

Emperor 2861

[Chapter 2861: Peacebringer Magpie](#)

“We meet again, what a coincidence.” Li Qiye’s group didn’t get far before being stopped by a voice from the back.

They turned around and saw the black bull behind them. It was eating grass with a leisurely demeanor. The students stared at it with a strange expression.

“What mischief are you up to?” Li Qiye asked.

“Hehehe, just taking in the sceneries, this is my home, you know? I’m not allowed to come here?” The bull seemed to be up to no good.

“Of course you can be here, just not right behind me. Keep on doing so when I’m hungry and I’ll think about stir-frying some beef, haha.” Li Qiye said.

“Okay, okay, I’m just playing around.” The bull became tense: “Don’t take me seriously.”

The young ones smiled after seeing this. They felt that the bull was slightly vile, just not hostile towards them.

Li Qiye ignored the bull and continued forward.

The bull caught up to him and revealed a wretched smile: “Brother, I’ll let you know that I’ve found a small secret here, very juicy.”

“Are you a pimp? You sound like you’re trying to solicit customers for a brothel right now.” Li Qiye looked at it and said.

“C’mon now, I look nothing like that, am clearly an immortal species from birth. Hurry up and apologize for insulting me right now!” The bull jumped up and started shouting.

“I’ve insulted plenty of people, it’s fine to add one more to the count.” Li Qiye replied.

The bull saw his tough attitude and decided to back down.

“Hey, look, that river over there is so beautiful.” A youth exclaimed while pointing forward.

Everyone looked ahead and saw a mighty river with seven-colored water. Its flow looked like something in a dream, a river from heaven. People couldn’t help wanting to jump in for a swim.

“Yea, it looks pretty and also a very poisonous, seven-colored devil serpent.” The bull laughed before roaring.

“Splash!” This “river” suddenly became erected straight towards the sky. All the water seemed to be flowing upward.

“!!!” The students couldn’t believe what they saw at the very top. The head or mouth of this creature was split into eight petals of flesh. Each had teeth all over the inside layer.

The students turned pale and quickly retreated.

“Little caterpillar, go back to sleep.” The bull put on an arrogant posture and told the serpent.

“Splash!” This seven-colored creature stared at the bull for a bit before returning to the ground and becoming a beautiful “river” once more.

The young ones no longer viewed this river as a sight to behold any longer.

“You, you know that thing?” One student calmed down and asked the bull.

“Look at who I am. A true immortal in the mortal realm, a one-and-only lord of the beasts, the emperor of all creatures. This seven-colored devil serpent is nothing more than a caterpillar in my eyes.” The bull advertised with trumpet and drum, looking very pleased with itself.

“Really?” The students had admiration in their eyes.

“Of course, as real as can be.” The bull fully enjoyed this moment.

“Don’t listen to this nonsense, it is in its nature to brag.” Li Qiye smiled: “If it were a true immortal, it would have ascended by now instead of hanging around here.”

The bull looked like a deflated balloon after being exposed by Li Qiye, instantly lowering its head.

“Chirp...” A pleasant chirping interrupted their conversation. A bird flew closer, only around the size of a fist or so.

It had a pair of golden wings and a blue tail. The most interesting thing about it was a rune on its forehead - ancient and impossible to understand.

Only Li Qiye was able to decipher the rune. Its meaning was “virtue”.

The bird left behind a radiant trail in its wake so it looked very transcending.

“What a pretty bird.” A student praised.

It circled around Li Qiye several times before chirping and leaving.

“A peacebringer magpie...” Du Wenrui who has been quiet the entire time in the back became startled.

The bird quickly returned with a garland in its beak and placed it on top of Li Qiye’s head. It circled around him several more times before shooting towards the sky like an arrow and disappearing from sight.

“No way...” Du Wenrui shouted.

“... Something big is about to happen. This age won’t be the same...” The bull loudly said. Its eyes were wide open - bigger than two bronze bells.

Both Du Wenrui and the bull stood there frozen as if they had just been struck by lightning.

Li Qiye ignored them and looked at the garland with a smile: “Very well made.”

“Well-made? Not just that, this is the ultimate glory in the world, so many brilliant geniuses and existences in the past can’t obtain it...” The bull said...

Wenrui was completely speechless - this was a miracle of the ages.

“What happened?” The students had no idea what was going on.

“That was a peacebringer magpie earlier.” Wenrui said.

“Is it that strong?” They still didn’t get it.

The bull was clearly a mighty creature yet it looked stunned too. Could that magpie be even stronger?

“It’s not an issue of strength.” The bull regained its wits.

Nevertheless, it still stared at Li Qiye with astonishment: “This bird is a symbol of morality. To be circled by one once means that the person is extremely virtuous. Circled several times? Tales of his virtue will be sung for generations.”

“And what about that garland?” One student looked at the exquisite garland on Li Qiye’s head.

“Ha...ha...ha... being given that garland? I’ve never heard of such a thing before. It should be peerless, saving the world isn’t enough for it... completely unmatched...” The bull stared at Li Qiye with respect: “To earn this garland requires changing the entire world or doing something that benefits all living beings resulting in earning this meritorious karma, or... he’ll become a ...”

The bull didn’t finish this sentence. It went on: “Haha, this is unprecedented in Three Immortals. Desolate Saint was only circled around twice, no chance of getting the garland, haha...”

“Why couldn’t our progenitor get one?” One student wasn’t convinced.

This was understandable. Desolate Saint’s light illuminated Three Immortals. This should be the ultimate merit deserving of great karma. They believed that this feat was beyond anything Li Qiye had done.

“Well... hehe, I’ll tell you kids.” The bull laughed: “The old demonic tree said that Desolate Saint isn’t a savior, only a destroyer. That’s why he couldn’t get the garland.”

“Impossible!” Not a single student believed this about their progenitor.

Du Wenrui continued to stare at Li Qiye; his eyes were filled with respect just like the bull.

“The heavenly change heralds a monster.” He remembered this particular phrase and started pondering, becoming afraid.

The students took a closer look at that garland and didn’t quite grasp the implication of this issue. It was beyond their station.

### [Chapter 2862: The Black Bull’s Schemes](#)

It took a while before everyone regained their composure. The bull slithered closer to Li Qiye, ready to earn some points: “Sir, hehe, what do you think about me?”

“Not bad, not bad at all.” Li Qiye took a gander before replying.

“See, that’s a big shot for you, such keen eyesight, knowing that I’m special right away.” The bull stood up straight raised its hoof forward, acting as if it was giving Li Qiye a thumbs-up.

This appearance looked so bizarre and hilarious so the students nearly exploded in laughter.

“I’m talking about how strong and muscular your body is, I’m sure you will be very tasty, whether it be a meat dish or hot soup.” Li Qiye added.

“That... that’s too cruel and wasteful... I’m an immortal species...” The bull’s shoulders drooped down, seemingly defeated.

