

Emperor 2831

[Chapter 2831: No One Can Save You](#)

Everyone thought that there was no reason to refuse an emperor's request and earn his grace.

To be able to foster this type of relationship with an emperor was exceedingly rare. Not to mention someone from Repentance, even members of the four great academies were more than willing to listen to this emperor.

Who knows, maybe he could become a progenitor one day? This favor would carry a lot of weight by that point.

"Unfortunately, I can't help you. He must suffer the consequences of losing." Li Qiye smiled and leisurely said.

This refusal shocked the crowd, causing them to exchange glances.

"Is there something wrong with him? Not even giving an emperor any face? He should definitely do so as a member of Repentance." One student couldn't believe it.

"The brat is too arrogant and that will be his downfall one day. Doesn't he know that he can benefit from this relationship in the future?" A different student shook his head.

Zhou Qiushi and the others started blinking at Li Qiye in an attempt at telling him to say yes. There wasn't any powerful student at Repentance to help him out later on. They were thinking about Li Qiye's future but he ignored them.

"The grand dao is arduous and long with endless possibilities. An enemy can become a friend one day, Fellow Junior, don't be too extreme with your conduct and your path will be easier." Stonecarver looked at Li Qiye and said.

Though he was trying to make the empress owe him, he was speaking the truth with kind intent. After all, Wu Ke was a member of Divine Beast. If Li Qiye were to kill him, others would come seeking revenge down the road.

"That has nothing to do with me." Li Qiye shrugged and added: "The sword is right there, feel free to try and save him if you want."

Zhou Qiushi and the others were stunned. Li Qiye seemed to be provoking the emperor now.

"Who does he think he is, spewing such crap to provoke the emperor?" A student from afar complained.

"He doesn't know the immensity of heaven and earth, thinking that he's the best just because he has that sword. People with an attitude like his will incite needless trouble to themselves later on." A different student concluded.

"Repentance, the sword of a progenitor representing his will, please forgive me disrespect." The emperor glanced at Li Qiye then at the sword.

"Boom!" He raised his palm. Runes started rotating around it just like a supreme grand dao.

His arm looked like a true dragon and seemed to possess the power of one. He could pull out a mountain range spanning for 100,000 miles now.

He reached for the sword and the crowd became overwhelmed with anticipation. Alas, he couldn't make contact due to an explosive holy light coming from the sword.

The entire world was drowned out by this brilliance. It repelled the incoming hand, resulting in a deafening explosion.

Everyone was astonished and needed to take a deep breath. The sword easily pushed the emperor back without a controller.

"It's a fully sentient sword with a progenitor's strongest power." A student who was an Eternal said.

The emperor became serious as well. He stared at the sword without trying again: "This is indeed the will of the progenitor. I have made a reckless mistake. This karma won't be easy to erase."

"Gentlemen, see you later." He nodded towards Du Wenrui and gave Li Qiye a quick glance before leaving.

"Your Majesty, Your Majesty, please save me! Hurry!" Wu Ke almost fainted from horror at this sight since only Stonecarver could save him.

Unfortunately, Stonecarver True Emperor turned a deaf ear and disappeared into the horizon.

"Noooo!" Wu Ke screamed helplessly after seeing this.

"That's it? Stonecarver True Emperor is very open-minded and forgiving." A student murmured after seeing this.

"It's not that easy to move a fully sentient sword since it was hellbent on purifying Wu Ke's evil thoughts. The emperor had no reason to oppose the power of a progenitor since he doesn't know Wu Ke anyway, having only met him once." A powerful student read the situation very well.

"True, forcing a progenitorial power away is difficult. He might have needed to pay a great price. It's unwise to do so for a stranger." Everyone understood after listening.

"But what about Li Qiye purposely taunting him earlier? He still smiled and let it go." Another student brought up.

"That's why you're you and not a True Emperor." The older student shook his head: "This matter is no big deal for the emperor. Many will come and try to test him so why does he care about one student from Repentance? If he deals with each one, he'll have no time for anything else. This Li Qiye has only been accepted by the sword and thinks he's the heaven favorite already, that's why he provoked the emperor. But in the emperor's eyes, Li Qiye is nothing but an ant close to the sword, not worthy of mind."

The group agreed with this logic.

"Right, no reason for an elephant to care about an ant." One student nodded approvingly, filled with emotions.

“You’re finished.” Meanwhile, Li Qiye smiled at the paled Wu Ke.

“No!” Wu Ke could feel his life dispersing.

“Pop!” His body exploded into bright particles and scattered downward, returning to the earth.

Li Qiye then grabbed the sword, returning it to the sheath on his back.

“Let’s go.” Du Wenrui smiled and told his students.

“You should have done the emperor that favor earlier.” One student quietly told Li Qiye: “He knows many big shots and maybe he would introduce you to them in the future. It’s a shame that you didn’t show him any face so he might keep this grudge.”

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t respond, knowing that the student had kind intention.

At the same time, the spectators were envious while looking at this departing group.

“It would be amazing if I have that sword.” One student salivated at this thought.

“I don’t know why this sword accepted a weak and unknown student from Repentance.” Another wondered: “I heard Holyfrost True Emperor managed to hold it but it didn’t accept her. How strange.”

“No one can predict fate and karma.” The older student said: “Maybe the sword didn’t accept Holyfrost True Emperor because she was too strong. She’s already an eleven, maybe twelve-palace emperor with the chance of becoming a progenitor and can create a similar sword in the future. At that point, Repentance Sword wouldn’t matter as much to her because she can replace it.”

The group nodded in agreement again.

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The group headed deeper into the orchard. After crossing several more peaks, they saw fruits of the eighth rank and up.

Zhou Qiushi and the others had no chance but they still tried to test their luck. What if an eighth or ninth-ranked fruit were to drop for them?

Just a single ninth-ranked fruit would surpass everything they have gotten so far, the entire group combined. That’s why trying despite being aware of the futility was warranted.

Every student here shared this thought, not just Zhou Qiushi’s group. Coming here was a rare opportunity so they needed to cherish every moment.

Unfortunately, the probability of success was pitiful to the point of being negligible.

After all, the higher the rank, the more light power the fruit contained. One needed either overwhelming strength or a firm dao heart in order to knock a ninth-ranked fruit down.

According to previous research, knocking down a ninth-ranked fruit required a starting point at the realm of True Emperor or Eternal. These masters could do so with near certainty. Of course, a slightly weaker expert had a chance too, albeit minuscule.

The group overheard a few students talking about successful fruit knockings.

“I saw Goldpython True Emperor take down an eight-petal Sacred Lotus Fruit, the really good stuff. Just one bite and the light turns into delicious fruit juice.” One person swallowed their saliva during the description.

“Goldpython True Emperor is here too? Looks like several big shots from Lightless are here then.” People shuddered after hearing this title.

A young emperor with three palaces always incited respect and admiration.

“Stonecarver True Emperor is here as well. He took down a ninth-ranked Rocking Vermillion Fruit then went to the top, I believe.” A person from Sacred Bank added.

The four great academies were part of the system but their students have always been contentious with each other. Everyone believed that their academy was the best one.

