

Emperor 3581

Chapter 3581: Entering

Thus, only South Peak Marquis agreed to bet with Li Qiye.

“Forget it, I’ll stop messing with you all since it’s wasting my work time.” Li Qiye shrugged and headed for the valley.

“Young Friend... you’re going without any preparation?” The marquis called out after seeing this.

“No need to take a shower and light some incense first.” Li Qiye chuckled.

The marquis smiled wryly. It looked like he was being bothersome by worrying.

Li Qiye made it to the outer region filled with tens of thousand patrolling beasts. The leaders were high-level heaven, strong enough to break down any cultivator.

The spectators watched his steps with bated breath.

“He’ll be torn to pieces walking in like that.” One expert noted that Li Qiye wasn’t on guard, still carrying the shoulder pole in a relaxed manner. It was as if he was strolling through a village instead of walking into the jaws of beasts.

“He’s not big enough to fit between the teeth of one beast.” One expert murmured.

Most became anxious and started sweating for him as he got closer and closer.

The ones currently in front of the valley entrance right now were primal lions. Not long ago, they had just annihilated the border army. Even the commander went down.

“This is the end for this brat.” Someone who hasn’t seen Li Qiye before murmured the moment he saw a lion showing its fangs.

On the contrary, Li Qiye was completely nonchalant.

“Hey, Lil’ Spot, looking good and in high spirit? You too, Lil’ Fur, you all must have eaten too much, look at your bloated stomach. How many people did you eat?” Li Qiye got up and chatted with them.

The lion earlier ran over and started licking Li Qiye like a puppy. It showed its fangs to greet him, not to bite him.

This was also the case for the other leaders. Some ran over and licked his legs. Others rubbed their head on his thigh or playfully pushed him...

They were all at the high level of the heaven classification. Anything lower didn’t dare to get close. In other words, they weren’t qualified.

The crowd became slack-jawed, unable to believe their own eyes.

How could these high-level beasts act so familiar with Li Qiye? It was as if they wanted to be closer to him.

“Are, are you seeing this?” One ancestor asked in disbelief.

“These things can kill sacred-level ancestors, why are they so docile towards a woodchopper?” One sect master took a deep breath.

“This is like something from a dream.” A high elder’s mouth was wide open for a long time.

The beasts could easily take down sacred-level big shots, maybe with just one slap. Now, they looked like Li Qiye’s pets.

For example, the horde of lion-esque creatures took down an entire army just now. They were as ferocious as can be. This memory was still fresh in everyone’s mind. It reminded them that these things weren’t cute pets.

The teachers of Duality found this unbelievable as well, like a story from the legends.

“See? I told you that this brat is magical.” Teacher Du wasn’t surprised.

Yang Ling took pride in this too and loudly declared: “I said earlier that Young Noble Li grew up here, he can live together with the chaos primal beasts, they consider each other neighbors!”

Meanwhile, the students were left speechless.

“Okay, I need to get going, I’m behind today with gathering wood.” Li Qiye smiled at them.

The beasts heard this and returned to their original position. They became powerful beasts once more - a stark contrast to a moment prior.

“What kind of charisma does this brat have over the beasts? Why are they so close to him?” No one had an answer to this question.

“It’s bizarre.” One expert said: “If I were in his position, I would stop chopping instantly and just become the king of Myriad Beast Mountains.”

People found logic in these random comments. Li Qiye had so many possibilities here instead of wasting his time gathering wood. No one could stop him from establishing his dominion.

Once again, they found his choice to be baffling. This was akin to someone having a mountain of gold and silver yet still wanted to work on the farm. Nothing else in this world could be so utterly ridiculous and foolish.

“Impossible to believe and understand.” The old teacher from Duality murmured: “This young friend either has great wisdom or the mind of a child.”

“He’s not a fool, at the very least. That’s why I praised his characters.” Teacher Du said.

“Right. I would have used this advantage for greater things instead of staying here to chop wood.” A different teacher sincerely said.

In reality, no one would pick Li Qiye’s route given the circumstances. It was too wasteful.

“We must either get this brat on our side or eliminate him.” Sir Shang eventually calmed down and told his group. His eyes flashed with murderous intent.

In his opinion, Li Qiye could become a great threat to the dynasty.

The marquis didn't say anything. He had his own land so his perspective and conduct were different from the battle-hardened general.

Chapter 3582: So Simple

"He's entering the valley now." One expert said loudly.

Li Qiye stood by the entrance with the stone steps before him. Anticipation was at an all-time high for the crowd.

"What will he do to stop the test of the statues?" Another murmured.

"I think all of his methods will be useless due to his cultivation. Only Heavenly Sovereigns can take it directly." An older expert commented while shaking his head.

He wasn't looking down on Li Qiye and simply stated the truth. The best example was Golden Cicada Buddhist Child who fled due to injuries. Li Qiye could be reduced to blood if he took this path.

"What will he do? Will the statues play nice with him too?" One teacher from Duality said.