The students were so amused by the sudden change in the bull every time when Li Qiye got the best of him. Of course, they restrained themselves, still intimidated by the bull.

The bull’s eyes rolled around for a bit. It took one step back and told Du Wenrui: “Brat, I forgot to tell you.”

“What is it?” Wenrui remained cautious towards this bull because he suffered greatly because of it in the past, the same for many other geniuses.

“That brat Goldtypha has some tricks up his sleeve, probably taught by a real master. Some shackles have been opened but who knows what he wants?” The bull laughed and said.

“Really?” Du Wenrui didn’t expect this and remained skeptical. He has been tricked too many times before.

“As I said, I’m always honest but feel free not believing me.” The bull shrugged.

“Young Noble Li, please take care of the students, I’ll be back right away.” Du Wenrui put on a serious expression and cupped his fist towards Li Qiye.

“Don’t worry, who dares to touch them when I’m around? If anyone touches a hair of theirs, I’ll crush them to a pulp.” The bull declared while stomping on the ground.

“Let’s go.” Li Qiye smiled and nodded.

Wenrui couldn’t rely on this eccentric bull but Li Qiye was a different story. He turned and disappeared into the horizon, seemingly in a hurry.

“Haha, this brat is very capable and talented, especially back then.” The bull laughed and revealed: “It’s a shame that he’s wasting his life and skills away in that crappy city. Truly regrettable.”

“Everyone has their own ambition.” Li Qiye said: “Why are you here in the garden still? You can come and go as you please.”

“Haha, it’s obviously because of that bastard, Desolate Saint.” The bull spoke with indignation.

“What did our progenitor do to you?” One student asked.

“He stole an item from us and I want to take it back!” The bull scowled.

“Slanderous liar. Our progenitor is invincible and righteous with the light, why would he steal something from you.” This student didn’t believe it. The rest started glaring at the bull.

“Haha, only naive brats like yourselves would think so highly of Desolate Saint. Saint? Only an act.” The bull laughed in response: “If he was really one, he wouldn’t have abandoned your city and its inhabitants

for generations. All it was, hehe, is a place for him to wash away his own sin by moving it into other people." It increased its volume the longer it went on.

The students became speechless. They have always respected Desolate Saint but the abandonment was an irrefutable truth - a sore spot for all of them.

"Hah, this Sacred Mountain used to be an immortal land, look at what he had done to it." The bull spewed out its annoyance: "It belonged to my home yet the hypocrite stole it... The bastard is more of a devil than a saint."

"Completely baseless!" One student barked back.

"Who knows? Just one thought can change someone from a Buddha to a devil, and who to say that a devil didn't use to be good? A saint could have walked on the path of evil too. Good and evil can shift so quickly. Plus, who has the right to set the criteria for either side?" Li Qiye joined in.

"While standing at the apex, everything else is simply ephemeral and insignificant." He concluded with a profound gaze.

The students lacked proper information for further conjectures. However, the bull figured out something and felt its hair standing on end. It shuddered and staggered backward.

"That has nothing to do with me." It shrugged: "All I want to do is to bring this mountain back one day."

"What are you waiting for then?" Li Qiye smiled.

The students became startled after the instigation. This mountain was a sacred ground of their system. It being taken away would be a huge loss.

"I gotta wait until that old tree demon is dead." The bull looked dejected and helpless.

"I'm a bit interested in that demon." Li Qiye chuckled.

The bull has brought this demon up several times. Moreover, it seemed to be afraid of this person too.

"Oh? Do you want to go see him right now? Haha, that guy always acts invincible as if he's number one. You should go take him down a notch and let him know that there is always a higher mountain." The bull's eyes flashed with excitement.

"No point in trying to use me as a borrowed knife. I'm not interested in that." Li Qiye gave it the side-eye.

The bull became sad again for a bit before coming up with something else: "Where are you going then? Got any plans here? Hehe, I can't be more familiar with this place so let me know so I can give you my opinion."

Everyone could tell that it was up to no good, looking like a local bandit.

"Just doing whatever since this place is pretty neat." Li Qiye chuckled.

"That's fine too." The bull agreed: "I know of a very interesting and remote place here. Others can't find it but I know that there are many treasures there. Easy to grab too."

“A place full of easy treasures? Really?” The youths were skeptical.

“Why should an immortal such as myself lie to you bunch?” The bull stared haughtily at them.

The youths felt their heart beating faster. Only a saint would be freed from desire and they weren't saints. All eyes were on Li Qiye now, waiting for his answer.

“Do you want to go take a look, great sir?” The bull urged.

“Very well, let's take a look then.” Li Qiye glanced at the bull.

“Yes!” The students cheered, excited to see this treasure-filled place.

The bull accepted his task and led the way. They traveled quite far since their guide was very familiar with the ancient courtyard.

It even told cool stories to the students. For example, the peak nearby was the horn of which beast, that lake was only the eye of an alligator.

It knew everything like the back of its hand and enlightened the students.

The young ones were confused too, thinking that maybe the bull was telling the truth? Maybe this mountain really belonged to its home. That's why it knew so much.

“Rumble!” Loud explosions suddenly interrupted their journey.

#### [Chapter 2863: Five-colored Hawk](#)

“Rumble!” Violent quakes rocked the entire ancient courtyard. Everyone looked over and saw mountains crumbling down.

Numerous lakes and rivers have been either severed or penetrated completely in a shocking manner.

This was due to a battle between man and beast. The stars in the sky fell victim and exploded into smithereens - a scene of the apocalypse.

The first combatant was Spiritheart True Emperor. Her imperial aura was in full swing and majestically swept through the eight realms.

People have forgotten about her fairy-like beauty at this moment. This was her true appearance - an emperor!

This seven-palace emperor was going all out with enough might to effortlessly blow away everything nearby.

Her seven palaces floated above as she unleashed true flames outward. Her vitality was as vast as an ocean and her imperial domain exerted its pressure.

The flaps of her golden wings carried enough force to sweep through the nine firmaments. They were insanely strong.

When converged at the front, they acted like golden armor that could stop any offense - virtually impenetrable. When spread, they served as two divine sabers crossing through the air in an unstoppable manner.

She darted through the air and attacked with her wings, not holding anything back and rending the earth.

Her opponent was a divine bird with five colors and a blazing trail in its path looking just like a shooting star.

It had unusual agility darting back and forth across the entire sky. This was indeed a mighty bird.

Being slightly skirted by its wings alone would result in destruction. It shot out multiple rays looking just like supreme grand dao from its tail in order to resist the emperor.

The apocalyptic fight sent out blinding sparks. Each one could crush a mountain and melt a large area.

Due to the high intensity of the fight, the frightened spectators needed to stay far away.

Both the emperor and the bird were too strong. Their battle woke up many gigantic beasts nearby. They chose to retreat instead of joining the fray.