“Please, our Dawn has a magnificent being here too, Goldtypha True Emperor.” A student from Dawn noticed those other students acting smug and reminded them. [1]

“Goldtypha True Emperor is present too?” All eyes turned towards this student from Dawn.

“Oh... at least that’s what I’ve heard so far...” This student became embarrassed due to the spotlight and spoke without confidence: “My seniors said that they saw him during their departure. He might already be in the Beast Garden now instead of the orchard.”

“Anyone else besides him?” Everyone had a serious expression now.

Goldtypha was an eight-palace True Emperor from Dawn, far stronger than Goldpython and Stonecarver True Emperor.

Most importantly, he was the disciple of Orchid Sage, an existence that everyone looked up to. [2]

In the contemporary young generation, only Orchid Sage was comparable to Luminous Master.

“Hmph, so what? Our lady, the marvel of heaven, is here too.” A student from Sacred Bank snorted.

“Who? Flying Sword Marvel?” A student from a different academy asked.

“Who else is worthy of this title besides her.” The student proudly laughed: “She’s already a half-step Everlasting!”

“The younger sister of the king of Purification Creek.” People became serious after hearing this.

She wasn’t only one of the youngest half-step Everlastings. Her background was very frightening too.

“Yes, she’s amazing and all, but don’t forget about our Spiritheart True Emperor!” A student from Lightless said.

The students from Lightless, Sacred Bank, and Dawn didn’t relent in their conversations. However, Northern Academy seemed relatively quiet.

“Who is here from Northern Academy, Holyfrost True Emperor?” The members of the other academies asked.

“No, only Three-eyed Prodigy is here. Her Majesty Holyfrost doesn’t come to these minor events.” A northern student responded.

“Three-eyed Prodigy, the youngest half-step!” Of course, this northern student was trying to play it up but the crowd still became shaken.

Three-eyed Prodigy was even younger than Flying Sword Marvel. Even other emperors praised his peerless talents and thought that his future was extremely bright. Perhaps he could become a Fardao Everlasting.

“Damn, I wonder if they will go try to get the supreme fruits?” Someone else said.

The students exchanged glances. Everyone desired these supreme fruits.

The starting point was the True Emperor or Everlasting realm. However, not all of them could get these fruits.

“Who will win this time? Previously, Holyfrost True Emperor, Brightking Buddha, and Metalkin War God were rumored to have gotten some. I hope this group is just as good with at least three successful people.” Another said.

“I think there is a dark horse in play.” One student jumped in.

“Who? A new talent?” Everyone became interested.

“Li Qiye. He might be able to do it.” The student said seriously.

“Who is that?” This was their first time hearing this title.

“A student from Repentance Institution.” The student elaborated: “I think he’s here for this fruit specifically.”

“Are you mad? A Repentance student trying to pick a supreme fruit?” The group erupted in waves of laughter while shaking their head.

“I’m pretty sure that since the foundation of that academy, not a single student from there has been able to do it. What’s so special about this Li Qiye fella?” One student asked.

“Because he has been recognized by the Sword of Repentance - the personal sword of our progenitor. So many people desired it to no avail, only Holyfrost True Emperor was able to lift it. Remember, she had eleven palaces back then, only one step away from twelve.” The student didn’t look like he was joking at all.

“Recognized by Repentance? A bit devilish indeed.” The crowd looked at each other, perplexed.

“I think it’s just a coincidence, a touch of fate.” One immediately retorted: “No one can predict this stuff. Maybe he just got lucky like a dog swallowing a fly while yawning.”

“Okay, let’s say that he really did get lucky, but, he flicked his finger once and several dozens White Hair Fruits fell down. They are fifth-ranked fruits, who else can get so many in such a short time? Even a True Emperor has to go all out to do so.” The student revealed.

This sparked an internal reflection in everyone’s mind. They also wore an expression of doubts. After all, they couldn’t do something like this despite being from the four great academies.

They were excellent students too; some were already Eternals.

“I saw it in person. He really knocked down several dozen fruits. It’s very bizarre but I can’t pinpoint it exactly.” A senior who was there explained: “Zhang Dingyu didn’t want to accept losing and accused Li Qiye of cheating. But now that I think about it, maybe it has something to do with the Sword of Repentance.”

He paused for a bit and looked at everyone: “The sword belongs to the progenitor and contains plenty of light energy. Meanwhile, the fruits here are the fusion of light and the worldly essences. Li Qiye must have used the light power of the sword to knock down the fruits, not his own strength.”

[Chapter 2833: The Light Is Also Sinful](#)

The students nearby agreed with his analysis.

“So his power is from the sword. Ultimately, it is an external tool, not his own power so there are limits. Even a True Emperor might not be able to knock down a supreme fruit. I don’t think Li Qiye can do it by relying on the sword.” Another nodded in agreement.

All in all, an unknown student from Repentance shouldn’t even be compared to the Everlastings and True Emperors from the four great academies.

“Nonetheless, I think this Li Qiye has a chance.” The lone student supporting Li Qiye still believed that there was more than meet the eyes.

“Listen, there are limits to that sword, regardless of how powerful it is. Repentance Institution hasn’t produced anyone worthwhile after so many years. Have you heard of a single True Emperor from there? It will be the same for this generation. They are descendants of sinners with tainted blood flowing through them, abandoned by the high heaven and cursed by living beings. No talent will come from there.” One student said with disdain.

The lone supporter still maintained his stance, believing that the sword picked a special person as its master.

Of course, Li Qiye didn’t know that he had become a hot topic for debate. His group has delved deeper into the orchard.

Along the way, Du Wenrui patiently explained the various fruits to the young ones - their benefits and special effects. He knew each one like the back of his hand.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was sitting on top of a branch of a sacred tree, swinging his legs back and forth.

“What does the supreme fruit taste like?” He watched the dean before smiling and asked.

Du Wenrui paused while the students stared at him with curiosity. They naturally wanted to know the answer to the taste of the best sacred fruit in the world.

The supreme fruits were the hardest to obtain, reserved for the best True Emperors and Everlastings.

“Well, I have no idea.” Wenrui smiled awkwardly and shook his head: “I have never eaten one, obviously. If I ever get the chance later on, I will let you know.”

The group became disappointed after hearing this. However, they also realized how rude they were being. Their dean wasn't a True Emperor so how could he pick and eat one to know the taste?

Li Qiye laughed in response while Du Wenrui remained normal and ignored the guy.

“Dean, we can't pick any fruit here but I also feel that it's getting harder to climb up these trees too.” One student asked.

The rest nodded right away. They thought that they were the only ones having this problem until now.

“The trees themselves are normal but as we go deeper, the limitations have increased.” Wenrui said.

“What is it?” One student inquired.

“Perhaps a way for the progenitor to test his posterity. This is a suppression stemming from the light that gradually increases. That's why Fellow Student Li is here as a test so that the director will believe that he doesn't have darkness in his heart. Darkness shouldn't be able to hide in the presence of the light.” Wenrui smiled.

“Oh, I see.” The group nodded after learning this.

“Do all you old men embellish your progenitor to this level?” Li Qiye refused and steered the conversation somewhere else: “No need to hide those things since they'll find out after becoming strong enough.”

