

Emperor 2851

[Chapter 2851: Falling Down](#)

“Treasure sword, I will meld you down if you can’t cut down this tree.” Li Qiye waved it around and said.

“Clank!” The sword made a sound again. The stars in the sky rustled in fear, seemingly ready to fall down at any moment.

Strands of light poured out and illuminated the entire area. No one could keep their eyes open.

The most terrifying aspect of this was that these strands seemed to be the will of the progenitor with unmatched murderous potential. Gods and supremes, True Emperors or Everlastings; all would be killed by a single slash.

“This sword intent...” The students found it hard to stand still. The Eternals here trembled with horror.

“The sword of a progenitor...” Goldpython and Stonecarver were amazed as well, feeling the same trepidation as the rest towards this peerless sword.

Just think about it, if this sword wasn’t powerful enough, would Desolate Saint have used it as his personal sword?

It was clearly better than ordinary ancestral treasures. These emperors didn’t possess a weapon of a similar level.

“Hey, I’m about to chop it down, you guys might need to get out of the way.” Li Qiye held the hilt with both hands and shouted at everyone still on the tree.

“Go for it, we’ll dodge when the time is right.” One student on the tree said.

“Okay then.” Li Qiye turned towards the tree and smiled: “Not a bad tree at all, it’ll make perfect firewood at home.”

What could the crowd say to this ludicrous statement? Chopping down an ultimate tree just for firewoods? Such insanity.

“Ahem.” Du Wenrui cleared his throat and said: “Student Li, well, the supreme tree is a treasure of the system so you shouldn’t cut it down. The system will lose out.”

“What does that have to do with me?” Li Qiye said.

“Of course it has nothing to do with you, but the progenitor spent great efforts in order to bring it here from a different realm. It has matured over the years, a wonderful feat. I don’t think your house needs this much firewood, right? No need to kill the chicken for the eggs since your real goal is some fruits.” Wenrui smiled wryly.

Of course, he knew that it wouldn’t be the sword cutting down the tree, just Li Qiye. This guy could absolutely do so even without the Sword of Repentance.

“Makes sense.” Li Qiye tilted his head, pondering.

“The tree had persevered through years of storms and rains, it would be a shame to cut it down now. This is a beloved item of the progenitor, please reconsider.” Du Wenrui went on. The tree was finished if Li Qiye insisted. He would only need a few cuts to do so.

The tree seemed to be agreeing with Du Wenrui since its branches started rustling.

“Right...” Li Qiye scratched his head and said: “Probably wasn’t easy for Desolate Saint to plant this type of tree, but I still want to pick some fruits. They’re just up too high, how long is it gonna take to climb up there.”

“You just need to knock, I’m sure the fruits will fall down.” Wenrui hurriedly added, not wanting to be responsible for a disaster by bringing Li Qiye here.

“Xshh...” The entire tree rustled to show its agreement.

“Okay then.” Li Qiye begrudgingly said: “Dean, I can’t refuse after hearing your insistence. You will owe me one.”

“Tree, listen up, I won’t climb up there and will just knock. Let the fruits rain down or find out how sharp my sword is, all of them.” Having said that, Li Qiye gently brushed his sword on the tree.

The tree rustled again, seemingly conceding. It looked like a chicken with a cleaver next to its neck. Saying no wasn’t an option.

The sword also issued a clunk to show its impressive might, very pleased with itself.

“What the hell is going on? Are you watching this too?” One student became stunned after watching this.

“You think this is a play? The tree can’t understand you.” Another lost his patience and shouted at Li Qiye.

“Yes, hurry up!” Others joined in.

Meanwhile, the two emperors felt something strange going on with the tree itself.

“Alright, I’ll spare you then.” Li Qiye smiled and put the sword away.

“I can’t believe this guy, just coming up with one excuse after another...” A student said with contempt.

At the same time, Li Qiye tapped the tree with the sheath.

“Thump! Thump! Thump!” The student who mocked him couldn’t even finish before a rain of mature supreme fruits descended from the sky.

Everyone naturally became frozen in response.

“Bam! Bam! Bam!” Suddenly, the students on the tree fell off. This included the two emperors.

This was because the tree violently swung its body without any warning. The two powerful emperors were blown away too.

It was one thing for the students but even the two emperors smashed into the ground, looking quite pitiful. It should be unimaginable for beings of their level to fall flat like this but it actually happened.

The two had mud in their mouth right now to the astonishment of the crowd.

Once they calmed down and the emperors got up, Li Qiye had already waved his sleeve and took all the fallen supreme fruits.

The entire mountain fell into a hush. One student looked up and saw that there was no longer one ripe fruit left on the tree. Li Qiye had taken all of them.

“No one else can pick any now.” A student became lost in thoughts.

One supreme fruit required a long period to bloom and bear fruit. The actual maturing process took so many years. To have this many together was the work of many generations.

Now, all of them were gone. They wouldn't come back for another generation or two.

“How... can this be...” The students couldn't regain their wits due to the unbelievable nature of this event.

Just one tap and all the ripe fruits fell down. Not to mention that this was a real event, even a legendary tale wouldn't have the gall to go so far.

Of course, this was no legend since they saw it with their own eyes.

“This has to be magic, right?” A frightened student said.

A long while later, one student salivated thinking about so many fruits.

Not to mention one person, an entire sect would have a virtually endless supply, enough to make them rise.

“Sigh, I guess I do want all of you to call me grandpa so that you'll learn a lesson, but getting so many unfilial and worthless children will infuriate me to death. So, forget it, no need to do that.” Li Qiye smirked at the students nearby.

They were too confused right now to even try and retort.

“Let's go.” Li Qiye turned and left instead of waiting for them to calm down.

[Chapter 2852: Supreme Fruit, Not Bad](#)

The students still stood there in a daze after Li Qiye's group was gone. A few students looked up and saw nothing ripe left on the tree. Various emotions struck them as a result.

“That's too much, not even sparing one for us. We want to try it too.” One guy murmured as if he could actually pick them if some were left behind.

“The Sword of Repentance is insanely strong. Maybe it really could have cut the tree, that's why the latter gave up its fruits. It had nothing to do with this Li Qiye.” One student regained his wits and took a deep breath, still overwhelmed with fear.

The emotional students accepted this logic. These fruits would never fall down on their own accord despite reaching maturity.

Li Qiye simply tapped the tree with his sword - this shouldn't have been enough to knock all of the fruits down. The tree itself must have done so on its own accord.

This made everyone think about the sword itself. The powerful tree must be afraid of its sharpness, meaning that the sword could really cut it down.

"The personal weapon of a progenitor is no joke. It's probably not far off from being a paragon artifact." Jealousy and envy grew.

"How could such an amazing sword fall into the hand of such an arrogant piece of trash? There are plenty of geniuses in this world." Some felt indignation.

In their eyes, a weak student like Li Qiye wasn't worthy of this ultimate weapon!

Meanwhile, Goldpython and Stonecarver True Emperor also communicated with their eyes that were filled with aggressiveness and bloodlust, clearly tempted by the thought of possessing this sword.