He wasn't the only one confused. Everyone else racked their brains and couldn't come up with a particular method due to the disparity in cultivation. They estimated that the Heavenly Sovereign realm was necessary to get through.

No methods or schemes could make up the gap between a Violet Marquis and Heavenly Sovereign.

"Let's wait and see, maybe he'll show us something unimaginable." Teacher Du had indescribable confidence in Li Qiye.

By this point, all eyes were on him. No one wanted to miss a single action.

However, the only preparation he did was stretching before taking the first step. He seemed to be unaware of the danger.

"Watch out, the power there can reduce you to nothingness." A spectator shouted.

Everyone assumed that the sonic waves would catch him off guard and kill him soon.

Alas, nothing actually happened during his ascent. The steps didn't react at all. This was completely different than when Golden Cicada tried to climb up since they lit up and the statues were activated.

One step, two, three... Li Qiye had no problem moving up while still singing.

"Why...?" The experts outside became as astounded.

Golden Cicada wasn't the first to attempt this. Dugu Lan of Duality tried as well. The result was exactly the same - being repelled by the sonic waves.

Their failure was a testament to the valley's defense. The question was - why is it not activated against Li Qiye? The all-destroying sonic waves were nowhere to be found.

"How strange, the Buddhist test isn't happening to him." One knowledgeable ancestor had no explanation.

“Maybe it stopped working?” Another cultivator wondered.

A senior immediately glared at him and said: “To lay down something like this required the power of the Heavenly Sovereign realm, at the very least. Do you think such a character can make a basic mistake?”

The cultivator smiled awkwardly. The senior was right. This was akin to a dao lord making a mistake with an elementary move - simply impossible.

“What sorcery is this?” Sir Shang’s eyes widened in disbelief.

He was here relatively early and saw the repeated failures. That’s why Li Qiye’s success was beyond his imagination.

“This exceeds reason and common sense.” One Duality teacher said.

This line resonated with the rest of the crowd.

“I’m right again, this brat is as devilish as can be.” Teacher Du said.

“Is it actually fine though?” Some cultivators were still nervous because he wasn’t finished. The statues could still suddenly activate and kill him.

As time passed, he easily finished the downward steps and made it to the valley. The spectators finally heaved a sigh of relief.

“He’s fine.” One of them felt as if he was the one taking the trip.

“He did it...” Yang Ling celebrated and finally relaxed. She was tense earlier and clenched her fists tightly, going as far as sweating.

It seemed that Li Qiye was telling the truth earlier. Everyone thought that he was messing with Sir Shang. Now, they finally understood his answers.

For everyone else, entering the valley was a perilous undertaking but for him, this was no different from a walk. There was no pressure and burden.

Many became happy because they saw hope. Even a woodchopper could enter this valley.

Pessimism struck them earlier because of the failures. They thought that only a grandmaster would be able to get the golden egg. Li Qiye changed their mindset right away.

“He’s going for the golden egg!” Someone shouted.

People calmed down and started watching again. They saw Li Qiye walking towards the stone platform.

Both the juniors and ancestors became tense again. They saw the world draconic king not attacking him.

The two seemed to actually be chatting. They just couldn’t hear the conversation due to the defensive barrier of the valley.

“The brat really knows all the chaos primal beasts here.” One ancestor was completely convinced by Li Qiye’s ability.

Even this great beast was friendly with him. Doubters had no choice but to accept this strange reality.

Chapter 3583: Just Chopping Wood

Eyes nearly dropped to the ground as the two conversed.

“This amazing creature is a king among high-level heaven beasts. Heavenly Sovereigns are afraid of it.” One expert became jealous since Li Qiye could talk to it freely.

No one here would dare to get close to this creature but Li Qiye treated it like a friend.

“My life would be so good if I can do this.” Another expert salivated.

Just think about it, being able to talk on the same level as a high-level heaven king beast. This would truly be beneficial for the future and made everyone jealous of him.

They watched as he came closer and closer to the golden egg. The beast didn’t try to stop him.

“Why isn’t the king moving? It should be protecting the egg?” One spectator took a deep breath.

This egg was clearly precious beyond imagination, enough to make this beast king value it more than its own life. Nonetheless, it still let Li Qiye get close.

He arrived next to the egg and rubbed it with a natural expression. He looked as if he was touching an egg of a chicken from his farm.

Everyone’s heart started beating faster from being nervous.

“Take it, just take it!” One expert clenched his fists while murmuring.

“Take it out here.” Another ancestor said.

Virtually everyone wanted Li Qiye to take the egg outside. Since they couldn’t come into the valley, they needed Li Qiye to bring it out.

Various other possibilities would happen next. They could try to buy it from him or just rob him of it. Ultimately, the chance would be higher than zero.

“What do you think?” The oldest teacher of Duality looked at Teacher Du.

“I’m confident that he won’t take it out. That’s not who he is.” Teacher Du shook his head with a smile.

“Brother Du, you have great trust in him.” A different teacher smiled.

“I’m sure I haven’t misjudged him, he deserves my trust.” Teacher Du responded.