“Well, our explanation is logical and reasonable.” Wenrui let out a hollow laugh.

The youths became curious again and stared at Li Qiye. They didn't find anything wrong with Wenrui's explanation.

“Calling this a suppression or a test is tricking others.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “The most exact explanation is that this is domination, or, to put it more elegantly, conversion. Beneath this land is a boundless ocean of light brimming with energy. The deeper you go, the greater the temptation of the light. Both the natives and outsiders will be affected by this pressure. Thus, what you're feeling is not a power of suppression but rather, you are instinctively resisting this temptation of the light. The deeper inside, the stronger the temptation, and the more you resist. Thus, you think this is a suppression of the light affinity.”

Du Wenrui sighed after hearing this. Certain secrets could be hidden from normal cultivators and the world. Alas, the real masters on Li Qiye's level could see through this.

“What’s wrong with the light and accepting it?” Qiushi said: “Its illumination allows everyone to live peacefully.”

“You are born without light or darkness. These two affinities are simply competing with each other. Since you believe in the light, you believe being in it is a good thing. Well, the same applies to those born in the darkness. Nothing is extreme and absolute in this world, no definite good and no definite bad. Let us use specific examples with this sacred mountain. From a positive perspective, if one can protect their mind and has light in their heart, they will be able to leave this place and become a good person, a successful conversion for the light. However, if this person were to fail to maintain their dao heart and enter the deepest area in this land, they will never be able to leave and will die here. Of course, some people try to make it sound better, but in essence, the person will become a puppet of the light. Do you want to become a puppet?” Li Qiye elaborated.

The group didn’t know what to say and exchanged glances.

“They’re still children, no need to tell them this.” Wenrui shook his head.

“And that’s where your education is wrong.” Li Qiye said: “They need to face what the light really is. It is not supreme and superior to anything else, just like how a merchant is not inferior to anyone else. If they had known this, they wouldn’t be feeling insecure about being from Repentance and blindly worship the light. This is an abnormal state of mind, I don’t care whether it stems from good intention or carelessness but the result is the same. They will live under this shadow for the rest of their lives - a shadow not created by the darkness but because of the illumination of the light!” [1]

Du Wenrui couldn’t refute because this was indeed the truth. Repentance City had no sinners but even if their ancestors had done something wrong, their descendants shouldn’t be punished and stigmatized.

This stigma remained for millions of years, always torturing the people of this city. They lived a borrowed life beneath the shadow of the light.

Alas, without a comparative point like Repentance, how could one show the superiority and greatness of the light in the other locations?

Because of this, the descendants there were doomed from the start. Their progenitor might have done this inadvertently or used it as a warning, or he might have had some other intentions...

Regardless of the reason, the people in Repentance have done nothing wrong. The real sinners here were Desolate Saint and the omnipresent light in the system!

Du Wenrui understood the implications and negative effects but he couldn’t change it. The only way was to overthrow the system and eliminate the illuminating light.

First, let’s put aside his abilities to do so in the first place, this deed would turn him into a heinous sinner.

“How come we haven’t heard of these light puppets before?” The students’ dao heart has been affected by Li Qiye’s words. Nevertheless, they didn’t fully believe him.

“Because you haven’t gotten the chance. Come to Beast Garden and you’ll see the truth.” Li Qiye smiled.

[Chapter 2834: Black Bull](#)

“What about it?” A curious soul asked.

The students’ curiosity troubled the dean. He didn’t know whether this was a good or bad thing for them to learn too early.

“Have you ever seen a sacred beast run out of the garden?” Li Qiye smiled: “Academy of Light has paradises everywhere, so why do the beasts continue to stay here despite a lack of captors and chains? Outside of the native beasts, the ones outside coming here slowly wouldn’t want to leave and consider this garden their home. Unless someone forcefully takes them out or they meet the right master, they will usually die here from old age.”

“This is completely against the nature of these ferocious beasts. The power of the light changed their instincts and dao heart. Now, they are lost and want nothing more than the light. To put it nicely, this is a baptism taking away their wild nature. To be more direct, the power of the light is subduing and brainwashing them.” His eyes became profound while finishing.

The students didn’t expect this. In their mind, sacred beasts were auspicious symbols. They were excited to come to the garden - the beautiful paradise of sacred beasts. Now, this no longer seemed like the case.

“Are sacred beasts not born normally?” One student couldn’t help but ask.

“They don’t exist anywhere else in the world, at least not the type we’re talking about. Of course, the ones born here are always brimming with light, calling them sacred isn’t unreasonable, just another type of species.” Li Qiye smiled: “But in terms of actual sacred beasts in other parts of the world, they wouldn’t be determined by their affinity, only by their bloodline and origin.” Li Qiye elaborated.

The young ones carefully absorbed this information.

“Okay, let’s go to other places for some more suitable sacred fruits.” Wenrui stood up and clapped, not wanting Li Qiye to divulge higher-level information.

If this conversation continued, it might change the students’ opinion of the system’s core principles and their own background.

This line of thought might be dangerous at the academy, going as far as damaging its foundation. He would be considered an eternal sinner for allowing this to happen.

He didn’t wish for the light of the system to be questioned by the future descendants. Alas, he also didn’t want Repentance City to always be down like this either.

As a hidden supreme master, he wished for an all-around positive outcome. Unfortunately, coming up with one remained difficult.

Because of his power level, he was exposed to certain secrets along with the origin of his city. However, he also considered himself a guardian of the system so his hands were tied.

The group regained their wits and pushed the new information down deep in their mind. As natives of the system, they didn’t want to question certain things because that would be disrespectful towards the progenitor and their ancestors. Nevertheless, a seed of doubt has been planted in their heart.

“Rumble!” As the group was leaving, a loud explosion resulted in a massive earthquake. Even the great mountains were shaking continuously.

“What’s going on?” The young ones became startled.

“Boom!” A path was created by a trampling beast. The trees nearby got crushed to pieces and scattered like snowflakes.

Everyone saw a bull running like crazy with incredible speed. It didn’t bother looking ahead since its horn could clear all obstacles in a ferocious manner.

It wasn’t especially large, only around the size of a hill. It was quite muscular and vigorous. Its oily fur was a shiny black, seemingly polished many times over. People couldn’t help wanting to touch it once.

Its four hooves were as tough as steel, easily crushing the rocks below. Its two horns were naturally incredible and indestructible - also a lustrous black, seemingly made from black metals.

“Rumble!” It continued to ravage everything in its path, resulting in earthquakes.

“An unusual species in the garden is here.” Li Qiye smiled after seeing the bull.

“It’s a grand black bull.” Du Wenrui was scared out of his mind and waved his hand to protect the group: “Watch out, it’s very violent.”

“Boom!” The bull crossed through them instantly, leaving a deep trail in its wake.

If Wenrui was just a little bit slower, the group would have been trampled. The young ones had cold sweat all over.

“Hurry, don’t let it escape!” A horde of students frantically pursued the bull that was disappearing into the mountain range.

The group consisted of more than a hundred students from every academy. Some were Eternals.