They have seen ancestral treasures before but the regular ones couldn't touch this sword at all. It must not be far off from being a paragon artifact.

It had followed Desolate Saint throughout his life, killing numerous devils and masters. No one should doubt its power anymore.

Words weren't necessary; just that one glance earlier had formed an implicit agreement between the two emperors.

They could let go of many things due to their tough mental state after reaching this level. In fact, they could forgive him for killing their fellow sect members.

However, he had forced their hand and must pay for possessing a treasure beyond his capabilities!

The young ones were still muddle-headed after leaving the tree, unable to regain their composure in a short time. The previous event struck them to the core.

The supreme fruits were unreachable in their mind. Just getting to see the tree was more than enough - an experience of a lifetime.

But now, Li Qiye let the fruits rain down after a single tap. This magnificent deed overwhelmed them and seemed like a dream despite being part of reality.

As they were leaving, Li Qiye casually took out a supreme fruit and took a bite. A ripe one was extremely tasty; its juice resembled sweet dew.

The fragrance made the youths think they have drunk the most thirst-quenching dew in existence. Their body relaxed and felt great almost as if they were ascending and becoming immortals. Saliva streamed out of their mouth.

“It’s not bad.” Li Qiye said.

Du Wenrui forced a smile. “Not bad?”

Not to mention ordinary cultivators, even emperors craved this fruit and would greatly benefit from eating them. No one else could make this insane statement but him.

Li Qiye looked at the youths and shook his head: “You can’t eat it even if I give some to you because your body will instantly explode after one bite.”

They became embarrassed and wiped the saliva off, knowing that Li Qiye was telling the truth. They would explode into light particles right away due to their cultivation.

Ascenders would suffer the same fate. Stonecarver and Goldpython True Emperor need to eat very carefully in order to slowly digest its power.

However, Li Qiye took one bite after another without a care and treated the fruit like one found in any market.

He finished one and took out another while speaking: “You may eat when you’re stronger. The problem is that if I were to give it to you now, your dao heart can’t resist the temptation. Plus, carrying wealth is a crime, others will kill you if they know you have this fruit inside your pocket.”

The young ones didn’t think this far ahead. This was indeed the case - so many masters would covet and scheme against them. No, even kingdoms would mobilize all the same. Their lives would be over then.

“I will let the dean hold them for now until you all are strong enough. Meaning, you will never get to taste it if you don’t improve in the future.” Li Qiye said and handed a bunch of them to Du Wenrui.

“...” Du Wenrui held them and was left in a tough position: “They’re too precious. I don’t think this is proper.”

He knew the effects of these fruits all too well. Those who have eaten them were privy to this knowledge.

Now, this was a big gesture from Li Qiye to give their academy so many fruits.

Unlike the youths, he knew that Li Qiye was only a passerby. He wasn’t really a student from Repentance and wouldn’t stay here.

A small pond couldn’t hold a true dragon. He was only accompanying them on a whim. Nevertheless, he still gave them an entire treasury worth of fruits in the end.

The experienced dean himself found it difficult to accept so many.

“Consider it a stroke of fate.” Li Qiye smiled: “Plus, your poor academy has no resources or treasures to speak of. Even if you have incredible methods, you still won’t accomplish anything unless you betray the system. The fruits are just a small gift of mine.”

“Very well, I’ll accept them in their stead.” Du Wenrui solemnly said.

“What are you waiting for, thank Stude-, no, Young Noble Li already.” He put away the fruits and told the young ones.

The young ones didn’t know how to react after being given so many fruits - an immense showing of generosity that couldn’t be described with the word, “gift”.

“Thank you, Young Noble.” The group got on their knees and performed a grand gesture to show their gratitude.

[Chapter 2853: I’m Very Rich](#)

They also realized that they weren’t on the same level as Li Qiye. He wasn’t a student like the rest of them and was just staying at their school for now.

Just think about it. Li Qiye still gave them one each despite the clear value of the fruit. Not to mention they were strangers, most probably wouldn’t act so generous even towards their closest ones. Only someone from the legend would do something like this.

That’s why they knew that Li Qiye’s level far exceeded them - a hidden master.

Li Qiye only smiled and accepted their gesture.

“Okay, I will temporarily hold these fruits until you all are strong enough to use them. That’s why you have to keep trying harder in order to not disappoint the young noble’s goodwill. One day, you will be able to create your own domain.” Du Wenrui looked at the students and said.

The young ones became emotional after hearing this. A ray from dawn seemed to be illuminating them and dispelling their confusion and doubts.

They clenched their fists, determined to walk forward regardless of future hardships. They refused to be treated with disdain from now on. Moreover, they would also take pride in their origin and academy. Their blood boiled with excitement and ambition.

“Time to take a look at Beast Garden.” Li Qiye smiled and continued forward. The young ones calmed down and followed right after.

Unfortunately, a person stopped them before they could enter the garden.

The stopper was a youth shrouded in a pulsing radiance. It seemed as if there was a treasury within him. The glow looked prestigious like the shimmering of gems.

The auras of various treasures surrounded him too. It was clear that he had a lot of treasures.

Moreover, he wore an expensive robe made of unknown materials along with various trinkets. They seemed to be expressing three words, “I’m very rich”. The divine stones engraved on the robe wanted to blind the spectators with their radiance.

Below his feet was a seven-colored cloud, allowing him to float.

Normally, standing on this type of cloud would exude an elegant and transcending image. However, this guy seemed to be standing on something materialistic and full of bravado. One could also see the three words, “I’m very rich”.

“Who is Li Qiye?” He uttered coldly.

“I am.” Li Qiye smiled.

“You?” The youth was surprised but his eyes fell upon the sword behind him: “Indeed.”

“I am Treasure Origin True God, I’m here today to...” He snorted and continued.

“Treasure Source True God?” Li Qiye interrupted and looked at him up and down.

“Oh? Frightened by my awesome reputation?” He didn’t like being interrupted.

“No, you’re overthinking it. I think your name should be “I’m very rich” though.” Li Qiye mocked.

“...” The true god turned red and glared at him.

“It’s not my fault, everything about you seems to be giving off that vibe. Sorry, I guess I misinterpreted.”
Li Qiye shrugged, acting innocent.

The true god trembled with rage, nearly vomiting blood. His dressing style including the robe and the cloud was meant to represent his prestigious status, not to show off his wealth in a vulgar manner - or so he thought.

“Okay, ‘I’m very rich’, what do you need from me?” Li Qiye seemed amused. [1]

Zhou Qiushi and the others struggled to hold their laughter inside.

“...” The true god felt the urge to kill. He took a deep breath to compose himself and said aggressively: “I am Wang Weiyuan. I’m here to tell you today that your life is mine.”

“What? ‘I’m very rich’, do you have a problem with me?” Li Qiye said.

“You killed Teacher Deng, so a life for a life!” The true god acted as if he didn’t hear Li Qiye calling him by this terrible nickname.

“Teacher Deng? Who’s that? I’ve killed plenty of people and don’t recall this person.” Li Qiye chuckled.

The true god’s expression turned unsightly.

