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Chapter 1901: Wooden Fish

Regardless of the result, the majority of spectators were convinced by both Qin Baili and Jin Ge for being able to protect their dao heart from temptation.

Keep in mind that this was easier said than done. It required experience and numerous sharpening The dao heart wasn't an unreasonable entity but it was quite hard to polish. More often than not, doing so was even harder than cultivating imperial arts.

This was because the latter had methods and text to follow. This wasn't the case for the dao heart since everyone was different. Plus, people had emotions and desires, complicating the process.

So many geniuses were peerless in terms of cultivation. They became powerful and soared like the wind, smiling proudly under the sky. Alas, due to their weak dao heart, they would drop one after another like flies. On the other hand, a few ordinary talents made it to the end to become emperors!

Here, both Jin Ge and Qin Baili had enough talents to cultivate on top of a firm dao heart. This was an amazing foundation; it would be hard for them to not stand out.

Everyone understood that Jin Ge was only missing the Heaven's Will. If he could stop the same ambush again, he would certainly become a Grand Emperor.

"The two of you have been able to maintain your dao heart. It is my turn. Go ahead and pick the treasure." Li Qiye sat there and said flatly.

The two darted a glance at each other. They eventually got up to carefully look at the treasures in the shrine.

There were really too many here, causing people to go crazy. Plus, it was also a test for the two to find one for Li Qiye.

A quick glance through these rare artifacts might not be enough but when they were carefully searching and analyzing the treasures, this was a much more dangerous game.

All eyes were on the two. Everyone understood that they had two options.

First was to randomly pick a treasure for him; this would mean a quick victory for them. The second was to actually find the best treasure in order to test Li Qiye's dao heart.

Of course, the first choice was meaningless to these two. It would be an empty defeat. Li Qiye honorably picked the most suitable treasure for them so they wouldn't pick a random one just to win this round.

On the contrary, they wanted to find something that would stir him, to see if he could resist the temptation.

This wasn't about winning the bet but rather to see who was the best at protecting their dao heart.

The crowd was too excited at this point. They wanted to see which treasure these two would be able to find.

After a long search, the two convened and reached an agreement.

"Do you trust us, Brother Li?" Qin Baili smiled and said.

Li Qiye looked at the two of them: "Don't worry, I'm sure the two of you are placing your honor on this bet, there's nothing to be worried about."

"Very well, to have your trust is an honor. It is also a privilege to be your enemy." Qin Baili cupped his fist and said.

There was no doubt that the two have found a treasure for Li Qiye.

Jin Ge walked forward and respectfully bowed towards a Buddha statue sitting inside a room. With that, he raised the wooden fish in front of the statue.

He brought the wooden fish over and placed it in front of Li Qiye: "Fellow Daoist Li, this is the statue Brother Qin and I picked for you!"

Everyone was stunned to see this unexpected choice. In this shrine were countless treasures; they were exceedingly rare as well. Anyone would be attracted by the piles of treasures, not the wooden fish in front of a statue.

This wooden fish was not special at all since it could be found in any temple, completely not worth mentioning.

However, the two of them chose it for Li Qiye to the disbelief of the crowd. Everyone thought that they would pick a supreme treasure or something of that sorts.

"Jin Ge and Qin Baili aren't despicable like that." A spectator murmured.

People didn't think that this was done on purpose so that they would win by selecting the crappiest treasure for Li Qiye. There must have been something else going on.

"A bit interesting." Li Qiye looked at it and smiled.

Jin Ge explained slowly: "Fellow Daoist Li, you are more knowledgeable than us. We can't quite understand this wooden fish but surely you want to challenge yourself by knocking on it and broaden our horizon."

This made more sense for the spectators. It turned out that there was something to this wooden fish after all, that it was somehow special.

In a short time, they realized the gap between them and the two. In their eyes, this block was very simple without anything special. Meanwhile, Jin Ge and Qin Baili also didn't see through it but they were aware that it was amazing.

"Very well, I'll let you see the magicalness of this Buddhist treasure." Li Qiye smiled and placed his palms together while chanting: "Amitabha."

In the blink of an eye, this chant reverberated across the world. Li Qiye was engulfed in a Buddhist brilliance illuminating everything. He was now a sacred Buddha.

He had a golden avatar for a body with each inch of his flesh seemingly made from gold. His robe became resplendent as well; this was now a priceless kasaya.

A Buddhist disk emerged behind him. Numerous Buddhas were within inside their kingdoms. Countless existences were chanting for him; this created an entirely different atmosphere.

"Click." He finally tapped the wooden fish. Next was a buzzing noise. The entire shrine poured out a golden ocean of light and drowned out everything.

Everyone's dao heart shuddered once as if a Buddha was reading a scripture.

"Click." Multiple golden avatars spanning for endless height appeared around the shrine. They could shoulder the worlds. Dao turned into laws and Buddhist affinity that could enlighten all beings.

"Thump." With the second knock, the majority of cultivators outside the shrine dropped to their knees.

"Click." The third knock resounded. The entire Buddhist Plain was filled with this sacred affinity.

The chanting of Buddhist scripture unceasingly echoed in everyone's mind. They found themselves lost in a Buddhist kingdom. All beings were bathing under a Buddhist light and prostrating before the sacred Buddha.

Even Qin Baili and Jin Ge became astounded. They fortified their dao heart in order to avoid being affected by this Buddhist affinity. Powerful beings like them still felt a great pressure, robbing them of their breath.

After three knocks, Li Qiye recalled his Buddhist affinity and dispersed the great brilliance. The power of Buddhism dissipated into smoke. It was as if nothing had happened.

Li Qiye was still himself, sitting in the same spot. Same with the wooden fish.

If it wasn't for the kneeling crowd around the shrine, people wouldn't believe that something like this had happened just now.

Many were frightened by the transpired event. They couldn't handle a few knocking of this wooden fish.

"We lost." Qin Baili sighed and said: "You exceed us in both knowledge and dao heart. I have no complaints about losing."

Chapter 1902: A Gripping Treasure

"Fellow Daoist Li is indeed above us." Jin Ge said slowly while staring at Li Qiye: "Your dao heart is not just as hard as steel; you can freely use it however you want. A single thought to turn into a Buddha or a devil. It has nothing to do with cultivation any longer. With your dao heart, there is no fear of not becoming an Immortal Monarch, surely capable of reaching twelve wills. Unfortunately, I have lost my first chance or I wouldn't mind meeting you again at the apex, to see which of us is better then!"

He was full of regrets at this point. The discerning fella understood Li Qiye's worth. At the same time, he was still fierce enough. Despite knowing his inferiority, he still wanted to compete without any fear. This was the reason why he was the top candidate to become a Grand Emperor!

Jin Ge shocked the crowd with that statement. He was considered the greatest genius with few rivals in both cultivation and innate talents.

But now, he dared to claim that Li Qiye was capable of becoming a twelve-will Immortal Monarch. This was an acceptance of Li Qiye's status.

Remember that in the contemporary, the hundred races only have one emperor with twelve wills, Immortal Monarch Yi Ye.

If Li Qiye were to reach this level, it would completely change the current landscape. The hundred races would have two top emperors then, quite a shocking development.

"Fiercest will be the first human with twelve wills?" The humans here felt their blood boiling.

Immortal Monarch Yi Ye was ultimately a half-human, half-charming spirit. In fact, rumor has it that his human bloodline is very faint. Because of this, on a stricter level, he wasn't counted as an Immortal Monarch of the human race. It was just that many humans preferred to view him as such to elevate their own race.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn't reply to Jin Ge's evaluation.

"Fellow Daoist Li has won this match completely. Brother Jin Ge, do you think we should continue? Personally, I think conceding is the right choice now." Baili shook his head and said.

Previously, Baili and Jin Ge were quite evenly-matched in their bet with three wins each. The gap between them in regards to dao heart and knowledge was minuscule.