“Why are you chasing this big bull around? Didn’t your teachers tell you that there’s no point in wanting a sacred beast? Taking them away is difficult.” A student became curious.

“We don’t want to take it away, only its bezoar. Goldtypha True Emperor said that this bull’s bezoar is a rare treasure, comparable to the saliva of a true dragon.” A powerful pursuer explained. [1]

“You serious? It’s comparable to a dragon’s saliva? That’s pretty amazing.” The students nearby took a deep breath and joined the force.

“How do we take it? Just kill that bull?” A student asked while running along with the group.

“No need, the emperor said that we just need to chase it until it gives up and spit the bezoar out. The closest person will get it.” The powerful pursuer said.

As time went on, more students with glimmering eyes became interested and joined the hunt.

“The same bull again.” Du Wenrui smiled wryly and shook his head after seeing this.

“You recognize it, Dean?” His student asked.

“It’s a strange one indeed and toyed with many students before.” The dean revealed the bare minimum.

“Let’s leave.” Du Wenrui wanted to leave because from experience, he knew that nothing good would come from this.

Unfortunately, the bull ran back towards them and made another deep trench, scaring the soul out of the poor youths who swiftly ran to the side.

“Boom!” The bull came to an abrupt halt in front of the group.

The ferocious and destructive beast glanced at Du Wenrui with its bright eyes. Next, it flung its head and breathed out white air, seemingly disinterested.

The next person of note became Li Qiye who was still enjoying himself on top of a branch. Its eyes lit up after spotting him.

“Hey, what are you doing?” It opened its mouth and spoke resonantly with a rather simple tone.

The young ones became astonished again since it was their first time seeing a speaking bull.

On the other hand, Du Wenrui put on a wry smile, lamenting his luck.

“What are you doing?” Li Qiye looked back at the bull.

“Haha, I’m playing with those idiots, got nothing else to do.” The bull laughed.

[Chapter 2835: The Bull’s Tempting Treasure](#)

The beast’s demeanor and vivid expression confused the students. Its arrogance and aggressiveness resembled a quick-witted man, not a bull in the slightest. The way it stared at people with disdain... a bull shouldn’t have such a gaze.

Du Wenrui wasn’t surprised to see this. He had met it back when he was a student himself. So many people suffered in that generation because of this bull including some of the top big shots now.

“Having fun?” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Haha, I have a nidus on my body that has been turned into a treasure.” The bull seemed quite pleased with itself: “That brat Goldtypha or whatever salivated the moment he saw it and demanded me to hand it over. I ignored him, so his disciples are chasing me now.”

“Goldtypha True Emperor!” The young ones have heard of this emperor before despite never leaving Repentance City.

This eight-palace True Emperor was a peerless student from Dawn and the disciple of Orchid Sage - a real big shot in the mind of the young ones.

However, this bull referred to him as “brat”. This was the craziest bull demon they have ever seen.

“I don’t care for that but your horns are a different story.” Li Qiye shrugged.

“You wish.” The big bull retreated one step before staring cautiously at Li Qiye: “I got these horns in my mother’s womb. Don’t even think about getting them or I’ll let you have it!”

"I'm just joking." Li Qiye smiled.

"What about you? Is it that fun mixing in with a bunch of brats?" The bull looked at him and said.

"I'm eighteen, right in the middle of my handsome prime so I will naturally be among my peers. Where else would I be, with old demons like you?" Li Qiye replied.

"Blech-" The bull pretended to puke.

The young ones glanced at Li Qiye, feeling their face turning red. They would believe that Li Qiye was only eighteen but in the middle of a handsome prime? They didn't see any "handsome" in this egotistical guy.

"Your pursuers are here, better start running." Li Qiye told the playful bull.

"It's over there, make it spit out the treasure!" A group of students turned the corner and saw the bull; their eyes lit up with excitement.

"See, they won't give up until they get it." Li Qiye added.

"Haha, it's fine, it's fine. They won't be chasing me soon enough." The bull put on a strange expression, looking inadvertently creepy.

"Go, go!" The pursuers have almost caught up.

"Ooo-" The bull opened its mouth wide and spewed out a beautiful radiance accompanied by a musky fragrance.

"Fast, it's spitting out the treasure!" The students in the back ran with all of their might, wanting a piece of the treasure.

"Pop!" It vomited something looking like a piece of jade with a pulsing glow and a strange, relaxing smell.

"Comparable to the saliva of a true dragon, it looks like it has a draconic bloodline." A young Eternal smelled the scent.

"Whoosh!" This treasure shot out the sky like a shooting star and perfectly fell into Li Qiye's palm.

"Don't lose it!" The bull started escaping again like a wafting fog.

The students didn't chase after the bull this time. All eyes were on Li Qiye.

They weren't chasing the bull for the beast itself. It was too strong and they couldn't do anything in the first place outside of waiting for it to give up the treasure.

Now, the treasure was in Li Qiye's hand so their focus has shifted.

The young ones naturally became afraid, knowing that Li Qiye has become a target. It would be quite difficult to escape from so many pursuers. They turned towards Du Wenrui, waiting for his guidance.

Strangely enough, their dean wasn't anxious at all. He posed calmly with hands crossed on his chest, seemingly waiting for a fun show.

Gazes of greed assaulted the treasure in Li Qiye's palm. Everyone knew that it was incredible because Goldpytha True Emperor himself kept on praising it.

Earning the praise of an eight-palace emperor showed its value.

Of course, a few of them started contemplating. They were students from the Academy of Light so robbing Li Qiye of this treasure seemed inappropriate. Others would criticize them for doing so in the future.

Thus, many wanted it but didn't want to be the first to come and get it. They controlled their greed and waited for the right time. This resulted in a tense atmosphere.

"Oh no, I've lost my treasure!" A loud roar suddenly broke the silence.

Everyone turned back and saw the big bull standing on a peak not far from there.

"My treasure... I ate a Nine-pistil Golden Grain and couldn't digest it so it eventually turned into this thing. Now, I ended up vomiting it after being chased for so long, sigh, brat, please just give it back to me, you don't know what I had gone through to get that golden grain..."

"Nine-pistil Golden Grain?!" The students nearby became emotional after hearing this.

"This grain turned into a treasure... it should be priceless!" A student took a deep breath.

"What are you talking about?" An uneducated student didn't know what was going on.

"It's a grain created by Emperor Nong in the legends. Who knows if it's true but this is the rice grain eaten only by immortals."

"Really?" The crowd's eyes glimmered with excitement. Some remained skeptical.

"Maybe, maybe not, but then why does Goldtypha want this treasure? Can a regular item enter his sight?" An older student said.

The crowd agreed with this. This eight-palace emperor was the disciple of a progenitor! He has seen all types of treasures in the past yet he was still interested in this one. Maybe it was really formed from this immortal grain.

"Brat, just give it back already, please!" The bull looked very pitiful: "I want to open it to take that grain back. Just eating that will turn me into a true dragon."

"!!!" This stirred the students even more. They began believing everything it said.

The greedy gazes intensified to the horror of Zhou Qiushi's group. They felt that escaping was impossible this time around.

Du Wenrui could only smile. He knew something like this would happen because the bull loved causing trouble.

