

Emperor 2021

[Chapter 2021: Tea Garden](#)

Many students gathered along the rolling hills, waiting for the tea garden to open since trespassing was impossible. Of course, where they were standing was only the entrance, not the garden itself.

“Rumble!” With loud explosions, two wooden paths appeared in the sky along with an engulfing mist covering the entire mountain range. Everything disappeared in the blink of an eye.

All the students quickly jumped on the paths and rode the wind just like immortals.

“The garden is opening!” They excitedly shouted, eager to start.

“Boom!” Peaks suddenly landed from above but they were relatively tiny, more like huge boulders.

“Fellow Students, get ready to enter. Fortunes or not depend on yourself, don’t force it if it isn’t meant to be.” An old man appeared among the mist - a teacher from the academy.

“Yes!” The students quickly picked a peak and jumped on top. In a short time, each peak had students above, usually in groups of three or five. They chose to go together because of strength in number, increasing their chance of success.

Even geniuses from Emperor Mansion and Sacred Institution got here now, such as Six-sword and Ruminantion.

These two leaders took two biggest peaks with many followers from their respective classrooms.

Ruminantion had many powerful geniuses with him; this was quite a formidable force. Though students from Hundred Halls were no match in comparison, they had the number advantage.

Because of this, the rest of the crowd stay far away from Ruminantion and Six-sword. They understood that the resources and benefits of this tea party will be taken by these two first. Others wouldn’t want to compete against them.

Strange enough, Miao Chan was all alone on a small peak in a conspicuous corner. The mist nearly hid her completely.

“Sister, how about coming with us?” Six-sword quickly asked after seeing her.

In fact, he has been looking for her the entire time so he didn’t waste any time.

“Thank you, Senior.” She shook her head and said: “I’m only here for a look, not to search for fortunes, so I do not wish to disturb your plan.”

She understood him too well so she refused. He came from a prestigious clan with an eleven-totem High God so his nature was one of arrogance since youth. Someone like this would clearly oppose Li Qiye later - a suicidal path.

The young king was naturally unhappy to hear the refusal. It took quite a lot of effort for him to invite her to the tea party in the first place so he didn’t expect her to back off right now.

The first thing that came on his mind was Li Qiye. He must have told her something or she wouldn't have abandoned the initial plan. Thus, he turned his gaze towards Li Qiye.

Li Qiye and his group of five were standing on another small peak. The king was even more annoyed to see him surrounded by beauties.

He had a hundred reasons to hate Li Qiye right now. Alas, there was nothing he could do since the guy was a teacher.

Rumination Godchild was also annoyed due to Li Qiye and Mei Suyao's intimacy. He also wanted to report to the academy that this guy wasn't acting like a teacher at all. It was unsightly and improper for one to be so close with his students. It would be a big offense for a teacher to be seducing his students.

"Alright, Young Friends, begin." However, the old teacher interrupted his train of thoughts and declared.

"Boom!" All the peaks started flying forward just like ships. The students stood on top and let the peaks take them wherever.

"I've ridden bulls, horses, and cranes before. This is my first time riding a mountain." Goldloop smiled and said.

Yao Ting and Xinxue felt that this was refreshing too since it was their first time at tea garden.

"The peaks aren't moving, you think you're actually riding one?" Jinsheng said: "The area is changing and giving you the illusion that these peaks are moving."

"They're not?" Goldloop found this impossible.

"It's a monumental shift in this region like the changing of the stars, if you fall down from this peak right now, you'll return to the academy. All you have been doing is standing in the same spot." Jinsheng elaborated.

"You know so much about this place, have you been here before, Old Liu?" Xinxue asked curiously.

Jinsheng didn't answer him and continued staring forward with a strange expression before falling into deep contemplation.

Mei Suyao smiled at Li Qiye. She was different from Yao Ting and Goldloop and could sense that this old man was not normal, thanks to her all-seeing immortal bone.

Of course, she also knew that it didn't matter how good he was at hiding because it was useless before Li Qiye. There was no doubt that Li Qiye had agreed for the guy to hang around.

"Boom!" After the peaks traveled for a bit, everything suddenly stopped including the lingering mist.

Before them was an unreasonably gigantic tablet resembling an arm. There were two words engraved on it, "Tea Garden". Below were numerous runes organized in an orderly fashion - a lengthy description.

These runes were beautifully carved. From the distance, they looked like little immortals flying around or little ethereal sparks.

“Young Friends, we’re here now. Come in.” The old teacher laughed and told the students before disappearing.

“Let’s go!” The students applauded and rushed into the tea garden. No one wanted to be left behind so they seized the initiative to get the good stuff first.

No one took a second glance at the tablet since they were here for the fortunes in the garden. They didn’t bother reading the runic text on it outside of a few people.

Some would pause and noticed that it was about the origin of the academy. They quickly lost interest because there was nothing special about it.

This wasn’t the case for Xinxue. She took her time because she loved historical text the most. The rest of the group didn’t share the same interest.

“So there was an abyss in this place during the creation of the academy... This wasn’t written down at the library.” She became immersed.

“Keep speculating, if you can see through it, it will grant you great benefits.” Li Qiye gently patted her head and said: “After all, Immortal Emperor Fei isn’t idle enough to write this description down for no reasons.”

“Immortal Emperor Fei wrote this?!” She was shocked after finding out that this was an imperial text.

“Indeed. This is about the origin of the academy, go on now.” Li Qiye chuckled: “As for the rest, we’ll go inside.”

He didn’t force the others who didn’t care for history and went inside the garden with them. Meanwhile, Xinxue stood before the tablet, scrutinizing each word in order to understand them.

[Chapter 2022: Dao And Fortune Seeking](#)

Yao Ting asked Li Qiye: “Are we here to really drink tea?”

She didn’t know much about the garden since this was her first time.

“It’s for dao comprehension.” Jinsheng kindly said: “Drink tea and comprehend the dao, but the name is Tea Party. This place is a great area for learning about the dao, this was the main goal of the academy in opening the garden. This is a rare chance and one should seize it with all cost. As for finding treasures and other things? That’s wasting it.”

The group wondered if he has been here before again due to his mysterious yet complicated expression after being here.

They went beneath a majestic mountain shrouded by the clouds. It gave off the sensation that it was blocking the road - no one could ever get past it.

A tree was on top with whirling leaves of a silver color. From a distant glance, it would look as if this tree was made out of metal.

“I think this is a Silver-Flower Tree, the mushroom growing on this tree is extremely precious since it can be used as a medicine to increase cultivation.” A group of students from the different classrooms has already surrounded the peak. The ones from Hundred Hall were mainly here for fun.

One student from Emperor Mansion flew up to the sky and opened his heavenly gaze to look at the tree. After seeing the mushrooms growing on it, he said: “Yes, this tree has been untouched for a long time so there are so many mushrooms here. It can probably be refined into a full gourd of pills for me to increase cultivation by ten years.”

“What a shame, Six-sword Young King and Ruminant Godchild aren’t here or they might be able to reach the top for those mushrooms.” One student salivated after seeing this.

Another from Sacred Institution shook his head: “The two are going for the Grand Dao Tea, they don’t care about mushrooms. These mushrooms are top-notch but their sects have no lack of similar items.”

The students here could only watch because the peak was unclimbable. The moment they tried, they would instantly fall off. For example, if they were the flowing water, this peak would be a tall boulder situated in the middle. There was no way for the water to reach the top.

“Violent Teacher is here! Wait, no, Teacher Li and Fairy Mei are here.” The arrival of the group caused quite a stir due to Li Qiye’s notoriety.