Their cultivation was one thing but their origin, foundation, and knowledge were evenly matched. They were indeed worthy rivals.

But now, they were instantly crushed by Li Qiye. Even if they had an advantage in cultivation, there was no way for them to beat him in this shrine.

Because of this, Baili frankly accepted his defeat. It wasn't shameful at all in his eyes. The guy had earned his victory.

"Fellow Daoist Li is at the next level for his dao heart. One would only continue the bet with him here out of ignorance and baseless confidence." Jin Ge replied: "No need to continue, I accept my loss."

Their straightforward and graceful acceptance of defeat was well-received by the crowd.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Not bad. Very well, we'll end this here then."

In fact, he quite enjoyed both Baili and Jin Ge. Enemies or not, they were enjoyable to deal with.

"What a shame about these treasures, such a waste of heavenly gifts." Qin Baili looked at the divine crest and imperial gauntlet.

The two returned these treasures back to their original position.

They weren't the only ones who had this thought. Many people outside the shrine felt the same way, that it would be so nice to bring these treasures to the outside world. If it was possible, then a great character would instantly teleport the shrine back to his own treasury.

Unfortunately, no one had ever been able to do it before.

"That statement is a bit too strong for this kind of treasures." Li Qiye said with a tinge of playfulness.

"Fellow Daoist Li, you mean there are other things even more precious here?" Baili was shocked.

"Not just more precious. There is another thing here that can easily be considered the shrine's defining artifact." Li Qiye said flatly.

"Defining artifact?!" Qin Baili became interested right away: "What is it and what can it do? Do tell."

He assumed a respectful posture towards Li Qiye, eager to learn.

Jin Ge also gave his full attention since he was quite curious as well. After all, a "defining" artifact in a place this great would undoubtedly be incredible.

In fact, the crowd's ears perched up in order to listen. How could people not be excited about the shrine's defining treasure.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: "It's not that I don't want to tell you but I want to avoid being criticized for scheming to kill the two of you. I'm not looking down on anyone but the moment this treasure comes out, the two of you won't be able to calm your dao heart."

The duo looked at each other with a slight astonishment. They have seen too many treasures and couldn't possibly imagine something that could move them completely.

Jin Ge cupped his fist and said: "I truly want to listen even more now. Don't worry, we'll immediately leave at the first sign of trouble. We are ready to listen, Fellow Daoist Li. Please."

"Brother Jin Ge is right. You are not to blame even if we were to die here. That would be the fault of our lacking dao heart." Qin Baili chimed in.

After seeing their eagerness, Li Qiye smiled: "Very well, then I shall let you know so that you can prepare."

The two of them took a deep breath and solemnly nodded: "Thank you, Fellow Daoist Li."

The rest of the spectators outside watched with bated breath, all wanting to know what kind of treasure it was.

"Its name is Heaven Reckon." Li Qiye revealed: "This ruler was born naturally from the world. It might not be an Ultimate Artifact but it is still a top treasure of an epoch. After it appeared, everyone vied for it for many generations; countless died as a result. Even the gods and Buddhas joined in. It wasn't a combat artifact; its true strength lies in its ability to measure the heaven, the world, and the myriad ages. Divination, in essence."

"Not good." Jin Ge and Qin Baili immediately backed off with unreal speed. Their shadow was still back in the shrine but their body was already outside. The crowd was stunned. This meant that the two had difficulty controlling their dao heart.

"The world really has a treasure like this? Capable of auguring even the heaven?" Baili was in disbelief. Same with Jin Ge.

Many experts here didn't understand the gravity of Li Qiye's description unlike these two. If there was no embellishment, then the treasure was quite frightening.

"There are many strange and magical things in the world, so why not this ruler?" Li Qiye said with a faint smile.

Jin Ge asked with a changing expression: "This ruler is still in the Golden Shrine?"

Li Qiye looked at him and said: "Your old man, War-Monarch, found an immortal remains back at Hope. If it wasn't for that, he would still be thinking about this ruler. Alas, he didn't want to be involved in its karma. The result would either be a Heavenly Execution or a disaster for the clan. It is a grand karma of Buddhism, even the top-level emperors must tread carefully."

The crowd quickly turned to see Jin Ge's expression after hearing this.

Jin Ge was dumbfounded as well. He knew very little about this particular secret, only that their clan had records of an amazing treasure situated in Buddhist Plain. In the beginning, he assumed that this particular item was located on the other shore. But now, he felt like the text was referring to Heaven Reckon.

In a short time, the crowd swallowed their saliva. This was a treasure coveted even by War-Monarch Heaven Emperor. It must be so heaven-defying.

Qin Baili murmured: "Heaven Reckon, capable of measuring all things. What a shame that I can't see it for myself."

He knew full well that he wouldn't dare to search even if the ruler was in there right now because he wasn't confident about maintaining his dao heart upon its sight. If he couldn't, he would be buried in this place.

Chapter 1903: Heaven Reckon

"It's not hard to take a look." Li Qiye smiled and said: "Since everyone is here already, might as well let you all see it."

Li Qiye's words excited the crowd. Their eyes flashed with anticipation while staring at him. Qin Baili and Jin Ge were shocked as well. They also wanted to see this so-called Heaven Reckon.

"Then please, Fellow Daoist Li." Qin Baili was also excited while cupping his fist: "Broaden our horizon so that our trip will not be wasted."

Li Qiye placed both palms together and began to chant: "Amitabha."

With that, a Buddhist brilliance erupted as he took on the mantle of a Buddha once more.

"One thought to become a Buddha." Jin Ge gently sighed again at this sight. He knew that there was no chance for him to catch up to Li Qiye in terms of dao heart. His only hope was to compete with his cultivation.

Many thought that his transformation was the most bizarre thing in the world. Such a dao heart was too heaven-defying. Who else would be able to do this? Perhaps only the Holy Emperor, praised for having the most resilient dao heart.

Li Qiye went to the central area of the shrine and stomped down. With cracking noises, the earth seemed to be shattering but this wasn't the case. Buddhist laws were forming beneath his feet in the form of rotating text. They then covered the entire shrine.

"Rumble!" With a quake, the area slowly split apart and an altar rose from below.

There was an ancient ruler on this altar with a radiance gathered around it like the spirits of myriad eras. The individual shimmering strands were generations of time. Just looking at this ruler would make the mind tremble because it could shoulder an eternity and calculate everything possible.

"Heaven Reckon..." Jin Ge and Qin Baili found it hard to resist since they understood the possibilities of the artifact!

Li Qiye grabbed it with a serious gaze: "All things change, except for this. Everything can be measured by it."

Jin Ge felt a bit helpless and commented: "The ruler isn't the only amazing thing. Fellow Daoist Li, you are unbelievable yourself. One dao to reach the myriad dao. You are actually capable of using the arts of Buddhism. It looks like there's nothing you can't cultivate in this world."

This imperial candidate could see through the underlying fabrics. Li Qiye wasn't only turning into a Buddha for a temporary time. He was also gifted in Buddhist arts and techniques.

"Only a minor art." Li Qiye chuckled: "So many people including emperors have come here, pondering. Your old man, War-Monarch, had also opened this altar. Unfortunately, he didn't want the associate karma so he returned the ruler after grabbing it."

This naturally shocked the crowd. So War-Monarch Heaven Emperor had taken the ruler before but chose to return it?

They realized that top-level emperors could still take away the treasures in the Golden Shrine, but removing the karma was a hassle in and of itself. This could incite the wrath of the Heavenly Execution. Thus, the ruler was indeed tempting, but the execution was too frightening.

Li Qiye stared at the ruler in his hand before shifting his sight towards the Ganges River. Finally, he turned at the Buddhist statues inside the shrine.

"This ruler is connected by fate with me, I shall take it this time." Li Qiye said slowly.

"Buzz." In the blink of an eye, his radiance began to shred off, one string at a time just like a young bird shedding its feathers.

