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Chapter 1571: Peacock Bright Monarch

The dragon horn symbol put a smile on his face. A small law the size of a silk string with a faint glimmer came out of his finger.

It drilled into the symbol like a spirit snake and emitted a golden glow, changing the symbol into the same shade.

Li Qiye nodded approvingly after seeing this before vanishing into thin air. The secret passage had teleported him again.

In the next second, it was an area full of red and scorching lava with a temperature capable of melting everything.

He pushed down on the lava surface and revealed an identical symbol of a dragon horn before doing the same action with his finger. Another small law came out and lit up the symbol again...

This process was continued in many locations. One was a mountainous region and another was under the ocean. He even went into a large star...

All of these places had the same symbol that was eventually lit up by him. They scattered all over the world.

Finally, he came back to the secret passage and was transported to a large planet, seemingly occupied by a great dragon. He was standing on a platform with a large dragon horn.

This was the real thing and looked like it belonged to a True Dragon, surely a priceless treasure. If it was used to craft a weapon, the result would be as amazing as any Immortal Emperor True Treasure.

"Wooooo-" Li Qiye blew on the horn. The melodious horn was powerful as if it could echo across the nine heavens. Everyone could hear this clarion call.

With this cry, the individual node transmitted the sound. In a short time, it seemed like thousands of True Dragons were howling. Even Godkings would piss their pants from fear.

The symbols in all the different locations resonated as well but they sounded like little whispers.

In a short period, the same horn resounded across the world. Li Qiye continued for a long time as if wanting to send a message.

Eventually, he put down the dragon horn and looked at the secret passage with a sigh: "I hope no one in the future will use this pathway again."

Only a few old confidants of his knew about it. If anyone were to use it in the future, it would mean that they were experiencing a disaster, one that would threaten the nine worlds so they needed to run using this passage.

It meant that a darkness has engulfed the nine worlds just like the rule of the Ancient Ming back then.

He returned to the small courtyard at Peal City. The old man was now enjoying his time in a chair and basked in the sun. He looked quite lazy and comfortable.

It was as if he was enjoying the twilight of his life, the remaining few moments of his life. Li Qiye sighed emotionally after seeing this. He wondered if he could enjoy the same treatment one day during his old age.

He didn't disturb the old man and left silently. Before leaving, he couldn't help but look at the two pine trees again before leaving Pearl City completely.

There were more than ten thousand small islands in the Pearl Archipelago. Most were inhabited by people but some were deserted. He was sitting in the southern edge of an uninhabited one.

He watched the waves assault the shoal rocks with a forlorn gaze.

After a long time, he said flatly: "Come out, you have been following me for a long time now since Pearl City."

Once his words fell, a charming figure appeared nearby. It was the Pearl City Lord, Peacock Bright Monarch!

She wasn't surprised at all and bowed elegantly yet not subserviently towards him: "I'm very curious about you so I couldn't help following. Please forgive me."

This was an authoritative figure in the entire Grand Sea so such words coming from her were very sensible.

"If I took offense, you wouldn't be alive right now." Li Qiye glanced at her and chuckled before shifting his gaze back at the ocean.

The monarch shuddered after hearing this. This seemingly ordinary man was anything but that. She couldn't see through him at all, completely unable to gauge his strength.

"I'm curious about one thing too." He said: "As the Pearl City Lord, are you on Lu Zhangsun's side or Gu Zun's? Of course, I know Zhangsun is no longer alive."

This actually surprised her. She couldn't help but stare at him with a flash in her eyes.

"Of course, I know you're not Zhangsun's descendant or disciple or you wouldn't be cultivating another supreme art from Heaven Suppression." He revealed while still staring at the ocean.

This made her even more cautious with her stare becoming more intense. She said slowly: "May I ask why you are here? Is it because of my Pearl City or Heaven Suppression?"

"Both." Li Qiye chuckled and leisurely replied: "If necessary, I'll take back the two cities."

"Who are you!" She became quite alarmed and lowered her tone: "Who sent you here?! The Soaring Immortal Sect?"

Li Qiye shook his head in response: "The Soaring Immortal Sect is nothing. They aren't qualified to order me. No one in this world can!"

The vigilant monarch was stunned. Who would dare to utter such words in Mortal Emperor? It might bring about a sect-destroying calamity if the Soaring Immortal Sect were to catch wind of this statement.

No, one person indeed dared to say something like this. However, she has only heard of his name.

Li Qiye continued: "We'll talk about Gu Zun now. As the Pearl City Lord, have you actually seen him?"

The monarch calmed down and hesitated in responding.

"It looks like you're not quite sure either." Li Qiye smiled: "Tell me, what does Gu Zun look like right now? An old man or still a very handsome youth? Or a deity shrouded in a divine aura and visual phenomena?!"

She chose to shield her thoughts: "Young Noble, this is our business. I can't answer."

She became quite curious about his origin and intention. But as he has said, he came for both Pearl City and Heaven Suppression. Nevertheless, she didn't know whether he was a friend or a foe!

"Okay then, tell me about your Heaven Suppression Goddess. Where is she now? Inside Heaven Suppression or did Gu Zun escort her to a secret location now?"

Chapter 1572: Mysterious Island

With a changed expression, she glared at him and said slowly: "I won't talk to an outsider about Heaven Suppression."

Li Qiye stopped and smiled at the ocean. It seemed that something there was attracting his unblinking gaze.

The monarch followed his stare as well and found something amiss. There was a halo appearing in the horizon like a rising sun.

However, it wasn't the sun because the real thing was hanging high in the sky. Moreover, this halo was very faint and not dazzling and intense like the sun at all.

This faint light rose and darkened as it got higher. In the end, after reaching a certain height, it disappeared without a trace.

A dark shadow emerged instead from the horizon and was coming towards them. From the distant, it looked like an island soaring through the waves. It seemed quite slow but this was far from the truth. It was crossing through space at an unbelievable rate.

It didn't take long before it appeared before the two, not far from Li Qiye's position.

The monarch finally got a good look at this island. It was shrouded in fog so no one could actually see the real thing. Even if one could peer through this obscurity, they could only faintly see a mountain within.

She was an incredible master so she could sense something special. With her heavenly gaze, she found that it wasn't actually fog shrouding it.

Space was the thing blocking all view because the island wasn't located within the common space. Even though it was right before them, it was separated by several different realms. This gap made it look like it was shrouded in fog.

Though she could tell the spatial disparity, she couldn't see how far away it actually was.

"It's a different space." She understood that in order to board the island, they must cross through many different realms. It wasn't easy at all.

She also realized that the halo earlier was the island was crossing from an ancient time and space to appear before them.

"Your perception is indicative of your great strength." Li Qiye chuckled and praised.

"Buzz." A portal with rippling radiance opened just like the waves.

He smiled and entered without any hesitation. When his foot set on the portal, his laws entered as well, allowing him to disappear. It looked like he threw himself into the fog in order to board the island.

The monarch didn't dare to miss this opportunity and followed but she couldn't enter at all. The portal repelled her completely.

She didn't give up and shouted to channel her power. She created a grand dao just like a peacock spreading its tail. The power of this grand dao came crushing towards the portal since she wanted to force her way in.

"Boom!" The end result was the same. She still went flying despite her considerable power. Her internal energy churned and she saw stars in her eyes.

She tried several times again but the outcome was still the same. The portal repelled her while she was completely helpless against its power.

She finally gave up and knew that there was no way she could get in. Thus, she stood there waiting. There was no way for her to know that this was a portal of the Immortal Emperor level so her strength was insufficient.