Sure enough, Li Qiye only gently rubbed it for a bit before leaving to gather firewood.

“God, this brat makes no sense!” One spectator couldn’t help blurting out.

“What’s wrong with him? He must be sick in the head to care more about wood than that divine egg!” One ancestor stomped the ground and cursed, not caring about his image.

“He has no idea what’s precious and not!” Another ancestor thought that his brains had some shortcomings.

This was akin to ignoring a mountain of gold for a pile of scrap metals. Anyone would curse after seeing this foolishness.

“If one of my men does something like this, I’ll make mincemeat out of him and feed it to the dogs.” Sir Shang gritted his teeth. It sounded as if this was still a light punishment, not enough to satiate his anger.

“An aberrant fella.” South Peak Marquis thought that Li Qiye was the strangest person he has ever met. Conventional wisdom didn’t work on analyzing him.

Numerous crowd members despised Li Qiye even though he didn’t do a thing to them, wanting to stomp him to death.

Picking wood over the golden egg? Letting him live in this world was a waste of food.

Most importantly, they wanted him to take the egg outside. This completely ruined their plan.

Next came the sounds of Li Qiye chopping a tree in a rhythmic manner. It became the only sound here since everyone was preoccupied with watching him.

They thought that this might be the stupidest thing a man could do given the situation.

“See?” Teacher Du proudly smiled.

“Brother Du, your insight is incredible. I am lost in admiration.” The other teachers were impressed.

“I wouldn’t have been able to resist the temptation.” The oldest teacher commented sentimentally while looking at Li Qiye.

The other teachers didn’t say anything, admitting that they would have fallen to the temptation as well. The value of the egg was just priceless.

“What’s wrong with him...?” One student quietly said.

“The egg is one thing but if I were in his shoes, I would try to be famous instead of chopping wood.” An older student started daydreaming.

Just imagine, being able to live in peace with chaos primal beasts. There was no need to chop wood. Other things using this resource would allow them to soar.

“That’s why you can’t become someone like Young Noble Li.” Yang Ling told them: “He considers the beasts as his neighbors so he won’t take their items. Hmph, all of you are thinking about stealing from your neighbors.”

The students didn’t say anything. She made a lot of sense but they thought that everything was possible when the egg was so valuable. Embarrassment and shame no longer mattered. Just one decision then would make them world-renowned, a trillion times better than being a woodchopper.

The older cultivators present felt the same way and couldn’t understand Li Qiye. They considered him either unconventional or idiotic.

After he finished chopping and placing the wood on his shoulder pole, he started singing again.

“He’s coming out.” Everyone became excited again to see this.

Chapter 3584: More Temptations

A hush fell over the area as people watched Li Qiye leave the valley from the main entrance.

The wood on his pole seemed to be quite heavy, causing the stick to bend and creak - seemingly on the verge of breaking down.

Alas, this weight didn't affect Li Qiye. His back was still straight; his steps soft and his expression relaxed.

This wasn't too surprising to the crowd because timber had a limit to its weight. After all, a Violet Marquis cultivator could still lift ten thousand pounds without a problem. However, their real focus was still on Li Qiye, not the wood and the pole.

The only sound that could be heard were his footsteps and the creaking of the pole. These were the only movements as well.

No one said anything yet they all unanimously crowded around him, whether it be the ancestors or experts from various sects.

All of them had the same idea and goal - keep Li Qiye here.

"The brat is in danger." A teacher from Duality became worried since Li Qiye looked like a fat sheep at this point. No one wanted to let him leave.

"What, there's a party?" Li Qiye put down the pole and smiled at the crowd, seemingly unaware of the looming danger.

"Be careful!" The worried Yang Ling shouted at him.

Of course, this didn't matter because Li Qiye couldn't leave containment in the first place.

Running wasn't an option even if he wanted to. Nonetheless, he harbored no such thoughts while smiling at the experts.

"Young Friend, you have done something magical and opened our eyes." South Peak Marquis couldn't help praising: "Words aren't enough to describe it."

He was telling the truth. Li Qiye's miracle astounded everyone.

"Don't forget the bet between us." Li Qiye said.

"I have lost indeed, you won in a magnificent manner." The marquis didn't play dumb.

"Gao! Gao! Gao!" Having said that, the marquis actually barked a dozen times in a row without any hesitation and discomfort to the astonishment of the crowd.

He was a marquis with bestowed land. His status was just as high as the senior defender, perhaps even greater. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to consider him on even-footing with a prestigious sect master.

No one in his shoes would want to bark. Even if they had to, they would do it begrudgingly or tried to twist the narrative. Or, they would only bark a few times just to get it done.

The marquis showed no sign of this so the atmosphere wasn't too awkward for everyone else. The latter was both surprised and impressed.

"Not bad, not bad at all. You're quite a talent." Li Qiye smiled at him.

The marquis chuckled and continued: "It's a complete defeat with no chance of rising again." He mocked himself since this was indeed a humiliating event.

Little did he know how valuable it was to earn praises from Li Qiye.

"What did you and the world draconic king talk about?" Sir Shang was standing closest to Li Qiye.