These strings of light fell and seeped into the ground, resulting in a very strange spectacle.

At this time, he walked out of the falling radiance. It looked as if he had just taken off his outfit that was also falling down.

He was leaving a Buddhist embryo, including the doctrine's associated laws. This allowed him to jump out of the karmic and reincarnation cycles.

With this, he was able to take Heaven Reckon out of the shrine in a leisure manner.

"That's, that's impossible!" Even characters of the ancestor level shouted. This was an unprecedented feat but he had actually taken out the best treasure.

In a short time, everyone's mouth nearly dropped to the floor.

"Escaping the Buddhist embryo; this is a peerless karmic fortune. Fellow Daoist Li, if you were born in a Buddhist kingdom, you would have surely become a Buddhist Lord. Your very presence would turn the surrounding into a Buddhist holy land and convert countless beings while spreading your eternal dao." Jin Ge was completely convinced by Li Qiye's abilities.

The fact that he could take out the ruler had nothing to do with his personal strength. It was due to his fate with Buddhism. His escaping his Buddhist embryo was jumping out of a karmic cycle. It meant that Buddhism had always been inside his heart! Or rather, he himself was already a Buddha!

"It is only due to fate that I'm able to shed my Buddhist embryo." Li Qiye said with a smile. He was able to do so because he had a Buddhist seed. If another sacred Buddha wanted to remove their Buddhist embryo, they would need to experience eighty-one tribulations first.

Due to the seed, he was able to escape the karmic ties in Buddhist Plain, allowing him to take Heaven Reckon from the Golden Shrine without resistance.

"I am at a loss for words." Qin Baili smiled wryly: "Able to become a Buddha at will then shed the avatar? The myriad laws are already in your control so cultivation is meaningless. Your thoughts essentially can become reality. An Immortal Emperor once told me that everything is possible for someone with a peerless dao heart. I didn't understand or believe it back then, until today."

"Just cultivating the dao heart instead of cultivation and laws will be present everywhere. No wonder why Holy Emperor was so respected by his peers. It is not only because of his perseverance; his dao heart is simply too precious. Looks like you'll be someone like him in the future. Your dao heart will overshadow all the laws in this world. They might be colorful and amazing but not to the level of a simple dao heart."

Qin Baili was quite emotional because he had met emperors before. This gave him a deeper understanding of the dao heart and his inferiority compared to Li Qiye.

"Fellow Daoist Li, the dao path is long so we'll certainly meet again. I'll be taking my leave now." Qin Baili cupped his fist towards Li Qiye and left in a cool manner.

Jin Ge also stared at Li Qiye and performed the same gesture with a serious expression: "Fellow Daoist Li, we will still be enemy the next time we meet but I am glad to have someone like you as a foe. Your dao heart isn't something we can reach! When we fight in the future, I'll have to rely on supreme arts and weapons."

Jin Ge realized that a superior firepower was the only way for him to beat Li Qiye.

Li Qiye smiled freely in response: "Works for me. Enmity ends with revenge; this is the natural course of life."

"Even without our feud, I would still want to fight against you. During my youth, I have met Dao Dragon and fought against Ren Sheng, but after today, you're still the one that makes my blood boil the most." Jin Ge laughed in response.

"Dao Dragon" here was naturally Dao Dragon Heaven Emperor. If it wasn't for the ambush by Ren Sheng, perhaps he would be the emperor in the previous generation, not Dao Dragon. Alas, time didn't wait for him.

"I'm looking forward to our battle." Jin Ge laughed loudly before leaving with a surging battle intent.

Many were relatively pensive after Baili and Jin Ge left. It could be considered a type of happiness to have rivals like them in life because one wouldn't need to worry about despicable foul plays.

"Let us return to the ship." Li Qiye chuckled and told the princess.

People had no choice but to make way for him despite their desire for his Heaven Reckon. They weren't qualified to attack someone who is on the same level as geniuses like the two that had just left.

"Rumble." Suddenly, a group quickly rushed over.

"It's the Tamedragon Squadron!" Someone shouted. The frightened crowd immediately jumped to the side.

Many believed that this squadron was here to rob Li Qiye's Heaven Reckon.

Chapter 1904: Casting Blame

The squadron's sudden appearance frightened the crowd. In a short time, all eyes were on Li Qiye. Some became bewildered while others were secretly gloating while hoping that the squadron would successfully rob Fiercest.

Meanwhile, another small group was angrily staring at him, wanting to tear him to pieces as if there was an irreconcilable feud.

Tamedragon Child jumped down from his horse and excitedly laughed while cupping his fist: "Congratulation, Brother Li, for returning from the other shore. No one before and after will ever be able to replicate your achievement."

Li Qiye only gave him a cold stare.

"Guys, bring my brother's treasures up here." Tamedragon Child shouted at the members behind him.

They brought up chests to the front and opened them. A shimmering light from treasures emitted with all kind of dazzling colors. There were weapons, artifacts, chaos stones, and rare metals.

All eyes turned towards Li Qiye; some became quite unfriendly. This was because this squadron was a group of bandits. One could easily guess where these treasures came from. But now, they were giving it all to Li Qiye?

The princess frowned at this sight, understanding the implications.

Tamedragon Child smiled and said: "Just a little gift, not enough to show our appreciation. Working for you is our honor and glory. With you as our commander, we'll be able to seize all the treasures in the thirteen continents. As long as you want something, just say the word and we'll take it for you. We are your brave soldiers."

The spectators' stare turned even worse. It looked like Li Qiye was the commander of these bandits. Albeit, it was quite fitting for someone as lawless as him to do something like this.

"Li Qiye! You have gone too far!" A supreme beauty and her disciples came over. She coldly shouted: "You have ordered the Tamedragon Squadron to ambush our disciples and stole our treasures, explain yourself!"

This enchanting and mature woman was the master of Sunset Glow Valley, Yin Huali.

Jilin Princess quickly stopped her and explained: "Valley Lord, I'm afraid there is a misunderstanding."

"Princess, there's no misunderstanding, the proof is right there. Our treasures are in those chests!" Huali spoke with an oppressive aura.

"That, that golden cup is ours!" A young disciple behind her was courageous enough to shout.

"That squadron also killed our Senior Brother and stole a diamond-inlaid banner from us!" A middleaged man shouted.

"Our Vinecloud Pavilion also had eight disciples killed and their treasures were taken!" Another old man said coldly.

In a short time, many experts stepped up and accused the squadron of heinous deeds.

At this moment, the princess finally understood the unfriendly gaze people were giving Li Qiye earlier. She had heard of the squadron's conducts in the past. They would never leave survivors to tell the tales. But now, they committed such blatant robberies yet left so many survivors. Their intention was clear.

Tamedragon Child wanted to drag Li Qiye down the mud, turning the world against him.

Tamedragon sneered and declared: "Just these little treasures are nothing. You should be honored that Brother Li even wants your treasures; plus, he even spared your life. Thank him for showing mercy already."

The victims were ready to tear Li Qiye to pieces in order to avenge their fallen sect members. They considered Tamedragon Child's comment to be evidence of Li Qiye's involvement behind the scene.

"Li Qiye, you might be powerful but you have crossed the line. Give us a reasonable explanation or this won't end." Huali glared at him and said.

"An explanation?" Li Qiye looked at the crowd then Tamedragon Child. He smirked and said: "I don't need to explain myself to anyone."

"That's right, our Brother Li is a deity among men, the future Immortal Monarch with twelve wills, why does he need to answer to you?!" Tamedragon Child shouted, wanting to invoke even more chaos.

These two infuriated the crowd even more with their disdainful tone. They had a burning fury in their eyes while gritting their teeth.

"Li Qiye, so you are saying you want to be enemy with the Sunset Glow Valley?!" Huali also became angry. She had no choice but to take action in order to maintain her sect's prestige.

"Hmph, you think you're unstoppable? You alone can fight against the rest of the world! Such an arrogant viewpoint!" Another victim said with hatred.