The bull had an obvious gloating smirk after seeing the resounding success judging by the students' response.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye wasn't interested in the treasure itself but rather the greedy eyes of these students.

[Chapter 2836: Never Heard Of Him](#)

Numerous students slowly circled around Li Qiye with their attention fixated on his treasure.

Everyone could tell that the black bull was an amazing sacred beast. Its treasure should be extremely valuable since it came from a mythical immortal grain.

The air seemingly solidified. The greed here was palpable but no one wanted to be the first due to the potential infamy for robbing someone in public. They also didn't want to be stabbed in the back either.

"Friend, are you selling this treasure?" A smart student eventually took the initiative.

Since using force wasn't an option, trying to buy it from a consenting party was fine.

Plus, he believed that a lowly student from Repentance like Li Qiye probably never seen anything good. Being a little nice to him might be enough to do a transaction.

The other students were enlightened after hearing this. This was indeed the best idea instead of robbing the guy. Let the highest bidder win.

"Oh? What do you have for me?" Li Qiye smiled, seemingly pondering.

"I have a life-saving talisman with three layers of arrays. It is capable of teleportation too. Use it when your life is in danger; it'll both stop the enemy on top of taking you far away." The student immediately took out a talisman. It had many runes carved on top along with a pulsing glow.

"Not bad." Li Qiye smiled happily and nodded.

"Do you agree? I give you the talisman in exchange for that treasure." The student became ecstatic and walked closer.

"Hold it." A different one immediately shouted. He opened his spatial pouch and let out a wondrous light: "Friend, I have 132 fifth-ranked sacred fruits. All yours for that treasure."

"Damn! That's a big offer." Some students became startled. This showed just how strong the student was - at least an Eternal.

The first student was annoyed at this third party but there was nothing he could do. Those fruits were more valuable than his talisman.

"I have 141 fifth-ranked fruits and 478 fourth-ranked fruits for your treasure." A different student opened his spatial pouch.

"Hmph, quantity is meaningless. I also have 6 seventh-ranked fruits right here in addition." The second student coldly uttered.

These six fruits overshadowed everything else since just one was equivalent to a hundred sixth-ranked fruits.

"I offer 8 seventh-ranked fruits." Another joined in. He paused for a bit before telling Li Qiye: "Friend, I will also give you some more fourth and fifth-ranked fruits. You just need to eat them each day and it

won't be long until you become a True God or even an Ascender. Your future will be very bright, so honestly, these fruits are more valuable than that treasure in your hand."

He tried to convince Li Qiye the opposite of reality. The golden grain in that treasure should be priceless.

"Sacred fruits, huh?" Li Qiye chuckled. He was sitting on a tree branch right now that just happened to be part of an eighth-ranked tree.

He casually knocked on one of the fruits and it fell right into his palm. He took a bite before saying: "Anything below the eighth rank is too bitter. This is at least tolerable."

The bidding students turned red, speechless. The guy had just casually knocked down an eighth-ranked fruit, completely overshadowing their own and killing their hope.

Meanwhile, Zhou Quishi and his friends stared at Li Qiye in astonishment. They didn't know that he could do it so easily since he didn't try earlier.

"Just how strong is he to be able to do this?" One student murmured.

"It might be Repentance, not him." An older student stared at the sword: "It contains boundless light power. It shouldn't be impossible to borrow this power to knock down fruits."

Everyone felt much better after hearing this explanation. A progenitorial sword should indeed be able to knock down some eighth-ranked fruits.

Nevertheless, the ones wanting to trade fruits for the treasure retreated in order to save themselves from further embarrassment.

"Friend, I have one part of the Eight-saint Scroll left behind by a True Emperor. This in exchange for your treasure?" Another came out with a scroll brimming with imperial aura.

"Friend, our Repentance Institution has dozens of light merit laws left behind by the progenitor. What am I going to use this True Emperor's scroll for?" Li Qiye smiled.

The guy turned red and quickly retreated.

Using merit laws as an offering seemed unrealistic in this case. Desolate Saint left behind many merit laws back then and shared it with all the academies. Thus, Repentance Institution had some too.

This was another amazing part of this system. Normally, sects would always hide their top merit laws and keep it for themselves. This wasn't the case here.

"How about this incredible artifact?" A student offered a treasure bell in exchange.

"Not interested." Li Qiye tapped on his sword and said: "This is all I need."

The crowd exchanged glances after seeing Li Qiye's responses. It seemed impossible to trade with this guy. He didn't need sacred fruits and merit laws. Other treasures paled in comparison with his sword.

"Nice to meet you, Fellow Student." Another one stepped up.

He was quite old, looking like a middle-aged man. Of course, even a grandpa could join an academy in this system under suitable circumstances. Age didn't matter in Academy of Light.

The man had a lofty aura. One could hear a tiger roar in his presence. He had a tiger rune on his forehead with the character, “King”. It was congenital, not added later on.

“Tiger King...” Someone quietly said; a few students slowly walked away.

Tiger King was an eighth-level Ascender. He wasn’t considered an ace student, just another exceptional one.

However, people were afraid of his background.

“Friend, people call me Tiger King. Goldtypha True Emperor is my master.” The man cupped his fist and said.

His real form was a tiger demon. When he stated his faction, everyone became afraid due to the notoriety of the emperor.

“Never heard of you before.” Li Qiye said.

Tiger King’s expression became stiff. He coughed and said: “I’m just an insignificant demon so it’s understandable that you haven’t heard of me. My master usually seeks the dao in Dawn. He had visited the Repentance Institution too...”

“I’ve never heard of your master either, is it gold or silver typha?” Li Qiye said.

“What is he trying to do?” The crowd became rowdy right away.

Goldtypha True Emperor’s fame wasn’t limited to Academy of Light. He was still well-known across Immortal Lineage.

[Chapter 2837: People I Have Heard Of](#)

The students gave Li Qiye the side-eye, deeming his previous statement as being outrageous.

Zhou Quishi and the others also started signaling at Li Qiye to not be too harsh. Offending an eight-palace emperor might be bad for their academy.

Tiger King didn’t know what to say. Everyone knew his master - Goldtypha True Emperor of Strong Grass System. Li Qiye’s purposeful ignorance could only be construed as an insult. [1]

“My master is from Strong Grass System, a disciple of Orchid Sage, my grandmaster...” He coughed and elaborated.

Everyone quieted down right away after the sage was brought up in order to show respect.

In Immortal Lineage, everyone has heard of two titles - Orchid Sage and Luminous Master.

They were two progenitors that have reached this realm at such a young age, indicative of their peerless talents.

Orchid Sage hailed from Strong Grass System and became a progenitor later. He has yet to create his own system and still referred to himself as a member of Strong Grass.

Tiger King as an eighth-level Ascender wasn't much in Academy of Light because the various academies had True Emperors.

As for his master, Goldtypha True Emperor, this person had extraordinary talents since birth. However, there was still a big gap between him and supreme geniuses such as Holyfrost True Emperor, Violet Dragon Empress, Brightking Buddha, and Metalkin War God.

His greatest advantage unavailable to others including Holyfrost True Emperor was his master - Orchid Sage.

