with Yangying in order to save his life.

However, he didn't give the guy any face at this moment. This matter was simply too bizarre.

Dongfang Cong asked him with a serious tone: "Brother Li, I don't understand what you are planning but you surely know that Hai Yangying won't save you. He's only using you and couldn't care less about your wellbeing during the trial. Even if you leave the trial alive, he'll definitely try to kill you to keep thing under wrap!"

"Is that so?" Li Qiye smiled casually while sitting down comfortably.

Dongfang Cong had no words to express Li Qiye's current attitude. It was as if he was the boss in this place. He looked at Jianshi and found the guy just as confused.

What could Jianshi say right now? Li Qiye only wanted to have fun while the Wenren Clan needed a scapegoat. But now, the development has gotten out of the two clans' control. If he knew this was going to happen, he wouldn't have brought Li Qiye here!

Of course, both clans were surprised at the how things have escalated. The Wenren Clan wanted to kill Li Qiye, the so-called adulterer, to give the Dongfang Clan an answer. On the other hand, the Dongfang Clan needed the blood of this guy to wash away this problem.

They wanted to solve this issue as fast and as silently as possible. However, Hai Yangying came out of nowhere!

Dongfang Cong still didn't know that Li Qiye was fake. Only the brother and sister knew; who knows if the Wenren Clan Master was aware of this either. In fact, even if he did, it wouldn't have mattered. Li Qiye involved himself in this matter and was the perfect scapegoat!

Cong stared at Li Qiye and took a deep breath: "Brother Li, let the past be gone with the wind. The marriage alliance isn't something the juniors of the clans want. However, it has escalated to this level; the situation isn't good for the clans and for you or Miss Lurui either. Have you thought about when the world all know about this, where will you go to find peace?"

"What's your opinion then?" Li Qiye became interested.

Dongfang Cong took a deep breath and said: "Brother Li, I can convince the ancestors in the clan so that you can marry Lurui and the clans won't pursue this matter any longer. With that, you'll be one of us and Hai Yangying won't have a reason for a trial."

"A bit interesting. However, that's not what I want." Li Qiye looked at him and couldn't help but smile.

"Then what do you want?" Cong asked.

"You'll find out when the time comes." Li Qiye revealed a mysterious smile.

Cong couldn't do anything about it. Li Qiye has seized the initiative. Even though he was staying at their clan, they were completely at his mercy. Due to Yangying's interference, it's not like they could kill him now. This would give Yangying more firepower to frame them before the Sky Dragon King. That's when the big trouble would come.

"Brother Jianshi and Sister Lurui, you two should convince him. It'll be better for our clans." Cong told the other two.

Their clans wanted to take his head in order to end this private scandal but now, they had no choice but to compromise.

Jianshi stared strangely at Li Qiye and said helplessly: "If it wasn't for your attitude earlier, I would be thinking that you're a spy sent by Soaring Hawk."

"You think too highly of that state." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Brother Li, it's my fault for letting you become a scapegoat." Jianshi said earnestly: "Just like Brother Dongfang said earlier, as long as you are willing, we can end all of this. I can convince our ancestors so that we can all have a better outcome."

Li Qiye leisurely responded: "Why should we end this? The show has only just begun. It can't end just yet until I want it to."

### [Chapter 1557: Dejection](#)

At this time, Jianshi had an indescribable dilemma. Their Wenren Clan had to please Li Qiye now. Both the clans didn't want a public trial. Regardless of the result, it would end well for them.

"Brother Li, will you go easy on us? Just tell me whatever you want and I'll discuss it with the ancestors." Jianshi was on the verge of begging.

He could be considered the starter to this whole mess since he knew that Li Qiye was fake. However, the guy was only doing this for fun while the Wenren Clan was in a hurry to end this. He didn't expect this reckless decision would eventually reach an uncontrollable juncture.

"Why do you think that this must be a bad thing?" Li Qiye smiled: "Maybe this is a once in a thousand years opportunity for your clan."