"We can't just let this go!" The others chimed in.

Li Qiye ignored their shouting and smiled at Tamedragon Child: "So you all wish to work for me?"

Tamedragon Child laughed loudly: "Yes, Brother Li is the best and we are the biggest fans of your unstoppable style. It is our honor to work for the future Immortal Monarch. Just say the word and we'll even jump into the boiling water or courageously flatten a path for you."

He was especially loud so that everyone could hear him. Earlier, he was afraid that Li Qiye would defend his innocence but Li Qiye didn't even bother to do so. This was going even smoother than he had anticipated.

"No need to jump into the boiling water." Li Qiye leisurely said: "Go, the Ganges River is right there, just jump into that."

Tamedragon Child was caught off guard and coughed awkwardly: "You sure know how to joke, Brother Li."

"I've never been a joker. Jump now, I'm losing my patience." Li Qiye waved his sleeve dismissively.

Tamedragon Child wasn't the only one shocked now. The entire audience was staring at the two in a daze.

"Brother Li, this joke isn't funny anymore." Tamedragon Child still tried to maintain an amicable appearance.

"Who says I'm joking? If you all wish to work for me, then the least you can do is obey my order." Li Qiye continued.

Tamedragon Child finally turned cold: "Brother Li, we're willing to contribute to your cause, not minding antagonizing the rest of the world so that we can offer you all the treasures you want. But I'm afraid we won't obey such a suicidal order."

"That's not up to you. If you want to be my lackeys, then learn how to act like one. Obey your master now." Li Qiye chuckled. [1]

"You!" Tamedragon Child's expression became extremely unsightly.

The members of the squadron angrily glared at him too. They were merciless robbers but now, Li Qiye called them lackeys?! This was hard to swallow.

"What are you looking at?! Kneel and acknowledge your mistake then jump into the Ganges! This is my order to you, dogs!" Li Qiye coldly stared at him and proclaimed. [2]

In a short time, the members of the squadron became furious. They were only doing a play in order to frame Li Qiye. They didn't expect him to actually treat them in this manner. Now, they were riding a tiger and couldn't get down easily.

No one expected this development. The atmosphere became tense with the focus completely on Li Qiye and Tamedragon Child.

Chapter 1905: One Thought Manipulation

The atmosphere became somber instantly. Those who were furious with Li Qiye felt their anger subsiding after seeing this.

People calmed down and regained their wits, realizing that this might not be what it seemed on the surface.

"Brother Li, I guess we don't have the same idea then." Tamedragon Child cupped his fist and said: "We brothers are full of sincerity, wanting to work for you and make something out of ourselves but you view us as hounds. That's quite disappointing."

"You think too highly of yourselves. Just your group is qualified to be my hounds?" Li Qiye said flatly: "At your level, it is already a reach to clean my shoes for me, that's why, don't stand here and dirty my view. Suicide into the Ganges, right now."

"I can't take this anymore!" One member in the squadron furiously shouted. Their name alone had frightened the soul out of people; their presence could make knees weak, being the notorious bandits that they are. How could they handle the contempt going on here?

If it wasn't for Tamedragon Child stopping them, these members would have rushed over to try and kill Li Qiye.

"Brother Li, I guess we don't share the same view then. Goodbye." Tamedragon Child knew that this play was over so he coldly said while cupping his fist.

But as the group was turning to leave, Li Qiye suddenly appeared before them.

"Brother Li, what do you want?" Tamedragon Child's expression turned cold.

"Nothing, just for you all to jump into the Ganges." Li Qiye leisurely said.

"Brother Li, don't push us too far, we have gotten so many treasures for you, our effort ought to mean something. How can you be so ungrateful..." Tamedragon Child assumed a stance of indignation.

Li Qiye didn't bother to look at the treasures on the ground and said flatly: "Don't cover yourself up with gold foil. These are treasures? Only a bunch of scrap metals, I wouldn't pick them up even if they were

lying around on my path. Only a bunch of fools like you would consider trash as treasures and dare to claim some merits in front of me for them."

"Senior Brother, let's take him down!" Another furious member clamored.

Tamedragon Child uttered: "Brother Li, you are way out of line. We can only blame ourselves for being blind and will drop this matter. From now on, we'll have nothing to do with each other!"

"It's not your turn to give orders here." Li Qiye chuckled: "Since you dared earlier to plead loyalty to me, your dog lives are in my hand. Thus, disobeying my order will only end with one thing, death!"

"Brat, you're pushing it, you think our Tamedragon Squadron is afraid of you?!" These disciples were annoyed enough earlier already so they instantly jumped to the front.

In the blink of an eye, he was surrounded by the squadron. These members wanted nothing more than to take him down.

Such a development caught the crowd off guard. In a short time, people glanced at each other. Of course, many were willing to watch since this was like a dogfight to them. They didn't like either side.

"You think your group alone can take me down?" Li Qiye smirked without any trace of anger while staring at the squadron.

"Brat, we'll cut you to pieces!" One of the members loudly threatened.

"Clank!" The members unsheathed their weapons, ready for combat.

Outside of their notoriety, they were also battle-hardened and ferocious. A murderous aura permeated the air after they took out their weapons. One could smell a thick stench of blood.

"No mercy." Li Qiye's eyes suddenly flashed as his dao heart circulated.

"Kill him!" The members of the squadron crazily shouted with reddened eyes.

"Ah!" Suddenly, heads fell to the ground one by one with blood spurting out.

A shocking scene appeared before everyone. The squadron members were actually killing each other. In a flash, one in the back stabbed a member in the front through his chest but the latter had also already swung his sword back at the former's head.

Decapitation and dismemberment became a common sight with screams and blood staining everywhere.

"Have you guys gone mad?!" Tamedragon Child was overwhelmed with shock and cried out but it was too late. All the members were already dead, killed by each other.

In a short time, the entire scene came to a horrifying silence. All eyes were wide open. The crowd couldn't calm down at all since this was completely outside of their expectation.

Of course, Tamedragon Child was more shocked than anyone after seeing his members who were as close as brothers killing each other.

One Thought Manipulation. This was one of the six thoughts in the scriptures, capable of turning someone into a Buddha or a devil with a single thought. Of course, it could also turn others crazy or force them to become murderers.

This particular transformation was completely different from Li Qiye turning into a Buddha with his dao heart. The former also allowed for him to control the enemies' emotions. Thus, when he used this particular technique, he could either pacify them or turn them into tools of murder!

The dao heart from these squadron members wasn't that strong in the first place. Furthermore, their heart was filled with cruelty and killing. This made it easy for him to control and make them kill each other. They had no chance of resisting his supreme will.

Tamedragon Child was a brutal person who never knew what fear felt like. Alas, he was experiencing it now, not wanting to become a puppet like his fallen brethren.

When people calmed down, they started staring at Li Qiye. Some even started backing off to a safe distance with a pale complexion.

Li Qiye could make these brothers kill each other so he could also control them all the same. They would instantly become his murderous puppets. Thus, their eyes on him instantly changed into a shade of fear.

Ultimately, one could gauge and even resist a powerful cultivator. But as for a devilish art like Li Qiye, they didn't even know where to begin.

"It's not too late to jump or you'll die a much, much worse death." Li Qiye said with a smile.

Tamedragon Child faltered backward and pointed at Li Qiye. His finger was shaking as he shouted: "Li Qiye! You... you... don't push it! My, my master is an eleven-totem High God and I have eight martial uncles as well, all High Gods! If, you, you dare to kill me, they will seek retribution. At, at that point, even if you have an imperial lineage as your backing, they can still annihilate all of you."

The severity of the message couldn't mask the guy's weakness. Nevertheless, this threat was still enough to frighten some of the crowd.

Tamedragon High God had eleven totems, quite a dreadful existence. More importantly, he also had eight other High Gods on his side.