“Deng Rensen is who he’s talking about.” Du Wenrui reminded Li Qiye.

“I see.” Li Qiye nodded: “Yes, you can say that I kill him, but the truth is that I was only trying to save him...”

“I don’t care to hear your excuses, a life for a life so you must die. Just know that I will always try to kill you regardless of the time and place.” The true god said.

“Oh, so that’s how it is. Don’t you know that he died to the Sword of Repentance? Do you want to be its victim too?” Li Qiye patted his sword.

The true god’s eyes narrowed while looking at the sword. He knew just how powerful it was since he watched Holyfrost True Emperor picking it up in the past.

Because of this fear, he decided to announce his intention instead of ambushing him first. This also meant that he would utilize any means necessary in the future to take the guy down.

“Hmph, you can’t rely on a weapon to protect you forever.” The true god said.

“Okay, I’ll keep that in mind. Since you came to warn me first, this is considered a just and honorable act so I will spare your dog life today.” Li Qiye nodded.

The true god was actually an Eternal of 100,00 generations but Li Qiye treated him like a dead man. [2]

“The feud between my Northern Academy and you starts today.” The true god asserted.

Deng Rensen was a teacher while he was a student there.

“I welcome it if you can represent that academy. If your academy is foolish enough to come and provoke me, I don’t mind killing all of you.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hmph.” The true god scowled before controlling his cloud to float away.

“‘I’m very rich’, when I do kill you later, I’ll strip you naked and take your cloud too. They seem very expensive and will probably fetch a nice price.” Li Qiye shouted at the departing true god.

The true god trembled again and staggered backward, nearly falling off from his cloud.

Nevertheless, Li Qiye didn’t kill this guy for offending him. He appreciated the youth for coming here and stating his intent first.

“This guy is a little devilish.” Du Wenrui chuckled: “His talents weren’t considered exceptional when he joined Northern Academy. He became Deng Rensen’s student later and was taken care of so he owes the guy. Now, he is considered a top talent there after experiencing a miraculous event allowing his cultivation to soar, or at least that’s what the rumor says.”

“Yep, he ate a treasure source. His heart and mind have the aura of one now, so any item he uses looks very expensive and precious.” Li Qiye said.

Du Wenrui wasn’t worried at all. A student couldn’t take Li Qiye on regardless of however devilish he may be.

He praised the youth for having the courage and the mind to repay a favor. Unfortunately, he was courting death for going against Li Qiye.

“Off we go again, let’s see what ‘I’m very rich’ will do to try and kill me. I’m sure it’ll be a lot of fun.” Li Qiye casually said, not caring.

The youths finally laughed after hearing this amusing title again, now that the true god was gone.

[Chapter 2854: Seeing The Bull Again](#)

Beast Garden was inside the orchard - a paradise for sacred beasts. One could see them roaming everywhere.

In fact, sacred beasts weren’t one particular species, at least not the ones found here. They were unique and only found in Sacred Mountain.

Rumor has it that this garden didn't exist at the mountain in the beginning. However, after the foundation of the academy, majestic light power gathered in this place.

Just like that, the birds and beasts already living here started to change due to the influence of the light. They gained this affinity and after reaching the right power level, they would actually learn the mind laws of this system and begin to cultivate.

That's the origin of the sacred beasts. After a long while, the power of the mountain grew. This, in turn, attracted beasts from different places.

The mighty and ferocious beasts from other regions came and were eventually affected by the power of the light. They stopped leaving afterward and became sacred beasts themselves after the transformation process.

Just like that, the area slowly turned into the current paradisiacal Beast Garden.

The power of light made them extremely strong. A few beasts here have reached a level that could intimidate the emperors.

Nevertheless, students would come here each year hoping to capture a powerful sacred beast. Gaining a capable supporter would be akin to a tiger with wings.

Of course, it wasn't easy to do so, not even for the Eternals.

There were ways to avoid this difficult task such as stealing eggs or kidnapping the baby beasts. This was arguably the better way to go about it instead of forcefully subduing an adult beast.

Because of this, one could see figures sneaking around in the valleys and mountains, aiming for the eggs and infants.

Once Li Qiye's group made it here, they instantly felt the wonderful power of the light.

While back at the orchard, they also sensed this affinity. However, it was akin to silk strings existing all over the place. Here, they found themselves immersed in an ocean of the light.

This boundless light was different from the one back at the supreme tree. The supreme tree sent its light directly to one's body - a forceful invasion for the sake of purification and an attack on the dao heart.

Here, this oceanic light power felt quite comfortable, akin to playing in the water and basking in the sun.

"So strong..." One student felt completely insignificant like a drop of water in the ocean.

"It's not as domineering as the pressure under the tree but you all will be affected after a long time. You won't want to leave just like the sacred beasts." Li Qiye smiled.

The group exchanged glances. They thought that this light would be very beneficial to their cultivation. Nevertheless, staying here forever negated the advantages.

"Look, sacred beasts over there." They saw a deer drinking water by a stream and a white crane combing its feathers. [1]

Both of them looked different from the animals outside. They had a faint glow; their feathers and fur looked holy.

“These are the lowest-level sacred beasts.” Du Wnerui smiled and said: “They’re not fundamentally different from the cranes and deers outside.”

“This type will never leave this place, they don’t have the intelligence to know anything outside of just surviving here.” Li Qiye said.

“So there are sacred beasts who can leave?” The students became curious.

“Well, one example is that black bull earlier.” He answered while staring at the horizon.

“It’s that strong?” The group was surprised since they didn’t have any idea about the bull’s power and only thought that it was very mischievous.

“Not just that.” Du Wenrui shook his head: “Didn’t you all see how even Goldtypha True Emperor did not want to mess with it? In fact, he was very wise to do so. Plenty of beings stronger than him have been toyed with by that bull in history.” He revealed a bitter smile at this point.

“Dean, you’ve seen it before?” The group stared at him.

“This happened a very long time ago during my youth. So many prodigies weren’t convinced and wanted to mess with it. In the end, they came back with bruises all over their face thanks to its iron hooves.” He elaborated.

“Including you.” Li Qiye laughed.

The dean chuckled awkwardly without confirming.

The students were impressed, not expecting the bull to be so strong.

“Oh? Am I hearing praises of how awesome I am?” A voice came out of nowhere.

The bull suddenly appeared and raised its frontal hooves, trying to act cool like a stallion while flexing its muscles.

The students became startled and staggered backward with fear.

“Brat, what are you trying to do here? I heard you robbed the tree blind earlier.” The bull said.

“What if I do the same to Beast Garden too?” Li Qiye looked straight at the bull.

“Haha, I want you to do exactly that so that the bastard saint can stop benefitting.” The bull laughed.

“It’s being disrespectful...” One student said.

Desolate Saint was a supreme existence in the mind of these students. Their ancestors wouldn’t have a home without him.