"I don't see that at all." He smiled wryly: "If something goes wrong, our clan will face a disaster. I'm the one at fault here, if you want revenge, just do whatever you want to me. I hope that you can go easy on our clan. It'll be very benevolence of you!"



“Alright.” Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve: “I know what you are saying. Just wait to see the actual outcome before crying doom and gloom. You’ll see soon.”

Such a response only further perplexed Jianshi since he didn’t know what Li Qiye wanted at all!

“Sis, you talk to him too.” In the end, he placed all hope on Lurui and took his leave.

Lurui didn’t know what to say either. In fact, she knew as much about Li Qiye as her brother. Jianshi thought that Lurui knew him and could perhaps convince him.

“Young Noble Li, what are you looking for?” Jianshi said seriously: “If you are willing to stand by the Wenren’s side, I can give you my life.”

He chuckled in response: “Have you thought about what will happen to your daughter after this mess is over? Will I stay as a fake forever? When will she find out about her real father? Does she even know now?”

Lurui became dejected after hearing this since she knew that this secret shouldn’t be revealed.

“It’s simple. If this matter is quelled, your daughter will never have the chance to come out. Even if the Wenren Clan accepts her, she’ll only be a bastard, a mortal, someone who will spend her life under disdainful glances. Even if you could take her away from this clan, what will she do? Follow you for the rest of her life without knowing her father? Even if she does, she can’t claim him either.” He said flatly.

Lurui took a deep breath and looked up: “I know that it’s all my fault. I’ve brought this on her. But the Wenren Clan is still my family and her father’s family. Given the chance, both of us will pay whatever price to protect it!”

“I know.” He spoke again: “However, your daughter has a fateful connection with me so I don’t want to see her being chastised as a bastard, spending the rest of her life while keeping her head down. Thus, I shall give her a chance.”

“I don’t understand.” Lurui was dazed.

“This is her fortune.” Li Qiye continued: “It’s just that you don’t know your daughter’s worth and potential.”

“But...” She said: “A public trial is not good for anyone. It’ll bring downfall and the only one laughing, in the end, will be Soaring Hawk.”

“I’ll be the only one laughing in the end. Soaring Hawk is nothing.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

Lurui became quiet from not knowing Li Qiye at all.

“Young Noble Li, that state might invite the Sky Dragon King. At that point, even if you have a plan, I’m afraid you can’t control the situation. No one can change the king’s decision.” She slowly speculated.

“We can satisfy your demand and end this problem first before dealing with other issues.” She requested earnestly.

She tried her best to protect the Wenren Clan since she would always be a part of this family. Thus, she was willing to give up her life when necessary.

“Why do you think the ruling of the dragon king will be unfavorable? Don’t have such a pessimistic view.” He laughed.

“Young Noble Li, maybe you don’t know too much about the Crouching Dragon Continent. In this place, our clan is only a small sect, not even part of any top ranking or be considered a second-rate power. Even the Soaring Hawk is only barely considered a country. You think the dragon king will care about a sect like us? Maybe Soaring Hawk and their allies could use this opportunity and get the king to destroy us.” She spoke seriously.

The failed marriage was their own matter in her eyes. This only related to the Wenren and Dongfang Clans. It didn’t matter how much of a scene they made, an alliance would still be there in the end.

However, the situation has escalated outside of their control. They didn’t mind being enemies with the Soaring Hawk. After all, tension has always run high. Moreover, their clans’ territory has been verified by the Crouching Dragon Cliff.

Nevertheless, they feared the involvement of this sect since they were only insects in comparison. Not to mention the Sky Dragon King, just any character of the elder level would be able to annihilate their clans.

In the trial, even if the king could issue a fair verdict, they would lose all face afterward. The king might even have a bad impression of their clans and abandon them or even remove their status in the continent.

“No big deal. We’ll talk after the king is here.” He casually smiled.