They quickly made a path for him. Ultimately, Li Qiye wasn’t impressive in appearance but his status as a teacher was quite intimidating.

The one attracting the most gazes in the group was naturally Mei Suyao. This was her effect wherever she went, causing heart to beat faster, eyes to wander, and minds to waver.

“Fairy Mei.” The students from Imperial Mansion greeted her. She nonchalantly nodded back as a response.

“Silver-flower Tree, not bad.” Li Qiye told Yao Ting: “Go, you don’t need the mushroom here, just go up to comprehend the dao. The grand dao of the tree is powerful and touch like metal, very useful for you.”

“I, I can actually go up there?” She spoke feebly. There were students from the higher classrooms here but they couldn’t ascend. How could someone from Hundred Hall like her do it?

Li Qiye gently sighed and said: “Fine, I’ll lend you a hand for now but you need to work hard yourself in the future.”

With that, he formed a massive palm and reached for the tree. A majestic light from the tree poured out and sealed the area in order to stop his advance like an immovable gate.

“Boom!” With a breaking sound, Li Qiye’s palm was unstoppable and forcefully tore through the radiant canopy. Before everyone could react, he threw Yao Ting on top of the peak and she landed right below the tree.

“Try your best now, I won’t help you a second time.” Li Qiye told her.

Yao Ting was frightened by the sudden opportunity. She never thought about having a chance like this normally, but it has landed on her today.

Nevertheless, she took a deep breath after hearing him and calmed her mind. She sat down and closed her eyes in order to reach for the dao with her mind. She no longer cared for the mushrooms and simply tried to search for the dao.

Many students were shaken after seeing this. They have heard about Li Qiye beating Ye Miao-xue before. Most didn't like it and some thought that he simply relied on his position to bully a student.

However, after seeing him destroying the tree's barrier so easily, they understood that he was the real deal. No teacher from the academy was weak.

"Let's go." Li Qiye smiled and went on with the group after seeing Yao Ting in a state of meditation.

"What a shame, not picking mushrooms after reaching the top but just sitting there meditating. Wasting such a good opportunity, she can meditate in any other places." Some students felt that this was a waste of time.

"Sigh, let's go someplace else." Since none could reach the top, they all gave up eventually and left.

The students came to find treasures, herbs, and artifacts. Very few actually dao searched in this place since they believed that it would be a waste of time.

In their eyes, they could meditate wherever and whenever. This wasn't the case for treasure hunting.

The teachers didn't interfere with their choices. They simply led the students in and the students needed to walk on their own path in order to carve out their own future.

The main goal of the tea party for the academy was to use this wondrous land as a place to search for the dao. They hoped that the students could cherish this opportunity. Nevertheless, they didn't stop the students from treasure hunting and wasting this chance.

On a side note, this was also the reason why students with humble upbringing loved the academy. They had freedom and the chance to have a piece of the pie.

In the great powers, this type of sacred land could only be enjoyed by the experts in the sect. They weren't as generous as the academy, letting the students share everything. Of course, this was predicated on whether the students were capable enough to grab the treasures.

Many students were filling their pockets with items, especially the ones traveling with Six-sword and Ruminant.

This big group made it to a different peak and found many geniuses from Emperor Mansion waiting around.

It was shrouded in fog with a tea tree on top. It was ancient with thick barks just like dragon scales. Moreover, the cracks between the barks emitted a faint fragrance of tea.

Young tea leaves were magically growing on it with different levels making it look just like a pagoda. The leaves were also golden in color, quite a beautiful spectacle.

Tiny laws floated around each of the young leaves like immortal silks. The tree looked full of spirituality because of this appearance.

Furthermore, the leaves were also different. On the bottom level, each leaf only had one tiny law circulating around it. On the second level, two laws; the third, three laws... The very top layer actually had twelve laws circulating around each leaf.

[Chapter 2023: Grand Dao Tea](#)

“Grand Dao Tea, eh?” People started swallowing their saliva after seeing this old tree lost in the clouds. Even members of imperial lineages felt the same greed because only the academy had such a tree in all of Arrogance. Yet, even rarer was their generosity to offer it to all the students.

“The teachers are leaving so many tea leaves for us, it’s a shame we won’t be able to pick that much.” A student from Emperor Mansion said with regrets.

“I’m cool with it.” A different student from his class opened his palm to reveal three leaves with two circulating laws each and smiled happily: “This is enough for me to use. When I encounter a mental blockade later, just need to bite one and it will be enough.”

So this tree was quite famous, referred by others as Immortal Tea. Some of the leaves were capable of bolstering one’s dao heart during any dao tribulation, saving one’s from qi deviation.

The leaves were divided into different levels - the more laws, the more precious. Thus, the ones on top were the best, especially the highest with twelve laws.

“Two-dao leaves? Pretty amazing, Brother Baihe, your cultivation is definitely top-notch in Emperor Mansion.” A fellow student praised.

“Yes, it has been a while now and only five students have been able to pluck these leaves. The best so far has been three-dao leaves.” Another added.

These precious leaves were exceedingly difficult to pick. The requirement was to have a deep and insightful understanding regarding the mysteries of the dao.

In other words, it had nothing to do with cultivation. If two were about to pick a leaf, one strong and one weak, the weaker one with a deeper dao understanding will be the winner.

“Let me try!” An excited student with a heroic aura stepped out. He jumped to the middle of the mountain then propelled himself once more to reach the tree.

“Buzz.” Though he was so close to it, a path suddenly appeared before him spanning for countless miles. It seemed as if it could contain the entire world in its bound.

Numerous runes appeared on this dao path and flowed rapidly like water. Drowning was a possibility or extreme panic.

The tea leaves were nowhere to be found, only majestic and endless runes.

“Open!” He shouted and tried to understand the profundity of this particular dao before reaching forward to grasp it.

“Pop!” The moment contact was made, he was instantly repelled back to his previous position.

However, there was a leaf in his palm right now with three laws floating around it.

"Incredible, Brother Chi Xi, you got a three-dao leaf." The other students quickly flattered.

This student turned red and smiled awkwardly: "The truth is embarrassing but I actually tried for a four-dao leaf. Alas, I couldn't see through this dao completely so only got a three-dao one."

"That's already amazing enough. That's why you're the second strongest in our Sacred Institution." One more praise came about. There were two people walking in the sky with many wondrous visual phenomena behind them.

The crowd quickly came up to greet these two: "Young King and Godchild are here now."

"Godchild, you're too kind. I'm no match for you." The student humbly said.

Of course, Ruminant and Six-sword were well-received. They were the de-facto leaders of their classrooms.

"Grand Dao Tea, it would be so nice if we could get enough to make a full bottle." Ruminant looked at the tree and said with emotions.

"Godchild, that's too wasteful. One full bottle requires so many leaves. Not to mention students like us, not too many teachers could do it either. Actually, maybe only the dean and Grandpa Mo." Six-sword smiled and said.

"Wasteful indeed." The other students laughed and agreed. One of them continued: "If it was me, I'm satisfied with just grabbing an eight-dao leaf. That's definitely a life-saver during a crucial moment."

Six-sword replied with a sigh: "That's difficult, I think four-dao is my limit."

"I can't do much better than you either, Brother." Ruminant shook his head and said.

The Three Scions had a great relationship and an implicit agreement with each other. Six-sword was the leader of Hundred Halls; Ruminant had Sacred Institution; Freesky Young Lord owned Emperor Mansion. Because of this, the three classrooms rarely fought against each other. Each leader would often back off or gave the others some face.

Of course, Study Room and Mortal School weren't part of this group.