This mysterious island piqued her curiosity. Just what was on this island that has crossed through time and space? Why was it here?

Of course, she understood that it had something to do with that ordinary looking fella. Perhaps he was the one who called for it.

After entering the island, Li Qiye climbed to another exceedingly high platform as if it could connect with the heaven above. One could pluck the stars while standing up there.

This was an altar with boundless runes carved on it from Immortal Emperors! It has experienced blessing and empowerments from these beings.

It seemed there was nothing else here outside of the imperial runes. No, there was a bronze loop fastened to a lid. There was nothing decorating this lid; it was just a bronze cover that has never been carved before.

He was instantly attracted to the loop on the lid as if it was the prettiest woman in the world. He simply couldn't look away.

He eventually commented with a tinge of emotion: "The ultimate weapon. I don't want that day to come but I need a weapon capable of threatening everyone into backing off! Even the damned heaven would have to falter! I hope the day when I need to use it will never come or the nine worlds will turn into ashes. History will no longer exist."

Having said that, he took a deep breath.

"Boom!" His sea of memories emerged. Invincible auras gushed out and assaulted everything. Luckily, this was a separated spatial location or the entire Mortal Emperor World would be trembling right now.

One Immortal Emperor after another came out. Of course, they were only shadows encompassing the emperor's' will, battle intent, supreme grand dao, and imperial laws! Each of them was extremely mighty and could contend against the emperors' dao avatars.

Immortal Emperor Xue Xi, Immortal Emperor Min Ren, Immortal Emperor Tun Ri, Empress Hong Tian, Immortal Emperor Qian Li... All of these emperors came out of his mind.

They each occupied a particular position to create a supreme formation.

Even Legendary Godkings would be quivering in fear before this ultimate formation created by so many shadows of emperors. This thing could suppress everything in the world!

He grabbed the loop with both hands and said solemnly: "Let us begin and hope for an end in this generation regardless of the outcome. We won't escape from fate! This is our choice!"

"Boom!" All the emperors erupted with a massive aura. This power ravaged these temporal-spatial realms!

Finally, they channeled the altar with their unstoppable laws. All the runes there began to shine.

"Clank!" Li Qiye pulled the bronze loop and the thing sealed inside the altar was being pulled up slowly.

"Bang!" He finally took the item out.

It looked like a lantern post with a cover on both the top and bottom. The purpose seemed to be sealing the crystal column in the middle.

The column wasn't transparent and resembled a white stone carving. However, it also seemed natural enough to be the original form without any alteration.

Nevertheless, this opaque property didn't stop others from seeing a faint flame within. It was weak enough to be extinguished by the most gentle of breeze.

Li Qiye stared at the swaying and ordinary flame within with a grin. This was no ordinary flame; the thing inside could destroy everything in the world!

Chapter 1573: Identity Verification

Inside the crystal pillar was a flickering light. It was extremely horrifying but Li Qiye was unaffected. He had already experienced the most terrible of ordeals and spent painstaking effort while sacrificing many items to obtain this item.

Anyone else wouldn't have the same calmness right now. He held the bronze loop to lift the pillar before looking sentimentally at the emperors.

A while later, the shadows of the emperors disappeared and returned to his mind.

Meanwhile, the Peacock Bright Monarch quietly waited outside for him to come out. She wanted to know what he got and where the island came from. After all, she didn't want something beyond her control within her own territory.

Li Qiye finally came out and she walked forward to ask: "What was inside?"

"This thing." Li Qiye slowly raised the pillar. She immediately froze the moment she looked at it.

Her soul almost instantaneously left her body. This wasn't some type of immobilization art; it was an absolute suppression! Her cultivation, body, will, and even dao heart were instantly repressed.

She couldn't resist this ultimate suppression at all and felt that she was only an ant, can't reach the apex.

Even the tiniest sliver of resistance disappeared. This was the most terrible thing about it.

An Immortal Emperor could suppress anyone. However, the victim could still have the will to resist. This was simply not the case before this particular pillar.

It wasn't due to her weakness but the flickering light inside was too much. Just a single glimpse left her helpless.

She understood the implication; her fate was now in Li Qiye's hand. She was a fish on the chopping board, completely up to his whim.

"Curiosity kills the cat. This does save me some effort so I don't have to pry it from your mouth." Li Qiye chuckled at the monarch while holding the pillar.

"What, what are you going to do?" She was terrified but couldn't move or resist at all.

"I want to see if you are the real Pearl City Lord." He smiled.

"I am, if you don't believe me, you can go to the city for verification." She hurriedly responded.

"No need." To which he shook his head: "Plus, the Pearl City Lord isn't appointed by Heaven Suppression anyway."

With that, he unbuttoned her shirt, just the top two knots. With that, a scene of spring became exposed. Her snow-white skin below her neck was in plain sight in all its tender goodness.

Out came her rounded and plump cleavage. Hands would sink deep into their snow as white texture and eyes would brighten as a result.

Such beauty tugged at the heartstrings. Men would feel their blood boiling and heart palpitating.

"What are you doing?!" She was scared out of her mind and turned pale despite being a Godking.

Keep in mind that she was still an innocent woman yet to be seen by a man hence her shock at Li Qiye's action.

More importantly, if Li Qiye had any idea about her, she was powerless to stop him. Of course, his eyes weren't fixated on her breasts but rather the pendant on top of them.

It had an oval crystal with a glimmer flowing inside. The light was as magnificent as fireworks and continued to change shapes. The string was made from a thin law, virtually undetectable.

"The key to the Pearl Tower is indeed in your possession." He smiled and said.

She heaved a sigh of relief and no longer misunderstood his intention: "I'm the city lord so of course, I have the key."

"No, even if you have the key, it doesn't mean that you are the city lord since you could seize it. However, it's not hard to verify it."

He placed his rugged hand on the pendant and her bare breasts This triggered both embarrassment and anger but she could do naught.

"Buzz." The faint light in the pendant seemed to be entering her breasts without leaving any wound. He seemed to have taken control of her body at this crucial moment.

Her mind opened. Keep in mind that no cultivator would ever allow for this key spot to be exposed but it was no longer up to her. A little pagoda floated out from her forehead, only the size of a finger. It emitted a blinding light with a holy power as if it could wash away all the darkness in this world.

"Looks like your identity is real." Li Qiye nodded and said flatly: "The city lord's position can be bestowed and the key could be forcefully taken. Not the Pearl Tower though, one would need its permission."

He pulled back and tidied her dress again: "You might not be under Zhangsun's branch but since the tower accepted you, he passed the key to you."

"How do you know all of this?!" This was the biggest secret of Heaven Suppression. Even those who knew that the tower could pick its master would have no way of verifying it. However, Li Qiye's familiarity on this point astounded her.

Of course, how could she know that he was the one who created the Pearl Tower? If he didn't know the method, no one else would either.

"What is there that I, Li Qiye, do not know?" He put away his pillar and clapped: "Okay, you're free now."

She shuddered for a bit before regaining control over her body again with the disappearance of the suppression. She became dazed as if looking at a ghost while retreating backward to keep a distance from Li Qiye.

"You're hurting my feelings." Li Qiye laughed and shook his head after seeing her scared expression: "Am I really that scary? I'm not a devil with horns or anything, just a nice and compassionate person." The monarch thought otherwise. Anyone else would have escaped right away after regaining freedom but her choosing to linger around was already courageous enough.

Her face reddened after recalling how he unbuttoned and saw her bare breasts but there was nothing she could do.