Li Qiye then waved his sleeve: “Let’s go. I have already decided what to do. Oh right, tell your brother to take good care of your daughter or I’ll hold him responsible if anything were to happen.”

Lurui understood that there was no persuading Li Qiye. She sighed gently and left.

Li Qiye smiled and looked out the window: “Pretty Xuan, you have been interested in your cliff’s bloodline, right? Then I shall give you a chance. An ancient lineage shall surface again from the depth.” With that, he closed his eyes as if sleeping.

Today, both clans received the news that Soaring Hawk and several great powers demanded a trial for Li Qiye. It was an official message as well.

This country worked quite hard. In just one day, they made several powers send a letter to the Sky Dragon King and ask her to preside over this problem.

She was on a patrol tour across the continent nearby. To everyone’s surprise, she actually accepted right away.

In fact, even Soaring Hawk found this astonishing. Their country has been wanting to complain to the cliff about the clans several times. Their goal was to rely on the cliff’s attitude to gain a favorable position before destroying the clans. However, their complaints were always dismissed.

They didn’t have that much hope this time either. However, a positive reply left them in disbelief.

Meanwhile, the ancestors of the two clans were frightened after finding out that the Sky Dragon King will personally take charge in the trial. These old men were completely helpless in this incoming crisis.

### [Chapter 1558: Field Of Dragon War](#)

Field of Dragon War was actually a deserted island located inside the chain. It was very special because the bottom half was smaller than the top just like a large lingzhi mushroom growing on the ocean.

It wasn't easy to enter this type of terrain, especially for mortals who would find it hard to climb. Because of this, this island has always been deserted. The surface above was a grassy plain resembling a battlefield. It could accommodate more than ten thousand people so it was a suitable location for a public trial.

There were many cultivators from the nearby sects arriving at the plain even before the start of the trial. Of course, the two clans and Soaring Hawk couldn't be the reason for so many people to participate.

After all, they were only minor sects. Only a few powers would care about this trial. However, it was a different case when the Sky Dragon King was personally presiding over this matter.

She was in charge of the Crouching Dragon Cliff at this moment on top of being a renowned master in the Grand Sea. Meanwhile, the cliff ruled the entire continent; all the sects within were under its jurisdiction.

The problem of a small sect like the Wenren Clan wasn't worthy of the king's personal visit but she was indeed coming. This changed the atmosphere completely.

Because of this, so many sects came to participate in the trial. Even some sect masters came early. In fact, her coming was outside of Soaring Hawk's expectation. In the beginning, Hai Yangying only wanted to intimidate the two clans using her prestige. Not in his dream did he expect the king to agree to this trial.

Yangying became quite elated and proud of this success. In his opinion, this was a once in a thousand year opportunity.

It looked like the cliff has a good opinion on his country! He thought to himself: 'Could it be that the capital itself has heard of my reputation?'

He knew that he was a talented youth, the number one expert of Soaring Hawk. Moreover, he had a noble air on top of being extremely handsome with many fans back in his country, the star in the heart of many young ladies, the lover in the mind of many women.

Could it be that the even the Sky Dragon King fancy him? Yangying felt as if he was floating on air after thinking about this.

Everyone in the northern region knew that the Sky Dragon King was a peerless beauty on the same level as the Heaven Suppression Goddess.

If the Sky Dragon King were to fancy him, it meant that he would be able to soar to the sky. Yangying was having a grand old time fantasizing this. He could already see the day when he could embrace the beauty and become world-renowned with great authority.

He turned a bit silly and started to grin. It was understandable that he was having this thought. In fact, many sects were surprised as well. Why was the dragon king wasting her time on such minor sects?

Because of this, the sect masters and royal lords at the field became quite polite towards Soaring Hawk.

The Soaring Hawk Royal Lord, Yangying's father, personally led troops here to maintain order and to be his son's backing. If they could impress the dragon king, their sect could rise overnight.