"Is there anyone in our academy that can take down an eight-dao leaf?" One curious student asked.

The young king and Godchild glanced at each other. Eventually, the former smiled wryly and said: "Maybe none among our student body. But as for the young ones, I personally think Teacher Qianxuan and Teacher Qihang have this ability. As for the older teachers? Who knows."

Many students nodded in agreement and said: "You're right. Teacher Qianxuan and Teacher Qihang are the strongest among the young generation; their talents are the best too."

"I heard recently, Study Room got a new teacher named Li Qiye who is very young too. And as you know, to be a teacher as such a young age means that he should be supremely talented. Maybe he can grab an eight-dao leaf as well." One student from Sacred Institution quietly added.

The two scions were not happy to hear this so their expression darkened. Six-sword had grievances with Li Qiye while Godchild was not happy to see him so close to Mei Suyao.

“A young teacher is not necessarily strong. The world is unpredictable, plus, if he’s really that strong, he wouldn’t be a teacher at Study Room; that place only has a few random nobodies. Look at Teacher Qiheng, he’s so young yet he can lecture at Sacred Institution? Now that’s a real genius. No one would dare to question his abilities.” Someone who was close to Ruminant purposely disparaged Li Qiye.

“Well yeah, no one with a sane mind would want to be a teacher in Study Room.” Another chimed in: “That’s like being banished to the border. Maybe his performance was bad so he got delegated to that place.”

“Anyways, Teacher Qiheng shouldn’t have a problem taking an eight-dao leaf.” A student changed the topic: “I heard Virtuous got a nine-dao one back then.”

“Indeed.” Both the scions were full of reverence after hearing this name. After all, Virtuous was the pride of the human race in this generation.

“Teacher Qiheng and Virtuous were the top students from the same class. Maybe the gap between them is quite small.” Another student immediately mentioned.

“Even a supreme genius like Virtuous can only do nine-dao? Who else can get ten, or even eleven and twelve?” One more brought this up.

“Hmm, most teachers and Immortal Emperors don’t have their records written down. However, our academy did have one student capable of grabbing a ten-dao leaf.” The knowledgeable Godchild pondered and revealed.

“Who?!” All the students here became interested.

“Abyssal Lunatic.” Ruminant slowly uttered the name for emphasis.

“Lunatic. An eleven-totem High God, famous at the same time as my father.” The young king nodded.

“I have seen records about him. He used to be the most arrogant student at the academy and one of the most talented.” Someone else in the crowd said emotionally: “I heard he wasn’t convinced that the teachers were better than him and thought no one in this world was qualified to teach him.”

“Yea, he’s a famous High God of our hundred races. The guy was arrogant enough to go and challenge Mortal Reversion Ancient God in order to take his position. Alas, no news about anything afterward, people think the Ancient God killed him.” Another student from a great power said.

Everyone was quiet when Mortal Reversion was brought up. There weren’t that many Ancient Gods around but this wasn’t the only thing. He also had the Human-monarch bloodline. That’s the truly heaven-defying part.

[Chapter 2024: Tea Garden](#)

Mist and vines were everywhere in the garden among the rolling hills that could reach for the sun and moon. Another one was surrounded by the stars while one more had a great river running around it. These mountain ranges resembled gigantic dragons that were hidden among the mists and fogs.

It was more apt to call this place a world instead of a garden due to its boundless size. This boosted the excitement for many students after entering. Some couldn't help but scream: "All of the treasures are mine!"

With that, they quickly leaped and disappeared into the mountains, no longer showing restraint. They were ready for the fortunes and treasures hiding among the ranges.

"It's really is big." Goldloop commented: "I thought it would just be a tiny garden, not an entire internal world like this."

"That's what it is, a miniature world." Liu Jinsheng said: "It might not be smaller than the academy. Tea Garden is only its name."

"Really?" Goldloop became surprised: "The academy is already big enough, I don't think there are that many sects that can compare with it in Arrogance, now it has another world? Doesn't that mean that the academy owns the biggest land on this continent?"

Jinsheng replied: "The vastness of the academy is beyond your imagination. Boundless and all-encompassing with immense resources. Rumor has it that this miniature world doesn't belong to the academy in the beginning but Immortal Emperor Fei moved it here."

"How rare, you are actually complimenting the academy." Li Qiye laughed after hearing this.

Jinsheng became slightly awkward and coughed: "Aging might not improve certain things but you do become less narrow-minded with different perspectives. Such improvements meant that one didn't waste their life."

Li Qiye only smiled after hearing this.

"Hehe, everyone says that the tea party will be a great harvest. If one is lucky enough, they will be able to find some natural heavenly treasures. Some even believed that emperors have hidden some good stuff around here too." Goldloop's eyes glittered with greed as he started to drool just a little bit. It was as if there was a mountain of gold before him.

"Just idle chats from boring people." Li Qiye smiled and said: "The tea party is naturally about drinking tea."

"Is that what you're here for, Teacher?" Goldloop didn't believe it at all.

Li Qiye gave him the side-eye: "Not just anyone can drink the tea here. They need to be capable enough."

"Uhh..." Goldloop had no response.

"You won't be able to drink the good tea here anyway." Li Qiye teased while the group was passing through many mountains.

They finally saw a river ahead with mists everywhere and cold air hitting their face.

"Ah, maybe you're right, I'm too weak to drink anything good here." Goldloop scratched his head and said.

“No, what I mean is, I didn’t bring you here to drink tea, only for you to suffer some hardship.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

Goldloop proudly slammed his chest and declared: “I carry a great burden so some suffering is nothing to me. Teacher, just tell me what to do.”

“Really now?” Li Qiye smirked and reached for Goldloop’s arm.

There was no chance for the guy to resist at all so he got grabbed instantly. Next, he found his body flying in the air.

“Splash!” The poor guy landed into the surging river ahead.

The frigid water created a layer of frost around him, scaring him out of his mind.

“Teacher, what, what’s going on?” He couldn’t move at all as his body was being encapsulated in ice due to the increasing intensity of the coldness. It wouldn’t be long before he turned into an iceman.

“It’s nothing, your body is tough enough so keep training hard.” Li Qiye smiled at the guy.

“But, I, I can’t move at all, Teacher.” Even his neck was frozen right now so he screamed in fear: “Am I going to die?”

“That depends on if you can handle it or not. If you can’t, then yeah, death.” Li Qiye brightly responded: “Oh, right, forgot to tell you. Your ancestor almost froze to death here too, we’ll see if you can do better than him.”

“Teach-” Goldloop couldn’t finish speaking because he was frozen completely now and continued to drift with the current. His eyes were glaring, mouth agape, looking as if he was screaming for help.

The kind Yao Ting became worried: “Is he going to be fine?”

Jinsheng’s expression looked a bit sadistic: “Who knows? The cold river of tea garden is endless. The more downstream, the colder. No one knows where it is going either. Some believed that it would reach the depth of the earth. If one could survive the temperature, they would enter hell and never be able to return.”

“Really?!” Yao Ting was shocked to hear this.

“Don’t listen to his nonsense.” Li Qiye shook his head: “The river is indeed dangerous but a descendant of the Wang won’t die so easily. His body needs the refinement in this place so if he can surpass this, he’ll earn a lifetime of benefit.”

“But if he can’t?” Yao Ting asked.

“Nothing too serious, he’ll just have to lay in bed for a year or so.” Li Qiye chuckled.

When Yao Ting calmed down, she realized that Li Qiye was helping Goldloop.

While the group traveled through the garden, the other students were infiltrating the hills and peaks. However, since it was the academy, they didn’t dare to go all out and dig every inch of the land.