“You’re from Repentance Institution, why do you care about Desolate Saint?” The bull heartily laughed: “If I was a student, no, a citizen of that city, I will curse that bastard for doing something like that. His light could reach all of Three Immortals yet he left a crappy place like Repentance behind? What’s the

point? Is that how he wants to let the rest know how awesome his light is? Telling the descendants that only he can save the world? Bah, buncha bullshit, saint my ass. In my opinion, he's the source of darkness!"

"Hey now, don't besmirch our progenitor's good name." Du Wenrui felt a headache coming soon.

Li Qiye had made the young ones confused earlier and the bull continued to fan the fire at this moment. This might spell trouble for the foundation of the academy in the future.

"Forget it, I'm not gonna waste time with this crap." The bull said with disdain: "It has nothing to do with me anyway, I'm not a member of Academy of Light." It guffawed again.

"Where are you from then?" Li Qiye asked.

"Me? Hehe, my origin is heaven-defying." The bull proudly raised its head up and said: "I am a true immortal visiting the mortal realm who has traveled with the three immortals across the four oceans..."

It went on for a bit about its adventures without holding back. The students remained skeptical.

"Is that so? I can activate my heavenly gaze to see your real roots." Li Qiye smirked at the beast.

"..." The bull stopped laughing right away and became awkward: "No, no need for that, I'm very busy, very busy." It hastily fled right away.

[Chapter 2855: Beast Garden](#)

"Brat, where there is light, there is darkness. Or perhaps the light is gestated from the darkness. Take care of yourself now, never see you again." The bull ran and yelled at the same time.

The young ones looked at each other in confusion, not knowing why it was in such a hurry to leave.

Du Wenrui shook his head after seeing this. The origin of the bull has been a mystery all this time. It was here in Beast Garden since people started recording the history of this place.

"Let's keep going." He told the group and led the way.

The garden was massive with rolling mountain ranges and majestic rivers looking like coiling dragons. The place was brimming with life, full of birds flying around and fish jumping playfully out of the water.

These animals were naturally different from the ones outside. One could sense a flow of light power within them. Though this force was still weak, its palpable purity made up for it.

The group became curious. One student asked: "Dean, how do we know which of them are sacred beasts?"

"You've misunderstood, thinking that sacred beasts must be really powerful, right? No, the truth is that everything here can be considered sacred beasts, even the tiniest ants. Sacred beast is just a denomination including all the creatures living in Beast Garden regardless of how much light power they have." Du Wenrui shook his head and explained.

The group didn't expect this answer. Before coming to the garden, they thought that sacred beasts were incredible creatures with great power.

“Of course, there are beasts strong enough here that even the emperors don’t want to mess with.” Du Wenrui saw the disappointment on their face and said: “You might not be able to see them until we go farther in.”

“Let’s go already!” They became excited.

Du Wenrui chuckled and elaborated: “Some divided the sacred beasts into different levels. For example, those birds and fish are just normal sacred beasts. The ones that cultivated should be considered the real things, such as that wild boar over there.” He pointed forward.

The group looked over and saw a wild boar. It opened its mouth and spat out a sword embryo with a sharp glint.

“Clank!” It made a sound like a sword leaving its sheath and destroyed the boulder ahead.

“A real sacred beast!” The group excitedly shouted.

The boar heard their cries and glanced at the group before running.

“Dean, can we tame that one?” One student noticed that this boar wasn’t especially strong.

“Try, test your power and fortune.” Du Wenrui smiled and encouraged them.

The students cheered and immediately chased after the boar. It increased speed after seeing pursuers but the young ones didn’t relent, wanting to catch it at all cost.

The boar was too weak to escape and was surrounded in no time at all. Some students jumped on its back in order to immobilize it.

“Bam! Bam! Bam!” It swung its bottom upward and flung them down in one go.

It released its sword embryo again and shot out rays everywhere. The students instantly took out their defensive treasures.

Zhou Qiushi was the strongest among them. He blocked the attack with his shield and blocked the boar’s way.

It was forced to lay down on its stomach, unable to escape.

“Will you follow me?” He shouted.

The boar snorted and struggled while ignoring Zhou Qiushi.

“Dean, I thought they would follow after you defeat them.” One student didn’t understand.

“Well, that... that depends on the circumstances.” Du Wenrui smiled awkwardly.

“What are you talking about?” Li Qiye shook his head: “Okay, they are attracted to the power of the light so taming them is very simple. First, your light power has to be tempting enough. Next, break the shackles between the beast and the light power here. In other words, you just need to be strong enough to wake it up from its stupor here, no need to defeat it.”

The direct response from Li Qiye made it difficult for Du Wenrui to respond.

“So there’s no other way?” One student asked.

“Not necessarily.” Du Wenrui elaborated: “Did you see the Sacred Director’s lion? It originated from here too, very powerful but still left with him.”

The students exchanged glances. They have seen that beast and its power.

Eventually, they realized that they weren’t strong enough and released the boar. It was pointless to forcefully take it away from the garden since it would always want to run back here. Plus, it was too weak and had limited usefulness.

“Just keep trying since this is good training for actual combat even if you can’t tame one.” Du Wenrui said.

The group agreed. Just beating one improved their confidence, no need to tame one. They happily rushed forward in order to find another beast. Li Qiye and Du Wenrui followed in the back.

“Ahem. Student Li, do you have a plan in coming here?” Du Wenrui asked.

“I thought you wanted me to come here, Dean. I’m just following all your orders here so how can I have a plan of my own?” Li Qiye feigned innocence.

“You’re a supreme master, how can a villager such as myself order you?” Wenrui shook his head, looking helpless.

He knew full well that Li Qiye had a reason for coming to Sacred Mountain. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have been able to force Li Qiye here.

It definitely wasn’t because of the fruits nor the beasts since he gave the supreme fruits away without any hesitation.

“What kind of man is your progenitor in your opinion?” Li Qiye suddenly asked.

“Hmm...” Wenrui didn’t expect this question. He let out an unnatural smile and said: “The progenitor is a historically great figure, his light illuminates and saves many beings...”

“But not your city.” Li Qiye interrupted.

Du Wenrui’s flow was gone. He paused for a moment before concluding: “Nobody is perfect, defects exist in all things.”

“I see.” Li Qiye gazed towards the end of Sacred Mountain and said flatly: “I am here to take a look over there, the source of your light power. Just a look, that’s all.”

Du Wenrui became frightened for some reason even though Li Qiye said that he only wanted to take a look.

“It’s not easy to get there. Those who enter will not want to leave. Those who actually manage to leave all die soon after, not wanting to talk about it.” Wenrui said softly.

“I’m aware of the light power. To put it delicately, it is salvation and enlightenment. To be frank, it is brainwashing. The power of the light serves as shackles. It bewitches the dao heart. When the latter isn’t firm enough to stop Desolate Saint, only death awaits the intruders.”

Wenrui remained silent. The illuminating light was certainly beneficial to the living beings but the thing behind it might not be as positive.

“That’s why I want to go take a look. I’m certainly not a good person, but neither is your progenitor. Remember, this system has been accumulating power and resources for millions of years. It is extremely nutritious!”

[Chapter 2856: Those Few](#)

Du Wenrui’s expression soured while looking at Li Qiye.