"Royal lord, congratulation, a tiger never has a dog cub. Your son is excelling like a dragon among men. One day, he'll rise towards the sky and the world shall heed his name." A few sect masters and royal lords were talking to the Soaring Hawk Royal Lord with the intention of flattery.

In the past, this tiny country wasn't worthy of their flattery. However, many were speculating that the Sky Dragon King might be wanting to groom this sect. Moreover, Hai Yangying was indeed a talented prodigy. Maybe he could earn her favor.

"Please, gentlemen, I don't deserve such kind words." The royal lord was beaming with this great opportunity for his country to shine.

Needless to say about Yangying, his confidence has grown to an unprecedented level. He felt as if he has just obtained some great influence.

"Who is the trial for this time?" Someone asked.

In fact, they didn't really care about the trial. The main focus was to present themselves in a favorable manner before the Sky Dragon King in order to get her notice.

"I think a disciple from the Wenren Clan." An expert who has caught some wind of this matter answered.

"No." Yangying immediately corrected: "Not someone from the Wenren Clan. He does have some relationship with them but he's just a disciple from our continent. However, he had a relationship with the Wenren Daughter and ruined the marriage alliance. Because of this, those two clans wanted to secretly dispose of him."

Many people could understand this. Marriage alliances were common among clans but this Li fella seduced the Wenren Daughter? They felt sympathetic that the two clans wanted to deal with this privately.

"As members of the Crouching Dragon Continent, we have the responsibility to maintain peace but the two clans are secretly apprehending a cultivator, even intending on killing him. This would only result in mass unrest. Thus, we have to uphold justice." Yangying spoke sternly with a righteous appearance.

The crowd didn't disagree with this conjecture either. However, they understood that he was only using this type of rhetoric to push his own agenda but no one bothered to say anything.

The disciples from the two clans finally made it to the field as well. Li Qiye was part of the group with experts on his left and right.

They were actually protecting this time since if something were to happen to him, there was no chance for them to defend themselves. Due to the congregation of masters in this place, the clans became quite nervous, evident by their serious expression.

Not to mention the Sky Dragon King, just these great powers alone rendered them out of breath.

Alas, there was no other choice. If they didn't bring Li Qiye here, it was the same as opposing the dragon king. Doing so would result in unimaginable consequences at the Crouching Dragon Continent!

Li Qiye didn't look like a prisoner as well since they almost regarded him as their ancestor with respect to their current treatment. They hoped that Li Qiye could at least stay civil during the trial towards their clans.

After stepping on the field, Li Qiye looked at the sea around and smiled. The entire continent looked like a giant beast lying on the sea.

If one were overlooking from above, they would find that there was a mountain range crossing through the entire area just like a dragon. Its head seemed to be diving into the ocean. Meanwhile, this particular island looked like a dragon head sticking out.

He smirked for this was his goal. The trial was only out of convenience in order to calm this storm so that the brat named Huaiyu could have a bright future ahead.

#### [Chapter 1559: Sky Dragon King](#)

After seeing the arrival of Li Qiye and the two clans, Hai Yangying couldn't help but smirk. This so-called trial was only a tool used by him to break down the Wenren and Dongfang.

He didn't care for Li Qiye's life. In fact, even if Li Qiye could survive the trial, he would kill Li Qiye if given an opportunity later on since the guy has offended him!

"The royal lords and sect masters are all here. You can start by telling them about how the Wenren and Dongfang Clan have abducted you." Hai Yangying wanted to take charge before the Sky Dragon King was here so he told Li Qiye.

The experts from the two clans grimaced. This was their business but Yangying has told the rest of the world now. It was quite a humiliating ordeal.

"Abduction? What are you talking about?" Li Qiye laughed at the complacent fella.

Li Qiye's answer made the clan members heave a sigh of relief. The ancestors asked Jianshi and Lurui to go beg Li Qiye. In their eyes, Li Qiye was Lurui's husband so he might go easy on them.