"Just idle chat, like what did we eat today and when will the egg hatch, that's all." Li Qiye smiled, not minding the potentially-hostile crowd.

More than ten thousand people were staring at him with greed flashing in their eyes. He resembled a delicious lamb right now. All of them could lunge forward at any moment and devour him.

Anyone else would have been trembling in fear but Li Qiye had no reaction as if he was born slow.

"When the divine egg will hatch?" Zhui Xueyun became impatient and blurted out. However, he regretted it because Li Qiye hasn't been answering him. This could be further humiliation.

Unexpectedly, Li Qiye actually answered him this time: "Still missing a little spark, it needs more time."

"Why didn't you bring it out?" An ancestor gazed at Li Qiye with malice that wasn't hidden well.

"Why should I? The egg belongs to this place. Plus, nothing good will come of it." Li Qiye became surprised.

"Why is it not good?" Sir Shang uttered coldly.

"The king told me that this egg is ominous and dangerous. Taking it out will invite a calamity, something very frightening. It's best to leave it in the valley." Li Qiye nonchalantly said.

"Nonsense." One high elder disagreed: "I saw you touch the egg and you're perfectly fine right now."

"I'm familiar with it." Li Qiye said: "Maybe the egg has sentience and knows that I'm a neighbor. That's why it didn't hurt me. Who knows about other people?"

"Ridiculous, no one is buying this." Sir Shang said.

"Your choice." Li Qiye shrugged.

"Young Friend, take the egg out and I'll give you a million stones, three cities, and eight thousand beauties." One royal lord hurriedly offered.

"Don't forget about our agreement." Another big shot said.

"It's not the time for that yet, still the time for a transaction. Whoever can buy it will get it, yes?" The royal lord responded.

It seemed that many powers have formed an alliance a bit ago.

“Sure.” A sect master then turned towards Li Qiye and said: “Young Friend, give me the egg and I’ll give you thirty treasure chests and eight merit laws. You’ll be our vice sect master too.”

“Young Friend, we will let you marry our princess and give you three bottles of supreme pills, enough to give you three thousand years of cultivation. In three years, you’ll reach the yin yang realm.”

Chapter 3585: I Don’t Want Anything

Numerous leaders stated their price one after another. The value escalated until it became quite tempting.

The listeners salivated and wanted to be in Li Qiye’s shoes. 8,000 miles of land, 80,000 beauties, numerous pills? Their heart skipped a beat while listening to the offers.

“Just agree already.” One couldn’t help urging Li Qiye as if wanting to live vicariously through him. They fantasized about having their own territory and picking any of the beauties. This was the peak of life.

Li Qiye waved his hand and said: “Tempting offers but I won’t do something like taking the egg out.”

“What does it take? Just let us know and we’ll satisfy your demands.” One sect master didn’t give up.

Many sects and kingdoms were willing to pay any price for this golden egg.

“I don’t want anything, especially not selling this egg to you bunch. Nonetheless, I appreciate the sentiment but the only thing I want to do right now is to be a free woodchopper.”

He directly refused all of their offers. Silence naturally ensued as people stared at him as if he was a fool.

“Are you ill?” One youth chastised him: “There’s a chance to become a king right now yet you insist on staying a woodchopper. If you don’t want it, let me take your place, you can stay a woodchopper.” He was spilling out the thoughts of the crowd.

“My illness is a love of being a woodchopper.” Li Qiye smirked.

The crowd had a hard time being angry since Li Qiye was consistent from start to finish. Nonetheless, they thought that being this wasteful of an opportunity might cause lightning bolts to strike him.

At this point, a few leaders exchanged glances and reached an implicit agreement.

“You might not have anything you want but more power will grant you safety.” Sir Shang spoke seriously with a glint in his eyes.

Those nearby had the same thought - if persuasion didn’t work, it was time for force.

This was the most direct and effective method to solve this problem. The guy was only a Violet Marquis. Anyone here could easily subdue him.

“I’m very safe right now.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Is that so? Haven’t you heard of this phrase, a man’s wealth is his own ruin?” Sir Shang said insidiously.

No one here was willing to give up on the egg and Li Qiye was the only potential route. Thus, they would do anything for it.

Many powers weren't on Vajra Dynasty's side a while ago. This was no longer the case since they had reached an agreement to resort to force and potentially torture.

Moreover, Sir Shang was ready to play the part of a bad guy before them. They didn't mind this at all.

"Never heard of it before." Li Qiye said.

"Young friend, the situation is unfavorable for you." The marquis said: "You just need to bring the egg out and don't worry about who gets it in the end. You can continue to live your life in peace by doing so and do your own things, such as being a woodchopper. No one will trouble you anymore."

"And if I don't?" Li Qiye smiled.

"I'm afraid it'll be hard for you to stay alive." A sect master was no longer joking around. His words were filled with murderous intent.

"As an official of Vajra, I care for the people and want you to be safe. Unfortunately, the will of the crowd is hard to change so I'm powerless. The only thing I can do is make sure that you'll be fine after you bring out the egg." Sir Shang said.