“Rumble!” Because of this, many mountains were shattered from their steps.

“This girl has good eyes, not bad at all.” The bull praised: “This five-colored hawk is very suitable as a mount, fast and capable in battle.”

The young ones were in awe of the sheer destruction, thinking that an emperor could really destroy their academy with a single wave.

“Sir, are you still missing a companion? Do you want me to hook you up?” It put on a wretched smile.

“Not too bad, a pure bloodline too.” Li Qiye looked at the emperor and said.

The bull took advantage of this, its eyes shifted deviously: “Let me help you, a pure bloodline will be very useful for the next generation.”

“You’re overthinking it, that bloodline is only suitable to be a maid to help me change clothes, that’s all.” Li Qiye said.

The young ones were astounded. Remember, Spiritheart True Emperor had seven palaces, a celest, and was the successor of Garden of God. Li Qiye’s statement seemed too unreasonable while keeping all of this in mind.

“Young Noble, she’s Metalkin War God’s fiancée.” One student quietly reminded the two.

“So what? It’s her honor to be viewed highly by him. If that war god dares to utter a word, I’ll crush him right away.” The bull said.

Li Qiye was overbearing enough yet this bull was exactly the same as him.

No one was around the vicinity to hear this but Spiritheart True Emperor did due to her heightened senses. She instantly gave a murderous glare towards the group.

This glare looked like it came from a death god. The young ones lost control of their legs and nearly kneeled.

“She... she heard us...” One of them turned pale.

“Good, we won’t have to repeat ourselves then.” The bull leisurely said.

“Drop your rotten idea.” Li Qiye chuckled and didn’t care either. He was only casually commenting on her bloodline. Taking her in or not depended on his mood.

The young ones didn’t know what to do. This was their first time seeing people teasing an emperor - one with seven palaces too. These two seemed to not put her in their sight at all - quite domineering.

“Rumble!” Who knows if it was the flow of the battle or if she was enraged by the disrespectful comments but she raised her wings.

Golden feathers shot out and turned into a world-rending sword formation, aiming at the hawk.

The hawk didn’t relent either. It spread its wings wide enough to encompass the sun and moon before flapping them together for an attack aiming at the formation.

The battle reached the next level - an unfortunate development for the land.

“Spiritheart True Emperor is so strong.” Many spectators gasped after seeing her power. Even the Eternals present were intimidated.

She was far stronger than Stonecarver and Goldpython True Emperor.

“Miss Spiritheart, do you require my assistance?” A voice sounded during the fight, still carrying a hint of childishness.

A youth appeared on the horizon. With just one step, he emerged near the emperor, seemingly ready to offer his assistance.

He was around fifteen years of age, dressed in an embroidered robe and looked like a young noble from a rich clan.

Moreover, his domineering expression showed blatant disdain towards everyone else.

There was a third eye on his forehead. It was closed now but golden strands of light seemed to be oozing from the slightest opening.

He didn’t exude his aura just yet but his pose in the sky said that he was the number one in the world. Of course, the guy was strong enough to demand attention.

The hawk noticed him and kept a good distance.

“Three-eyed Prodigy!” Everyone shouted.

“He’s here too.” Even the proudest students nearby were afraid of him.

“A half-step Everlasting...” A senior praised.

“So young yet already a half-step, that’s terrifying.” Someone who saw him for the first time added.



“Don’t you know that he’s the most amazing genius from Academy of Light. He’s the world’s youngest half-step.” Someone next to him elaborated.

### [Chapter 2864: Three-eyed Prodigy](#)

This youth hailed from the three-eyed tribe of God Eye System. This tribe was relatively large in Three Immortals.

Members of this tribe were born with an eye positioned vertically on their forehead. If one could cultivate this eye into a golden form, they would gain great powers.

Normally, just training this eye a bit would allow them to read incredibly fast on top of remembering the entire content.

With the golden form, they could easily see openings and destroy all illusions, turning complexity into simplicity... All in all, they would gain many heaven-defying abilities.

This prodigy was even more exceptional since he cultivated the golden eye successfully at a very young age.

Because of this, he became the youngest half-step in Immortal Lineage. Even Flying Sword Marvel who came from a noble background took six months longer before reaching this level.

In the eyes of many True Gods, a half-step Everlasting was an apex existence. They tried for a lifetime in order to reach this level but failed.

On the other hand, the prodigy only needed fifteen years to become a half-step - an amazing achievement.

According to their records, he was also the youngest half-step and the youngest to have a golden eye in his tribe.

His impeccable talents earned these peerless achievements. No wonder why people considered him to be the top genius of this generation.

He floated in the sky like a deity, looking spirited with a bright pair of eyes. His gestures and movements seemed to be full of pride.

His presence stabilized the universe itself and suppressed the firmaments. Even the five-colored hawk was wary of him.

He stood there like a god with his wings spread open to protect Spiritheart True Emperor.

“Thank you, Fellow Daoist, but I am fine right now. Please move back so I can fight my heart out.” The emperor accepted the gesture but refused.

“Good...” The prodigy forced a smile and recalled his techniques, looking a bit embarrassed.

Nevertheless, the crowd was still impressed by him.

“Three-eyed Prodigy is really strong, look, that divine bird is afraid of him. Emperors like Goldpython can’t compare to him.” One student said with admiration.

They could see that his aura successfully intimidated that hawk earlier.

With the prodigy backing off, the hawk screeched to gather more battle spirit. It spread its wings and launched a second offensive towards the emperor.

“This brat is quite strong, his potential is boundless if he keeps on improving.” Even the arrogant bull praised.

“Are you here to watch or to find treasures?” Li Qiye interrupted the amused bull.

“Oh right, I almost forgot, let’s keep moving to the border area.” The bull slapped its head and stopped being distracted.

This scene was hilarious but the young ones didn’t dare to laugh. They struggled to hold it in while following behind the bull.

The group traveled deeper into the ancient courtyard. The scenery around them changed rapidly as well.

At the start, mountain ranges reigned this area with towering peaks. But now, the place became a wild plain untouched by men.

Calling this place a “border” was truly apt. The sky gradually turned dark as well as if it was dusk.

All in all, this strange feeling could only be described as the light wanting to leave them.

The young ones naturally became afraid, unlike the calm Li Qiye.

“Are, are you taking us to a remote area to sell us...” A student eventually murmured the deeper they got in.

“Brat, you think too highly of yourself. How much do you think I can get selling you brats? In fact, I don’t even know if I can find any buyers. Even the beasts here don’t want to eat you since you’re not enough to fill the gap of their teeth.” The bull looked with contempt.

This student turned red with embarrassment but still felt better.

The bull was right. They were weak and had no treasures to speak of. No one would covet anything of theirs so the bull didn’t need to trick them. Plus, Li Qiye was around too.

After going far enough, the bull looked around and stomped on the ground while chanting: “Open!”