Among many of these mist-shrouded peaks were all types of trees. In fact, tea trees were all around as well but the students didn't pay enough attention.

Of course, some were more knowledgeable than others. One student from Sacred Institution saw a violet tree and plucked all of the leaves into his pouch.

"Senior Zhang, why are you taking these leaves?" A fellow student didn't understand: "Everyone is busy looking for treasures. My juniors want to climb that peak over there in order to dig out some treasure bamboo shoots in that thicket. Do you want to come along?"

"Nah, I just want to pick some leaves." The senior smiled and said.

"What's special about these leaves?" The student asked.

His senior only smiled and continued forward to find more tea trees.

The student eventually came to ask Ruminant Godchild. Ruminant casually responded: "Profound Tea, capable of calming the mind and strengthening one's dao."

"There are a lot of trees like that here, Senior, do we want to go find them?" The student immediately asked.

"It's not that precious, my sect has several thousand fields. I'll give everyone a bottle later." Ruminant showed his generosity.

"You're too kind, we got so much coming with you already. I filled my basket with these wondrous flowers down at the deep gorge earlier." Another immediately flattered.

Many would naturally want to follow Ruminant because it was quite beneficial, not to mention how generous the guy was.

In fact, this also applied to Six-sword Young King and the students from Hundred Halls. He took them up a peak that was filled with precious stone honey.

Everyone was quite excited after getting so much in tea garden.

"This place is special indeed." The quiet Mei Suyao finally spoke: "It is a place of the grand dao, one can master the myriad laws and harmonize the dao heart here for better comprehension."

While others were busy looking for treasures, she was carefully feeling this land.

"That's tea garden for you. Only ordinary people would want to find treasures. We're at a tea garden right, people should be carefully appreciating the tea."

[Chapter 2025: Freesky Young Lord](#)

Back to the other group on the topic of Mortal Reversion Ancient God, the young king smiled and said: "Since we're here, let's try for some Grand Dao Tea at least so the trip won't be wasted."

“Godchild, I’ll have the temerity to go first, please excuse me.” The young king smiled towards Ruminant. There was no point in holding back due to the high quantity of the leaves here. One just needed to be capable enough to grab them.

“I’ll cheer for you, Young King.” Ruminant smiled and said.

The young king stepped out and instantly reached the middle of the mountain.

“Boom!” The dao path appeared again and no one could avoid it. He was instantly swept in this majestic dao with ocean-like runes.

“Open!” The young king roared and reached forward to grab a rune.

“Pop!” He was instantly pushed back.

“What you got?” The students here surrounded him and asked.

“Just a few.” The young king opened his palm, revealing five little leaves with four strands of dao laws floating around each.

“Incredible, four-dao leaves.” Godchild couldn’t help but praise after seeing this.

“It’s nothing, I’m sure you will easily surpass me.” Six-sword shook his head and smiled before putting away the leaves. Even someone like him found these leaves very precious.

“You’re quite amazing already, definitely better than geniuses from our Emperor Mansion.” A student from this classroom was convinced by his talents.

“My turn to embarrass myself.” Godchild smiled and also went to the ridge.

“Boom!” The same thing happened with the grand dao engulfing him inside.

“Pop!” He was repelled back a while later.

“How many you got?” The excited students crowded around him. Given his talents, he was definitely capable of grabbing some. It was only a question of quantity and quality.

“I’m ashamed, two less than Young King.” Godchild opened his palm, revealing three leaves with five dao laws floating around them.

“You’re too humble, you have five-dao leaves while mine are only four-dao. This is a gap beyond number, you are one step above me this time.” The young king coolly admitted his defeat.

Due to their good relationship, they already knew how strong the other was. In terms of raw power, Freesky was naturally the strongest with Six-sword in the last place.

“I’m only lucky, didn’t beat you at all.” Ruminant put away his leaves and smiled.

“Brothers, you two are having some fun competing today.” A forthright voice came about.

A person came from the horizon with red clouds as his companions. He wore a great robe that could shoulder the heaven and earth or create the myriad laws. Each gesture of his could devour the sun and moon. An oppressive divinity exuded from his body with awe-inspiring laws of a High God.

“Brother Freesky.” Ruminant and Six-sword rushed out happily to see this man.

The students also respectfully greeted: “Congratulation, Young Lord, for finishing your isolated cultivation.”

They were more respectful towards him compared to the other two scions. Even the ones from Emperor Mansion felt the same way.

Against Ruminant or Six-sword, these students from Emperor Mansion still thought they had a chance of winning. However, before Skyhigh, they didn’t have this idea at all and knew just how inferior they were.

“Brothers, how are you doing?” The person smiled and asked Ruminant and Six-sword.

“I didn’t think Brother Freesky would leave your training so early, congratulation.” Ruminant smiled.

Six-sword added: “I haven’t been eating well in the last couple of days without your lessons, Brother Freesky.”

This was the leader of the Scions, Wang Xuanji, and also the successor of his sect with five monarchs. His talents were frightening, allowing him to be a one-totem High God despite being so young.

Because of this, he was highly regarded by Gu Qiheng. Sometimes, he could even take over for Qiheng and lecture for the students from hundred Halls. The guy didn’t let down Qiheng since his lectures were actually quite profound.

Who was Qiheng? He was not only a teacher at the academy but also on the same level as Virtuous. The two of them were once the most gifted students in this place.

People used to call him Young Monarch. Unfortunately, he chose the path of the gods and obtained six totems. Due to his age, others believed that he had the biggest chance of becoming an Ancient God in this generation.

As a student, Freesky already had one totem. This was indeed a peerless achievement so no wonder why the others were so impressed by him.

“Brother, you got here just in time to show us your skills and broaden our horizon.” Ruminant smiled and said.

“Yeah, Young Lord, please show us how to do it right. You’ll probably be able to get a ten-dao leaf.” A sycophant added. It was only a matter of time before he became the new sect master so it was very beneficial to have a good relationship with him.

“You guys are killing me.” Freesky shook his head and said: “I’m just another ordinary man. Even if I go all out, eight-dao should be my limit.”

“You can’t put it like that. Just eight-dao is already shocking enough, something we’ll never be able to reach in our lifetime.” Another student smiled.

“You’re considered the most gifted among all of us, so if you can only get eight, no one else can surpass you.” Ruminant said.

“C’mon now, Brother, show us how it’s done already.” Six-sword smiled.

Freesky laughed loudly and said: “If that’s the case, then I’ll just have to embarrass myself then, please don’t laugh.”

With that, he walked towards the ridge and activated the grand dao there again. Even someone as powerful as him couldn’t escape this type of momentum belonging to the world so he was drowned within the runes.

“Pop!” He was pushed back by the dao.

“How many did you get?” The students surrounded him.

“I’ve let everyone down, only barely got four leaves.” Freesky opened his palm to show everyone four young leaves, much more resplendent compared to the ones chosen by Ruminant and Six-sword. Each had eight dao laws floated around it.

“Eight dao, that’s why we all look up at you, well done, well done.” All the students sighed in admiration.

Six-sword Young King was already amazing with four dao. The best in this generation, Virtuous, only got nine dao, and the legend of the most arrogant student in the academy, Nether Lunatic, got ten.

Thus, Freesky’s performance was very impressive and much better than everyone else here.

“I don’t think any of the younger teachers could match you either, let alone a student. We’re not talking about the older ones. Maybe Teacher Qiheng and Teacher Qianxuan are on the same level as you.” Someone loudly stated.

“Yes, I don’t think that Violent Teacher from Study Room is a match for you either.” Another one praised.

After hearing this name, Freesky’s eyes turned cold.