Antagonizing this group was quite frightening. This was the reason why ordinary imperial lineages didn't want to mess with them. This made it possible for Tamedragon Child and his group to do whatever they wanted since their masters would back them up.

"An eleven-totem High God? Only a nobody, can't reach the apex. Let them come since I'm in the mood for a refreshing cup of High God's blood." Li Qiye happily responded.

The crowd was speechless to hear this. How many in this world would look down on an eleven-totem High God like this?

A low-level emperor would still need to be very careful because some have died to High Gods before. But now, Li Qiye's arrogance, evident by his comment, was simply impossible for anyone to replicate.

Chapter 1906: One Stomp To Crush A High God

It didn't take long before all experts here were staring at Li Qiye. Fierce wasn't enough to describe someone who publicly denounced an eleven-totem High God.

"Such a big tone!" Suddenly, a voice detonated like the thunder across the sky: "Insulting my master will end in death!"

With that, a chilling aura froze everything and turned the world into one of ice. All the cultivators present shuddered. The weaker ones felt themselves turning into an ice sculpture.

The most terrorizing thing about this aura was the murderous intent within. It acted like a sharp knife scraping everyone's bones. The pain forced everyone back, unable to withstand this murderous intent.

An old man descended from the sky and stood in front of Tamedragon Child. He wore a treasure robe and had a crest with the symbol of a cloud, looking like he could hold the world in disdain.

He exuded the power of a High God. As strands of laws poured out like waterfalls, they wove together and formed a pair of holy wings. One flap from them could break through all obstacles.

"First Brother!" Tamedragon Child was ecstatic to see the old man.

"Sima Yun." An ancestor from a big power recognized him and shouted in horror.

"Sima Yun?!" Many trembled in fear after hearing this name. Even sect masters were frightened: "This butcher is here too?!"

In a short time, the crowd receded like the tide and stood even further away.

Sima Yun was the oldest disciple of Tamedragon High God and the creator of the Tamedragon Squadron. He was a High God with two totems but was well known for being a butcher because he had killed too many people.

There were quite a few High Gods in Pure, a land of experts. However, after reaching a certain level, most High Gods would focus on improving themselves, rarely bothering with those below their ranks.

This wasn't the case for Sima Yun. There was an adage - a dragon birth a dragon; a phoenix birth a phoenix; the offspring of a rat knows how to dig caves.

The master was a bandit so the disciple was naturally one as well. After becoming a High God, Sima Yun didn't lose his old habits. Moreover, he was even more rampant than his master.

His master had no need of robbing lower-level characters. But as for Sima Yun, it didn't matter whether his victims were strong or weak. As long as he was tempted, he would rob and silence all of his victims. Some believed that he had even killed more people than his master, hence his title.

Tamedragon Child thought that since his First Brother was a two-totem High God, Li Qiye was dead for sure, regardless of how powerful he was.

"Little animal, your end is here!" He cruelly glared at Li Qiye and told Sima Yun: "Senior Brother, this little animal is the one who killed our brothers with some devious art."

"Clank." Sima Yun's eyes turned into a sharp sword. Those lacking courage were paralyzed on the ground.

"Daring to oppose me?! You won't die so easily! I'll let you taste a fate worse than death." Sima Yun said with a sinister tone.

"Where did this dog come from, barking in front me of me? Slap." Li Qiye didn't even bother to look at Sima Yun.

"Boom!" In a split second, a Buddhist palm came out of nowhere and rushed for Sima Yun.

"Scram!" Sima Yun roared. The two wings made out of laws instantly spread, causing a loud gust that destroyed space. They slammed on the Buddhist palm.

"Boom!" The palm crossed the myriad realms. Even if the wings were stronger, they wouldn't have been able to stop the palm. It pierced through the two wings and ruthlessly slapped Sima Yun's face!

"Bang!" He spat out a mouthful of blood after the slap. Keep in mind that as a High God, his body was as tough as steel but blood still gushed like crazy. A tooth fell out as well.

The crowd was silent at the outcome of this first exchange. A High God with two totems was at a disadvantage and suffered a great humiliation!

"Little animal, you're dead!" Sima Yun couldn't stay calm. This was the most humiliating moment since his debut, being slapped like this!

If he couldn't take down Li Qiye now, there was no need for him to show his face in public in the future.

"Boom!" A mountain seal exploded in his hand. Next, an evil mountain descended from the sky, wishing to flatten Li Qiye.

But the Buddhist palm with runes rotating around it stopped the mountain. It looked like an eternal attack.

"Activate!" Sima Yun's mountain seal became dazzlingly resplendent, illuminating the entire world. The aura of a High God ravaged the entire area like a devastating primal tsunami.

"Rawr!" Evil dragons rushed out of the mountain, making the seal seem like a dragon nest.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" Evil dragons rushed for the Buddhist Palm. Under their assault, the light of the palm weakened as if it could be shattered at any moment.

"Little animal, I'm going to taste your blood!" With a cruel expression, Sima Yun's eyes flashed with a bloodthirsty glint.

As long as he captured Li Qiye, the worst of torture would ensue.

"A High God with two totems is truly strong." Many turned pale, wondering if Li Qiye could handle it or not.

"Bang!" The palm eventually crumbled.

"Rawr!" Several hundred evil dragons howled after they left the nest and went straight for Li Qiye in order to eviscerate him.

"Little animal, you're finished!" Sima Yun shouted in a frenzy.

"I am Buddha." Li Qiye only chuckled and chanted a resonating phrase.

With a loud explosion, an immeasurable foot of a Buddha stomped down from above. One could see a sun, moon, and other celestials hovering around it. Galaxies were hanging above and flowing like waterfalls.

Boundless runes covered this foot like an ocean, capable of drowning the entire Buddhist Plain.

"Boom!" The dragons were instantly crushed like insignificant little worms.

"Ah!" Next, Sima Yun was trampled on the ground with his blood spurting out.

"Crack!" The bones in his body broke one by one. This foot acted as a monstrous world pushing down on him. He was powerless to resist in this scenario.

This scene shocked everyone more than anything they have seen earlier. A two-totem High God was completely defeated and trampled by this foot. They would never believe this tale if they didn't witness it with their own eyes.

Even the emperors inside Imperial Change were startled by the gigantic foot from the sky. They looked at it in silence.

Despite not knowing who it was, these emperors understood that an overlord had taken action. This had to be a supreme Buddha, a master of the dao of Buddhism. It was quite unwise to oppose such a being inside Buddhist Realm.

At this time, someone looked up at the foot. There was no end in sight as if there was indeed a Buddha situated in the crevice of the sky. It was as large as the heaven and earth; mountains and rivers were so tiny in comparison.

Chapter 1907: Tamedragon Cavalry

A two-totem High God was trampled beneath that foot like an ant! It made everyone feel that he was completely trivial.

The crowd gasped after seeing this. Just how powerful was this foot to be able to accomplish this task?

Li Qiye glanced at Sima Yun and said flatly: "A two-totem High God can't even be an appetizer for me! In the Buddhist Plain, even an Ancient God needs to tuck their tail between their legs before me!"

He had the Buddhist seed right now so he could control the entire plain. The strength of an entire epoch was in his possession. Even though it was only the remnant of an epoch, it still allowed him to be invincible!

Not to mention the surroundings, even the entire plain was silent. It wasn't a personal power at this moment but the congregation of the might of the plain itself!

"Brat, you..." Sima Yun cried out while feeling both anger and fear.

"Ah!" With a cracking sound, the foot pushed down, rendering him into a bloody meat paste. He didn't even have the chance to act livid, let alone resist.

He was fighting against an epoch so he was completely insignificant in comparison, despite being a High God.

When the foot disappeared, only a flattened meat paste was left. A sanguine stench touched everyone's tip of the nose.

"Ugh." Some couldn't help but vomit, not because of the particular stench, but because they were scared out of their mind.