“Creak-” A wall quickly emerged before them, made from unpainted rhombus blocks. Strangely enough, it seemed capable of blocking everything possible, separating an entire domain.

“You knew this thing was here?” One student asked curiously.

“Hmph, I already told you, I’m an immortal species and this belonged to my family’s, later stolen by Desolate Saint.” The bull became smug.

This student stopped speaking right away because this bull would always insult their progenitor. It was better not to talk from now on.

“Go in.” Li Qiye smiled and entered first.

“Don’t be scared now.” The bull laughed at the young ones, seemingly gloating. It entered next.

The young ones became afraid after seeing the bull’s devious smile. They didn’t know what terror loomed behind this wall.

They exchanged glances and decided to bite the bullet and walked right in.

After the last one came in, the wall disappeared as if it was never around in the first place.

The scene changed again; they have entered a new world. They saw numerous stars up in the massive night sky. Unfortunately, these stars seemed dispirited and didn’t shine brightly, almost like a candle on the verge of extinguishing.

They thought they were standing on a different planet. Once they stopped looking at the sky and scanned their surroundings, they felt trepidation with their hair standing on end; goosebumps popped up on their body.

“What the hell is this place?!” One shouted with his knees shaking.

The place was a massive cemetery. Well, no, it was just that there were skeletons all over.

They emitted a white glow from being illuminated by the moonlight - a very creepy scene.

These skeletal remains were unimaginably gigantic. One of them looked like a mountain spanning for thousands of meters, piercing into the sky vault like a skeletal spear.

This was only the one in front of them. Upon closer inspection, there were numerous more in this land.

The bones of a serpent spanned like a mountain range. These delicate pieces were also tall and sharp enough to pierce the sky.

The skull of an ape looked like a citadel that can accommodate a million people. Its palm looked like several mountains in one place.

Moreover, there were types of creatures here that they have never seen before.

### [Chapter 2865: Skeletal Treasury](#)

A world of bones - skeletons as far as the eye can see and nothing else.

The skeletons here were massive in size. Any single piece was already the size of a peak. They scattered across millions of miles. One could easily imagine how large they used to be when they were still alive.

They have seen the giants in the ancient courtyard prior to this. However, these ones seemed smaller compared to these skeletons.

Just one skeleton alone was shocking enough but there were thousands of them here - truly a magnificent scene.

They have never experienced something like this before so they became overwhelmed with fear; their mouth left agape for a long time.

“What... is this place?” One student dropped to the ground, trembling.

Li Qiye didn't answer; his eyes focused on the bones ahead in a profound manner.

"This place?" The bull laughed: "Where else can it be but the Beast Garden? The resting place of all the sacred beasts."

"You're, you're saying that the gigantic beasts in the garden will come here before death?" A different student asked.

"Hehe, it's not that simple. Do you see any small skeletons in here? The wild boars and rhinoceros aren't here."

The group took a look around and sure enough, they couldn't see anything small.

"When the melon is ripe, it falls." The bull elaborated: "Not just anyone is qualified to die here. For example, don't you always aim for the bigger fish when fishing and release the small ones?"

"Impossible." One student said: "These gigantic beasts must have been unbelievably mighty, who could actually catch them?"

"Haha, that was only an example, but it's a good one." The bull laughed.

"No need to scare them, they haven't reached the right level yet." Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and shook his head.

"I'm simply telling them about the grim reality of this world. Let this be an early lesson for them." The bull shrugged.

The students looked at each other, not knowing what to say.

This skeletal world made them feel quite strange. After all, their Academy of Light was shrouded by the light - a paradise for all living beings.

Li Qiye smiled and continued forward, only occasionally glancing above.

"Come over here! I found a pearl!" A student behind him found a jewel among a gap between the bones.

It was the size of a fist with a pink glow. This student excitedly told his friends.

Li Qiye looked over at the skeleton and said: "This is a truefire scaled serpent, a special morph. It obtained the grand dao with the light and created these pearls in its spine. Look from the eighteenth to the thirty-sixth vertebra, you will find many of them." [1]

"Really?" The group became excited and rushed over. They tried their best to work together to move these gigantic bone pieces.

"Wow, you're right, so many pearls!" Bright flames jumped up from the pearls below the vertebrae.

"Let's take them all." They pushed the bones away to reach the fiery pearls.

"We're rich!" The group took them all and cheered.

However, they handed the pearls to Li Qiye since he was the one who gave them the hint.

“You guys can split them. The truefire pearls can expel coldness and poison, it’s very good to keep around.” Li Qiye didn’t want them.

These pearls were great treasures to the students but no different from pebbles in his eyes.

The young ones cheered again before dividing the pearls.

“Hehehe, I didn’t lie to you, right? I told you that I would bring you to a place with lots of treasures.” The bull heartily laughed.

The young ones agreed - this bull really didn’t trick them.

“See that mountain iron leopard over there?” Li Qiye smiled and pointed at another corpse: “Take some bones and cut deep to find the marrow essences. They are true metals, perfect for creating weapons.”

The young ones became excited right away.

“I guess just look around, the good stuff here exceeds your imagination. What you get depends on your luck.” He added.

The group ran over and cut down its tailbone. They drilled inside and saw marrow essences looking just like true metals.

They became as busy as ants, moving from one skeleton to another to find items.

These gigantic beasts used to be powerful. Though their vitality and essences have mostly dispersed, some precious parts were still left behind.

“Check out this tooth!” One student found a shiny tooth as sharp as a blade.

“Not bad, that’s a new tooth from a water-cutter alligator, tough and sharp.” Li Qiye commented.

“I found this really soft bone.” Another student found a jade-like bone inside one skeleton.

“Get over here, look at what I found!” One more carried over an oversized toe bone seemingly cast from gold.

These students crazily searched around for treasures in this skeletal world, no longer frightened by these dead behemoths.

Occasionally, Li Qiye would give them pointers on where to find treasures.

He himself took his time because ordinary treasures were useless to him. He would stop every once in a while and cut out a skull to take out a strange flame seed or cut out a spine to find a jade essence...

Very few items warranted him taking action. The rest only earned a passing glance.

“You brought me here to dig up trash?” Li Qiye leisurely asked the bull while the rest of the students were preoccupied.

The bull has been following him instead of treasure hunting.

“Haha, no, I just wanted to show you that Desolate Saint is not a good guy at all. Here is the perfect example. You’re also a big shot and should notice some clues already.” The bull laughed.

“I know far more about Desolate Saint than you.” Li Qiye glanced at the sky and smiled.

“Oh, so do you think he’s a saint or, hahaha, a devil in the darkness?” The bull asked.

“Very few people are truly born evil in this world.” Li Qiye said: “Everyone struggled in some ways. The saviors tried their best; others resisted the darkness; more tried to save themselves without giving a damn about their loved ones or anyone else...”