“Certain things shouldn’t be said with such triviality.” He solemnly spoke: “It has grave implications and can destroy more than just one’s reputation, it destroys an entire era...”

“Reputation is meaningless. In the eyes of some, an epoch and billions of existences are meaningless, only things to be used.” Li Qiye replied.

He paused for a bit before speaking frankly: “The truth is that this system alone is only enough to be an appetizer. All of Three Immortals is the main course.”

Du Wenrui’s expression changed again, looking quite stoic. He thought about his words and spoke with prudence: “I believe you’re overthinking it.”

“Do you remember the scene of your progenitor’s statue collapsing? The pulsing darkness tore apart the sky vault. Do you think that was darkness sealed by your progenitor?” Li Qiye smiled and said.

Du Wenrui was shaken in response. The darkness resulting from the sword being taken away was extremely terrifying and powerful. It left a shadow in him, causing him to feel unrest due to the looming presence of an ominous seed.

“Well, tell me whom that darkness belongs to then.” Li Qiye asked: “You’re just trying to make yourself feel better, saying that it was sealed by your progenitor. It escaped because the seal was broken. Of course, this is the best outcome, whether it be for your own sake or everyone else’s, you want it to be that way. Unfortunately, really ask yourself, is it true? Is this really what you want? Or does the depth of your heart instinctively yearn for the real truth?” He grinned after saying this.

Du Wenrui felt suffocated. He has been in Repentance Institution long enough to know more than other people about the thing lurking behind the light.

So many worshipped the light, some did so blindly. Du Wenrui remained vigilant since not everything was as pretty as it was on the surface. That’s another reason why he chose to stay in Repentance.

Thus, Li Qiye had peeled away the thin layer shrouding the truth while he already had a good idea of the truth.

“You’re very close.” Li Qiye smiled: “The only thing left is whether you have the courage to face what lies behind the curtain, the origin of your progenitor!”

“Good or evil emanates from a single thought. Doing good for an era means that one is good.” Du Wenrui said.

“That’s logically sound but this is more of a personal issue of your part. Nevertheless, your acceptance doesn’t bend reality.” Li Qiye leisurely said.

“What are you going to do? Take our system down and extinguish the light?” Du Wenrui sighed and asked. [1]

“You have quite an imagination. The academy doesn’t oppose me so why should I take it down? I only destroy those standing in my way. Or, do you think the academy will eventually become an obstacle?” Li Qiye shook his head.

“My academy only serves to teach and dispel confusion, not compete with the world.” Du Wenrui contemplated for a moment before shaking his head as well.

“Then there you go, Academy of Light will still be the system filled with holiness in your mind then.” Li Qiye smiled.

“You mean...?” Du Wenrui murmured.

“I have no plans against the academy, same with your progenitor. At least not when he’s Desolate Saint. I’m only here to take a look, assuming the role of a scoundrel trying to judge a gentleman.” Li Qiye revealed: “Plus, I’m not a bad person either, it’s fine to play the part of a scoundrel.” [2]

“What if, just what if... your thoughts are true...?” Wenrui eventually said. He didn’t have the courage to finish his sentence.

After all, the academy was his birthplace. He grew up here and worshipped the light, always trying to stay true to his faith.

But what if Li Qiye was telling the truth? Did he really have the courage to face it?

“Don’t worry, propriety will be exercised even if I’m a heinous villain. Otherwise, why would I bother to chat with you right now? I would just be direct since nothing can stop me anyway.” Li Qiye chuckled.

Du Wenrui heaved a sigh of relief and put on a helpless smile. He could only pray that thing wouldn’t escalate to that level.

Meanwhile, the young ones were pursuing sacred beasts in the mountain. They chased after several of varying strengths. Alas, they failed to subdue a single one due to their weak cultivation.

Moreover, the stronger ones made them run for their lives, eventually culminating in a bad beating.

Of course, they weren’t the only ones who got taught a good lesson. Li Qiye and Du Wenrui saw other students peeing their pants after meeting the stronger beasts.

“Rumble!” Loud rumbling resounded after they crossed a ridge.

“Get back.” Du Wenrui’s expression changed and pulled the students back.

They instantly saw a dozen students running for their lives towards the outer region. Their expression was as dark and dejected as can be.

“Rumble!” A dust storm covered the mountain as far as the eye can see.

“Wild wolves!” The young ones felt their legs giving in after seeing the ferocious horde.

There were enough of them to devour the heaven and earth. The leader of this pack was a wolf king with silver fur from top to bottom.

“C’mon, we were just messing around, no need for this.” One fleeing student shouted.

“Arrrwooo!” Howls continued in the back. The wolves didn’t let the students go.

“They courted death, daring to try and kidnap the wolf king’s baby.” Wenrui noticed that one of the students was holding a baby wolf, also silver in color.

So it turned out that this group waited for the wolf king to leave then snuck into its lair and stole the baby. The king found out later and pursued with its pack.

“Ahh!” Sure enough, the students didn’t make it far before being stamped into meat paste.

The young ones were scared out of their mind after seeing this.

“Yes, better think twice and weigh yourself before kidnapping a baby beast or an egg.” Wenrui smiled at them.

They felt a chill coursing down their spine since they actually thought about doing this not long ago. The ferocious wolves deterred them from even thinking about this. A successful kidnap would still result in death once their parents find out.

As they moved on, they saw more students being killed by sacred beasts.

On a particular peak, they watched an armored Eternal from Northern Academy trying to subdue a crane.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Unfortunately, he was smacked by the crane’s wings and shot through several mountains.

This student started to run after seeing the mismatch. However, the crane didn’t relent, leaving this student no choice but to use his ace card to escape from its sharp beak.

The young ones finally realized the danger in trying to tame these beasts, about a thousand times more dangerous than their imagination.

“I didn’t know sacred beasts are so ferocious.” One of them murmured.

“Yes, some of them used to be wild beast kings before so they don’t play nice. They have joined the light but their wild instinct is still about the same.” Wenrui said.

“I guess we should only watch.” They quickly gave up the idea of capturing one.

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The students naturally wanted to take one or two beasts back. A strong one would become a capable supporter in the future. They needed them more than other students due to their background.

This seemed impossible now. Even an Eternal ran for his life; they had no chance of capturing the stronger beasts. Stealing an egg or kidnapping a baby weren't good ideas either, potentially a suicidal endeavor.

"This is too difficult, let's just go back." One of them said, losing the prior enthusiasm.

"We can't take them with us even after winning." Another smiled bitterly.

Zhou Qiushi managed to defeat a boar earlier but it wouldn't follow him.

"It's not impossible, you just need to sever." Li Qiye said.

He raised his finger and light started gathering at the tip. The strands rotating looked like tiny galaxies - extremely beautiful and impossible to fathom.

"Rumble!" Suddenly, deafening noises blasted from all directions, coming from the sacred beasts rushing towards them. The young ones became confused.

White rhinoceros, crimson king, fire crane, sage ape, golden pig... Various beasts converged in their area.

Each was powerful with an intimidating aura. They also had a bright glow that kept on jumping around, seemingly excited due to seeing something good.