In the past, his attitude was completely unclear so the two clans were afraid that he would bite them back during the trial. This came as a pleasant surprise to them.

"I'm talking about the two clans wanting to quietly dispose of you after they captured you." Yangying hurriedly said: "Don't worry, you're not part of their clans. Any cultivator at the Crouching Dragon Continent is free from such injustice. They don't have the authority to detain or judge you. Just tell the truth and the sect masters and royal lords here will protect you."

The ancestors' expression became quite ugly. The Wenren Clan Master couldn't help but yell: "Crown Prince Hai, this is our own business!"

"Is that so? The involved party is present, why don't we listen to him?" Yangying sneered.

"That's right, we'll take care of this, go ahead and talk. When Her Majesty gets here, she'll give you a fair trial as well." One sect master helped Yangying.

"Oh?" Li Qiye smiled: "But if I am the Wenren Clan's son-in-law, am I still an outsider or am I a disciple of the clan?"

Such words surprised the crowd, especially Yangying.

The Wenren Clan Master immediately echoed: "That's right, this is our internal affairs, no need for a trial."

"When did you become the Wenren Clan's son-in-law?" Yangying turned serious and coldly said: "The daughter from that clan is betrothed to Dongfang Cong, everyone knows this so where did you come out from? What does that mean then? Hmph, it means you are purposely breaking a marriage alliance by seducing an innocent woman, an unforgivable crime of an adulterer, intending to break the peace of the continent. The world does not tolerate someone like you, so if you are truly this evil, you should be burnt slowly at the stake to set an example for those who dare to disturb the harmony of Crouching Dragon! Villains in this place will be punished severely!"

Yangying's eyes were full of murderous intention at this point.

Another sect master shouted: "It is true that a deliberate sabotage of a marriage alliance should be punished severely. A death by fire isn't unreasonable at all."

They weren't interested in any secret arrest from the Wenren Clan. In fact, many of them were guilty of this. Yangying was only using this as a starting point for his own plan.

However, seducing someone else's fiancée was a completely different story. All great powers used this type of alliance and no one wanted such a thing to happen to them. Because of this, more leaders were willing to burn Li Qiye to death. This was a warning and an example to all the playboys who want to break alliances.

Yangying continued: "Though I don't know what the clans have offered you but if you claim to be part of the Wenren Clan right now, you are still an adulterer who should burn at the stake!"

His threat was very clear at the moment. If Li Qiye were to take the Wenren Clan's side, Yingyang and his supporters would kill him. However, if he were to bite back at the clans, there was a chance for him to survive.

Anyone else would know what choice to pick at this moment. They would implicate the clans for self-preservation. After all, these clans wanted his life in the past.

Li Qiye smiled and said slowly: "You are nothing, stop prancing around in front of me and scam before I become angry. Tell the Sky Dragon King to come and see me."

Even the leaders here took a deep breath after hearing this while Yangying was astounded. The disciples from the two clans were naturally frightened pale as well.

This guy dared to bluster like this? Telling the Sky Dragon King to come and see him?

“Ignorant fool, I’ll take care of you now.” Yangying was livid after being humiliated before everyone and immediately reached for Li Qiye.

“Bang!” Before he could grab onto anything, Li Qiye slapped him flying and smashed all of his teeth. Both teeth and blood gushed from his mouth.

Such a sudden change shocked and stunned everyone.

“Little animal, you want to die?! Go, get him!” The Soaring Hawk Royal Lord was furious and came together with several hundred experts to surround and capture him.

In this instant, a declaration came like the thunder: “Her Majesty, the dragon king, is here.”

Everyone quickly kneeled down. Even the Soaring Hawk Royal Lord ignored everything else and prostrated as well.

“Greetings, Your Majesty!” All those present at the field were kneeling, outside of Li Qiye.

Lurui and Jianshi saw that he was still standing and became frightened. Lurui quickly tugged on his sleeve and signaled for him to kneel down only to be met with his smile.