Everyone knew that Ye Miaoxue was a regional princess of Skyhigh Sect and was pampered there. He also adored her yet Li Qiye made her bedridden for a long time. There was no way he could let this go.

Six-sword and Ruminant might be wary of a teacher but not him, the successor of Freesky. His status was enough to do so but even when putting that aside, he was very influential at the academy.

Many of the older teachers liked him and some have proposed for him to stay and teach at the academy for several years after graduating. All of this combined to make him very confident even when going against a teacher like Li Qiye.

“That teacher is very famous right now.” Six-sword purposely stuck on this topic. He hated Li Qiye enough to try and stir the young lord into fighting Li Qiye.

[Chapter 2026: Provocation](#)

“Violent Teacher.” Freesky scowled and said: “Resorting to violence makes him unqualified as a teacher.”

“Shh, Brother, be careful, he’s still a teacher.” Ruminant hurriedly reminded.

The young lord's eyes turned sharp with an oppressive and awe-inspiring aura. He uttered: "So what if he's a teacher? A teacher still can't do whatever they want at the academy. Hmph, if necessary, I'll report this to Teacher Qiheng and the older teachers. How can we allow someone to ruin the atmosphere of the academy?"

"That's a good idea." Six-sword praised.

Everyone knew that the young lord had connections with the teachers, especially Qiheng. With Qiheng as his backer, he had advantages unavailable to the other students.

Rumination also thought about complaining but his influence wasn't enough. The ancestors from his sect couldn't actually reprimand a teacher from the academy. In order to have a successful complaint, perhaps their Immortal Monarch would need to come out. However, a successor like him wasn't necessarily enough to beseech a monarch.

So now, they could see a new path after hearing Freesky because Young Monarch Qiheng had a pivotal position at the academy.

"Hmph, that Li guy is too arrogant, immediately beating Princess Ye after a minor quibble. We need to teach him a lesson." Rumination continued his egging. As long as the three of them were on the same side, they would have enough clout to make things happen at the academy.

"I also want to meet him." Freesky said coldly.

"Oh, is someone talking about me?" A lazy voice suddenly came about.

Everyone looked and saw Li Qiye slowly walking closer with Mei Suyao and Liu Jinsheng next to him.

His steps were natural and slow yet each move had an indescribable rhythm.

"Teacher." One student shouted but didn't dare to use his nickname. No one wanted to follow Ye Miaoxue's footsteps.

Rumination and Six-sword's expression changed. They couldn't actually do anything to Li Qiye for now but if there was an opportunity, they would certainly have revenge!

Li Qiye glanced at the students and said: "Everyone is hanging out here? I think I heard my name earlier. Are you guys planning on how to beat me up? Perfect, I've been itching recently so I welcome some challengers."

The students had nothing to say. This was the first time they have met such an immoral teacher. This guy was something else completely.

Six-sword and Rumination only snorted but didn't dare to do anything.

"Feel free to speak what's on your mind instead of chattering behind my back. I'm someone who is very reasonable and willing to listen to everyone's idea." Li Qiye didn't bother to scold the youth for their attitude.

The students glanced at each other and no one wanted to anger him. They turned towards Freesky, he was the only one who could afford to do so.

Before the anticipating gazes, Freesky had to step up since he had no other choices due to his comments previously.

He said: "We respect the teachers at the academy from the depth of our heart due to their effort and abilities. However, a few aren't worthy of our respect and not qualified to be our teachers!"

The implication was clear - referring to the mulberry while cursing at the locust.

"Ah, I must be one of those teachers then." Li Qiye didn't mind at all: "I don't desire respect either, plus, you're not qualified to be my student."

"You!" Freesky's face turned red. Normally, a teacher wouldn't stoop so low to arguing with a student so they would ignore these sarcastic comments. However, Li Qiye directly admitted it and even struck back with a slap; the guy had no semblance of a proper teacher at all.

"You're Freesky Young Lord, right?" Li Qiye looked at him and said: "If you want to challenge me, step up and declare it loudly, no need to beat around the bush. As a man, fight if you want to fight. Resorting to scheming is not the proper path. Directly taking down your enemies, that's how it should be."

Freesky took a deep breath and put on a serious expression: "Stop lecturing me with grand principles, you need to be a good role model first before telling me what to do."

Li Qiye chuckled and nodded seriously back: "Like I said earlier, you're not worthy of my instruction."

Freesky's eyes turned cold: "Teacher, I'm someone who is respectful to those above me, but if provocation is what you wish, I, Wang Xuanji, will entertain you."

The young lord was bold enough to challenge Li Qiye right here and now. Other students were afraid of teachers but he had enough backing here at the academy to do so.

"Alright, how many moves do you think you will last against me?" Li Qiye was still carefree as ever.

Freesky was taken aback since he didn't expect the guy to agree so easily. He thought Li Qiye would avoid an improper duel unbecoming of his station for a while so that he could attack with words instead.

But now, the guy had agreed. Normally, a teacher had a professional bearing with great magnanimity, not stooping lower to deal with students. Li Qiye didn't follow these principles at all and it caught him off guard completely.

"There are many ways to duel, not just fighting." Six-sword quietly reminded Freesky.

After all, a teacher at the academy was surely powerful. A one-totem High God like Freesky didn't necessarily have the advantage at all.

"Fighting or anything else is fine." Freesky didn't give a damn. As the successor of his great sect, he was confident in challenging a two-totem or three-totem High God despite having only one. He still had powerful weapons and supreme merit laws.

"Let's go with a non-violent challenge." Ruminant's eyes flashed with an idea: "Cultivation is predicated on one's talents. The Grand Dao Tea is ahead of us and everyone knows that this is an aptitude test. Why not compete on that then?"

“Yes, yes, that’s right.” Six-sword agreed as well: “Teacher, you’re the most excellent in our academy with no equals in the world. I’m sure that with your talents, plucking down these leaves is no big deal.”

“True.” Ruminant felt the same way and immediately understood his good friend’s idea: “You’re a teacher at such a young age, I’m sure even Young Monarch and Virtuous are no match for you. Take some of these leaves and teach Brother Freesky a lesson.”

The two of them were praising Li Qiye to no end but in reality, they were laying a trap for him.

Freesky understood this as well. Earlier, he was too arrogant and wanted to go all out and kill Li Qiye. But the truth was that there were many ways to kill Li Qiye. There was no need for him to take such a risky path.

“Please excuse my rudeness earlier.” Freesky finally joined in and bowed politely towards Li Qiye: “We just need a friendly competition at the academy, no need to involve the blades. Teacher, how about we compete with these tea leaves? I’m quite incapable and only barely got a few eight-dao leaves. I think, with your talents and power, taking down thirty to fifty ten-dao leaves should be no problem. As long as you do that, I will immediately worship you and admit my inferiority. You will certainly be capable of doing so because these leaves are nothing before your prowess. We all very lucky today to be witnesses of your supreme method.”

These three were indeed good friends. Earlier, Ruminant and Six-sword were laying a trap for Li Qiye. Now, Freesky was digging a pit as well. All three wanted to bury Li Qiye in this place.

[Chapter 2027: Casually Picking Tea Leaves](#)

The students present exchanged glances at each other. These three were trying to trap Li Qiye without leaving him any room to back off.

Keep in mind that it was easier said than done to take some ten-dao leaves. Virtuous was talented, right? He could be considered one of the most brilliant geniuses in this generation but only managed to grab some nine-dao leaves.

Only one person in the annals of the academy was able to get ten-dao leaves, Nether Lunatic!