They lay down in front of Li Qiye in a docile manner. The rhinoceros and others started rubbing their head against pants, showing their affection.

Meanwhile, the young ones became astounded with their eyes wide open. This seemed like a dream.

Capturing just one sacred beast was hard enough but all Li Qiye did was raise one finger and so many came to pay their respect. He looked like the lord of beasts. Millions of creatures would come to him, treating it as a pilgrimage.

"Pop!" He touched the head of the rhinoceros and pulled back with a shimmering light law in his hand.

"This is severing. Of course, you have to tame them first before severing." He spread his palm to reveal the jumping law that seems to be alive.

For some reason, this light law was clearly holy but in the eyes of the students, they thought that it looked like a parasite.

"Raaa!" With the law gone, the rhino's violent instinct instantly returned. It thrust its horn straight at his chest.

"Down." Li Qiye flicked his finger and the rhino immediately dropped to the ground due to his suppression.

"And after the severing, if your light is strong enough, you can also take the beast away just like that director." Li Qiye smiled.

“Buzz.” Radiance emerged from his chest. The strands were holy enough to make the students want to prostrate and worship him.

The sacred beasts nearby did the same too, completely won over.

“See? This is taming.” He concluded.

The students couldn’t be more shocked and took a deep breath. In the beginning, they thought that taming a sacred beast required using force to convince it of one’s superiority. Now, Li Qiye didn’t need to fight yet he was still able to tame so many at one time. This was too heaven-defying.

Li Qiye dispersed his light and flicked his finger again with a smile: “Go now.”

“Buzz.” The dispersing light poured down golden particles and fell on the beasts.

They looked as if they had just woken up from a long slumber and ran for dear life, disappearing into the mountains.

The only one staying behind was the rhino with its light law taken away. It continued to play next to Li Qiye, rubbing its head against his leg.

“Go too, I have released your shackles, you can leave now.” Li Qiye raised his finger, causing the rhino to float into the air then fall back down.

The rhino took a quick glance at Li Qiye before galloping away.

“This is a great technique, only those at Young Noble Li’s level can do it. Don’t try to copy this.” Wenrui smiled and told the students.

“I’m not teaching them how to tame sacred beasts, only showing them the real essence here. Light is also a chain. It can lock the head of these sacred beasts along with the neck of people, that’s all.”

“Your fellow students might start questioning life if it keeps going like this.” Du Wenrui didn’t know what to do.

“The light isn’t bad, but it is idiotic to follow it blindly.” Li Qiye looked at him.

Du Wenrui wanted to say something else but refrained himself after sighing. Ultimately, they had conflicting standpoints and perspectives.

“Rumble!” Another group of men arrived while the students were still confused.

They immediately halted in an orderly manner. This was a cavalry, wait, no...

They were a type of hybrid - man on top and horse on the bottom. Their weapon of choice was bow and arrow.

“Centaur...” One student quietly said. [1]

“It should be this place with all the beasts gathering, thousands of them.” One of them stated.

“Right.” A middle-aged man breathed in the air. He had a crest made of golden leaves woven together.

“My name is Yang Chengli. Did anything out of the ordinary happen here just now? Like a gathering of sacred beasts?” He asked the students with a serious tone.

The students turned towards Li Qiye and Du Wenrui.

“Ah, Centaur God of Archery from Divine Beast Legion. It is my pleasure.” Wenrui laughed.

“Dean Du.” The middle-aged man recognized Du Wenrui, furrowing his brows.

“You’re that Li Qiye.” He then focused on the sword behind Li Qiye’s back, his eyes turned cold.

“That’s my name.” Li Qiye smiled.

The man had a murderous glint in his eyes before speaking to Du Wenrui: “Dean Du, we know the rules of Academy of Light but our members can’t die for no reason. We need a proper answer in order to report back to Her Majesty.”

Yang Chengli was a centaur with the title of Centaur God of Archery. He was also part of True Dragon Court under the banner of Violet Dragon Empress and a member of Divine Beast Legion.

Wu Ke and the others killed by Li Qiye made up a small group under his battalion.

“They can only blame themselves for lacking skills.” Li Qiye smiled.

Du Wenrui didn’t need to speak since Li Qiye had personally taken charge.

“Young man, don’t be arrogant. Make a formal report of the issue for the empress. If you were in the right, we will not pursue this any further. If you killed my men wantonly, then a life for a life, no pardon.” The centaur god glared at him in response.

“There’s nothing to say, you can ask other people if you want to know what happened. But, I killed them so feel free to try and avenge them.” Li Qiye leisurely said.

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Li Qiye’s answer seemed contemptuous and arrogant to others. Only Du Wenrui accepted with a wry smile, thinking that Li Qiye was only speaking the truth.

The power disparity was simply unfair. Li Qiye was already being nice and merciful enough by even just talking to the guy, more benevolent than a high monk.

Just imagine, he was a supreme giant standing before an ant. The latter even spoke in an inquisitive and aggressive manner yet the former still answered.

Remember, just one toe would be more than enough to crush this ant.

Of course, the centaur god had no idea that this was the case. His expression turned ugly after being shown such disdain.

Remember, he wasn’t only the leader of the centaurs and a member of True Dragon Court. Most importantly, he was also an Aramanthine Eternal - strong enough to sweep through the eight realms.

With strength came pride so he had a hard time swallowing this anger.

“You are determined to provoke our legion and empress?” The archer revealed his bloodthirst: “You should know that it is very unwise to do so. Hmph, you won’t be the only one dead but those close to you...”

“Ahem.” Du Wenrui cleared his throat and jumped in: “Archery God, I’m afraid you are misunderstanding Student Li. If you wish to resolve this issue...”

“Dean Du.” The centaur god interrupted him: “This isn’t enough to place the blame on your academy but the one who doesn’t want to resolve this is your student, not us. If you want him to come out okay, then give our legion an acceptable answer, such as confessing to the crime and facing any punishment.”

Du Wenrui chuckled after hearing this and stopped bothering with this suicidal man. Why would a supreme giant care enough to justify his action to a bunch of ants?

No need for that. He could end that entire legion once they provoke him enough!

“You don’t seem like a bad guy, just a little stupid. Okay, I forgive your insolence and will spare your life.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

“Hahaha!” The centaur god exploded in laughter after hearing this. The other members nearby guffawed, thinking that this was the most hilarious thing they have ever heard.

“Forgive my insolence?” Yang Chengli stared at Li Qiye in a daze: “So funny, do you not know who I am?”

“And who do you think you are? A supreme emperor? Hmph, only Her Majesty can forgive me for any insolence! You are not even a speck of dust before her!” His eyes became fierce; his tone turned cold.

These words weren’t just ignorant boasting. In fact, he was indeed considered a big shot, a top master in the eyes of many people. Moreover, Violet Dragon Empress’ cultivation was unfathomable - on the same level as Holyfrost True Emperor.

Du Wenrui shook his head. The guy kept on digging his own grave.

“I haven’t seen this empress before but I’m sure she’s not much, perhaps qualified to be a bed warmer for me at best.” Li Qiye didn’t care.