She eventually calmed her raging emotions from past experiences of being an authoritative figure with a deep breath. His words echoed through her mind again and prompted her to blurt: "You, you are Li Qiye, Young Noble Li?!"

"Correct." He said with a faint smile.

She didn't expect this ordinary man to be the notorious Li Qiye. She has heard of his tales in the past and didn't think she would bump into him today. Being imprisoned by Fiercest wasn't shameful at all. After all, this was a godslaying existence; a man who dared to kill members from the Soaring Immortal Sect. Was there anything he couldn't do?

Chapter 1574: Three Branches Of Heaven Suppression

The monarch took a deep breath and deeply bowed: "Young Noble Li, your fame is resounding like the thunder. To be able to see you is a great honor. Please excuse my lack of manners earlier."

Li Qiye nodded: "I was rude first so it's not your fault. I was only suspicious because you are not from Zhangsun's branch yet are still acting as the Pearl City Lord."

Though Li Qiye didn't have any impure thoughts, she still felt her face becoming hot again when the topic was brought up.

She let go of this matter and said: "Our sect master told me that you are worthy of trust. Are you here to help us this time?"

The sect master she was referring to was Zi Cuining.

"Well, since I'm here already, might as well finish the good deed." He calmly smiled.

The monarch became relieved after hearing this. Recently, Gu Zun's branch had all the authority while she couldn't communicate with Zi Cuining. This made her feel isolated.

Perhaps Li Qiye wouldn't deal with Gu Zun himself but surely, he would act against the Soaring Immortal Sect. Their appearance has made her city feel quite pressured.

Though people said that it was an alliance between Heaven Suppression and Soaring Immortal, to be more precise, it was between that sect and Gu Zun's own branch.

Recently, Zi Cuining told her that if anything were to happen to Heaven Suppression City, she must guard Pearl. That would be their last stronghold.

Zi Cuining also said that in a hopeless situation with desperate needs for allies, others wouldn't be trustworthy. Only Li Qiye from Cleansing Incense was reliable.

She didn't understand back then why her sect master trusted Li Qiye so much but after this experience, she gained a better understanding of the situation.

It wasn't easy for the monarch in the present. Heaven Suppression was pressuring her on top of Soaring Immortal. Meanwhile, she was the only one who could be counted on in Pearl City. Li Qiye's appearance finally gave her a sliver of hope.

"It's really surprising. Pearl Tower didn't pick Zhangsun's disciple to be the new successor but an outsider instead. It looks like you must be exceptional in some ways." He looked at her and said.

In the past, he created the Pearl Tower as a last resort in order to deal with Gu Zun taking over one day. If the Black Dragon King's descendants were incapable of fighting back, the tower would be of assistance.

Among the disciples back then, Li Qiye trusted Lu Zhangsun. Because of this, this person was in charge of the Pearl Tower.

Li Qiye assumed that his descendants would be the new successors. This was why he found this matter to be surprising.

With a slight hesitation, the monarch eventually spoke: "I didn't come from the Sacred Ancestor's branch. He took me in as a grand-disciple later."

The Sacred Ancestor in her words was Lu Zhangsun. He was the eldest disciple of the Black Dragon King. He earned the king's trust and even the Dark Crow once gave this assessment: "Magnanimous and insightful; his only defect is having an overabundance of kindness."

Nevertheless, the Dark Crow still left Heaven Suppression City to Zhangsun.

Zhangsun really didn't disappoint Li Qiye. Even when the Black Dragon King was no longer in this world, the city continued to grow.

Unfortunately, he had two fatal mistakes. First, he didn't live as long as Gu Zun. This guy continued to grow younger while the opposite happened to Zhangsun. Secondly, he was too nice and didn't banish Gu Zun from the city or kill him. He cared too much about his master's feelings and this gave Gu Zun a chance to mature!

"You might not be from his branch but the tower still accepted you. This was why Zhangsun didn't adhere to the rigid tradition and still made you city lord instead of his disciple. He's a visionary indeed." Li Qiye praised.

The monarch nodded in agreement: "Yes, that's what happened. I didn't come from any of the three branches from Heaven Suppression but only a minor sect under its jurisdiction. I eventually joined at a young age and was taught many skills from the city by a regional master. The tower eventually accepted me so the Sacred Ancestor broke the tradition and took me in as a grand-disciple."

Pearl City was very special in this sect. Its city lord didn't need to listen to orders from Heaven Suppression.

Heaven Suppression was divided into three main branches: Lu Zhangsun, Gu Zun, and the Black Dragon Legion. The Little Sea Village was closely related to the Black Dragon Legion but it had a pivotal role for the sect as well.

In the past, Zhangsun's branch had control over Heaven Suppression. Gu Zun, on the other hand, was in a state of reclusion. Though he had his own disciples, they weren't eligible to take up any important role because of their relationship to Gu Zun.

As for the Black Dragon Legion, even if it rarely interfered with the sect's matters, it would often help with important matters to great effect.

Unfortunately, the legion went on an expedition with the king. After this battle, it only existed in name. The ones left behind were weak so its influence dropped to a minimal level.

Another long period eventually passed with Zhangsun still in charge. In fact, it couldn't happen any other way. Zhangsun was the eldest disciple and part of the orthodox branch. It was natural that he would be in charge. Of course, it helped that the city thrived under his rule as well.

Nevertheless, Gu Zun never gave up since he believed that the city was rightfully his! Thus, he continued to gather power in the dark.

At the same time, the kind and considerate Zhangsun didn't do anything out of love for his master. This allowed for Gu Zun to have a chance to slowly rise within the sect. Once Zhangsun died, Gu Zun has gained great influence. Because of this, the sect became divided between Gu Zun's branch and Zhangsun's branch.

As for the Peacock Bright Monarch, because of her great talents and intelligence, her humble origin didn't stop the elders from valuing her.

She even carried out expeditions several times and contributed greatly during her youth. Her future should have been bright but it was a shame that she wasn't from any of the three branches. Therefore, her limit would most likely have been an elder of the sect. After all, it wasn't easy for an outsider to reach the upper echelon.

Who would have thought that when she visited Pearl City during a trip, the Pearl Tower unexpectedly chose her? This news came as a surprise to Lu Zhangsun as well. This allowed for her to rise to prominence as the new city lord.

This position was much higher than the elder level. She had some decision-making power on top of being independent from Heaven Suppression. It was similar to the rank of an ancestor.

"How is Zi Cuining now?" Li Qiye asked.

"I haven't received any news about her, but she's fine for now inside Heaven Suppression. I'm certain she has her own plans." The monarch pondered before answering.

Li Qiye nodded and smiled: "You people are really strange, allowing Gu Zun to take power like this. Forget it, you're all still too inexperienced to contend against him."

She took her time responding: "Well, the truth is that Ancestor Gu Zun has never shown his face. The one in charge right now is Ancestor Ye."

"Ye Jiuzhou, right?" Li Qiye asked for confirmation.

"Yes." The monarch looked around before telling the truth: "We're not really sure if this is Ancestor Gu Zun's will either since Ancestor Ye had always been in charge."

"Of course you don't know. Ye Jiuzhou had followed Gu Zun since youth so he is absolutely loyal to Gu Zun. Even if Gu Zun tells him to go die, he would do so without hesitation. Everything he's doing now is Gu Zun's order. He exists for Gu Zun." Li Qiye stated flatly.

Jiuzhou was Gu Zun's top disciple and had followed him for a long time. He also had a very prestigious position in Heaven Suppression.