"Such hypocrisy." Teacher Du snorted: "A cat crying for a mouse. You're the one who wants the egg the most so don't act so virtuous. Everyone can see through your plan."

Sir Shang didn't bother responding to Teacher Du, the same with the other masters and lords.

A while ago, they were actually on the side of Duality to go against Vajra. Now, they chose the side of the senior defender and kept quiet for their own benefits.

"Sir Shang is right, we'll make sure that you'll stay safe if you bring the egg out." A royal lord said.

"Don't be afraid, Young Noble Li. Come to our camp and we'll escort you." Teacher Du declared.

Unfriendly gazes fixated on the teacher the moment he finished.

"Teacher Du, do you wish to oppose everyone here? Can your academy handle it?" The previous royal lord said.

"Have to try to know, it's a good chance to see what other sects can do." Teacher Du heartily laughed.

"I advise you to worry about your own business. Your academy isn't the only great power in the holy ground." A clan master snorted.

Sir Shang and a few top leaders exchanged glances at this point. He suddenly shouted: "Switch the location!"

"Poof!" A bright flash took everyone by surprise. When they regained their wits, Sir Shang and a dozen of sect masters and royal lords were nowhere to be found.

"Li Qiye is gone!" Those left behind panicked since they needed him for the golden egg.

"They took him away." An old expert's expression soured.

“Flash teleportation.” The oldest teacher of Duality scowled: “Looks like they have strategized beforehand, let’s see where you’re going.” He swung his hand and began deriving the grand dao.

“Poof!” The scene before Li Qiye changed. They were now standing on top of a peak still in Myriad Beast Mountains.

Sir Shang and other leaders were present. For example, the sect master of Shifting Cloud and the royal lord of Night Court.

This was a temporary alliance forged for obtaining the golden egg.

“It’s just you and us now.” Sir Shang glared at him: “Let’s talk.”

“About what?” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Young Noble Li, we’re not evil or anything, just cooperate and we won’t mistreat you. Don’t make it difficult for us.” Shifting Cloud Sect Master said.

“I hope you will pick the right choice. Don’t force our hands, it’ll be too late then.” Another royal lord threatened.

Chapter 3586: Intimidation

The leaders who tried to persuade Li Qiye with sweet offers have finally shown their fangs, seemingly on the verge of eating him alive.

They have resorted to an inferior strategy. It would have been great for him to accept an offer since this would make things simpler. There was only one egg so whoever got it from Li Qiye would be the winner.

Now, it became a headache since no one had a clear claim to the egg. How could they divide it?

“And if I don’t obey?” Li Qiye was amused by the greedy eyes of these lords.

“Don’t worry, we’ll make you obey.” Sir Shang had a frightening gaze due to the glint, causing people to uncontrollably shiver: “You will experience our military’s 389 types of torture. Hahaha, I’m sure you’ll be begging for death soon enough but I won’t let it end so soon.”

His nefarious laughter and bloodthirsty expression indicated a penchant for sadism.

“I see.” Li Qiye responded with a smile.

“Feel free to smile, no, laugh even.” Sir Shang said: “I’m afraid you won’t be able to keep that face once I start. You won’t be able to cry either...”

His nefarious grin became wider as if he truly enjoyed torturing someone.

The leaders here who knew him weren’t surprised to see his twisted hobby.

“Even if you don’t care for yourself, think about those close to you.” A sect master persuaded: “I heard you have a servant and a young girl. Trouble will come to them too if you pick the wrong choice.”

“They won’t have a good end if you don’t obey. We won’t do something like that but what about the more villainous souls? There’s no guessing what they’ll do and they don’t hold back.” Another royal lord added.

“Plus, if it’s not us, others won’t spare you and your friends after finding out your ability to access that valley.” He continued: “Your servant will die and that young miss will suffer extraordinary agony and it’ll be your fault.”

“Cooperate with us and we guarantee with our reputation that nothing will happen to you, provided that you take out the egg. Next, you can continue being a woodchopper and no one will bother you, yes?” A big shot kept the persuasive attempt going.

“These are reasonable assessments of the situation so you must reconsider. This chance will only be there once, don’t blame us when you fail to grasp it.” Sir Shang uttered: “Just think about the little girl when she falls into the clutch of evil men. They’ll torture her and she’ll no longer bear any semblance to a human. That will be all your fault.”

This was no longer an implication. He clearly threatened that perhaps he himself would torture Li Qiye’s friends in order to make him submit.

Plus, they were actually right about one thing. If they didn’t do it, someone else would anyway. In a sense, Li Qiye forced them into doing this by not obeying.

“Hmm, this does make sense.” Deep in Li Qiye’s eyes was a flash of amusement as he seemingly pondered.

Unfortunately, they didn’t understand his expression and thought that their threats have proven effective. The guy was changing his mind now out of fear.

They exchanged glances and Sir Shang spoke first: “In order to avoid pain of the flesh and unimaginable consequences, obediently cooperate with us.”