He paused for a moment here before continuing: “However, only a selected few persevered. That’s why, one can’t judge them on one action or just part of their past and determine their morality, whether they’re a saint or a devil. Desolate Saint had struggled to fulfill his aspirations. Unfortunately, life seldom goes according to plans.”

### [Chapter 2866: The Bull’s Goal](#)

“Is that it? You just want to know whether Desolate Saint is good or bad?” Li Qiye glanced at the bull after that brief reflection.

“Haha, no.” The bull said: “I know many things can’t hide from your gaze. You know exactly what had transpired after coming here. Although all creatures will eventually die, do you think what’s going on is normal?”

“Charcoal, don’t try to cajole me or I’ll grill you up.” Li Qiye said.

“That’s... not my intention.” The bull coughed and stopped his haughty tone: “Sir, I just want your help on one thing.

It pointed at the sky and continued: “I know that you can see through the mysteries here, so please, remove this evil.”

“It’s not here, this place is only a container, an example of asking someone to jump into a jar.” Li Qiye looked up as well. [1]

“I know where it is hiding, please, Sir, take action and remove it for everyone’s sake.” The bull hurriedly said.

“What now, you want to be a saint too?” Li Qiye said: “Since when are you merciful enough to care for others?”

“Of course not, I only want to feel safe, it’s not really for everyone else.” The bull smiled and finally became honest: “This is my territory, more or less. To have such a devilish thing here makes one nervous, you know?”

“The foundation of this system exceeds your imagination. The complexity extends beyond the light and its illumination. It’s not only something created by Desolate Saint, but a lot of contests had also happened here.” Li Qiye said.

“I know a little about this too.” The bull happily showed off his knowledge: “For example, that old tree demon has been wanting to kill Desolate Saint. He told me himself.”

“Oh? So you know more about him.” Li Qiye smiled back.

“Nope, I got no idea.” The bull immediately shut up.

“You don’t need to find me for something like this. It’s only a devilish entity, can’t be stronger than Desolate Saint. You just need to slay it.” Li Qiye chuckled without pursuing the previous topic.

“Haha, I’ve thought about it too.” The bull nodded and said helplessly: “I’m awesome in all aspects, but... not in this regard. There are restrictions in this place.”

“Didn’t you say Sacred Mountain belongs to you?” Li Qiye said: “So how can there be limitations here for you? Just do whatever you want.”

“Well...” It looked sad and filled with indignation at this point: “It’s all that bastard’s fault, goddamn it, he ruined this mountain or I wouldn’t need to...”

“I’m always happy to help someone, that’s my source of happiness. Of course, you should know that there is no free lunch in this world. I won’t help you for nothing in return. Show your sincerity.” Li Qiye smiled.

“That’s no problem at all.” The bull became spirited again: “Sir, I will toil like a bull for you.”

“Forget it, you’re already one in the first place!” Li Qiye gave him the side-eye. [2]

“True...” The bull agreed and put on a serious and dignified appearance: “Sir, you know that it is a seed of discord. I don’t know why Desolate Saint left it behind but I’m sure that one day, this evil thing will cause chaos for the academy. So many innocent people will lament and die because of it.”

“That has nothing to do with me.” Li Qiye replied: “I’m not from this system so why do I care? Plus, Desolate Saint isn’t a good person in the first place. His reason for starting this system might not be pure. It’s fine to leave this thing here.”

“I...” The bull didn’t know what to say.

“Let’s talk about something else. I see that you have a nice treasure, how about giving it to me?” Li Qiye looked at the bull and started walking closer.

“Ha...haha... you’re funny, Sir.” The bull became startled and staggered backward, raising his hooves to hide his treasure.

“I know that this treasure came together with you, you view it on the same level as your life.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Not just that, it really is my life.” The bull put on a pained expression: “If you really want it, then I don’t want to eliminate this evil thing anymore, it has nothing to do with me in the first place.”

“Very well, I’ll consider it a good deed for the sake of everyone else in the system. I shall kill it then.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Oh, that’s the style of an important character for you.” The bull immediately changed its tone: “No wonder why that magpie gave you the garland. You’re the only one in this world qualified...”

“Okay, stop.” Li Qiye waved his hand and interrupted the bull: “My trip this time is actually to see what evil thing is here in Sacred Mountain and if Desolate Saint actually has the light in his heart for a period of time, truly wanting to be good.”

“You had a feud with him?” The bull laughed excitedly: “Hehe, I know that Desolate Saint has left something incredible deeper in the mountain. I don’t know what his goal is though.”

“Not a feud, and even if it was, it’s gone now. Our dao was different, that’s all. No need to keep a grudge.” Li Qiye smiled.

“How benevolent you are, sir.” The bull gave him a thumbs-up.

“So why is the old tree demon stuck here?” Li Qiye smiled and asked.

“You know about this too?” The bull was startled for a moment before calming down. It shrugged in response: “I don’t know the details since he doesn’t talk about it, looks like he lost a bet to Desolate Saint. He’s a real monster though.” It seemed afraid of this particular being.

“Hard to say who’s the victor. Desolate Saint won in the past but he will win in the future.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Perhaps.” It replied: “He even said... hehe, Desolate Saint, that dog, he doesn’t know shit about the light, and that the guy is only a prostitute wanting to quit to get married so he has to put on an act. Remember, the old demon said this, not me.”

“I do want to meet this guy, he seems capable enough.” Li Qiye said.

“Haha, do you want me to lead the way?” The bull’s eyes flashed brightly: “His mood is extremely foul, completely unbearable. Progenitors came to see him before but they all left after smelling the stench.”  
[3]

“I’m sure you will be able to teach him a good lesson, let’s see how much longer he can act arrogant for.” The bull tried to persuade Li Qiye.

“What? He gave you a beating so you’re keeping a grudge against him?” Li Qiye noticed this.

“Of course not.” The bull stood up proudly on two hooves: “Who am I? A true immortal, one and only in history. Hmph, that old tree demon is only a rotten piece of wood, how can the likes of him take me down?”

“You definitely ran for your life.” Li Qiye didn’t hold back, adding salt to the wound.

“It’s because a gentleman forgives a lowly wretch, that’s all.” The bull put on a dry smile.

“Let’s talk about your bloodline now, it’s extremely nutritious in the form of beef soup or beef skewer.” Li Qiye joked.

“No, there’s no such thing...” The bull was actually scared. It knew just how precious and nutritious its blood was.

It would definitely annihilate another schemer but had no confidence going against Li Qiye.



“Don’t worry, I’m just messing with you.” Li Qiye smiled.

“That’s good...” It heaved a sigh of relief. Nevertheless, it kept a safe distance after seeing that smile from Li Qiye.

### [Chapter 2867: Wounded Peacebringer Magpie](#)

Zhou Qiushi and the others have finally finished looking around for treasures.

“Time to go kill that devilish thing.” Li Qiye looked at the bull and said.