A woman descended from the sky. Her appearance engulfed the small island with an aquatic aura. The water dragon beneath her feet made her even more dignified.

Two old men accompanied her. Lights shot out from their eyes that would frighten any spectator with a glimpse.

Her eyes swept by the field and suddenly stopped on Li Qiye who was smiling at her.

“Your Majesty, please support us.” Hai Yangying rolled and crawled to the front before telling her: “This brat Li relies on the Wenren and Dongfang Clans and think he can do whatever he wants, boasting without shame and even besmirched you. I wanted to protect your prestige and went to stop him...”

At this time, Yangying was exaggerating in order to frame Li Qiye and the clans. It was hitting two birds with one stone.

The clans were scared out of their mind. It was over for them if Yangying could obtain his goal.

Meanwhile, the other leaders were indifferent. They wouldn’t speak up for these minor clans. No one would care for their existence.

The Sky Dragon King stared intensely at Li Qiye while he stared back with a smirk.

Lurui’s soul almost left her body. She kept on pulling his sleeve while almost crying. If Li Qiye didn’t kneel, a disaster would befall their clan.

“Your Majesty, this contemptuous person has no respect for your prestige. Allow me to capture him for you.” The Soaring Hawk Royal Lord noticed her stare and thought that she was unhappy with him. He assumed that this was a chance to win some merits.

Because of this, he and his group of experts instantly came for Li Qiye.

“Boom!” With just one kick, he sent them flying while spraying blood.

He didn’t bother looking at them. He smiled and sat down on the throne that was originally prepared for the dragon king.

### [Chapter 1560: A Beauty Brewing Tea](#)

As Li Qiye was sitting on the throne, the leaders on the ground were gasping. Who the heck was this brat, daring to act all arrogant before the Sky Dragon King?

The Wenren Clan, in particular, was completely pale. It was as if they could see their own destruction already.

This wasn’t only acting presumptuously before the king. He was even sitting on her throne. It was virtually treason, a crime worthy of death regardless of the location. It could be a nine clans extermination as well.

The worst part was that Li Qiye was more or less related to their clan at this moment. They would be dragged down in this mess as well.

“Brat, cease your disrespectful act!” One sect master shouted loudly in order to win some points in front of the king.

Li Qiye continued to sit there without a care and looked at the dragon king: “My beautiful Xuan, I came all this way to visit you, where’s your hospitality?”

Some leaders were jolted at this moment. Now, the guy was even teasing Her Majesty? Their king definitely couldn’t stand this.

Who would dare to tease a top expert of the Grand Sea with an exceedingly high position? He was simply tired of living.

However, the Sky Dragon King surprised everyone since she responded with a kingdom-toppling smile. The people have never seen her smile like this before.

“I knew you were visiting, Brother Li, so I personally brought some tea from my cliff. Please, take your time.” The dragon king said.

This was Li Qiye’s old acquaintance, Wolong Xuan! [1]

“A perfectly brewed Deep Sea Tea is worthy of a taste indeed.” Li Qiye nodded and smiled.

At this time, the two old men prepared a stove for the tea then ignited the fire.

The enchanting woman came forward with a peerless posture. She sat before the stove and personally controlled the fire. She poured some spring water inside to boil her tea.



A while later, smoke came out with the fragrance of the tea. The whole scene was silent outside of the kindling wood.

The leaders here were astounded and watched in disbelief. Who was the Sky Dragon King? She was the supreme ruler of their Crouching Dragon Continent. It was hard for them to see her once.

However, their king was brewing tea for this ordinary man sitting on her throne. Before they knew it, he looked like the master of the nine heavens, the greatest of all existences. Meanwhile, their king was only a tea maid.

This scene was too much to take in. The members of the clan felt their jaw dropping to the ground. They never expected for something like this to happen. The goddess in their mind, the deity in their heart, was actually brewing tea for this man.

After the tea was finished, she personally brought it to him. Such a treatment was unbelievable. Who else could enjoy this service from their king?