With a grandmaster like that, Tiger King could proudly do whatever he wanted.

That's why all the students here held their breath after hearing this title. The most brilliant and prestigious ones in the crowd still viewed the sage with nothing but reverence.

"Never heard of him either." Li Qiye nonchalantly responded.

This answer struck everyone like thunder so they stared at him in astonishment.

Not hearing about Goldtypha True Emperor was understandable, more or less. There were around eight or ten emperors right now in the current generation on top of some from the previous. Plus, the academy had several too.

On the other hand, feigning ignorance about Orchid Sage was outrageous. Even a three-year-old child knew about him.

Anyone who had just joined a cultivation sect would know of his title. That's why Li Qiye's response seemed careless and arrogant - treating everyone else with contempt.

Zhou Qiushi and the others turned pale and helplessly stomped their feet. Their attempts at stopping Li Qiye were futile.

Offending a True Emperor was more than their academy can chew. Now, he offended a progenitor too.

This was dragging their academy down the abyss. The rage of a progenitor might erase everything.

Contrary to the anxious youths, Du Wenrui wasn't worried at all and still had a smile on his face. It was as if none of this had anything to do with him and his academy.

Tiger King tried to threaten Li Qiye with his background - rubbing and punching the guy at the same time in order to get him to obediently hand over the treasure.

He didn't expect Li Qiye's refusal to play along with his plan. Moreover, the guy even insulted his master and grandmaster.

"Brat, you're too conceited!" Tiger King shouted, unable to restrain himself. The other students felt the same way.

"What makes you say that?" Li Qiye feigned innocence.

"My grandmaster's grand dao reaches the heaven and surpasses history itself. No one in this world doesn't know of him until today where you run your blasphemous and ignorant mouth..."

“Enough.” Li Qiye waved his hand and interrupted the guy: “I simply have never heard of him. To do otherwise is to pretend to be smart. An honest person like me doesn’t do that.”

Many saw his innocent expression and exchanged glances. Most still didn’t buy it.

“You...” Tiger King turned red and needed to take a deep breath for composure.

“Then who in this world can enter your sight? Who have you heard of?” He sneered and said.

Who else right now was more famous than his grandmaster and Luminous Master?

“Well...” Li Qiye scratched his head, seemingly contemplating. After a while, he finally answered: “I’ve heard of some people, umm, Emperor Sui, Emperor Xi, and Emperor Nong. Yeah, they’re quite famous.”

“Do these three count? They don’t actually exist.” The crowd was stunned again.

Everyone knew that these beings were only legends. There existed no concrete records of them. Rumor has it that they have turned into immortals long ago. Many considered their stories to be fabrications too.

Some students smiled and didn’t refute Li Qiye’s statement. However, Orchid Sage and Luminous Master existed in reality and had a greater impact than the other three.

Meanwhile, Du Wenrui who has been enjoying the show suddenly put on a serious expression after hearing this.

“Hmph, they’re only tales and legends, not trustworthy at all. Anyone else?” Tiger King snorted.

“Hmm...” Li Qiye scratched his head again: “I’m having a hard time recalling, oh, right, one more.”

“Who?” One student asked right away.

“Arrogance. I’ve heard of this person before, a very interesting fella.” Li Qiye clapped and said.

“Arrogance? Who is that?” This title wasn’t as popular.

“I know, that’s the founder of Arrogance Enterprise, a very famous merchant. I heard many big shots in history have been tricked by him. He wasn’t well-loved during his generation, to say the least.” A student said.

“Now I remember too, someone from Purification Creek told me an anecdote about his progenitor being tricked by this person and got sold to a devil. His progenitor eventually escaped the devil’s lair and chased this evil merchant for a lifetime, to the edge of the world and back.” A student also recalled.

“Really?” Many became curious.

“Yes.” Another knowledgeable student chimed in: “Furthermore, this is after that progenitor’s dao enlightenment, not during his youth.”

“No way, Purification Creek’s Xian Baihui is one of the most brilliant progenitors. He should be invincible after reaching this level so how can someone else sell him to a devil? It doesn’t make any sense.” The skeptics said.

Purification Creek was once the strongest system in Immortal Lineage. This was no longer the case but it was still famous and powerful.

Xian Baihui was an incredible being, one of the top progenitors in history. In Three Immortals, only two people used their name as their title - Gao Yang and Xian Baihui.

Thus, how could this invincible progenitor be sold to a devil by a merchant? No one would believe this story.

[Chapter 2838: Persuasion Then Intimidation](#)

The authenticity of this particular tale remained doubtful for the audience. Nevertheless, some actually believed in parts of this tale.

After all, Arrogance Enterprise was famous and had branches at the academy too.

It was famous for being able to get whatever a buyer wanted as long as they had enough money. Thus, it might not be that unreasonable for its founder to be an incredible master as well.

“Hmph, you’re comparing a shady merchant with my grandmaster who became a progenitor at such a young age. His vast knowledge contained everything under the sky.” Tiger King snorted and proudly said.

Alas, any junior would speak in the same manner if they had a grandmaster like Orchid Sage.

“All of his achievements have nothing to do with me. I don’t know him and haven’t heard of him before, that’s all.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

“You!” Tiger King didn’t know how to vent.

Everyone started looking at each other. Well, is it really a crime to not know someone?

They focused back on the task at hand - the treasure. They could tell that Tiger King truly wanted it, not for himself but to offer it to his master.

After all, his master, Goldtypha True Emperor, had asked the bull for it a while ago. It seemed like this emperor needed it so as his disciple, Tiger King wanted to help his master.

Because of this, many here gave up on the treasure since they were aware of their own limits.

They might be stronger than Tiger King but what about his master, Goldtypha True Emperor? And his grandmaster, Orchid Sage? Thus, it was better to do him this favor and back off.

“Fine, I won’t stoop down to your level.” Tiger King took a deep breath and looked at Li Qiye: “What is it gonna take for you to sell that treasure?”

“None of your business since I won’t be selling.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Wealth incites envy and greed. You might be lucky enough to have it but not strong enough to keep it. Something unexpected might happen and you will lose the treasure as well as your life in the process.” Tiger King uttered coldly.

This statement sounded like a piece of advice and a threat at the same time, just depending on the listeners.

He wasn't in the position to rob Li Qiye right now but who knows when Li Qiye was alone? He might immediately kill the guy to take the treasure. It wouldn't be difficult anyway.

"Yes, it's a crime to harbor jades." Someone else jumped in: "You might as well sell it to Tiger King, getting to stay alive and a handsome sum on top of that."

"This treasure is useless with you anyway, just trade it for something more useful." Another repeated.

These people wanted to please Tiger King and establish a relationship with him. Who knows, maybe one day they would get to meet Orchid Sage by being the king's friends.

"I see." Li Qiye chuckled and said while staring straight at Tiger King: "Sounds like I would be cautious of you the most if I worry about my life."

The ripping of the facade took everyone off guard. Yes, they all knew that Tiger King might actually think about killing Li Qiye but no one would explicitly say so. The atmosphere became strange right away.

Tiger King's expression changed. He naturally wouldn't admit to this in front of the crowd. It would ruin his reputation and affect his seniors.