Chapter 1575: Internal Strife At Heaven Suppression

The Peacock Bright Monarch had trouble finding the right words. The only thing she knew about Gu Zun was his name. Few had seen Gu Zun before in Heaven Suppression since Ye Jiuzhou was the public figure.

"What about the others right now?" Li Qiye smiled. Others might not understand Gu Zun but he knew exactly what type of person Gu Zun was and knew what the guy was up to.

"In the Black Dragon Hall." The monarch answered.

"A bunch of fools shutting themselves in." Li Qiye shook his head.

"Young Noble, how do you know about it?!" This came as a surprise to her.

"It's obvious. Gu Zun won't kill the others before having full control over the situation. After all, Zhangsun's is an orthodox branch then there's the Black Dragon Legion and the Little Sea Village too. They have authority to preside over the situation. If Gu Zun were to kill all of them at once, he would only gain infamy. At the very least, he wants to overthrow the Black Dragon King's status at Heaven Suppression. If the legion is no longer of concern, he wants to take his time taking over Zhangsun's branch. It would be best if this branch and the village were to fight each other. Right now, it is only a test for him. He wants to see if Heaven Suppression still has some unused methods left." Li Qiye chuckled.

Gu Zun wasn't actually scouting Heaven Suppression. He was testing the Black Dragon King and the Dark Crow, to see if these two beings were still alive!

"Right." The monarch didn't think Li Qiye could analyze the situation so thoroughly: "A while ago, the Sacred Ancestor's branch and Ancestor Gu Zun's branch were equal in power. However, several ancestors from Ancestor Gu Zun's branch had committed misdeeds by violating the sect's rules so they were demoted. The other side led by Ancestor Shan thought the time was ripe for a counterattack in order to seize power. In just one night, they exiled many ancestors and took over against the wish of the sect master. She didn't want to rush things, unlike the other ancestors who wanted to push their advantage. During this difficult moments, some ancestors and experts asked the little village for help. They said that Ancestor Shan was eliminating dissenters and wanted the elders from the village to come and investigate." She sighed at this point.

The village didn't have any real power at Heaven Suppression but it did play a supervisory role. In a certain sense, legitimizing an action or promotion required the consent from the village.

"The village thought that they could use this opportunity to capture Gu Zun on top of removing his forces at Heaven Suppression." Li Qiye amusingly shook his head: "That's exactly what Gu Zun wants. Akin to jumping head first into a trap, simply courting death!"

"Yes." The monarch agreed: "After worshiping the ancestors, they started a meeting in the Black Dragon Hall in order to keep quiet. However, the hall is still closed right now. No one knows what's going on. The disciples are restless so they asked for Ancestor Ye to take over."

This hall was an important location in Heaven Suppression. Once fortified, there was no way to break in; news wouldn't come out either. Because of this, many important decisions were made in this place.

"Well done, one stone, many birds." Li Qiye said: "Just like Gu Zun's wish to capture them all at once. But yea, they won't die in there for now."

"Sect master believed so as well. Maybe they can't open it from the inside either but it's good that she didn't go in herself. However, since Ancestor Shan's group is trapped inside, many banished ancestors have come back now since the city is under Ancestor Ye's rule."

She understood that this was a coup of sorts. In fact, before the meeting, she and Zi Cuining warned Ancestor Shan who was Zhangsun's oldest disciple.

Shan's group assumed that this was the best chance to capture Gu Zun's group and expel the others as long as they had the consent of the village.

They didn't expect that this would end with them being trapped in the hall. This allowed Jiuzhou to have a chance of taking over Heaven Suppression.

Zi Cuining had no opportunity to counterattack since she had no forces with her. The only place that would heed her call was Pearl City. However, this was the last option so it wouldn't move unless there was no other choice.

"Gu Zun's talents are peerless. He can be considered one of the ten eonic geniuses and has figured out the way to control and lock the Black Dragon Hall. People won't be able to come out." Li Qiye understood Gu Zun's plan.

The monarch was at a loss. Though the sect master was still around, Jiuzhou was in control so they couldn't do anything.

"Have you ever met Gu Zun?" Li Qiye asked while the monarch was silent.

"I've seen him." She answered: "A very long time ago though. Ancestor Gu Zun participated in a meeting started by Ancestor Shan. That was my first time participating as well. I heard many ancestors said that he was sick due to a problem with his cultivation so he has always been resting at home."

"Sick?" Li Qiye laughed after hearing this: "Do you know what Gu Zun's grand dao is? To put it bluntly, even if he turns into an idiot overnight, he could still easily cultivate with his grand dao. As if something could happen to his cultivation. No one in your sect can match his talents and the same goes for the entire nine worlds with a few exceptions."

She had no response since she didn't know much about the famous Gu Zun.

It was just a rumor at her sect that he has been recuperating. Ordinary disciples haven't seen him before while his own branch was under Ye Jiuzhou's order.

She smiled wryly and said: "I don't know much about it since I've only seen him from far away. Outside of Ancestor Shan's group, only the sect master has talked to Ancestor Gu Zun. She's quite suspicious of him."

Li Qiye chuckled: "Doubtful about his identity. Zi Cuining is smart, she knows who she is facing."

The monarch quietly nodded: "Yes, she didn't go into details and only said that the ancestor was very strange and suspicious."

"Not surprising for Gu Zun. He has been waiting long enough for a chance to rise again. He knows that it will be either death or success. This is his last chance." Li Qiye calmly said.

Though the Black Dragon King had pleaded for Gu Zun, the Dark Crow declared that this was the last exception. If Gu Zun refused to repent in the future, there shall be no more mercy.

The king himself promised that if Gu Zun didn't change, he would kill the guy himself without needing an order from Li Qiye.

So all along, Gu Zun has been waiting for just one chance. If successful, he would reach the top of the nine worlds and could call for winds and rains!

Thus, he was cautious and wouldn't do anything himself. Ye Jiuzhou, on the other hand, was his sword and potential scapegoat!

Li Qiye noticed that the monarch was hesitant about speaking and smiled: "Go ahead."

She eventually asked: "Young noble, are you a disciple of our sect?"

She knew that he was from Cleansing Incense but the guy was aware of too many secrets from Heaven Suppression. Moreover, only ancestors were privy to these secrets. She didn't even know a few of them.

Of course, she believed that her master wouldn't share these secrets with an outsider so she speculated that Li Qiye was a disciple secretly trained by the sect, a very high ranking one, just like the Black Dragon Legion's members.

"You can think of it like that." Li Qiye didn't respond directly to her question.

She didn't pry any further and finally noticed that the island parked before them has disappeared.

"Young noble, what was that place?" She became curious and afraid at the same time. There was no doubt that he got the crystal pillar from that mysterious island.

Chapter 1576: Yu Zhan

Li Qiye smiled mysteriously: "That island? An immortal lives there so when I accidentally got there, he gave me the amazing lamp with a light capable of suppressing anyone."

"You're joking, how can there be an immortal in this world?" The exceptional monarch naturally didn't believe him. After all, there were no immortals in the world.

Anyone else could be tricked by him and begin to spread false information about immortals.

He smiled again: "The world is unpredictable, who can be so sure? Maybe there are immortals but they don't want to be seen by ordinary people. Otherwise, what thing can instantly suppress you in this world?"

She smiled wryly and knew that he didn't wish to divulge the information. The same dreadfulness still existed in her mind while thinking about the pillar earlier. It didn't matter how strong she was. It could still instantly freeze her as if she was powerless.

Fortunately, he didn't do anything. This made her quite surprised because anyone else wouldn't miss such a good chance.

"Are you staying at Pearl for now?" She hurriedly changed the topic.