One of the most gifted and certainly the most arrogant student could only get the ones with ten dao. Meanwhile, Li Qiye was an unknown teacher.

Just reaching this level was hard enough, let alone grabbing thirty to fifty leaves. It was simply impossible with no chance of victory for Li Qiye.

A student from Emperor Mansion began: “C’mon, Teacher, open our eyes and show us your invincible style.”

Sinister intent hid behind the kind flattery. They wanted to push Li Qiye into the fire.

“Since when did the academy produce only idiots?” Li Qiye glanced at the group and shook his head: “Back during the generation of Mortal Reversion Ancient God’s group, they would instantly fight first then talk later for any disagreements. The students back then were experienced on the battlefield, but now, just a couple of brats clever in trivial matters.”

“Ten-dao leaves are completely pointless, too easy.” Li Qiye lacked interest in the bet.

“You’re stopping just like that, Teacher?” Freesky wouldn’t let this go so easily. He sneered and said: “It shouldn’t be hard for you at all, please do it, everyone is waiting to watch. We’ll be completely convinced once you do it.”

Li Qiye shook his head again: “The bet is too small, not interesting.”

“Teacher, you said you were up for it earlier, don’t tell me you no longer dare?” Ruminant seized the opportunity to insult Li Qiye.

“Teacher, if you won’t do it, then you owe me an apology since you said you were accepting challenges earlier.” Freesky snorted. As the saying goes - strike while the iron is hot. There was no point in giving the guy any face right now.

“Only ten dao? No need for Teacher, even an old man like me can do it.” Jinsheng had enough of these gloating youths so he sneered.

If Jinsheng had the same temperament as back then, he would have erupted. Of course, he was able to control his emotions much better now. Nevertheless, he got enough of this charade so he stepped up for Li Qiye.

“Jinsheng, you’re unwell right now and need to recuperate. No need for that, Suyao can easily do it.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve and said.

Suyao smiled back: “Young Noble, I would do it for you even if it wasn’t for the bet since you said you wanted to drink tea before. However, ten-dao leaves are too impure, you probably won’t like it. Only twelve-dao leaves will suit your taste.”

Li Qiye said: “That’s fine. A bunch of fools thinks that ten-dao leaves are unreachable, but tea made from them is only meant to wash my hands. Drinking that is too embarrassing.”

Such a domineering statement left the youths shocked since it was a slap to their face.

In their mind, it was amazing that they could grab the precious four-dao and five-dao leaves. But now, he even said that ten-dao leaves were worthless. It was akin to laughing straight at their face.

“Such a big tone, save it until you can grab some first.” Freesky couldn’t handle it either and uttered coldly with a sneer.

“Teacher, then please go and grab a few twelve-dao leaves here then.” The young king burst out in laughter.

“That’s right, if ten-dao leaves aren’t good enough for you, Teacher, then grab the twelve-dao ones. Show us how it’s done.” Ruminant jumped in.

The students here knew that according to the writings, no students have ever been able to grab these twelve-dao leaves. Perhaps some teachers have done so but this was never recorded. Thus, the best record belonged to Nether Lunatic at ten dao.

Everyone felt that this was impossible. Though they didn't know how talented Nether Lunatic was since he was from an older era, Virtuous was the best reference right now. He was one of the most talented but could only grab the nine-dao ones. Thus, they didn't believe Li Qiye could reach the twelve-dao leaves.

All eyes were on him, waiting for him to make a fool out of himself.

"Is it really impossible?" They started whispering among themselves.

"At least in the records, no one has done it before. I don't think this will change." Someone answered.

These students felt that Li Qiye has overplayed his boasting card.

Li Qiye simply smiled and said: "Very well, I shall show you frogs how high the sky really is. Don't think that just because it is impossible for you that it is impossible for everyone else."

"Behold, the only and only lord of all grand dao!" Li Qiye smiled and headed for the ridge.

"Boom!" The ocean-like dao and its runes drowned everything again.

In this split second, Li Qiye's eyes became resplendent as if wanting to break through the temporal limit.

"Just a minor dao." He spread his palm and reigned over everything before closing once more.

"Whoosh!" The entire dao path and its runes were instantly within his grasp.

Everyone felt that it was no longer a grand dao but more of a silk string now. This dao was virtually eternal but it seemed insignificant in his palm. Vast its power might be, now it was only something helpless fluttering in the wind.

Li Qiye went on and stood below the tea tree while casually looking at it.

"No way!" The youths were aghast and took one step back in astonishment.

No one has ever been able to cross through this grand dao before. Now, he was not only doing that but he had also taken in this particular grand dao!

"How is this happening..." The students stood there silly looking at him.

In their mind, just taking some leaves while being inside this grand dao was amazing enough. But now, he was standing before the tree which meant he could take whichever leaf he wanted.

"Too many fools in this world, how can they understand the mysteries?" Li Qiye flatly stated.

"Hmm, I guess this tea is ultimately not that bad." He casually grabbed the twelve-dao leaves from the top of the tree.

The laws were especially golden and resplendent around these leaves; people couldn't help wanting to take a bite.

He left behind a small quantity before chuckling: "Alright, fine, I'll be nice and leave a bit for the old geezers so they can't complain."

The crowd was still petrified. Some salivated while looking at the tea leaves and their brilliant glow.

[Chapter 2028: Brewing And Enjoying Tea](#)

While grabbing a handful of these twelve-dao leaves, it was akin to holding the runes of the dao within one's palm - a magical sensation.

More and more students salivated and gulped. Not to mention a handful like that, just one leaf was more than enough for them.

A five-dao leaf could bring one back from near-death or save them from qi deviation. Just how amazing would a twelve-dao leaf be then?

The students could imagine that these leaves could empower their grand dao and give it an affinity from the origin. It wouldn't necessarily boost one's cultivation directly, but it could certainly chase away the clouds so others could see the true profundity - quite an amazing harvest.

For an example, someone tried hard to understand an imperial law. With the help of this leaf, their mind would suddenly become much better, blessed with greater comprehension. In just one night, they could understand the profundity of this law.

Thus, one could see the leaves' preciousness and Li Qiye had a whole bunch right now.

He looked at the leaves and smiled: "Good tea requires a good pot, good water, and good wood. Oh, right, the academy should have all of this."

"Right you are, Young Noble." A crisp and transcending voice came about. A girl was standing among the clouds with incomparable beauty.

"Teacher Qianxuan!" The students were surprised. She was the embodiment of infatuation and admiration due to having both looks and skills. Even a great genius like Freesky Young Lord felt his mind wavering.

She was definitely the prettiest teacher in the academy. In terms of background, even Freesky was not a match for her. She was also unfathomable and no one knew how strong she was.

"Brew a pot." Li Qiye smiled and said.

"I'll go grab them from the academy." Qianxuan smiled and flashed into disappearance.

She left quickly and returned just as fast.

"Come in now." Li Qiye released the grand dao in his palm. It became a bridge spanning from the ridge all the way to the group.

Mei Suyao, Qianxuan, and Jinsheng started walking on it towards the tree.

Qianxuan placed a bunch of things down - a jade table with chairs before starting a fire... She became quite busy right away.

Jinsheng and Suyao were helping so it didn't take long until everything was settled. Li Qiye, on the other hand, didn't show any reservation and just sat down in the center seat.

“The old geezers from the academy like drinking good tea.” He looked at the items and said: “Deepstar Wood is amazing for tea brewing, especially in combination with this Immortal Bronze Cauldron. Only top tea leaves are worthy of being brewed in these things.”

“And this Celestial Violet Immortal tea set.” Qianxuan smiled: “Grandpa Mo heard that you wanted to drink so he especially gave up his favorite. Normally, he can’t bear to use them, only for rare occasions with the Grand Dao Tea.”