Back on Eternal, Qin Baili saw the whole thing and shook his head: "Ignorant fool, Li Qiye is capable of becoming a Buddha with a single thought and could even leave the embryo. He has no opponent in the Buddhist Plain. This is the holy birthplace of Buddhism, going against someone who has total control of this dao is so unwise. Not to mention a minor god, even an emperor would need to evaluate their strength first!"

Qin Baili was still the ruler of an imperial lineage. His knowledge was far beyond an ordinary expert. After seeing Li Qiye left the Buddhist embryo at the Golden Shrine, he was aware that Li Qiye could use any of the Buddhist techniques.

Keep in mind that there were other Buddhist lineages in the thirteen continents. However, the true origin of this doctrine was from this place. Many monks became enlightened here and eventually started their own temples.

Thus, opposing a supreme Buddha like Li Qiye in this place was truly foolish! A Buddha like this had an absolute advantage on his home territory!

The entire scene was trembling. The more timid members were sitting flat on their butts.

Li Qiye simply smiled and started walking towards Tamedragon Child who was completely pale with weakened knees.

"You, don't, don't come over here, don't come over here!" The man acted as if he was looking at a ghost. He was truly aghast at this second.

Li Qiye chuckled: "Anyone else? Tell them to come out so I can deal with them all at once, no need to waste time."

"Don't, don't be so contemptuous! My master is Tamedragon High God!" The man was crawling away.

"I know, your master is Tamedragon High God, no need to repeat it." Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve: "Tell your master and uncles to come, I'll flatten them all to rid the world of evil."

"You!" Tamedragon Child was speechless. He realized that the fame of his master was not enough to deter Li Qiye.

Some spectators felt quite good to see this guy pissing in his pants, especially those who have suffered in his hand. They felt that Li Qiye was ridding them of indignation.

"If your worthless master isn't coming, then I'll break your bones and peel your skin. Oh, I'll hang your skin outside of Imperial Change so that your master can go pick up your corpse later." Li Qiye smirked at the frightened man.

"Little animal! I'll, I'm going to take you down!" Tamedragon Child was pushed to the edge and crazily screamed.

With a cracking noise, his forehead actually broke to pieces and strings of light rushed out.

"Buzz." These were strings of bright blood. They seemed to be weightless and were floating in front of Tamedragon Child.

As more blood came out, they gathered together to form a single drop. It was sparkling and translucent; quite a beautiful drop of blood. It seemed to have experienced countless refinements.

"Blood of the heart, this is the essence of the essence, he doesn't want to live!" Someone cried out.

It was the most precious drop of blood from Tamedragon Child. Once it was gone, not only would his body be gone too but his true fate would also be damaged. This was a perilous endeavor.

"Bang!" This blood jewel suddenly collapsed.

"Rumble!" The might of High Gods ravaged the four directions like a tsunami engulfing everything. The entire earth quaked in response.

"Buzz." A portal opened and nine stately figures instantly appeared before Tamedragon Child.

Black flames engulfed the sky and ferociously swept through everything. Just this brutal aura alone could scare the soul out of cultivators.

"It's the Tamedragon Cavalry!" A sect master blanched at their arrival.

In a short time, so many retreated; some even ran for dear life.

This infamous cavalry had a terrible reputation. Just its name alone was enough to frighten people.

"No, these are just dao avatars with the wills of the High Gods." An ancestor saw through the nine figures.

Alas, these dao avatars empowered with their wills were still extremely powerful. This was different from a remnant intent. It was nearly the same as if the High Gods were here with their real body.

Normally, the descendants would only be able to summon dao avatars from living emperors and High Gods. The dead ones could only leave behind their will and intent, not the dao avatar.

Because of this, dao avatar summoning was much more powerful than the simpler version.

Nevertheless, their aura was still enough to crush the firmaments and make the realms tremble due to their sheer number.

"Are they trying to utterly crush him?" The crowd felt their scalp tingling from horror. This cavalry hasn't appeared for a long time now so their re-emergence was naturally shocking.

"Master, he's the one who killed First Brother! You must avenge him!" Tamedragon Child grew bolder after seeing these dao avatars.

In the blink of an eye, the avatars stared at Li Qiye. Their glare was quite frightening, capable of penetrating all things in this world.

"Brat, will you commit suicide or do we have to do it for you?" The largest figure among the nine asked.

"That's Tamedragon High God." An ancestor immediately recognized the voice and knew who it was despite the figures being unrecognizable. He turned pale even though he was a character of the ancestor level.

Tamedragon High God was quite brutal and had a penchant for torture. Because of this, people were afraid of just hearing his name, let alone his actual voice.

"Only a bunch of nobodies." Li Qiye glanced at the High God and said: "Even if your real body was here, you're only ants in my eyes yet you dare to hoot in front of me? I should be the one asking - will you all commit suicide or do I have to do it?"

Such a matchless domineering style, looking down on even the gods. One with eleven totems was actually called a nobody by Li Qiye.

Chapter 1908: Buddha Destroying The Myriad Laws

"You court death!" The eleven-totem High God roared, shocking the myriad realms and breaking the stars. The laws of the world wailed; all were nothing before his voice. The experts and beings were quivering.

"Boom!" The nine High Gods attacked together, seemingly part of one being. Their divine flames blotted out the momentum of all creations.

In this split moment, all spatial realms and domains were sealed by their flames.

"Oh mother!" The cataclysmic flames coming out of nowhere scared the hell out of the visitors in Buddhist Plain. Personal strength no longer mattered since all would be swept by its might.

The strong dropped to the ground while the weak soiled their pants.

"Boom!" The divine flames crazily shrank and gathered in a single spot. A black hole came into being, capable of sucking and devouring all things.

Stars were victims as well. They instantly crumbled after being sucked inside and turned to ashes.

There was no point in trying to escape. This power was enough to swallow the entire plain.

"Amitabha." In the blink of an eye, Li Qiye placed both palms together for a mudra. There was no overly dazzling Buddhist light and affinity this time around. It was only a faint glow around his body.

But he seemed to be crossing through eternity and the river of time itself. This was a being from an old epoch traveling to this world, no longer restrained by the yin-yang and temporal sphere.

He still had the same physical appearance with a faint glow. Alas, he had become an everlasting grand dao, capable of persevering through the epochs to the present day and even the future!

He was the start of an epoch, one of Buddhism, that will continue to flow towards the unknown.

"Buzz." Multiple kingdoms appeared around the plain. Each of these Buddhist kingdoms was massive. One of them was even larger than Pure.

Multiple sacred Buddhas were present in each kingdom, spanning from one era to another. They seemed to have come here from the past just to greet Li Qiye.

Furthermore, trillions and trillions of beings in these kingdoms were quite different from each other with the exception of one thing, their faith in Buddhism!

"Amitabha." The all-too-familiar chant echoed across Exploration Grounds. A Buddhist affinity finally permeated throughout the entire area.

The Buddhist Plain had become dazzling with this light, just like the rebirth of an epoch. In the perilous locations of Exploration Grounds, many pairs of eyes lit up and turned towards the light.

The citizens from the countless eras and the Buddhas were all bowing at Li Qiye. The faith of an entire epoch was gathering on him.

At this moment, Li Qiye who was still himself became the creator of an epoch, the master of Buddhist Plain!

The cultivators instantly kneeled. Li Qiye didn't have a divinity suppressing them at all but they instinctively did so, not wanting to stand up.

"A grand Buddha with a golden avatar!" The princess was aware of the significance.

"Boom!" Li Qiye slightly raised his fist and a Buddhist palm descended. It instantly crushed the black hole and went straight for the nine High Gods.

"You dare?!" Tamedragon High God furiously shouted but the palm was already before them.

"Boom!" Their struggle was meaningless since they were instantly rendered to ashes without the chance to scream.

This shocking scene made other High Gods and even emperors who were watching tremble in fear. Even though it wasn't their real body, this was still a formidable force yet it was annihilated with a single palm. These members of the Tamedragon Squadron were mere ants before him, not enough to do anything.