He replied: "Sure, I'm thinking about going to Heaven Suppression to see Gu Zun later anyway."

A grin showed on his face after saying this. He was interested in seeing what Gu Zun could do after planning for so long. Would it be a heaven-shattering scheme?

As the two were about to return, a rumbling noise resounded with a ship cruising through the waves with lightning speed.

It was a decent treasure with a large banner engraved with the word "Yu". It was sizable and embroidered with golden strings. It was glittering and overly dazzling under the sunlight. One could see it from the far distance.

"People from the Yu Clan." The monarch was surprised to see the banner on the ship.

Li Qiye chuckled and responded: "Yu Clan from Discover City." He remembered a few things at this point.

An aggressive youth stood on the bow of the ship with many powerful men standing behind the deck.

The youth looked around seventeen years of age with an imposing aura. He looked quite proud of himself and stared around with disdain.

"Hey, did you see anything glowing around here?" He shouted at Li Qiye once the ship got closer.

Li Qiye only smiled, too lazy to respond.

"Brat, I'm talking to you! You listening?!" The youth was used to this attitude in the Grand Sea so he shouted at Li Qiye again.

The monarch answered instead: "There was nothing glowing here."

His expression turned for the better after seeing a beauty like the monarch. Nevertheless, he was still as arrogant as before because, in his eyes, everyone needed to show his clan some face, even Heaven Suppression.

"I heard a treasure has been unearthed here. This place is mine, so any treasure here belongs to me." He said proudly. Li Qiye wanted to laugh and said: "This is the Pearl Archipelago, not your Discover City. Better start playing nice for your own sake."

It can be said that Li Qiye rarely acted in such a friendly manner but this youth didn't understand. He became unhappy and said harshly: "So what if it's the Pearl Archipelago, this young master is here to find some treasures, who dares to say no?!"

He came out to find a treasure to celebrate the old ancestor coming into being. As he was going through the archipelago, he heard people saying that there was a sudden light flashing in this region so he went for a look.

Li Qiye glanced at him and said: 'While I'm in a good mood, scram or I'll wring your neck."

The boy's expression turned ugly after hearing this. He might not know Li Qiye but the monarch did. Others might be wary of their Yu Clan in this region but Fiercest didn't give a damn about anyone. He would kill whoever he wanted.

"Young Noble Yu, go back. There's no treasure here." The monarch kindly said. She didn't want further complication. If the Young Noble from the Yu Clan were to die here, it would cause some trouble for Pearl as well.

However, her presence only embarrassed him even more. He should have been even cooler in front of this beauty and showed off his clan's prestige. But now, after being yelled at by Li Qiye, he couldn't back down at all. It would make him look bad in front of her. This was detrimental to his clan's prestige as well.

"Brat, stop shamelessly boasting. Do you know who I am?!" In order to show off before the beauty, he arrogantly shouted at Li Qiye again.

Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "Only a fool. You are throwing away your clan's reputation."

The boy didn't take kindly to this lambaste. His face turned red while shaking with anger. He was young and hot-blooded, unable to bear such humiliation.

"Break his legs for me, let him know the fate of daring to insult me!" He told a man standing next to him.

"Brat, you're too foolish to humiliate our young master." The man immediately jumped from the ship and lunged towards Li Qiye like a tiger.

The monarch shook her head after seeing this. She knew that these fools were about to die yet didn't wish to say anything. Fiercest was too notorious. Anyone who tried to stop him from killing might be killed as well!

"Brat, kneel!" The other burly men wanted to catch him as well.

"Bang!" Li Qiye didn't bother looking at them. He casually swept his hand and all of them spat out blood before falling into the ocean.

The boy named Yu Zhan was shocked to see his subordinates being dealt with so easily and realized that he has messed with a master.

"Who's breaking whose legs now?" Li Qiye smirked and slowly walked towards the boy.

Yu Zhan was frightened and even took several steps back. However, he mustered some courage and took a deep breath to stand up straight: "Brat, you're not bad, quite strong even! But don't be so rampant in the Grand Sea, if my Yu Clan wants you to die, you won't live past midnight!"

Li Qiye suddenly teleported before the boy and shook his head again: "Fool. Stop throwing away your clan's reputation."

Yu Zhan was startled and immediately retreated. Alas, it was too late. Li Qiye brought him down and stepped on him on the deck.

The immobilized boy's face turned red with Li Qiye's foot on his chest. He couldn't resist at all. This foot was as heavy as countless mountains.

"An ant daring to act arrogant in front of me? Take a look at yourself, a fool like you is worthy of being part of the Yu? Such a descendant is an affront to your old ancestor's prestige."

"I'm from the Yu Clan! Brat, touch me if you want to die! It doesn't matter how strong you or your backing are, my clan will have revenge. Even if your master is a Godking, my ancestral grandmother will crush them with one finger!" The boy became emboldened after hearing about his ancestor again and cried out.

In his eyes, his ancestral grandmother was an invincible existence under the nine heavens. No one could oppose her!

"Matriarch Yu is still alive?" The monarch became startled. She has heard of legends about this person before like many others in the Grand Sea despite not seeing the woman before.

"That's right." Yu Zhan became somewhat smug in response: "My ancestral grandmother is living for another generation. Her venerable will sweep through the world. Anyone who dares to touch the Yu Clan's children? She'll wipe their sect out!"

Chapter 1577: Scared Stiff

Yu Zhan had a cavalier attitude while talking about his ancestor, his pride. In fact, he has never seen her before and only heard about her tales.

As he grew older, even the elders from Heaven Suppression, the so-called strongest sect in the Grand Sea, were very respectful when it came to his ancestral grandmother. They would tidy their clothes with great reverence before daring to talk about her.

Because of this, she was forever unbeatable in his mind. Anyone in this region would need to show his ancestor some respect. Thus, as long as he brought her up, no one would dare to provoke their clan.

This was indeed the truth. The Peacock Bright Monarch was startled to hear that the illustrious Matriarch Yu is living for another generation. An old Godking once said that if they had to pick two top supremes at the Grand Sea, it would be Gu Zun and Matriarch Yu!

According to her sources, Matriarch Yu's lifespan was over so she had to try for a death meditation. Everyone thought she would die during this meditation. Who would have thought that she managed to endure through it?

"Matriarch Yu." Li Qiye repeated. A current of emotions coursed weakly through his mind.

"That's my ancestral grandmother." Yu Zhan declared: "Yea, so touch me if you dare. My ancestral grandmother will come out and kill you no matter where you run off to."

The monarch wanted to plead for Yu Zhan. After all, she already had a hard time dealing with Gu Zun's branch. It would be even more unfavorable for Pearl City to provoke the Yu Clan as well.

But she knew that it would be useless if Yu Zhan continued to be unwise like this. Fiercest had no qualm about killing anyone.

"Crack!" His pompous attitude was met with swift retribution and sounds of bone-breaking.

"Ah!" A pitiful scream echoed with blood staining the deck.

Li Qiye had stomped down and broke both of his legs. The pain made the boy cry out in anguish.

"You!" After recovering from the initial pain, Yu Zhan was still shocked. Normally, people would turn pale after hearing the name of his ancestral grandmother. He thought that this would be enough to scare Li Qiye so that the guy would release him. Alas, this ended with him having two broken legs.

"Crack! Crack! Crack!" Li Qiye didn't only break his legs but even grind down on them. More bones were crushed.

"You..." The boy screamed again from the pain.

"Crack!" Now it was his wrist turn to be crushed.