“Sounds good to me.” The bull became excited and shouted: “Brats, it’s getting late. Gather your stuff and group up, we’re leaving.”

The young ones got an incredible harvest this trip, completely filling their bags to the brim with treasures. This skeletal world no longer looked scary to them, more like a treasure grove.

The fully assembled group happily followed Li Qiye and the bull, ready to leave.

They realized that they would always have luxurious meals and treasures as long as they follow Li Qiye.

“Okay, we start moving again.” The bull seemed excited too.

The treasures here didn’t matter at all but Li Qiye agreeing to remove one of its problems put it in a cheerful mood.

They left the skeletal world and the frontier, almost making it back to the center of the ancient courtyard.

“Twirp!” The moment they got back, a shadow flashed as a tiny bird landed on Li Qiye’s arm.

“The peacebringer magpie!” The students shouted in astonishment.

The bird still had a radiant glow despite its feeble appearance with blood everywhere. These seemed to be grave injuries.

Li Qiye applied ointment on the bird; his eyes narrowed.

“Who hurt it?” One student wondered.

The students thought that it was such a spiritual bird during their last meeting? Who could bear to hurt it?”

“There are two of them in the nest by the cliff.” The bull said: “Looks like it’s a plan.”

“Twirp!” The bird stared at Li Qiye with bright and intelligent eyes.

“It’s asking you for help, the other is captured.” The bull understood and told Li Qiye.

“Don’t worry, I’ll save your friend.” Li Qiye gently patted it and smiled.

“Haha, this person should be quite capable, able to do something like this.” The bull gloated. It knew that someone was about to become very, very unlucky.

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Meanwhile, one news excited the students in the ancient courtyard.

"I heard there is a peacebringer magpie around here, no, two actually." A student with a good information network revealed.

"What is that?" Many haven't heard of this species before.

"A supreme bird of virtue." This student elaborated: "Anyone who earns its grace will surely prosper. According to the legends, Desolate Saint and his light along with the success of the academy were partly due to him being favored by this bird."

"It's that magical?" The crowd was startled.

"I got good news, Goldpython and Stonecarver True Emperor have found the bird's nest. They're ready to capture it." Even more exciting news came about.

This prompted the mass to run towards that area.

"They want to capture it for good fortune for generations to come?" A new discussion began.

"It's not strange at all. Everyone wants a bird like that, whether it be for themselves or their sect. It's both fortune and karma." An older student nodded. Everyone else agreed with this statement.

The nest area was filled with people. The sky, ground, and peaks nearby had students ready to watch the show.

The nest was located on a lonely peak piercing the sky vault like a divine sword. The pinnacle had the shape of a crown. Among the precipice above was a cave, just big enough to fit a baby.

A faint glow came from inside, emanating from some eggs. Due to the location of the cave, it was hard to tell how many eggs were inside. It was certainly more than one.

This was the nest of the peacebringer magpies.

At this moment, one of them blocked the cave and fought against Stonecarver, Goldpython, and Centaur God of Archery.

This one was larger than the one that gave Li Qiye the garland, clearly a male.

Many understood right away that the trio came for the eggs, not the birds themselves.

"So that's what they're doing, the eggs." One student murmured.

"It's hard to earn the grace of these birds." Treasure Source True God was also present. He stared at the cave and was very tempted: "It might be possible to do so when you groom one from an egg though."

The true god heard that when one was chosen by these birds, they would have a lifetime of peace and prosperity. However, even progenitors found this to be difficult, let alone them.

Maybe grooming a baby magpie would change this. It might follow its new master forever, giving this person great fortune.

The current combatants shared the same thought. The true god also wanted a piece but this trio might refuse to share since they were the first to find it.

“There might be more than one egg.” A few students looked towards the cave but failed to see the exact number.

A few strong ones became overwhelmed with greed. Alas, they chose to act with caution.

“It won’t last much longer.” A girl in the sky shook her head - Spiritheart True Emperor.

No one dared to stand close to her because of her status and power. She had gotten a mount - the five-colored hawk.

“Get ready!” The trio exchanged glances, ready to deliver the finishing blow.

They were holding back earlier, afraid that other strong characters such as Spiritheart would take advantage of the fight and steal the eggs.

Now, it looked like Spiritheart had no intention of doing so. Therefore, they wanted to finish this fight as soon as possible in order to avoid further complications.

The male magpie was on its last leg with wounds everywhere. Despite its scorching light and blade-like wings, it still couldn’t take on these three.

“This magpie is incredible.” Someone commented after seeing it persevering for so long.

“Finish it!” The three shouted at the same time, unleashing their destructive divinity across the realms.

“Rumble!” The peak started cracking in many places.

“Screech!” The magpie screeched and shot out feathers like arrows, completely prepared to fight to the death.

“Boom!” The feathers were shot down while the finishing move continued onward.

“It’s done for.” Everyone was ready to see the end of this magpie.

“Clank!” However, a sword slash interrupted the trajectory of this fatal blow.

### [Chapter 2868: Be My Maid?](#)

The sky-crossing slash stopped the trio’s fatal blow. It was filled with light and released light laws, akin to a scene of dawn chasing the fog away.

An immortal source emerged and protected the peacebringer magpie. It severed the nine heavens and ten earths along with the flow of time. No attack nor anyone would ever be able to get through.

“The Sword of Repentance!” The first to recognize this slash was the trio.

“That’s Repentance!” Numerous students shouted after calming down from the bright spectacle.

None of them expected for this institution to join the fray and save the prey from the trio.

“That guy is Li Qiye.” A hawk-eyed spectator saw Li Qiye.

People turned around and saw him along with the students from Repentance Institution and the bull.

“Look, another peacebringer magpie.” Someone saw the bird on Li Qiye’s shoulder and shouted.

“The one that ran earlier, did Li Qiye capture it?” Another student wondered.

“No, it looks like it searched for reinforcement and is coming back to save the male one.” A different student analyzed.

The crowd exchanged glances after hearing this, contemplating.

“Reinforcement? Those students from Repentance?” One guy said.

It made sense for them to look down on Li Qiye’s group because the other side consisted of emperors and the centaur god who was an Amaranthine Eternal and more powerful than the two emperors. [1]

The students couldn’t fathom how these Repentance students could save the bird from the three, thinking that they didn’t know their place.

“He’s here again...” Treasure Source True God became serious after seeing Li Qiye and the bird.

The trio stared at Li Qiye, aware of the situation. Li Qiye had ruined their move earlier so they wanted to kill him now, evident by the murderous glint in their eyes.

However, due to their status and cultivation level, they restrained themselves from yelling.

They also stared at the Sword of Repentance with great curiosity. They have seen its power back at the supreme tree and were relatively on guard.

“Okay, leave now. This nest is mine from now on. Don’t think about it.” Li Qiye clapped to get the attention of the crowd then smiled.