Buddhist Plain fell into a silence again. Cultivators were prostrating on the ground without moving in the slightest. They didn't even dare to look up at all.

"Too weak." Li Qiye said leisurely: "Maybe a twelve-will emperor will be able to put up a good fight."

Such a nonchalant comment was quite frightening. An eleven-totem High God was "too weak"? The latter part of that sentence was even more domineering!

After the Buddhist seed showed its power, some emperors inside Imperial Change gently sighed.

They had nothing to say since they were aware of this thing in Li Qiye's possession. The seed allowed him to be invincible in this area since he could control the plain. What was left of an epoch was under his grasp.

In fact, when they built Imperial Change outside of Buddhist Plain, they were already thinking about the seed. In the end, none was able to obtain it.

This wasn't to say that these emperors were too weak. First, they didn't have the right Buddhist fate. Second, they didn't wish to be involved in the associated karma due to the threat of the Heavenly Annihilation.

At that point, even hiding in Exploration Grounds would be pointless. The execution would come down and destroy them. This was because the karma of the Buddhist seed was too great. Plus, they were already powerful beings.

These emperors wondered about Li Qiye's origin to be able to obtain the seed. This turned him into a grand Buddha with a golden avatar in the plain.

In the long Buddhist Epoch, there were only nine Golden Buddhas. Meanwhile, the plain was still considered part of this epoch. Thus, how strong was a Golden Buddha walking in his own epoch? Like Li Qiye had said, he would be able to fight against a twelve-will emperor!

Therefore, both High Gods and emperors didn't want to provoke Li Qiye, a Golden Buddha in his own territory! Number was no longer a factor; all would be annihilated in a battle with him.

Li Qiye dispersed the Buddhist light. He was still the same guy as before as if nothing had transpired. He walked towards Tamedragon Child who was paralyzed on the ground. His fear had rendered him unable to crawl and escape. There was no strength left in his body. Naturally, one could also smell urine coming from his trousers.

"Anything else??" Li Qiye chuckled and said: "I'm afraid your master and uncle won't be coming here any longer."

Tamedragon Child opened his mouth but no words came out for he was stricken with fear.

"Scheming in front of me? Even the greatest of machination is only a mere speck of dust before me. Just a simple wave of the hand and it will cease from being." Li Qiye continued.

This was indeed the truth. Most schemes were useless before absolute power. It was akin to a mortal scheming before an Immortal Emperor - quite a naive and foolish endeavor.

Chapter 1909: Shi Hunlin

"If there's nothing else, then I'll bid you goodbye." Li Qiye chuckled and casually pointed forward. Tamedragon Child was instantly crushed into a mist of blood.

He thought he was smart and had been coming up with schemes ever since Li Qiye got the treasure from Hope. He decided to carry out the plan at the Buddhist Plain.

In his mind, as long as his plan was successful, Li Qiye would be public enemy number one. At that point, Li Qiye would need to rely on their master in order to survive. Thus, his treasures would no longer belong to him.

But the plan he was so proud of was only a joke in Li Qiye's eyes. It was meaningless before absolute power, just like a speck of dust.

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and glanced at the chests of treasures on the ground: "Take back what belongs to you. They are only scraps, not enough to get in my sight. Any treasure from the Golden Shrine is superior than these things here."

No one dared to retort to the rather rude comment. Even Yin Huali was completely silent. They understood that it was only a scheme from Tamedragon Child earlier. Plus, someone of Li Qiye's level had no need for their treasure. As he said, he could randomly pick anything out of the Golden Shrine and it would still be much superior.

After Li Qiye and the princess left, they quickly took back their treasures. No one dared to grab anything that didn't belong to them because Li Qiye's authoritative comment was still lingering in their mind. If Li Qiye were to find out of any wrongdoing, they would be dead for sure.

Thus, a nonchalant comment from him became the inviolable words of laws.

When the two passed by the location of the Buddhist bell, Li Qiye gave it another look. It was still hanging in the sky with experts still hiding in the broken space. They were biding their time for the right moment to take it.

Li Qiye simply reached out for the bell. "Clank!" The bell ringed but it didn't attack Li Qiye. It emitted a Buddhist light with an indescribable sense of harmonization.

He easily obtained the bell after the ring like the plucking of a fruit. This astounded the hiding experts and High Gods nearby.

Everyone knew that the bell was quite powerful, not inferior to any imperial dao weapon. That's the reason why so many coveted it.

Alas, all failed, including low-level High Gods, hence the astonishment of the crowd.

"That's the man who turned into a Buddha." Anyone else taking the bell would instantly be surrounded by the experts here. However, after noticing that it was Li Qiye, they could only bemoan their own fortune. Some even waited for several thousand years here, only for this to happen.

This was because they saw the scene at Buddhist Plain earlier when Li Qiye killed gods like crushing ants. Messing with him was simply suicidal.

Eventually, these experts dispersed since there was no more chance of taking this bell.

Li Qiye gently flicked the bell to remove the associated karma and gave it to Jilin Princess. He said insipidly: "You have a fateful connection with Buddhism, so keep this with you. It will be beneficial."

"What about the karma?" The princess blurted out. Even though Li Qiye had removed it, the karma wouldn't disappear just like that and had entered his karmic fate.

"The karma I shoulder is beyond your imagination, this little bit can't reach the apex." Li Qiye said: "Plus, I can also leave the Buddhist embryo whenever."

There was no karma greater than the one in the Buddhist seed in the entire plain, same with the karma of this bell.

"Thank you, Young Noble." The princess regained her wits and accepted the bell. She bowed deeply towards him without refusing the gift.

"Hahaha, Virtuous Niece, I didn't expect to see you here at Buddhist Plain." At this time, a boisterous laughter came about.

A burly old man landed from above. His eyes were large like a spirit bull; beard long like a horse's mane, but made from steel. This resulted in a mighty package. His gray hair indicated his old age but he was still as vigorous like a tiger. This was definitely a fierce cultivator.

"Uncle Lin." The princess was surprised to see a senior at the plain: "You're here as well?"

"Ha, little lass. I haven't seen you in a couple of years but you're so big now. I'll go have a drink at your house later." The old man laughed and said.

"Why are you here, uncle?" She asked.

"Sigh, don't ask." The old man looked at Li Qiye and smacked his lips: "For a few years now, I've been wanting this Buddhist bell because I do lack a suitable weapon. Unfortunately, I couldn't take it at all. Looks like a waste of time now."

The princess understood right away. So it turned out that the guy was hiding in the sky and waiting for the bell.

"Young Noble, this is my Uncle Lin, a High God." The princess introduced the two of them.

"Little lass, don't call me a god. A minor one like me can't get into this Dao Brother's sight." The old man laughed and cupped his fist towards Li Qiye: "This little old man is Shi Hunlin, born in Pure. To be able to meet you in the fortune accumulated from three lifetimes."

The princess chortled after hearing the old man's humble tone but she wasn't surprised. Shi Hunlin wasn't much in the presence of an overlord like Li Qiye.

Shi Hunlin was a friend of the Jilin Clan and was especially close to the princess' father since they got along at first meeting just like old drinking buddies. He was very strong with a set of three totems.

He was an unreachable existence in the eyes of others. However, he was still humble as ever when talking to Li Qiye despite his old age and great power. He even referred to Li Qiye as Dao Brother while calling himself little old man. [1]

He had seen Li Qiye's Buddhist transformation process with his own eyes. This was a being capable of meeting god, slaying god. He wasn't much compared to the group of Tamedragon High God, who himself had eleven totems.

Their avatars got instantly annihilated. Thus, Hunlin didn't dare to be disrespectful with his verbal formalities.

Li Qiye only glanced at him and slightly nodded.

Others might view this as a lack of courtesy but Shi Hunlin didn't think so. Someone who was capable of turning into a grand Buddha with a golden avatar was qualified to act so imperiously.