"No..." Such shrill scream was too eerie. As the adage goes, the ten fingers are linked with the mind. One could easily imagine the pain the boy was experiencing. His face contorted with cold sweat dripping down.

"Little animal, I, I'll kill you!" Yu Zhan endured the pain and cried out.

"Crack!" Li Qiye then crushed his other wrist, prompting Yu Zhan to convulse repeatedly. His clothes were soaked with sweat.

After a long time, the howling boy eventually calmed down from the pain. He was really scared this time and didn't dare to aggressively holler again.

The monarch smiled wryly at this scene. The wicked will be cured by the same type. Others might not want to provoke the Yu Clan but this unlucky young master has met his match today in Fiercest.

Li Qiye stared at the guy who was about to faint from the pain and said flatly: "Still want to continue? No problem for me. Keep on acting insolent and rely on your clan and grandmother's prestige. I have plenty of time so I'd like to hear more. Of course, each time you say something, I'll break a different bone on your body. Don't worry, I'm very skilled. Even if I dismantle your body one bone at a time, you'll still be alive and well."

Having said that, he looked up and down at the boy as if pondering which bone to break next.

Yu Zhan shuddered with considerable fear. He felt cold under Li Qiye's stare as if he has fallen into an ice pit. This was the gaze of a devil.

"Kill me if you dare!" He stubbornly said but the tone of his voice betrayed him. He was no longer as arrogant and mighty as before.

"Kill you? You are but an ant beneath my foot. I can crush you easier than crushing an ant. You think I will care about an ant's corpse stuck to my sole? I just need to wipe it off." Li Qiye chuckled.

The boy nearly pissed his pants after hearing this.

"But, I won't kill you." Li Qiye said with an indifferent expression.

Yu Zhan finally heaved a sigh of relief. This was the feeling of having survived a disaster. He suddenly felt that it was good to be alive.

"I just want to let you and your clan know that in the future, when you see me, you better kneel and talk. It shall be your honor." He stated calmly.

"You!" The scared boy didn't dare to retort while stricken with fear under Li Qiye's glare.

Li Qiye finally moved his foot and kicked him to the side: "Run back to your clan and tuck your tail between your legs. Otherwise, I'll crush your dog head to a pulp." With that, he turned and left.

"You, remember this, I'll have my revenge..." The humiliated boy claimed, unable to endure this anger.

However, he quickly shut up after Li Qiye turned around and didn't dare to say anything else while slightly moving backward.

"Fool." Li Qiye shook his head and gave up on this incurable person.

Yu Zhan could only watch him leave and couldn't handle being scared another time.

The monarch had nothing to say either. This level of character couldn't get into Li Qiye's sight. He could kill a hundred Yu Zhan easily if he wanted to.

The two of them returned to Pearl City. She was staying in the most central location in Pearl. This was the mansion of the generational city lords but the most conspicuous place was the Pearl Tower, not this mansion.

It was actually in the center axis of the city and surrounded by the clouds as the tallest building here.

The style was quite simple, built from many green bricks. At the top of the tower was a huge ball made out of rocks with a dark color.

The name confused many spectators. Pearl Tower should be a treasure architecture with bright radiance. However, its appearance didn't match its name.

Moreover, even the oldest residents here didn't know of its origin. It seemed that it was already there in the very beginning of the city.

An old man even said that this tower might have been built even before the city. Who knows if this was true or not?

Li Qiye at the front took his time staring at the high tower. He eventually told the monarch: "Have you climbed the tower?"

"Many times." The monarch replied: "The Sacred Ancestor said there are great mysteries here."

"But you have yet to grasp them." He said with a faint smile.

Chapter 1578: Messenger From Heaven Suppression

The monarch looked up at the tower too and eventually shook her head. "The mysteries of the tower are as boundless as the ocean. It feels like I'm just a single drop in the sea, completely insignificant and lost. Where do I even start?"

Li Qiye simply smiled. "Everything is hard in the beginning. It doesn't matter how vast the sea or how profound the idea, there is always an origin. One step at a time to walk a thousand miles. Start from the bottom with the most sincere attitude towards the top. If it doesn't work the first time, do it a second time. If you fail again, then go for the third. As long as you persevere, you will see results."

"One step at a time to the top?" The monarch had heard that the top of the tower was the most precious location from the Sacred Ancestor.

"Yes, the power of the tower is at the top but without the support of the base, the top is only a simple ball."

"How do you know all of this?" She wondered.

Li Qiye could easily reveal all of their secrets and Zi Cuining couldn't have told him either. Despite being the sect master, she didn't have authority over Pearl and its secrets.

"It would be stranger if there was something I didn't know in this world. Try your best, it will be a lifetime of benefits if you can grasp the tower." He replied.

"Thank you, Young Noble." She bowed gently and stopped inquiring about his knowledge regarding her sect.

When the two arrived outside the entrance of the Peacock Mansion, an attendant hurriedly came out to report to the city lord. He carefully looked at Li Qiye standing by her side before whispering to the monarch, "City Lord, the people from the sect are here!"

"Who?" Her eyes became serious just like her voice.

"Elder Sun," the attendant replied. He paused and glanced at Li Qiye before continuing, "Someone from Ancestor Ye's camp."

"I'll go see him," the monarch replied.

"City Lord, should we prepare? After all, who knows what those people are up to." The disciple made a cut-throat gesture. The people from Pearl were very wary of Jiuzhou's group.

"Let's go." The monarch entered the Peacock Mansion with hastened steps.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't comment. He followed the monarch inside.

There was an old man waiting in a typical robe with a sharp gaze. His aura alone made his power apparent.

A skinny disciple stood beside him, acting as a tea server. Two rows of burly men in battle uniform were situated to the left and right of the hall. They were experts from Heaven Suppression and gave off an aggressive aura.

Since Elder Sun had brought so many experts along with him to Pearl Mansion, his intentions clearly weren't friendly.

Elder Sun stood up and addressed the monarch, "Bright Monarch, long time no see."

Despite being a veteran elder, he was still below the monarch in terms of status and role. As the Pearl City Lord, she was on the same level as ancestors in spite of her young age.

"Elder Sun, sorry to keep you waiting," she greeted with a nod after sitting down.

Li Qiye casually sat down on another chair. His eyes swept through the experts.

They resembled drawn bows, ready to rush forward at the elder's command

Only the young disciple standing next to the elder was relatively timid. He occasionally peeked at Li Qiye and the monarch while holding the teacup.

Elder Sun found Li Qiye's action surprising. He thought that the guy was only the monarch's attendant but he didn't waste further thoughts on this.

He stood in the middle of the hall and cupped his fists. "Bright Monarch, I'm here to congratulate you under the sect master's instruction."

"For what?" The monarch was unmoved.

"Your rule at the Pearl Archipelago has benefited the people. The residents here have a peaceful life while all the tributary powers obey you without questions. The entire sect admires your meritorious service..." The elders sang songs of praise.

Anyone else would feel smug after hearing this and could picture themselves rising through the ranks to reach the top of the world.

However, the Bright Monarch's expression remained indifferent. "Only a trivial matter, not a cause for celebration," she replied in a flat tone.

"No, no, you are too humble, Bright Monarch." The elder hurriedly shook his head. "All the ancestors appreciate your grand contribution. The sect master feels that it is a waste of your talents to just govern this area so everyone wishes to promote you to a Chief Elder. You shall defend Heaven Suppression while aiding the sect master with management."

She might be an ancestor right now so this was a sizable promotion on top of being the sect master's right-hand man. This would make her stage even greater in the future and no longer limited to Pearl City. Her new playground would be all of Heaven Suppression and the Grand Sea.