The students who were listening shuddered after hearing this. Grandpa Mo was the longest tenured teacher at the academy and had taught gods and emperors before. Few saw him on a day to day basis.

“I’ll handle the tough works, you two ladies just need to brew.” Jinsheng pulled up his sleeves and took out an axe to chop the Deepstar Wood.

A while later, Qianxuan and Suyao prepared the cauldron and lit up the fire to brew the tea.

At the same time, Li Qiye leaned back on his chair with his eyes closed, seemingly asleep.

The wood was being chopped into thin slices in accordance with the starry lines on them. This was a master at work.

Meanwhile, Qianxuan was controlling the cauldron while Suyao was in charge of the fire. The two of them acted quite natural and leisure, not offended by the menial work.

People didn’t pay much attention to Jinsheng since the two girls were present. They became quite envious. One was the prettiest teacher while the other the prettiest student. Both were brewing tea for Li Qiye.

However, the true masters would be watching Jinsheng instead. Alas, there weren’t that many of them in the world. The ones that could see through the old man would be astounded that such a powerful High God was chopping wood for Li Qiye.

Jinsheng didn’t complain or feel bad about doing this either. This would make these masters even more astonished.

The wood was now being burned in the cauldron and exuded starry glimmers. It was as if stars have fallen from the sky into this cauldron.

The cauldron emitted a bronze luster with metallic specks of dust falling down. They issued a very pleasant noise as they fluttered with the wind.

Inside the cauldron was an amazing type of water. As the temperature went up, the water jumped and flowed as if it had life. Steam billowed and one could faintly see a wondrous world within.

“Spirit Celestial Water from the Celestial Well of the academy.” Jinsheng who was still chopping commented with a tinge of emotion.

The students salivated again. Though they have never seen this water, they have certainly heard of it.

It was well known that the academy had an old well. The water within was the finest, capable of calming the mind and expelling evil on top of purifying the myriad dao.

Unfortunately, not just anyone was qualified to see this well. The students didn't have the privilege to enjoy this water.

But now, this group was using it to brew tea? It was an immensely wasteful matter. Such a lavish act truly made others grind their teeth in anger.

A while later, the tea fragrance permeated the air like a dragon and phoenix issuing their cries.

The teapot was also the best of the best. It exuded flashing violet lights coming from the upper firmaments as if it belonged to an immortal.

Not to mention the twelve-dao leaves, every item here were the finest. Just seeing the visual phenomena made this very apparent even to the unaware.

Just a quick sniff of this fragrance made others think that they were inside a land of immortals. It lingered at the tip of the nose like a comforting dream. It filled up one's grand dao and gave the feeling of ascension.

The students forgot about keeping up with appearance, leaving their mouth wide open with drool coming out.

Qianxuan personally poured a cup and handed it to Li Qiye: "Young Noble, you have surely drunk amazing teas before, I'm still adept at brewing, so please don't laugh."

Li Qiye took a sip and said with a smile: "True, it can be improved."

This rendered the crowd speechless. To be served by Qianxuan was the blessing of three lifetimes. But now, he gave such a mediocre review? That's just too much to take.

He finished the cup and concluded: "It's not bad but far from being the best in this world. Everyone, have a sip."

The other three had their own cup. Qianxuan said: "It is thanks to you that I'll be able to taste a twelve-dao tea. This is a kind of fortune."

Jinsheng respectfully bowed towards Li Qiye: "Thank you for the tea, Young Noble."

Contrary to the other two, Mei Suyao was very nonchalant because she has been with him for a long time now.

[Chapter 2029: Remembering The Past](#)

Not long after Mei Suyao and Qianxuan finished their tea, they suddenly lit up and resonated with the source of the grand dao. Numerous runes floated around them, turning them different than before. Complexity became simple; all the grand dao looked so understandable in their mind now.

Furthermore, they already had unparalleled talents so the mysteries of the dao manifested fully on them.

They quickly sat down in the meditative pose in order to comprehend this rare opportunity further. Not just anyone could drink a twelve-dao tea, especially when sitting beneath the tree.

Under such circumstances, dao comprehension became much easier. The questions normally looming in their mind suddenly became solvable.

Jinsheng was also glowing in the same manner, albeit on a lesser intensity and fanfare. Nevertheless, he still went into meditation.

The one experienced the least change was Li Qiye. His reaction was an ephemeral flash of light.

Everyone could see that the effect varied on the individuals. Li Qiye and Liu Jinsheng were affected much less compared to Mei Suyao and Yu Qianxuan.

The two girls were well known for their talents, thus, people assumed that the two men weren't able to use the tea to its fullest potential for dao searching.

Alas, they didn't know that it was because Li Qiye's understanding of the grand dao far exceeded the other three.

As for Jinsheng, he was too strong compared to the other two; even Qianxuan wasn't close to him right now, let alone Mei Suyao. The two girls lacked a deep understanding versus Li Qiye and lacked time versus Jinsheng. This was the reason why the tea affected and granted them great benefits compared to the other two.

"What a waste, like a cow chewing on peony." Ruminant snorted after seeing Li Qiye's lack of reaction."

Of course, it was a bitter statement since he had the chance to drink this level of tea before.

"Yeah, a student from Sacred Institution said: "No effect after drinking it."

At this time, Freesky Young Lord scowled and turned to leave.

"Who said they were going to bow earlier?" Li Qiye opened his eyes and lazily said, stopping the young lord in his track.

Freesky's expression turned worse after hearing this. He indeed made this bet previously.

In the beginning, no one could imagine that grabbing twelve-dao leaves was possible but Li Qiye had done it.

Thus, the young lord couldn't exactly renege on a bet because it would ruin his reputation.

Li Qiye calmly said: "Get down on your knees. A man can handle losing and carry out their end of the bargain."

"Very well, I've lost this time." Freesky took a deep breath and got on the ground. He indeed bowed down towards Li Qiye.

Despite unwillingness and even anger, he was still an imperial successor and needed to keep his words while handling losing gracefully.

Because of this, he actually earned some points from his peers in Emperor Mansion. They felt that he was a true man who can handle great responsibility.

Li Qiye nodded and waved his hand: "You didn't put shame to your sect, good. Leave now, come and challenge me whenever you want."

Freesky scowled and left right away without replying. He had lost utterly in this match. Nevertheless, his pride remained with a firm belief that he would be able to even the score eventually.

Anyone else would be frightened by Li Qiye's aura for life but not him. This only fueled his determination.

Six-sword and Ruminant also left along with Freesky. The other students saw this and felt that losing more saliva in this place was meaningless so they dispersed as well.

It didn't take long before only Li Qiye's group was left beneath the Grand Dao Tea Tree. Alas, the wait was longer for Mei Suyao and Qianxue to lose their radiance. The effect was apparent. Their eyes were bright as if they were eyes of the dao, capable of seeing through the mists and fogs of cultivation.

"Thank you, Young Noble, I've gained plenty today so I wish to leave for isolated cultivation." Yu Qianxuan stood up and cupped her fist.

"Go." Li Qiye said: "Archaic Repository has plenty of immortal tea, this is only engraving flowers on fine silk."

"This chance is rare enough for me to treasure." Qianxuan revealed an alluring smile. So many would lose sleep over this.

"The geezers from the repository are quite keen." Li Qiye smiled: "In the current generation, you might not be the strongest or the most talented but a jewel you are. They have picked the right person."

"Thank you, Young Noble." She said humbly with respect before leaving in a cool manner by disappearing into the clouds like an immortal.