Li Qiye sipped a mouthful and clicked his tongue: "Good, good. However, there is still a gap compared to the tea from your progenitor."

"So you have tasted our ancestral tea?" Wolong Xuan smiled and asked with her autumn waves eyes.

Li Qiye didn't answer and put down the teacup before staring at the leaders on the ground: "Stand up."

In just a moment, all these kneeling leaders were frightened. The ones who criticized him earlier were even more aghast and became paralyzed on the ground.

Even their king brewed tea for this person yet they dared to act pompous before him. This was a sect-destruction sin!

"If Young Noble Li has forgiven your rudeness, stand up." Wolong Xuan glanced at them and said.

She had the bearing of a master at the moment with the prestige of a king. Her reputation wasn't just all talk.

After hearing her, the leaders slowly got up. They felt their legs shaking with fear at this moment.

"I am someone who likes to hold grudges." Li Qiye drank his tea again and chuckled: "Hai Yangying, drag him out, decapitate."

The two old men didn't wait for Wolong Xuan's affirmation before pulling Hai Yangying outside. They knew of Li Qiye's identity. This was someone who exiled even the Soaring Immortal Sect. These leaders were mere ants before Fierce!

"Your Majesty, please show mercy-" Yangying was scared out of his mind. His beautiful dreams earlier all shattered. Only an impending doom was coming.

"Your Majesty, please spare him." The Soaring Hawk Royal Lord also begged for mercy on the ground.

"I will only kill your ignorant son." Wolong Xuan gave him a cold look: "If Young Noble Li has to do it, he'll annihilate your country. Your choice."

The royal lord dropped down on his butt and became stunned.

“Crack!” The two old men didn’t hesitate and chopped off Yangying’s head. This was only a nobody. Provoking Li Qiye could even end with their cliff’s destruction, let alone a tiny sect like Soaring Hawk.

Li Qiye didn’t care at all and continued: “Wenren and Dongfang Clans, come forward.”

The same fear emanated across the clan members. All of them felt their soul leaving their body. They quivered while walking forward while the other leaders here didn’t dare to breathe loudly. They were afraid that the slightest misstep would bring about calamity to their sect.

“Brat, come here.” Li Qiye waved at the kneeling Wenren Huaiyu.

She looked at her mom while the clan members couldn’t help but stare at her. They felt a bit hopeful since Li Qiye was Lurui’s husband after all.

Of course, Jianshi on the other hand only sighed. He knew this wasn’t the case.

Eventually, Lurui nodded and Huaiyu finally walked forward.

Li Qiye patted her shoulder and spoke flatly to the Wenren Clan Master and ancestors: “I don’t care about the marriage alliances. However, this girl has a fateful connection with me. She has the right to know who her father is.”

“Young noble...” The Wenren Clan Master shivered for half a day and didn’t know what to say.

“Alright, clan master, I don’t care if you are unaware or is just playing dumb. I am only a scapegoat, not your son-in-law.”

“This lowly, this lowly one doesn’t know anything!” The clan master and the ancestors hurriedly kowtowed.

“Wenren Jianshi, you should speak now.” Li Qiye slowly told Jianshi.

Jianshi was also scared as well. He looked at his ancestors then the Dongfang Clan’s members. In the end, he gently sighed and revealed: “Huaiyu’s father is our Eldest Martial Brother.”

“Gu Qiyu!” Not just the Wenren members but even some Dongfang members were stunned.

“Yes.” Lurui lowered her head and openly admitted.

Jianshi looked at Dongfang Cong apologetically and then solemnly spoke to Li Qiye: “Young Noble Li, Brother Dongfang, this is all my fault. I shall face the consequences. My life is in your hands now, Young Noble Li.”

Dongfang Cong sighed as well. He understood Jianshi’s intention. The Wenren Clan needed a scapegoat right now.

Li Qiye ignored him and smiled at Wolong Xuan: “What do you think about this child?”