"Is that so?" She had no joyous reaction to this promotion.

"Of course, this is the order of the sect." Elder Sun took out a scroll and spread it in front of the monarch: "Here are the official signatures from the sect master and ancestors."

She simply glanced at it before smiling and shaking her head. "Elder Sun, you should know that as the Pearl City Lord, I don't need to accept this decree. I need to see a direct order from the sect master, not just this list of signatures. It is completely useless at Pearl." Her smile was replaced with a stern demeanor.

This particular signed decree wasn't on the same level as a direct order since the latter contained the supreme will of the sect master as well!

The elder coughed in response. "Bright Monarch, you should know that the circumstances are different right now. If you don't believe me, you can personally go to Heaven Suppression and meet the sect master. You'll listen to her, right?"

The monarch shook her head. "Elder, the sect's rules must be upheld over personal relationships. First, only a direct order is effective at Pearl. Second, in order to command Pearl, the Black Dragon Legion, the Sacred Ancestor's branch, and the Elder Association of the village must give their signature as well. Otherwise, no one can command Pearl."

With that, she continued on while looking at the elder, "You surely know this as an elder? Without these two things, I won't go to Heaven Suppression or mobilize a single troop from Pearl!"

Elder Sun rubbed his palms together. "Bright Monarch, it's not like you don't know the situation right now in the sect. Many ancestors are trapped in the Black Dragon Hall including the members of the Elder Association, so they can't give you their signatures. Don't worry, after opening it, they will add another decree so your promotion will still be in effect. You deserve it from all your hard work."

She responded with a kingdom-toppling smile.

This so-called promotion was only a diversion. Ye Jiuzhou's group couldn't control the archipelago right now since outsiders couldn't take over Pearl City.

Meanwhile, the monarch's status was proper. It's not as if they could arbitrarily dismiss her even if Jiuzhou had full control of Heaven Suppression. Because of this, they used this promotion as an excuse for her to leave Pearl. Even if they couldn't insert a new city lord, they could still use her absence as an opportunity to wrest control over the city.

Of course, such a promotion could be seen differently depending on the person. In order to have a higher status in Heaven Suppression, this was not a bad choice.

However, it was different for the monarch. During this existential crisis for Heaven Suppression, Pearl City will remain as Heaven Suppression's last stand just like Zi Cuining has entrusted her.

Chapter 1579: Threat

With her eyes peering at the elder, the monarch slowly said: "Elder Sun, it's not like I can't accept the promotion but I need to see sect master at Pearl first before considering."

Ye Jiuzhou's group wished to transfer the monarch but she didn't let up. Due to the lack of communication, she was certain the Zi Cuining has been placed under house arrest. If Cuining could go to Pearl, it would be a chance for the monarch to rescue her then counterattack together.

"Bright Monarch, you're making this hard for me. The sect master can't come here right now since she's too worried about Ancestor Shan and the others being trapped in the hall. She's busy researching the mysteries of the hall and can't leave. If you don't mind, you can go to the sect and see her..."

The monarch interrupted him with a head shake: "Elder, I have already given my answer. Either the sect master comes here to see me in person or bring a signed, official decree!"

The elder quickly responded: "Bright Monarch, why bother adhering to an old law, you need to be more flexible since this matter is very beneficial for your future. Just come to the sect and your potential will be unlimited..."

"Elder, no need to waste more time. We'll do this by the rules only." She stopped him again.

"Monarch, this makes it quite difficult for me. If I go back empty-handed, how can I explain it to the sect master and ancestors?"

"Such a trivial matter, is there really a need to go about in circle like this? Both Gu Zun and Ye Jiuzhou are too prudent right now compared to back then. Gu Zun used to be quite domineering with no qualm for anything. If this was him in the past, he would directly attack Pearl City. Why bother resorting to tricks like this? How disappointing." Li Qiye laughed and shook his head.

He had been quietly sitting there so Elder Sun didn't pay attention to him. But now, he was boasting shamelessly right away to the visible annoyance of the elder.

"Brat, who are you!?!" The elder immediately shouted.

Li Qiye didn't bother looking at the elder before grinning leisurely: "Just a nosy outsider."

"Bright Monarch, what is going on? This is a confidential matter of our sect, how can there be an outsider here to steal our secrets? You know that he isn't part of the sect yet you still brought him here? This is blatant favoritism and lawbreaking..."

"Okay, don't bother trying to assign some blame." Li Qiye answered instead while waving his sleeve dismissively: "To sum it up, you just want to seize Pearl City. Sigh, Ye Jiuzhou is old and Gu Zun is too timid now. Fine, come back, tell the two of them to scram."

"Junior, do not insult my ancestors!" Elder Sun shouted: "Men, capture him!"

The two rows of experts stood up and surrounded Li Qiye with a murderous aura. There was no intention of capturing him alive.

"Monarch, you need to give the sect an answer for this..." The elder spoke gravely.

They wanted nothing more than to escalate the situation in order to have justification for a military installation at Pearl.

"Rumble!" All the experts went flying in an instant with spurting blood. With a series of loud bangs, they all fell outside of the hall and couldn't get up at all.

Li Qiye didn't move an inch. No one could see how he attacked earlier.

"I shall give you an answer." Li Qiye spread out his hand before the elder could finish speaking. It resembled a monstrous mountain slamming down on the elder.

The old man was aghast and immediately roared to summon his treasure for a direct confrontation.

"Boom!" But the result was still the same as before. His treasure was impressive indeed but it failed to protect him. He was blown flying by one palm attack and spat out blood as well.

"Master!" The tea-serving disciple turned pale and quickly helped the elder up.

"Who the hell are you?!" As an elder from Heaven Suppression, he wasn't just all talk. However, he couldn't withstand a single palm strike today so it was apparently just how terrible his foe was. This was definitely the strength of a Godking; such a person couldn't be nameless.

"Li Qiye. Maybe you have heard of my name." Li Qiye chuckled in response.

"Fiercest!" Even someone as experienced as the elder faltered backward in horror.

He was truly startled. Fiercest was too famous right now and just his title alone could scare many people.

He annihilated the Space Trample Mountain and banished Soaring Immortal back then. This battle record shocked all of Mortal Emperor so everyone would feel dread when hearing his name.

At this moment, everyone knew who "Fiercest" was. On the other hand, "Li Qiye" stopped being used by others for a multitude of reasons.

Heaven Suppression was illustrious at the Grand Sea but the elder knew that Fiercest had wanton regards for anything. There was no chance he would be scared of their sect! Him being an elder wouldn't make Li Qiye think twice about killing him.

"Good." Li Qiye read his demeanor and chuckled: "It's good that you know fear despite being from Heaven Suppression. I would have killed a naive fool otherwise."

Elder Sun took another step back after hearing this.

The disciple helping him tried to be brave but still stammered: "Our, our Heaven Suppression isn't, isn't afraid of anyone."

Elder Sun jumped from fear and quickly pulled the youth behind him. This was his youngest disciple. The kid has always been obedient so he was very satisfied and didn't wish to see Fiercest kill him.

"What's your name?" Li Qiye smirked while staring at the youth.

Elder Sun took another step back to shield his disciple and replied instead: "Li Qiye, our Heaven Suppression City has no grudges with you, why are you interfering with us?"

Li Qiye ignored the elder and looked at the youth behind him: "What is your name?"

"My, my name is Lin Qi." The boy found enough courage to eventually respond with his head held high.