"Young Noble, I want to leave as well." Suyao spoke. Her immortal bone allowed her to have great comprehension already. After drinking this tea, she felt her dao heart shining and could sense the mysteries in the entire garden. Each step could let her gaze into the very origin of this place and its grand dao.

Li Qiye smiled: "The tea garden is magical and profound but it's not the best location. Go back to the academy, you'll find even more things, that compared to the academy, this garden is only a minor world. This is the reason why that other girl is leaving so fast."

"I'll be going then." Mei Suyao happily bowed after being reminded by him.

Li Qiye then glanced at Liu Jinsheng and said: "Few could see through the mystical grand dao despite everyone trying so hard. That's why geniuses are so arrogant and prideful; success comes too easy for them."

"You're right, Teacher." Jinsheng nodded and said softly: "I'm also a fool, not understanding this logic until ten thousand years later."

"If you are a fool, it would be virtually impossible to find a smart person."

“You’re too kind, Teacher.” Jinsheng coughed in response: “Miss Qianxuan and Miss Suyao are at the apex right now; their talents aren’t something I can compare to.”

Li Qiye smiled: “In terms of talents, they aren’t necessarily better than you during your youth. However, they were born in this generation and have met the right people, allowing them to see the vastness of the world.”

“Ignorance can be bliss. Before standing at the apex, it is impossible to know the boundlessness of the world.” Jinsheng sighed emotionally: “I’m sure those two will go much further than me.”

Li Qiye said: “It’s not like you don’t have the chance. Perhaps you can still reach the apex.”

Jinsheng smiled wryly: “I would have this confidence if it was ten thousand years earlier but now, my old bones won’t be able to handle the arduous path. My dao, I’m afraid, will be stopping here. After meeting the apex, one would realize how far away they were from it. Taking one or two steps upward wasn’t enough to make up for this gap. It’s a shame that I didn’t meet you sooner, Teacher.”

He slightly became emotional after saying this.

Li Qiye laughed and disputed the last statement: “Not necessarily. If you had met me during your youth, I might have killed you already.”

[Chapter 2030: Murder Pagoda](#)

Jinsheng had to admit: “Maybe you’re right. My ugly temperament back then isn’t better than Freesky Young Lord’s group at all.”

He didn’t give a damn about anyone when he was younger. This was simply the truth. If he were to meet Li Qiye back then, he would be the first one to provoke Li Qiye, eventually becoming another dead victim.

Now, he was older and had more experiences. After meeting true invincibility, he realized that the gap was too great and unreachable.

Because of this, he was much more reasonable when meeting Li Qiye for the first time and didn’t mind the overall attitude and tone.

Of course, he was aware that this change had saved him or he wouldn’t be standing here right now after acting rudely during their first meeting.

There was nothing to be ashamed of in his current achievements. He had no fear of certain High Gods or even a few emperors. To be frank, the lower-level emperors couldn’t get into his eyes.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, was worthy of respect. At this guy’s level, cultivation no longer mattered as much. Despite “lacking the strength to truss a chicken”, Li Qiye had countless methods to destroy him.

“It’s fine to be arrogance and prideful, as long as blindness isn’t a companion. Everyone is prideful to some extent.” Li Qiye smiled.

Jinsheng wistfully said while slightly missing his old days: “I do miss those old years of running wild but because of that, I’ve missed out on many things.”

If he showed more humility back then, he could have become an Ancient God. Unfortunately, he had wasted his best years.

Li Qiye only smiled after hearing this.

“Boom!” Suddenly, loud explosions detonated in the horizon causing the world to shake. Next, a murderous glint shot to the sky before disappearing.

Li Qiye looked over and chuckled: “These geezers are more interesting now, letting the young teachers try it out. The Murder Pagoda is still there after so long.”

“It’s because the ancestors of the academy want to keep it around.” Jinsheng said: “The pagoda is no big deal to the academy but they want to keep it as a warning for themselves and the future descendants.”

“Makes sense, let’s go take a look then.” Li Qiye stood up.

“Umm...” Jinsheng’s expression became slightly awkward.

“What? This pagoda can’t scare you.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Of course not, I’ll just follow you then, Teacher.” Jinsheng coughed wryly.

Li Qiye started flying and Jinsheng sighed but still gave chase.

The students who have entered the tea garden naturally heard of Murder Pagoda. The confident ones would naturally come for a look.

This pagoda hovered among the clouds with murderous ocean-like auras layering on top of each other to create seven levels.

Because of this, when gazing from the distant, one would see seven oceans of murderous auras.

At the bottom of the pagoda was one of the tallest peaks in the garden. The pagoda served to suppress this mountain and the grand vein beneath.

The presence of the fair-sized pagoda made this place uncrossable. These ferocious energies kept on billowing out to form the current visual phenomenon.

Of course, there was a story to this pagoda. The main character was the genius student, Nether Lunatic!

This talented student was held in high regards by the teacher but because of this, he became arrogant and didn’t even care for the teachers.

During a particular tea party, he had a fight with a teacher and decided to challenge him.

Remember, students would not recklessly do so because most teachers were at the High God level, at the very least.

One had to admit that Lunatic was quite amazing and could back it up. He defeated five teachers in a row so his momentum was unstoppable then.

This matter eventually attracted the attention of the ancestors. One ancestor came out and defeated Lunatic.

Lunatic was completely unconvinced by this defeat so he left his most powerful treasure to suppress this area. He declared that one day, he would come back and take it on top of defeating all the ancestors at the academy.

This treasure was naturally the pagoda towering before them.

Strange enough, the academy was definitely capable of taking the pagoda out of this place but it simply left the treasure here.

Keep in mind that for a sect, having their experts defeated and a grand vein suppressed was very humiliating. Any other sects would have taken the pagoda down.

The academy chose against it and just let the pagoda continue to do its thing.

What's even more interesting was that the academy routinely sent a few young teachers to train at the pagoda. They had to withstand the murderous energies within the seven layers.

Strange enough, Nether Lunatic never returned to take his treasure in the future. Remember that he eventually became an eleven-totem High God, quite a powerful being.

After reaching this level, he should have returned to the academy to carry out his prideful promise. Alas, he never took one step back to the academy. No outsiders knew why.

Nevertheless, the fact that the academy left this pagoda standing was indicative of its magnanimity and open-mindedness - worthy of its reputation.

"Murder Pagoda, Nether Lunatic is truly something else back then." Students commented with emotions after seeing this treasure.

The pagoda was even stronger than before because it had taken control of the grand vein, turning spirit energy into murderous energy. After years of accumulations, it had grown to its current level.

"An amazing treasure indeed." A youth was roaring while walking in the sixth-level of the pagoda. In the end, he couldn't withstand the energy anymore and tore apart space in order to leave.

He looked quite beaten but still in high spirit. He looked back at the pagoda and said: "No wonder why Nether Lunatic was so arrogant back then. The guy must have been quite powerful." He left coolly after saying this.

"Teacher Zhou can't finish climbing it either." The students nearby discussed.

"The pagoda is too strong right now. One teacher believes that in order to cross through all seven layers, one needed to at least be an eight-totem High God. And to take it away? Ten totems."

Someone else smiled and said: "It might not require such a powerful High God."

"Young King, you have an idea?" Everyone looked over and saw this person.

The guy was Six-sword Young King who also came to join in the fun and coincidentally saw the young teachers training with it. His father had told him about the pagoda.

"It doesn't have to be by force." He was tempted while looking at the treasure.

After all, this was indeed a precious treasure that Nether Lunatic loved back then. He simply threw it away to suppress this place during his fit of rage.