The wounded magpie in the sky chirped and flew down to circle around him several times before landing on his shoulder.

“Why are these magpies so close to him?” Many were stunned to see the magpies perching on his shoulders.

“That nest has no master, on what ground do you claim it?” The centaur god coldly uttered.

“Because I say so.” Li Qiye smiled: “Now they belong to me, anyone not convinced?”

Having said that, he told the bull to go grab the nest.

Everyone became flabbergasted after hearing him including the trio. After all, everyone wanted to obtain these magpies. This was a blatant provocation.

“You want to challenge the heroes of the world?” Stonecarver True Emperor’s expression darkened.

“Yes. And heroes of the world? You think too highly of yourself. You all are nothing more than a bunch of stray dogs in my eyes.” Li Qiye leisurely smiled.

“He’s insane!” The response resulted in an uproar. The students nearby started yelling; some couldn’t believe what he had just said.

This was more than just targeting the trio. Li Qiye insulted all the elite students who were dragons and phoenixes among men. They wouldn't be able to handle this disdain coming from a Repentance student.

"Ignorant fool." One student uttered.

"Who does he think he is? Nothing more than a cursed descendant from Repentance, a lowly wretch." Another added.

The students here began insulting him, viewing him as an enemy.

"May I ask who do you consider a hero then, Fellow Daoist?" Spiritheart True Emperor spoke in a pleasant manner. She wasn't angry, simply curious.

"You're not one of them but calling a beauty like you a dog is unreasonable too. Hmm, you look witty too, probably qualified to be my maid." Li Qiye looked at her and chuckled.

The crowd became frozen from astonishment. Zhou Qiushi and the others worried about Li Qiye while nervously sweating. Li Qiye had said something like this before but only in private. Now, he publicly told everyone present and in front of her too.

A few stared at Li Qiye as if he was an idiot. In their opinion, this guy must either be insane or stupid.

Spiritheart True Emperor had seven palaces and was the fiancée of Metalkin War God. This top character could only be viewed with respect and admiration. Thus, Li Qiye's outrageous comment indicated that he was tired of living.

"Your flippant attitude will result in death, fool!" One admirer gritted his teeth.

"A frog wanting to eat swan meat, take a look in the mirror first." Another said with disdain.

"You're an eccentric one, to say the least." The emperor tilted her head and stared at him, still calm. She eventually shook her head and left.

"The guy is lucky because the emperor is merciful. That boastful comment should have earned him a hundred deaths." A few students scowled.

Meanwhile, the bull had taken the nest out of the cave, revealing the four eggs on top.

The two magpies chirped after seeing their nest and immediately flew towards it.

"Okay, if no one has any objection, this ends here." Li Qiye said flatly.

"Don't think about leaving before handing over the eggs." The centaur god snorted.

Li Qiye stopped and stared at the trio again: "The three of you still got something to say? Step up then, I'll beat you into submission. Same with the rest."

Eyes started spewing fiery hatred now as the crowd stared at him. The young ones from Repentance became speechless.

"Student Li, your words are quite haughty." Stonecarver True Emperor said.

He didn't seem angry but his words clearly showed dissatisfaction. Emperors like him didn't like being shown such contempt in public. They weren't used to being treated in this manner.

"I'm always like this, which is why people refer to me as Fiercest in the past. Feel free to come bite me if you disagree." Li Qiye smiled.

The provocation kept on escalating to the level of a verbal slap.

The spectators became fixated in the developments, waiting to see how the trio would deal with this arrogant madman.

### [Chapter 2869: Three Arrows Bet](#)

The students watched with bated breath, thinking that no emperor would take this sitting down.

Emperors were used to dominating and intimidating everyone else. To be provoked in this manner by a student from Repentance Institution? Most emperors would kill the guy with one slap!

"Student Li, we're neither here today for face or to compete on who has the sharpest tongue..." Goldpython True Emperor slowly said.

His start impressed some of the students. One of them stated: "That's an emperor for you, so benevolent and forgiven. His temperament far exceeded his foe."

Many nodded in agreement. Another sneered: "That Li guy just looks shallow and vulgar in comparison."

"We're here today for the peacebringer magpies." Goldpython went on; his eyes fixated on the nest. To be specific, the four eggs inside.

"The nest has four eggs so there's no reason for you to monopolize them all. I'm satisfied with one, so Student Li, I hope you can do us this favor." Goldpython said.

"Yes." Stonecarver nodded as well. They were here for the eggs, not to fight over face.

"The three of us will take one each, you can take the last egg along with the two magpies. We won't make it difficult for you." He added.

"Hard to argue with this." The students nearby agreed, finding this suggestion logical and reasonable.

"That's why we can't compare to the emperors. Their personality and characters are great." One person sighed and praised.

"One each? Such wishful thinking. I'm taking all of them." Li Qiye looked at them and smiled.

"Hmph, he is just too overbearing." One student scowled after hearing this. The crowd didn't appreciate this lack of flexibility.

"This Li guy is given face but won't accept it, a person like him won't have a good end." Another student added.

The trio didn't expect this response, especially the two emperors. Their expression gradually turned cold.

They were influential not just in the academy but in all of Immortal Lineage. But now, Li Qiye treated them like air. How could they swallow this anger?

Even Buddha had a line that couldn't be crossed, let alone them.

"You're too arrogant, brat!" The centaur god bellowed.

He lost his cool first due to the previous humiliating defeat. Others just didn't know about it. Now he had another reason to feud with Li Qiye.

"And? You must be mad about how I seared your butt into fried horse meat the last time we met. It's quite a rare meal." Li Qiye smiled and said.

The centaur god trembled with rage; his face turned red. He needed to run for his life from that flame previously but only his men knew about it. Li Qiye revealing this in public was akin to adding salt to the wound.

"Little animal, do you dare to take on my arrows?!" He bellowed.

He has never been afraid of anyone before. As an Amaranthine Eternal, he was actually stronger than these two emperors. This allowed him to do whatever he wanted, wherever. Nevertheless, this junior kept on disrespecting him.

"You?" Li Qiye looked at him and said: "You're barely a Ceaseless Eternal, stop thinking that you're an Amaranthine."

"You!" The centaur god turned even redder. He eventually said: "My speed is at the amaranthine level!" He stressed the last few words for emphasis.

"Oh, so only in terms of speed and you simply lied. Do all the members of Divine Beast Legion like to boast like you?" Li Qiye smiled.

The centaur god had no response, stuck in a tough position.

His power wasn't actually at the amaranthine level. People praised him for having this level of speed. Eventually, the rumor became exaggerated and some started spreading that he was indeed an Amaranthine Eternal.

He didn't bother correcting this false rumor so everyone eventually took it as facts.

Li Qiye once again embarrassed him with another revelation. He enjoyed being called an Amaranthine Eternal all this time but this ended up coming back to bite him.