Li Qiye was amused by this boy and eventually waved his sleeve: "Scram, all of you. I don't want to see any of you again. Go back and tell Gu Zun and Ye Jiuzhou that I, Li Qiye, have arrived!"

Elder Sun was an unpleasant sight to behold at this moment. He didn't trouble the monarch any further. The wisest thing to do against Fiercest was to run away in order to stay alive. Otherwise, regardless of how powerful one might be and their backing, it would all be useless.

The elder immediately left with his disciples and the others with the greatest speed.

"Young noble, Ancestor Ye will have an excuse after this commotion." The monarch smiled wryly.

"So what? They want to capture Pearl City regardless of whether there is a justification or not." Li Qiye said flatly.

She sighed softly in response and understood this logic as well. The only thing she could do right now was to buy time.

"I wonder how the sect master is doing?" She worriedly said. The ancestors were actually safe being locked in the Black Dragon Hall. On the other hand, Zi Cuining's life might be in the hands of Ye Jiuzhou.

"You're worrying too much." Li Qiye shook his head in response: "And you're underestimating her as well. Jiuzhou is strong but Cuining has the Black Dragon Spear. If she really wants to leave, he can't stop her anyway! She must have a reason for staying behind."

"I hope so." The monarch said feebly. She understood that that the sect master was an insightful person and wouldn't have easily fallen into the hands of the enemy. Nevertheless, her perilous situation was still worrisome.

"Ignore these trivial matters. Come with me to Discover, I'll let you meet someone." Li Qiye said flatly.

Chapter 1580: Discover City

"Discover City? To see whom?" The monarch was surprised to hear this.

"Someone who can help you and Heaven Suppression. A backer in the future." Li Qiye chuckled.

"A person who can be our backer?" The monarch was astounded. She would have burst out laughing if someone else were to tell her this.

Who was number one at the Grand Sea? Clearly Heaven Suppression! They would still be a top ranking sect in all of Mortal Emperor. There were so many experts with invincible Godkings like Ye Jiuzhou. Moreover, a legendary existence like Gu Zun was unfathomable.

In this region, they were others' backer, since when did they need someone else to be their backer?

Thus, it was understandable for the monarch to be surprised. However, Fiercest wouldn't make a joke like this.

"Young noble, you are referring to Matriarch Yu?" She mused about the possibilities and only came up with one person.

Matriarch Yu was the only existence in this domain that could make Heaven Suppression wary. She was also the only one who was a match for Gu Zun.

"No. There is someone else outside of Matriarch Yu in Discover." Li Qiye smiled and said.

"Excuse my ignorance then. I have never heard of such an amazing person." She answered.

They needed to be Emperor Assailants in order to be Heaven Suppression's backers.

"Just because you don't know doesn't mean they aren't there. There are many experts in this world or someone as powerful as Gu Zun wouldn't be tucking his tail for a generation." Li Qiye chuckled.

The monarch wasn't in a position to make a comment. After all, despite the internal strife, she wouldn't look down on her own ancestor.

"Young noble, Pearl is very important so if I leave, it would be very inappropriate. We'll be playing right into Ancestor Ye's hand. If you don't mind, I'll let the First Elder from Pearl go with you?" The monarch pondered before suggesting.

"If I don't mind? Do you need to ask me something like this? It is a great fortune to be favored by people standing at the peak. You think just any random guy could go along and be accepted? I'm taking you to him because you have been accepted by the Pearl Tower so you have the ability to be great at Heaven Suppression. Others aren't qualified for this chance." Li Qiye refused.

She didn't expect this response but after carefully thinking about it, it made sense. A person who could become the backer of Heaven Suppression should be incredibly powerful. Not just anyone could be granted an audience or be favored by them.

"As for Pearl, leave it. If Gu Zun's group wants to come, let them. You think the Pearl Tower is only there for looks? It's actually good if they come so we can capture all of them in front of the tower." He smiled and said.

"Okay then. We can also see Matriarch Yu during this trip to Discover. If she is willing to help, that might be able to turn the tide. Rumor has it that she is from the Black Dragon Legion." She said after careful consideration.

"More than just that." Li Qiye said flatly and couldn't help staring at the horizon.

"Go get ready then we'll go to Discover." He told the monarch.

After having made up her mind, the monarch stood up and suddenly realized something strange. Ever since Li Qiye got here, he became the one giving the order. Moreover, it seemed so natural as if this was how it should be and no one could resist him. She didn't understand the reasons why.

She walked a few steps before stopping and looked back to say: "Young Noble Li, why do you know Heaven Suppression like the palm of your hand?"

Li Qiye was privy to secrets unbeknown by ancestors. For example, after being accepted by the Pearl Tower, she had a little one in her mind. Too few people in Heaven Suppression were aware of this secret.

"You should ask your progenitor, the Black Dragon King." Li Qiye revealed a mysterious smile.

The monarch suddenly felt a bit breathless after hearing this response. She turned and left the hall right after.

After taking care of matters in Pearl, she left with Li Qiye. However, she was very low-key this time and didn't let others know so she took the guise of being Li Qiye's servant.

Discover was an old city in the Grand Sea with a rich history. Few cities were older than it. One had to talk about the Yu Clan when they came to this place. It wasn't a great lineage at all in terms of territory.

Moreover, they didn't have that many members either unlike the imperial lineages. There might only be several hundred thousand disciples. The direct branch would only have several thousand. In terms of scale, this was a second-rate sect at best.

Nevertheless, the clan was immensely famous in the entire Grand Sea. Numerous talents appeared with countless experts.

Among the young generation, there were amazing geniuses like Yu Yulian. As for the prime generation, the clan master was quite powerful. As for the upper realm, the Yu Ancestors were quite dominating.

It has been very lively at the clan. Countless powers came to visit with many big shots including Godkings. This was due to a recent incredible news. Matriarch Yu has made it to another generation.

After the big shots calmed down, they rushed to congratulate her.

Anyone would feel a sense of respect after hearing her name. Even the strongest would feel quite apprehensive. Ancestors from Heaven Suppression would call her senior as well.

According to some sources, she was the best general of the Black Dragon Legion and has never been defeated. She joined this legion during Immortal Emperor Yin Tian's generation. She contributed greatly and was completely unstoppable.

However, her battle record didn't stop there. One story told that after the emperor ascended, she even fought against him. Alas, outsiders weren't qualified to watch.

Nevertheless, people said that after the end of the battle, one disciple asked the emperor how strong was Matriarch Yu? He simply said: "Capable of assailing an emperor."

The world uproared before this revelation. It had a completely different meaning when an emperor was the one to say this.

Although many people claimed to be Emperor Assailants in the nine worlds, these were only self-boast. Some Nine Worlds' Godkings would actually call themselves Emperor Assailants. Some people took it to the next level. For example, a few older characters took this title after just lasting three to five moves against an emperor in order to propel their own status. They certainly didn't have this power.

This was not the case for Matriarch Yu. She personally challenged the emperor and never boasted about her own record. The emperor himself praised her great achievements. There was no reason to doubt its validity.

Because of this, she was a well-known Emperor Assailant in the Grand Sea, one of the very few recognized by an emperor. This was her virtually matchless reputation.

Unfortunately, even Emperor Assailants couldn't withstand the passage of time. During Immortal Emperor Ta Kong's generation, her lifespan ran dry and she had to try a death meditation.

Everyone thought she would die with this last attempt but no one expected for the Yu Clan to announce that she has come out successfully.

Because of this, the world thought that she could really live for a second life. No one would even dare to dream about such a thing so if this was indeed the truth, it would be too shocking!