"Virtuous Niece, where are you two heading off to?" Shi Hunlin smiled and said.

"Remote Wildland." She answered.

His eyes lit up in response: "I just happen to have nothing to do anyway, mind if I tag along?"

Despite asking the princess, his eyes were still on Li Qiye because he knew that Li Qiye was the decider.

The princess also looked at Li Qiye, not daring to respond.

"That's fine." Li Qiye chuckled and continued forward.

Shi Hunlin immediately got closer, acting like a young servant instead of a High God. He laughed and said: "Someone like me is not enough to be an appetizer to a ferocious place like Remote Wildland. To be able to follow Brother to this place to broaden my horizon is truly a blessing."

The comment was slightly exaggerated but the wildland was indeed quite perilous. Even High Gods wouldn't dare to go there recklessly. Once, a Grand Emperor with eleven wills had fallen in that place.

The group didn't take long before returning to Eternal. The ship captain was standing there and waiting for Li Qiye.

"Go now." After seeing his expression, Li Qiye gently waved his sleeve and the princess took her leave.

"Sir, this is the VIP guest list." When they were finally alone, the captain bowed deeply before handing Li Qiye a list.

Li Qiye flipped the pages and smiled: "Looks like quite a few of these monstrosities are coming to go all out at Remote Wildland."

"They're taking a coffin with them but I don't dare to guess what is inside." The captain respectfully said.

"It's useless, whatever they're taking along." Li Qiye freely said: "The things in the wildland can't be obtained by the likes of them. If they keep on thinking that they'll be able to get stuff from there just because of a little connection due to their origin, they'll die so fast."

The captain stood there without daring to ask more. Despite being quite mighty himself, this matter far exceeded him. It was at the level of emperors.

Chapter 1910: The Grand Emperors Behind Eternal

Li Qiye closed the list and gave it back to the captain while commenting: "Certain things shouldn't exist in this world but of course, not a few aberrants could do anything to change it."

The captain accepted the list without daring to reply.

Li Qiye said flatly: "Anything else?"

The captain quietly said after a brief rumination: "The Majesties asks if you need any help in Remote Wildland, Sir?"

These emperors behind Eternal were naturally awe-inspiring. They could sweep through the ten realms, never facing defeat. But now, even they had to ask if they could be of service.

In this world, people would need to beg for the help of emperors. But now, these emperors were doing the opposite and offering their service to Li Qiye.

"Is this a probe?" Li Qiye chuckled while staring at the captain: "If I say I need help, they'll be able to guess my intention better?"

"No, of course not." The captain quickly waved both hands: "Sir, please don't misunderstand, this is not our intention at all. Our lords only wish to lend their assistance."

The captain was right to be nervous. Even his emperors were very careful, let alone a minor character like him before an overlord.

"No need to be so anxious." Li Qiye waved his sleeve: "If I was offended by Qi Gong's group, you wouldn't be standing here in front of me right now."

The captain heaved a sigh of relief after hearing this. He has been quite afraid, despite not completely knowing Li Qiye's true origin. Nevertheless, the upper echelon showed great prudence and this, in turn, scared him as well.

Li Qiye gazed towards the horizon and said: "In the thirteen continents, only Qi Gong's group know of my arrival. As for Old Geezer Qian's group, they wouldn't talk about me with others. Heavenly Authority has always been imperious, Old Geezer Qian is even more unfathomable."

The captain nodded in agreement. Heavenly Authority was rumored to be one of the strongest organizations, made up of several strongest Grand Emperors. Many emperors from the Heaven Race weren't qualified to join it either.

Some even said that ten-will emperors in that organization weren't exposed to the real issues either. Only World Emperor and his peers were privy to the top information.

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and slowly said: "If Qi Gong is aware of my identity, then they should know that I have plans for coming to Remote Wildland and of course, they also know that very few things could attract my attention."

"This lowly one knows nothing about this. The Majesties are only worrying that other emperors might join in too, so they ordered me to ask."

"The other emperors?" Li Qiye said: "The items in Remote Wildland are indeed tempting even for emperors. Inevitability is the nature of the world, some things can't be hidden forever. Plus, emperors have divination capabilities."

The captain agreed. In Exploration Grounds, the Remote Wildland had certain things that even the emperors coveted.

Old Geezer Qian was aware of his coming but he wouldn't tell the others. He wasn't a talkative one and his organization didn't like sharing information either.

The ones that knew about his arrival were the emperors that had some relations with him in the past. A few of them probably heard something from the Imperial Cabinet.

The ones behind Eternal knew of Li Qiye's identity but they were speculating the purpose of his trip. Even though they have met him before, they weren't his confidantes unlike Immortal Emperor Min Ren and the others. Thus, they didn't dare to take action without asking.

"You can tell our masters that when I need them, I will let them know. But they should know of my personality, I don't like people spying on me." Li Qiye eventually said.

"Sir, I will definitely send the message." The captain hurriedly responded.

"As for the other emperors that might come, don't worry about that. If they think about interfering for a cup of soup, then let them come." Li Qiye said: "Remote Wildland is a good place, it needs a few emperors as an offering. High Gods alone aren't enough, only emperors are this valuable."

With that, he revealed a deep and mysterious smile.

The captain shuddered in response. Emperors were usually a taboo topic for others but as he was listening and looking at Li Qiye, he saw an outrageous illusion. He felt as if emperors were only preys at this moment. Li Qiye was an overlord hiding in the shadows, waiting for emperors to come knocking on his door. Then he would open his massive jaws to devour them!

"Let's go." Li Qiye told the captain: "I never mistreat those who follow me. If there is a big harvest at Remote Wildland, your masters will also receive their just rewards."

"This lowly one understands." The captain bowed and said: "I will repeat every word."

Next, he asked: "And about the passengers on the ship, Sir, how do you want to deal with them?"

"Let them be. There is an adage for this - the mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind. Only at the last second will we know who really is the prey."

"Affirmative, Sir." The captain bowed once more before quietly leaving.

Li Qiye contemplated in silence for a while before murmuring with a faint smile: "Maybe it really is time to offer some imperial blood. Don't blame me for your blindness leading to death."

He returned to his room and sealed the space around him. He took out Heaven Reckon and carefully inspected it.

This was an extremely heaven-defying treasure, the apex creation of an epoch.

"Not offensive-focus but still amazing enough." He evaluated: "Hmm, it doesn't affect the outcome of a war too much. When one breaks out, others will find more relevant artifacts."

This ruler wasn't meant for battle, only a supporting type. Because of this, others didn't try to obtain it despite its nature of being an apex treasure. If it was a Paragon Artifact meant for war, the emperors would have paid any price to grab it.

"I guess we'll wait and see the harvest at Remote Wildland." Li Qiye thought to himself.

The trip to Buddhist Plain this time was only out of convenience since it was on the way. Same with Heaven Reckon; his real goal was the wildland.

"When the darkness comes, the Paragon Artifacts will surely appear." His eyes were gazing into the distance.

He eventually sighed and said: "Saving the world is not just about wiping away the darkness. No one will be able to do so forever because the darkness in the heart is indestructible."

He didn't want to be a savior but when the time comes, he had no choice but to take a stand. There was no other choice; he wasn't one to sit idly by and watch.

"Hopefully, a conclusion will come soon." He continued his reflection: "At the final moment, we'll find out who are good and bad guys of this world. The world has no idea right now."

Good and bad; guardians and saviors; wise sages and devils... The inhabitants of this world simply had no clue. Perhaps the wise sages in their eyes were actually monsters. At the same time, the ones they denounced as butchers were actually the real guardians.

But ultimately, morality and judgment weren't something he cared for. He was thinking about how to flatten some problematic people and tying up some loose ends.

There were existences slumbering in the darkness; ones far beyond the imagination of men. But he didn't care for them; he'll sweep through everything all the same in this generation.