“Young Friend, it’s not too late to change your mind or we won’t be able to stop Sir Shang from his punishment. He is known to carry his responsibilities above all else without showing mercy.” Another sect master said.

Everyone labeled Sir Shang as the bad guy here since he was the first to reveal his nefarious intent. From now on, all the blame could be placed on him regardless of what happens next.

“But... this egg is ominous, nothing good will come from bringing it out of the valley. Anyone who touches it will suffer a disaster...” Li Qiye hesitated.

“Don’t worry, that’s nothing. We have so many experts here, more than enough to suppress one egg. You just need to bring the egg out to us, that’s all.” One royal lord interrupted Li Qiye.

“But I can’t take it out.” Li Qiye waved his hands, acting helplessly.

“Can’t take it out? Why not?!” A sect master shouted.

“Because there is a power binding it there, I can’t move it.” Li Qiye said.

“Really? Don’t think about lying to us, the consequences are grave!” Sir Sheng immediately shouted.

“Why should I? I might have already taken it out if I could.” Li Qiye replied.

The group exchanged glances, still skeptical. If Li Qiye really couldn’t bring it out, then they would have wasted their time.

“Don’t try to bullshit us!” One royal lord bellowed.

“I’m telling the truth.” Li Qiye sincerely said with innocent eyes.

They saw his appearance and were slightly convinced. Unfortunately, this meant that all of this was for nothing.

“Maybe he’s telling the truth.” One person said. After all, this might be the reason why Li Qiye refused all the tempting offers. He couldn’t bring the egg out in the first place.

Everyone’s mood sank to the abyss right away. The golden egg was right there...

“However...” Li Qiye said before pausing.

“What? Just spill it!” The easily-agitated Sir Shang shouted.

“I can’t bring the egg out but I can take you inside. It’ll be up to your own abilities whether you can move the egg or not.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Really?” Everyone became excited and stared intensely at him.

“Absolutely.” Li Qiye nodded earnestly and said: “I’ll bring your group into the valley.”

“This is possible?” They exchanged glances, still skeptical.

“Yes, I’ve brought my old servant there before, it’s perfectly fine.” Li Qiye smiled.

Hope surfaced again for the group.

“We can give it a shot.” They eventually reached a unanimous agreement.

“Brat, don’t try anything stupid or your friends will get it.” Sir Shang coldly threatened.

“I know, it’ll be perfectly safe.” Li Qiye seemed to have given up on struggling.

“It’s decided then.” The group made up its mind.

“Poof!” Suddenly, several figures appeared.

Chapter 3587: Duality Academy Can Handle Anything

The newcomers startled the group who immediately turned around and saw the teachers from Duality.

Teacher Du and the others have managed to calculate the position of the teleport and immediately ran here.

“Wow, so admirable, a bunch of sect masters and kings kidnapping a junior. You all have thrown away the holy ground’s reputation.”

“Sigh, you’re misreading the situation.” One sect master responded: “We’re only negotiating with our young friend here about a few things. There were too many people back there so we went somewhere else. We haven’t done anything to him, look, not even a hair of his is gone.”

“Right, we haven’t done anything, you can ask him yourself.” Another royal lord laughed.

They quickly absolved themselves of any responsibility for two reasons - one, Duality wasn’t one to be trifled with. Second, it wasn’t good for their reputation either. If Sacred Mountain were to catch wind of this, they would be left in an awkward position.

“Hmph, Duality is overextending its reach? Are you purposely trying to provoke our dynasty?” Sir Shang snorted and said: “If that’s your intent, let’s see what you can do.”

“I see, if you’re interested, then let’s see how your cultivation is.” Teacher Du snorted and gave him zero face.

Teacher Du didn’t need to be polite. Although Vajra was currently in charge, the academy was no slouch either. Their students consisted of Heavenly Sovereigns and even dao lords.

“Please calm down, there’s no actual feud or anything here, why draw the swords?” One royal lord immediately stopped the two from fighting.

The two sides were too even and had great influence. Many experts from various sects joined Vajra as officials. On the other hand, others also joined Duality to learn. In fact, some of them here were alumni.

In a sense, the academy might actually have greater influence than Vajra.

“Yes, no reason to destroy the peace.” Another sect master hurriedly chimed in: “Sir Shang, take one step back. Teacher Du, please calm down. You know that Sir Shang doesn’t hold back his words.”

These leaders knew that the senior defender was only a general under the Ministry of War and couldn’t represent Vajra.

He might be executed by his own dynasty if he were to provoke Duality. That’s why they didn’t need to offend the academy for his sake either.

Moreover, they knew that Duality would only show consideration towards Sacred Mountain, no one else.

It had plenty of alumni in high positions from the other four divisions. This was doubly true for Metropolis and many current officials.

Thus, Duality could act without qualms and not care about any other power. Furthermore, their founder, Duality Master, was an existence who shook the holy ground to the core. From this, the academy was fundamentally fearless.

Ultimately, the group right now deduced that Sir Shang was the one at a disadvantage in an actual confrontation. It was better to de-escalate the situation during this key moment.