“You!” Dense bloodlust emanated from the centaur god, resulting in a layer of frost forming nearby and making people shudder.

“Ignorant fool, you will be shown no mercy for insulting the empress!” A disciple from his tribe shouted.

“Kill this idiot already, exterminate his nine clans for his insolence!” Another furiously shouted.

The empress was a supreme existence in both True Dragon Court and Divine Beast Legion, admired by numerous disciples.

They were enraged to hear Li Qiye insult their leader, wanting nothing more than to kill him and washing away his dirty mouth with his own blood.

“Unforgivable! No one will be able to save you today!” The centaur god became murderous.

“We’ll see about that. When you leave this place alive and tormented, tell your empress that I’m missing a maid and she can fulfill that spot. Of course, it’s fine if she doesn’t want to. I’ll make her obediently do so anyway when I feel like it.”

Zhou Qiushi and the others couldn’t believe it. They stood there, speechless.

Violet Dragon Empress was a supreme existence like the ruler of heaven. People were always stirred after hearing her title. That’s why Li Qiye’s statement was so outrageous and cocky.

“Leader, cut him to pieces! To pieces!” The disciples continuously roared.

“This will be your last moment!” The centaur god opened a sack and everything turned dark. Crows started flying out of it.

“Poof!” The crows blazed up so the sky was completely covered in flames.

“Firegod Crows!” Zhou Qiushi recognized them right away.

These birds were ferocious with beaks as sharp as blades - sure to leave bloody holes. Their flames were more destructive - able to turn people to ashes in the blink of an eye.

“Ignorant brat, make your move.” The centaur god glared intimidatingly at Li Qiye.

“No bow and arrows? Aren’t you the Centaur God of Archery?” Li Qiye didn’t bother looking at the fiery crows in the sky.

“Killing you will only stain my arrow.” The centaur god uttered coldly: “My crows will peck your flesh away, piece by piece, so that you will suffer a fate worse than death. Your cries will echo in this place.”

The young ones shuddered in fear as if they could see this terrible fate befalling on Li Qiye. Du Wenrui, on the other hand, chuckled while shaking his head.

“I see, just some little crows, let them come instead of just ominously circling up there making people feel unlucky.” Li Qiye said dismissively.

The centaur god’s expression turned unsightly. He took time carefully grooming these crows. They were extremely strong and could form a battle formation. Many experts have died to their beaks.

“Leader, blind him first then tear his chest apart to dig out his heart!” One centaur shouted.

“Go!” The centaur god whistled a kill command.

“Whoosh!” The crows instantly swooped down while the flames around them ignited.

It looked like thousands of fire arrows were shooting straight for Li Qiye. One could hear loud banging noises like falling meteors.

They were lightning-fast as well, just taking one split second to be inches above him. Meanwhile, Li Qiye stood still as if unable to react.

“Be careful, move!” Zhou Qiushi cried out.

Li Qiye finally looked up and smiled. He opened his mouth and spewed out a flame. This flame looked quite ordinary but it easily swept through the crows, causing them to screech pitifully.

They were made from flames in the first place so nothing looked out of the ordinary. However, this common fire incinerated them to ashes in no time at all.

[Chapter 2859: Instant Win](#)

“No!” The centaur god bellowed after seeing the end of his beloved crows.

He couldn't react in time either. A fiery plume touched and set him on fire.

“Destroy!” He wasn't afraid in the beginning and formed a mudra in order to freeze everything including this fire around him.

“Buzz.” Alas, the condensing layer of frost was burned away all the same.

“Ah!” He let out a shriek since the flame penetrated his body.

His powerful vitality and power couldn't suppress this incinerating flame. He rolled on the ground in agony but the fire didn't relent.

“Run, the farther away, the better the chance of losing it.” Li Qiye chuckled while looking at the rolling centaur.

The centaur heard him and ran for his life. Sure enough, the flame around him weakened quite a bit.

Upon realizing this, he mustered all of his strength to fly towards the horizon while leaving a blazing trail behind. Due to the location of the flame, it looked like his butt was shooting out fire and propelling him upward.

With him gone, not just Zhou Qiushi's group but the centaurs also became slack-jawed.

Their leader, a Millennium Eternal, was running for his life in such a pitiful manner. They would never believe it if they weren't seeing it with their own eyes right now.

They eventually regained their wits and turned white - staggering backward, gripping their bow, and assuming a defensive stance.

“Scram, I will spare all of you today but I won't be so nice next time.” Li Qiye glanced at them.

The centaurs were ecstatic to hear this and immediately fled in the other direction.

“Come back.” Suddenly, Li Qiye spoke so they became frozen, not daring to be reckless.

“Tell your Empress that I need a maid right now and for her to come. Go.” He smiled and dismissively waved.

The centaurs were naturally furious but they could only run, aware of his might.

Zhou Qiushi's group stood there in a daze. They wouldn't know what to say even once they have calmed down.

A shocking event had just transpired and more would come due to this message. Du Wenrui was the only one who took it in stride.

“Come out now. The show’s over.” Li Qiye said flatly after the centaurs were gone.

With that, a figure appeared not far from there, gripping his weapon tightly. It was Treasure Source True God who warned Li Qiye earlier.

The young ones were surprised since they didn’t notice someone hiding so close to them.

“Still want revenge?” Li Qiye smiled, not caring at all.

The true god tasted this feeling of disdain for the first time, being viewed as an ant by someone else. Alas, he knew Li Qiye was far stronger than him. That centaur god earlier was also stronger than him but all the guy could do was run.

“I will never give up for as long as I live.” The true god was on edge the entire time. He calmed down after seeing Li Qiye not wanting to attack.

Nevertheless, he still had a determined expression and coldly uttered: “Kindness must be repaid. I will avenge Teacher Deng.”

“Very courageous, I will spare you again today but this is the last time. Run as far away as possible, don’t seek death.” Li Qiye shook his head in response.

“I won’t give up, I won’t!” The true god put away his weapon and stared straight at Li Qiye to say this before leaving.

“It’s good to pay a debt of gratitude but unfortunately, you will never be able to avenge him. Only death awaits you.” Li Qiye smiled.

The true god paused in silence for a bit before leaving.

“He won’t give up.” Du Wenrui said while looking at the departing figure.

He has seen plenty of people and knew that this guy was hellbent on getting revenge despite knowing the power gap.

“Seems like he received a lot of kindness.” Li Qiye didn’t mind killing another person.

“Indeed, it’s too bad.” Wenrui shook his head: “His achievements today might have something to do with Deng Rensen. Rensen was only a regular teacher there. To have someone willing to die for him like this, looks like he did his job.”

Du Wenrui was relatively surprised because Rensen wasn’t considered an exceptional teacher. Plus, he was narrow-minded too. Having a student ready to die to avenge him might be his biggest accomplishment.

Li Qiye only smiled back, not commenting on the situation.

“Boom!” Suddenly, the entire garden started trembling.

“What’s happening?” The young ones shook back and forth, needing some time to stabilize.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Bright dots appeared in the sky, seemingly originating from a certain location in the garden and looking like fireworks.