"That's a baseless accusation." The king shouted back: "I am a man of character with nothing to hide and will not resort to such lowly means. Even if I want this treasure, I will take it in public by defeating you."

"You're not worthy." Li Qiye gave him a look of contempt.

"Yes, a bet! Do you dare?!" He trembled with rage; his eyes gleamed murderously.

"I see, is it a fight?" Li Qiye smiled.

"Yeah! Fight him! Beat the young and the old will come out. Beat the old and his grandmaster will come too!" The big bull on the peak shouted to fan the fire.

The crowd glanced at it again. Some thought that this bull wanted nothing more than to cause chaos.

"What, never seen such a handsome bull before?" It bragged: "Plus, am I not right? This little tiger is only relying on having a True Emperor as his master and a progenitor as his grandmaster to act so haughtily. It's definitely not his insignificant skill backing his words up. Hehe, beat him down then his master and his grandmaster."

The crowd became speechless. Du Wenrui didn't know whether to laugh or cry. It looked like this bull really wanted to see a fight between Li Qiye and Orchid Sage.

"The charcoal bull is making a lot of sense." Li Qiye laughed: "I should really think about it, yes, beat the young to lead the old out."

"Pah! I'm a dashing bull, not a charcoal one." The bull was very unhappy with Li Qiye.

“So arrogant, he wants to challenge a True Emperor? Take a look in the mirror first.” One student was dissatisfied with Li Qiye.

“You don’t get it, a few people think they’re invincible after getting a progenitorial sword. They don’t know that there is always a higher mountain and a better man. He’s a worthless clown.” Another sneered.

“I alone am enough to deal with you.” Tiger King’s expression became unsightly: “You deserve death for disrespecting my master.”

“Okay, then try to block one slash from me.” Li Qiye smiled and patted his sword.

“Brother Tiger, don’t do it, that’s Repentance, the sword of our progenitor!” An older student instantly reminded the aggressive king: “Wu Ke’s group died to it earlier.”

Tiger King was shaken after hearing this. He was an eighth-level Ascender but so were members of Wu Ke’s group. Plus, he didn’t have a progenitorial weapon with him for assistance.

“That sword has boundless light within and the power of the progenitor, it’s unstoppable.” Some spectators stared at the sword and became jealous.

“We’re all fellow students of the academy and shouldn’t resort to weapons. That’s not elegant at all.” One student suggested.

“Yes, let’s be cultured and avoid hurting each other during the competition.” Another tried to help Tiger King.

“More elegant? Like picking sacred fruits?” Li Qiye smiled.

The crowd exchanged glances again. They saw Li Qiye knocking down an eighth-ranked fruit with no problem earlier by borrowing the power of his sword. This wouldn’t be a fair match at all.

“How about an eating contest? The sacred fruits are precious and nutritious with a mind-calming ability. So let’s see who can eat more?” A quick-witted student said.

“That’s a good idea. It won’t harm the peace either.” More quickly repeated the sentiment.

[Chapter 2839: Eating Contest](#)

This eating contest was a sinister plan. Everyone knew that these fruits were extremely nutritious especially for natives of the light.

After all, each contained the rich essences of the light affinity. Eating one could wash the mind and increase one’s cultivation power. The better the fruit, the greater the effect.

Alas, nothing was ever absolute. If one wasn’t strong enough, eating a high-ranked fruit wouldn’t be good.

For example, if Zhou Qiushi were to eat a ninth-ranked fruit in one bite, his body would instantly explode.

Despite his incredible sword, everyone could tell that Li Qiye had no cultivation to speak of. Eating one eight-ranked fruit might be okay but eating ten in a row? Implosion might be the result of being unable to withstand the influx of power.

“Not a bad idea.” Tiger King chuckled: “We’re all fellow students so fighting will only harm our comradery. It’s much better to have an eating contest. If you win, you can do as you please to me. If you lose, the treasure will be yours and I’ll back off!”

His comment seemed fair toward Li Qiye. In fact, Li Qiye seemed to have the better end of the deal. Remember, one was the disciple of Goldtypha True Emperor and the other was only a student from Repentance Institution. The disparity of status was immense.

“An eating contest, huh?” Li Qiye rubbed his chin, seemingly hesitating.

“Of course, I will drop this issue if you give up now.” Tiger King became more confident after seeing his opponent’s demeanor.

“Just give up in my opinion and do Tiger King a favor by selling that treasure to him. Maybe you’ll earn Goldtypha True Emperor’s grace too.” Others started chiming in to support Tiger King.

“Fine, let’s do it. What rank?” Li Qiye laughed and made up his mind.

The sudden shift in his attitude surprised the crowd. All eyes turned towards Tiger King.

“The ninth? Let’s do that.” Tiger King pondered for a bit before speaking.

“Ninth-ranked fruits?” This startled the members of the audience. Not many of them could handle eating ninth-ranked fruits in one go.

“Ninth rank it is, let’s do it.” Li Qiye didn’t hold back.

No one expected Li Qiye to accept so fast. Could the guy actually handle eating an entire ninth-ranked fruit?

“Let’s start with three.” Tiger King took out his spatial pouch and revealed three ninth-ranked fruits inside.

They had a peerless sacred glow, seemingly carved from precious gems.

“Brother Tiger King actually has three...” An impressed spectator murmured. Getting just one was hard enough for some Eternals, let alone three.

“They’re Hundred-dew Pill Fruits too, the finest grade among the ninth-ranked fruits.” One person sighed with envy.

“Haha, it’s nothing. I barely got one thanks to Master’s guidance. He also knocked down another two for me.” Tiger King said.

His expression had no sign of humility unlike his words, only signs of complacency. After all, how many people had a True Emperor for a master?

The crowd started wishing for a new master who would casually give their disciple two ninth-ranked sacred fruits. This was the difference between Tiger King and the rest.

“Okay, let’s eat three fruits each. Whoever can finish and be all right will be the winner.” Tiger King said. According to his own estimation, eating three fruits in a row was pushing it but he really wanted this piece of treasure for his master. Being reckless in this case was acceptable.

“Sure, three then.” Li Qiye coolly accepted.

“Where are your fruits?” Tiger King had a smug expression. He didn’t think Li Qiye would have three ninth-ranked fruits.

In his opinion, it wouldn’t be easy for the guy to get three with the help of his sword. This was a chance to humiliate Li Qiye.

“You need to prepare your own fruits for this bet. Tiger King can’t get them for you.” One student immediately said.

“Of course, you wouldn’t be able to get a first-ranked fruit without your sword.” Another insulted him.

“Yeah, it’s too bad I do have the sword. Wait a minute then, I’ll go get some.” Li Qiye smiled and jumped off the branch.

He ran to a mound and started digging with his sword to the crowd’s horror. This guy is using a progenitorial sword as a shovel... This world is so unfair...

If they had a sword like that, they would treasure it each day with tributes and offerings. On the other hand, Li Qiye just let it touch the mud and soil.

“So disrespectful, a progenitorial sword should be enshrined and worshipped!” One student said with indignation.