"Brat, do you dare to take me on?!" The centaur god's bow became bright with a ferocious aura - clearly a capable weapon.

All eyes were on Li Qiye. It looked like this centaur god wasn't a real Amaranthine but his archery abilities should live up to its fame.

"Why not? I will just stand here, no weapon, and you won't be able to hit me once." Li Qiye didn't care at all.

“Is he crazy?” The spectators became slack-jawed.

Zhou Qiushi’s group was startled too. The centaur god’s archery has been proven multiple times, unlike his cultivation level.

His speed and techniques were impeccable so Li Qiye might be too rash with this challenge.

“Hmph, I don’t think he has ever seen the centaur god’s archery in action before.” One student sneered.

An older student added: “He should be able to stop the arrows with his sword but just standing there? That’s suicidal.”

“It’s his own fault for wanting to die.” The first guy replied.

“I see, I’ve been around for so long and this is the first time someone dares to let me fire freely! Let’s see just how amazing you are! If I can’t shoot you down, I will leave and never oppose you again.” The centaur god angrily smiled.

“Who knows if you will be able to leave.” Li Qiye said.

“Very well, I will fire three shots. Survive if you can.” The centaur god shouted.

“After three shots, I will return one to you. Survive if you can.” Li Qiye casually said.

“Fine!” The centaur god relied on his archery since his debut. He considered himself to be a peerless archer, hence his title - Centaur God of Archery.

Others could look down on his cultivation but not his archery.

The two emperors were fixated on this match. They wanted to see the extent of Li Qiye’s abilities and if it was enough to back up his arrogance.

In their opinion, if the guy only relied on his sword to be arrogant, then he wasn’t a real threat. This match was a good chance for them to carefully observe his true power.

“Are you ready, brat? I’m about to fire!” The centaur god shouted.

Despite their feud, he was still an important character who does everything openly instead of relying on a sneak attack.

### [Chapter 2870: Dragontooth Arrow](#)

Li Qiye smiled and didn’t bother preparing. He stood there without a care in the world: “Go for it, let’s see how godly your archery is.”

“Good!” The centaur god roared thunderously; his vitality instantly erupted.

One could hear the draconic roars as the muscles on his arms bulged up into visible lines, looking just like dragons.

As he pulled back the string, his body itself seemingly served as the bow and became tense to the limit - ready to exert the strongest force at any moment.



“Buzz.” The string was finally pulled to the limit, creating a beautiful crescent arc! Everyone felt as if he was pulling the great veins of the world. The worldly power began to gather on the bow.

An arrow materialized with the shape of a dragon tooth - sharp and white with a bony shimmering.

This arrow clearly was created from some type of divine bones. Moreover, after it touched the string, one could hear crackles coming from tiny, violet lightning bolts. The arrow seemed to be brimming with the power of lightning.

Everyone felt that it possessed maximum speed even before being shot - virtually impossible to dodge.

“Dragontooth Arrow, he must really be furious to use it.” One person quietly said.

This was the centaur god’s sure-kill arrow, made from the tooth of a violetbolt earth dragon. Its speed was improved with the lightning’s empowerment.

“Die!” He roared and shot the arrow.

The sound of it breaking the air came a long time after the release. Everyone felt their throat hurting as if they had been pierced.

“That’s frightening.” Numerous students shuddered. They only saw a purple flash, akin to a lightning bolt striking Li Qiye.

Only the ones strong enough could see the lightning-shrouded arrow crossing through the void. Its unstoppable might encompassed speed, power, and lightning.

Everyone saw an illusion of it already piercing through Li Qiye’s throat.

“He’s dead for sure.” One student was certain of this.

“Whoosh!” Everyone finally heard the traveling sound of the arrow. Time seemed to be coming to a stop.

They saw something unbelievable enough to make their jaw drop to the ground - Li Qiye grabbing the arrow inches away from his throat.

From start to finish, he didn’t do anything impressive - no invincible merit law or powerful merit law. However, he still successfully stopped it.

It felt as if the arrow was moving extremely slowly and Li Qiye just needed to raise his hand to catch it.

“Boom! Boom!” Lightning bolts ran rampant on the arrow. However, they extinguished after he gripped the arrow.

“How, how can this be?” Astonishment struck the crowd.

“The, the centaur god is a Ceaseless Eternal...” One student couldn’t believe it.

“No, he’s an Amaranthine Eternal.” His friend prudently reminded him.

“That shot earlier is undoubtedly at the amaranthine level.” A powerful student added.

However, Li Qiye still caught it with his bare hand, hence the disbelief from the crowd.

People could accept him stopping it with the Sword of Repentance, an ancestral weapon. In fact, they could also accept him using a great merit law or the power of the light to stop it too. At the very least, the latter was within the realm of possibility and imagination.

Unfortunately, what he did was unfathomable. The Ceaseless, no, Amaranthine Eternal performed an impressive shot. The two emperors present might not be able to escape unscathed.

The two of them narrowed their eyes, becoming serious.

“Can anyone explain to me what happened just now?” One spectator thought that Li Qiye had performed some devilish art.

“Too slow.” Li Qiye smiled and closed his fist.

“Crack!” The draconic arrow was broken.

The centaur god grimaced at this sight. He was barely a Ceaseless Eternal in terms of cultivation, but his archery was impressive enough.

This dao alone allowed him to see the door of the amaranthine level. He knew how fast and strong that shot was just now. If these two emperors didn’t have an ancestral weapon in response, they would certainly be wounded by his strike. Thus, he couldn’t believe that his foe stopped it with one hand.

“This is considered a divine arrow? Only a little bit faster than a snail. Gotta change the name to lessen the humiliation.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Try another one!” The furious centaur god roared.

“Buzz.” He pulled back his bow again but didn’t add an arrow this time.

The bow became resplendent and exuded a blinding light. People couldn’t open their eyes and everything turned dark.

The bow disappeared as well. It seemed that the centaur was wielding the mysteries of the world, not a physical weapon.

Everyone became tense as if there was an invisible grip pulling back the fabrics of realities, morphing them into the shape of a bowstring.

“Buzz.” He pulled back and summoned an ocean behind him.

“An ocean of arrows!” Everyone saw it clearly.

Countless arrows made up this ocean - dragontooth arrows, massive arrows with a majestic aura, some as small as a strand of hair with a golden glow...

Their sudden emergence made the crowd gasp in horror.

“Die!” The centaur roared and unleashed his ocean of arrows.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Explosions detonated as the ocean became wild and out of control, breaking the proverbial dam and drowning everything else. The world started trembling as a result.

The number of arrows was unending. Even the strongest defensive line would eventually succumb to the barrages. The best movement techniques wouldn't be able to dodge the fate of being pierced by a thousand arrows and turning into a porcupine.

"Damn!" Many became horrified and quickly retreated, thinking these arrows could pierce through the core of the earth.