“Hmm, someone opened the ancient courtyard.” Wenrui was taken aback.

“What is that?” The young ones have never heard of this place in Sacred Mountain, only the Sacred Orchard and Beast Garden.

“It’s a part of Beast Garden.” Wenrui looked at Li Qiye and said: “It’s normally sealed and only a selected few know how to open it. How strange to see this happening today.”

“Someone came prepared then.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“This might not be a good thing.” Wenrui pondered: “Many ancient sacred beasts are slumbering in there so why does someone want to open it? When they wake up, even the experts will be crushed into a pulp.”

“We’ll find out when we get there.” Li Qiye smiled.

Wenrui was more nervous than anyone else and immediately headed for the courtyard. The others followed right behind him.

“Dean, what are ancient sacred beasts? Are they the real ones?” One student became curious.

“Not real or anything like that. After reaching a certain power level, these beasts would enter the courtyard and sleep there, hence the added adjective. True Emperors are afraid of them too.” Wenrui explained.

“I see.” The student understood.

Meanwhile, the entire garden was in upheaval with news traveling across the mountain.

“Goldtypha True Emperor found a sealed area, let’s go take a look!” A student shouted.

“What kind?” Others became excited.

“I don’t know, I think there are slumbering sacred beasts in there, super strong ones. Hehe, maybe we can grab some treasures while they’re sleeping, maybe some eggs too.” One ran towards the courtyard.

Students in both the orchard and garden were stirred after receiving the news. They stopped their current task and ran for the ruins.

“The brat came prepared.” Several old men were located in a certain location on the mountain. The director was among them.

“People have always been coveting our academy. Is this Goldtypha’s idea alone or Orchid Sage’s?” A different old man’s eyes became fierce.

“Just watch for now.” One more added.

“Are we ready for everything possible?” Another worried.

“Don’t worry, Geezer Du is here, he’ll be able to handle this.” The director calmed them down.

The old men exchanged glances and stopped speaking.

[Chapter 2860: Ancient Courtyard](#)

Two divine peaks stood proudly deeper in the garden. In the past, people wouldn’t look twice at them.

After all, even these impressive peaks were a common sight in this area.

Now, many gave them special attention. The two peaks looked like a portal especially due to the pulsing light there. One door seemed to be open, revealing the world within.

In fact, one could sense an ancient and majestic aura from far away. It seemingly came from an old era and filled with the presence of beasts.

This bestial aura was overwhelming. Just one strand alone could topple the mountains and overturn the seas.

Despite the abundance of power, it was still stable and steady. It wouldn’t hurt anything under the light affinity - akin to the mighty undercurrents of the ocean. It would only hit the rocks below without causing real trouble.

Numerous students have made it to the two peaks. They crossed through the entrance and found an even larger world, one pristine and primordial.

Li Qiye’s group got here a while after. They saw broken runes to the left and right. This place has been sealed before but the seal was broken now.

“Yep, Goldtypha True Emperor came prepared.” Li Qiye glanced at the runes and chuckled.

“Goldtypha alone doesn’t know much about the ancient courtyard.” Wenrui pondered for a bit before speaking: “Maybe he heard about it from his master.”

Orchid Sage, his master, was a current generation progenitor - a supreme being. This courtyard was mysterious and magical but still not enough to get into his sight. He didn’t open it back then for this reason.

This wasn’t the case for his disciple, Goldtypha True Emperor. One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.

Goldtypha clearly made plans before this. Perhaps his goal in coming here was to open the ancient courtyard.

“Let’s enter and find out.” Li Qiye smiled and stepped in between the mountains.

When one entered this pulsing radiance in the middle, they would be blinded for a moment before reaching a new realm.

In reality, this was still Beast Garden, only separated by a great technique. No one has been here before.

The young ones sensed the great aura, feeling that they have gone back in time.

Pristine forests stretched forever. One tree alone could blot out the sky. The mountains here were also taller and bigger than the ones outside.

However, few animals could be seen. A place like this should have plenty of them.

“Such powerful light affinity.” Zhou Qiushi murmured.

The light wasn’t actually visible here but they could feel this invisible power rising like a spring beneath, wetting their shoes and feet.

“That’s why so many colossal beasts are sleeping in this place, even meeting their end here too. It’s very tempting to them.” Li Qiye smiled.

They weren’t the only ones here right now. A mass of students scattered across the peaks and rivers.

“Where are the big ones?” One student stood on top of a tree and said.

People said that the courtyard had plenty of powerful beasts, even the ancient ones. Alas, they didn’t see a single bird or fish after coming here, let alone a gigantic one.

“Did we get tricked?” Another wondered.

One became mad enough to start rampaging with palm strikes, breaking down a great tree and causing dust to fly everywhere.

“Pop!” Eyes suddenly opened on a mountain to the astonishment of the crowd.

“Boom!” An explosion added to the confusion.

The ground suddenly sank down, pulling the mountain with it and leaving a terrible crater behind.

“Whoosh!” The stupefied students nearby were immediately sucked in.

“Save me!” Cries for help sounded but it was too late. They disappeared along with the mountains in the vicinity.

“Bam!” Finally, the crater closed again.

After the dust settled, people realized that it was a gigantic mouth, not a crater. Moreover, it was only slightly opened earlier yet still enough to devour mountains.

Many from far away noticed a mountain range stretching for a thousand miles right behind the mouth.

“Damn! That’s a gigantic python, an ancient species!” A knowledgeable student shouted in horror.

The lucky survivors started shuddering while the screamers realized their situation and shut up.

They looked around and felt as if the mountains around them were occupied by ancient beasts and that this was a primordial world.

They noticed a lack of creatures earlier but now, perhaps the very ground they were standing on was a body part of a great beast.

“We’ve messed up...” One felt his knees giving in.

One student carefully pushed away a relatively small peak and saw the spots of a leopard. He meticulously observed and said: “There’s an ancient leopard here, look, that thing stretching for hundreds of miles is only its tail and this great mountain is its body.

The crowd came to take a look and gasped after confirming. They realized that the ancient courtyard really had many amazing beasts - the rulers of this world. They were only uninvited intruders, completely pitiful in comparison just like flies. No, even smaller.

“Are, are we done here, should we leave now?” One student from Repentance no longer had the courage to move forward.

In his opinion, they were too small to even fill the gap between the teeth of these beasts.

“Don’t worry, they won’t wake up if we don’t provoke it. Even if they do, they won’t eat you anyway.” Wenrui smiled: “We’re like flies to them, so would you randomly eat a fly? No, their food will be something bigger.”

The students found this logical and heaved a sigh of relief.

“Let’s keep on moving.” Li Qiye went forward, seemingly amused.

The group followed right along, copying his steps. They didn’t want to accidentally go to the wrong place and be swallowed whole by a monster. Only being next to Li Qiye made them feel safe.

The students from the other academies calmed down as well. They quietly marched deeper into this land, no longer shouting.

Du Wenrui was far in the back this time, gazing into the horizon. There seemed to be something on his mind.