“Yeah, it’s my sword now so I’ll do as I please. You can do the same with your sword if you want, it’s not a crime.” Li Qiye calmly answered while digging.

This shut the student up since he had no retort.

“Okay, got it. These are my three.” Li Qiye got three items resembling lotus roots and washed them clean.

“Earthlotus Fruits...” The crowd recognized the washed fruits.

“That’s a sacred fruit?” A student has never seen this type before.

“Yes, it’s a ninth rank too, but far inferior to Hundred-dew Pill Fruit.” A knowledgeable student said.

Everyone learned that sacred fruits didn’t only grow on trees. Some were buried underground too.

“So, my three against your three?” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hmph, it’s not fair because your lotus fruits are barely at the ninth rank. You have to get something similar or the same fruit.” One student said with disdain.

“Yes, this isn’t fair for Tiger King.” Another added: “Just give up if you’re not capable enough to get some Hundred-dew Pill Fruits.”

“Don’t bet if you can’t handle it.” One more sneered.

These students with mediocre background tried hard to please Tiger King.

“It’s fine.” Tiger King acted as if he was being generous: “Earthlotus Fruits will be just fine. So what if I’m at a slight disadvantage. Let’s go.”

“Your mentality is commendable, we pale in comparison.” One student instantly praised Tiger King.

“Okay, well, I won’t push my luck since you’re being so lenient already. I’ll eat one first since Earthlotus Fruit has a harmonious and moderate affinity that can subdue the power of the light. This will make it fairer.”

“Hmph, so it has a gentle property. No wonder why he chose this fruit.” One student snorted.

“Fine, you go first then.” Tiger King wanted to see the result of Li Qiye consuming this fruit so he agreed.

Li Qiye began eating one. “Buzz.” A holy light engulfed him.

Everyone could sense a majestic power entering his body. Strands of light oozed out of him, seemingly overfilling him to the point of cracking.

“Such powerful medicinal property.” The students were shocked. This fruit had a gentle nature yet it still seemed dangerously potent. One could only imagine the potency of the Hundred-dew Pill Fruit.

[Chapter 2840: Eating](#)

Each bite seemed to be difficult for Li Qiye and required a lot of effort. A second later after swallowing, he seemed to be affected by the influx of light power.

“Buzz.” More and more light came out of him. “Crack!” Next, his bones and muscles were being stretched to their limit as well.

“He’s gonna explode soon if he keeps eating.” A spectator became afraid.

“He sought this himself for challenging Tiger King without knowing his limit, simply tired of living.” Another student sneered.

“Buzz.” Li Qiye’s body expanded due to the power of the fruits.

“Finally finished.” He eventually finished the entire thing, looking spent from the process while patting his full stomach.

“Hmph, the first one is already this difficult? I don’t think you can handle the second.” Tiger King sneered.

“That’s right.” One student agreed: “Be smart and give up right now then maybe you can stay alive. Eating another will make you explode, what’s the point of keeping the treasure then?”

“Don’t worry, I’ll be fine after three but I don’t think he will be.” Li Qiye looked quite serious.

“So blind.” The student snorted.

“Only three Hundred-dew Pill Fruits, not hard at all. Just wait, you’ll be handing the treasure over soon enough.” Tiger King scowled before picking up one of the fruits.

The crowd smelled a permeating fruity scent after he took a bite. The natives of this system became intoxicated, feeling as if they were floating in the sky.

Clearly, this fruit was far superior to Li Qiye’s Earthlotus Fruit even though they were in the same rank. Earthlotus was barely a ninth rank while Hundred-dew Pill Fruit belonged to the finest grade.

“Buzz.” Strands of light of an incredible purity oozed out of him. It seemed as if a true dragon wanted to escape.

As he ate more pieces, the power of light intensified and became more majestic.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” This force began slamming his meridians and veins.

Tiger King couldn’t believe it, feeling the force of a million surging rivers rampaging within, nearly crushing his meridians.

He had underestimated the fruit. Though he had never eaten one before, he believed that eating three together shouldn’t be a problem. This no longer seemed to be the case.

In fact, even an Eternal wouldn’t consume three of them in a short period because that would be too wasteful. Being able to swallow all three or not without imploding wasn’t the issue here. It simply took some time before one could truly digest the power contained in this high-level fruit for full benefits.

The light didn’t stop increasing, seemingly wanting to tear his body apart.

“Activate!” He roared and performed a top merit law. Tiger runes emerged all around him and twisted together to form talismans.

“Rumble!” These talismans latched onto his body and empowered him just like armor plates.

They stifled the power of the light and made it gentler. Thus, the radiance coming from him dimmed down along with the dangerous potency of the fruit. This was no easy task.

“Clank!” Finally, he finished an entire fruit and the beast talismans prevailed, locking down the power of the light. The glow was faint enough, indicating his successful attempt.

“Amazing, your Hundred-beast Imperial Talismans are virtually perfect.” One student praised.

“Yes, your talismans can control the myriad laws. You’ll be just fine eating three of them.” Another applauded.

There existed a clear discrepancy between Li Qiye and Tiger King. The former was pulsing with intense light and looked to be transparent. The latter only had a faint glow.

The victor seemed obvious at this point.

“Your turn. I’m waiting to see you explode!” Tiger King showed disdain with both his words and his gaze.

“No, that’s not fair.” Zhou Qiushi instantly protested: “You used an external method to suppress the power of the light instead of just relying on your body.”

“He can do the same, if he’s capable of doing so, that is.” One student answered in Tiger King’s stead.

Zhou Qiushi didn’t know what to do. He believed that Li Qiye didn’t have a merit law capable of suppressing the fruit’s medicinal potency.

“What are you waiting for, it’s your turn.” One crowd member urged.

“Is he buying time?” A different student stared at Li Qiye’s bloated stomach: “It’s no use, the effect of the sacred fruits can’t be digested that quickly. A ninth-ranked fruit will require one or two years, maybe even longer. Don’t think about wasting time.”

“Hurry up, don’t keep everyone waiting. If you can’t do it, then just give up.” Another added.

No one was on Li Qiye’s side right now outside of Zhou Qiushi’s group.

Everyone else naturally supported Tiger King. Even a fool knew to pick the grand-disciple of a progenitor over a lowly student from Repentance.

“Fine, I’ll go again.” Li Qiye looked a little helpless.

“Junior Brother, don’t force yourself if you can’t eat anymore. Losing is no big deal.” Someone from Repentance quietly said, not wanting to see Li Qiye explode.

“Haha, it’s too late to give up now.” Tiger King snorted: “The only way you can stop is when you explode. You must keep eating.”

“Ridiculous! You’re trying to kill someone right now!” The student from Repentance shouted back. Everyone else from there glared angrily at Tiger King.

“So? That’s the result of those who oppose me.” He proudly laughed in response.

Zhou Qiushi and the others found themselves powerless again in face of injustice.

“Buzz-” As he bit the second one, the light coming from him powered up.

His body continuously expanded, on the verge of floating in the air.

“It’s happening, he’s gonna explode!” A few students started shouting and gloated at someone else’s misery, waiting for Li Qiye to explode like a balloon.

Zhou Qiushi’s group had their eyes wide open and had cold sweat all over.