Sir Shang had no choice but to swallow his anger after hearing his allies.

“How are you doing, Young Noble Li?” Teacher Du lost interest after seeing that a fight wouldn’t break out.

“I’m fine, I’ll just be bringing them in the valley for a look.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Bringing them there?” The teachers stared at him in astonishment.

“The egg is sealed by a great power that I can’t move. We’ll see if they can take it out or not.” Li Qiye shrugged.

“Hmph, they must be threatening you.” Teacher Du and turned aggressively towards the rest.

Sir Shang glared back at him without any hesitation.

“Brother Du, we’re not at fault here. We simply reasoned with Young Noble Li.” One sect master said indignantly.

“Yes, we’re doing this for his sake. If evil-doers were to find out, they wouldn’t let him be. We’re men of status so we won’t ruin our reputation over this.” Another royal lord added.

The teachers didn’t fully believe this but it made some sense. Eventually, Teacher Du told Li Qiye:

“Young Noble Li, as I said before, you just need to join us. Our academy has the power to keep you safe.”

He wasn’t bragging. Everything would change the moment Li Qiye becomes a student of Duality. This group wouldn’t dare to cross the line and touch the beehive.

“Young Noble Li, think about yourself and your friends.” Sir Shang brought this up again.

“Senior Defender, any more from you and we’ll make sure you won’t leave this place.” Teacher Du immediately retorted, threatening the senior defender who threatened Li Qiye.

The teachers were capable of making the mountain range Sir Shang’s final resting place. This wasn’t an empty threat.

“You dare to threaten a general of Vajra?!” Sir Shang’s expression became unsightly. The threat earlier was no different from a slap to the face.

“Yes, if you aren’t convinced, let us fight. If you defeat me, I’ll leave right away.” Teacher Du got straight to the point.

Sir Shang trembled with rage but this teacher was powerful indeed.

“Gentlemen, once again, there’s no need for this. Sir Shang just isn’t good at choosing his words.” The others had to work hard again.

“I’m okay with just bringing them in for a look. The golden egg belongs to the fateful ones, those who can take it away.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Right! Whoever can get it means that it should belong to them in the first place. It’s amazing that you understand this.” One royal lord applauded.

“I see.” Teacher Du couldn’t do anything else and said: “Then let’s go back now.”

“Yes, yes.” The rest was afraid of another potential skirmish so they agreed right away.

“Poof!” The scenery changed and they were back outside the valley.

“They’re back!” The tens of thousand cultivators became excited after seeing the group again.

They were anxious a while ago since it was obvious what Sir Shang’s group would try to do. Thus, they heaved a sigh of relief to see Li Qiye perfectly well.

“How are you doing?” South Peak Marquis came forward and noticed that the two sides didn’t fight.

“Silence!” Sir Shang has been angry this entire time so he shouted thunderously. Numerous became frightened as a result.

Everyone kept their mouth shut but their eyes weren’t on Sir Shang but rather, Li Qiye.

Chapter 3588: Let’s Go In Together

“Ahem, I have reached an agreement with Sir Shang’s group and will be bringing everyone into the valley...” The center of attention, Li Qiye, cleared his throat and spoke with a smile.

“Just our group.” Sir Shang interrupted him right away.

Everyone else became surprised. They thought about it and it seemed that Li Qiye was forced into submission a bit back.

“No, he said everyone.” A quick-witted listener said. Since Li Qiye could come into the valley freely, maybe he would be able to bring everyone else in too.

They would have the chance to obtain that golden egg then.

Li Qiye acted startled by the shout. He then innocently stared at the senior defender and said: “Not everyone? Just your group?”

“Of course you’re bringing everyone in!” The experts who didn’t join the temporary alliance immediately shouted.

“That’s right. Young Noble Li, this egg is a gift from heaven and everyone has claims to it, as long as they are virtuous. You have to bring everyone in order to make it fair.” A high elder tapped on Li Qiye’s shoulder and showed support.

“Why should Senior Defender Shang get to monopolize it? Does everything beneath the sky belong to Vajra? That would be too imperious and tyrannical.” Another expert added.

“Vajra can’t stop us from entering the valley. Does it wish to antagonize all other powers?” Another side suddenly rose, completely opposing Sir Shang.

The first alliance naturally didn’t like this development. They wanted the egg for themselves but now, everyone else wanted a piece.

“Hmph, the young friend agreed to let my group in, it has nothing to do with you!” Sir Shang coldly uttered. The more people, the worse it was for them.

“Young Noble Li has agreed to let us in now too.” One ancestor didn’t relent and snorted: “He’s not a member of Vajra and doesn’t need to listen to you.”

“Yes.” A royal lord immediately added: “Don’t worry, Young Noble Li. Take us in there and we’ll guarantee your safety. If you only bring the senior defender in, he might kill you after obtaining the egg to keep it a secret.”

“What are you trying to say?!” Sir Shang’s group became furious after hearing this.

“You heard me.” The speaker wasn’t afraid of the group because the tempting egg has emboldened him. No one would give ground when the egg was on the line.

“We’re simply telling the truth. Your group might try to kill him but if everyone else gets to go in, then I’m sure no one will dare to do anything to Young Noble Li.” He continued.

“I think he’s right.” Li Qiye said: “Your group might really kill me to keep it a secret. I would rather have other powers join too.”

Sir Shang’s group had an ugly expression. They already had an agreement with Li Qiye but things got more complicated now.

“Haha, Vajra can’t monopolize the egg, we’ll see what the other powers have to say about it.” Teacher Du had a good time gloating.

“If Vajra insists on entering the valley alone, it means that it wishes to kill Young Noble Li on top of antagonizing everyone else.” Another master took advantage of this opportunity for a serious accusation.

“Ahem.” Li Qiye said: “Seems like your group really plans on killing me. It’s better if I stay with them.” He then slowly walked towards the other group.

“Yes, Young Noble Li, stay with us and we’ll guarantee your safety. There are thousands of sects on our side, far safer than if you stay with them.” This group immediately cheered.

“Come over here, Young Noble Li.” One ancestor walked forward, seemingly ready to protect Li Qiye at all cost.

Sir Shang’s group became more alarmed. This was akin to having their boiled duck flying away. [1]

“No, no.” The sect master of Shifting Cloud smiled at Li Qiye and said: “Young Noble LI, nothing like that will ever happen. We guarantee your safety after entering the valley.”

“You’re worrying too much, Young Noble Li.” The royal lord of Night Court also chased after Li Qiye and said: “You’re perfectly fine staying with us.”

“Really? I still think I’m safer with them.” Li Qiye remained skeptical.

“Absolutely.” Shifting Cloud Sect Master patted his chest and guaranteed: “I stake my reputation as the sect master of Shifting Cloud on it. I will protect you.”

Li Qiye still looked doubtful after hearing this.

“In my opinion, we all need to go in together in order to keep Young Noble Li safe. That’s the best course of action. You should really think about it, Young Noble Li.” A clan master from the other side said with a serious tone.

The members of this side loudly expressed their agreement. They naturally wanted to enter the valley too.

Sir Shang and his allies exchanged glances. Their alliance was strong but still not enough to fight against all the other powers.

Plus, Li Qiye seemed tempted to join them right now. All of their efforts would be wasted in that case. Therefore, they reached a decision while debating it using their eyes and expression.

The oldest elder of the alliance coughed and said: “Ahem, let’s just go in together.”

They had no choice but to agree because the majority was about to rob Li Qiye from them. At that point, they would all die fighting outside before anyone could set foot into the valley.

“That’s fine, we unanimously agree.” An elder acted as the representative of the other powers: “However, this doesn’t mean that the egg is divided equally. Whoever is the most capable will get it.”

The listeners thought about it before nodding their head.

Sir Shang’s alliance was extremely strong but everyone remained confident and hopeful. They thought that during the actual skirmish, they might be the ones lucky enough to grab the egg first.

Thus, the goal here was to enter the valley first. Of course, Sir Shang’s alliance still had the biggest advantage right now.

“It’s decided then.” All eyes were on Li Qiye.

He stared at them and waved his hand: “I can bring all of you in but that egg is ominous. Don’t blame me if something happens.”

Chapter 3589: Entering The Valley

They naturally didn’t heed his warning in the slightest while being fully tempted by the golden egg. The only thing on their mind was entering the valley.

“Don’t worry, just take us inside and we’ll handle other matters.” One expert became impatient.

“But...” Li Qiye remained hesitant: “The golden egg is evil and bloodthirsty, a disaster might be looming.”

“If it’s truly evil, then Vajra should guard it so that no one will become its victim.” Sir Shang said.

“In that case, it’s actually better to take the egg out so that everyone can work together to keep the world safe. Young Noble Li, you have a responsibility to take us in there.” An elder on the other side actually agreed with Sir Shang. He took the side of justice without feeling shameless at all.

“Young Noble Li, let’s hurry up.” Others became restless.

“Fine.” Li Qiye gave up and said: “Don’t blame me if anything happens.”

He looked unwilling before warning: "It's not too late to give up or death might be the outcome."

"We know, we're responsible for any danger, don't you worry." They all wanted to rush for the golden egg right now and actually thought that Li Qiye was being annoying.

"I'll take everyone in then." Li Qiye relented.

"Men, get ready!" Everyone has been waiting for this; an elder commanded his group.

Numerous groups lined up, seemingly ready to assault the valley. Secret alliances were made on the spot too.

It became obvious that working alone wasn't enough to obtain the egg, hence the need for allies.

"Provide backline support and create a dao platform. We're leaving the moment we get it." A few powers prepared backup plans and didn't bring all disciples inside.

Those left behind needed to prepare formations and even dao platforms. This would allow them a swift retreat once successful.

Whoever obtained the egg would become everyone's target. That's why a retreat plan was crucial.

"Sir Shang, members of South Peak will stay outside the valley as support. We'll wait for your triumphant return." South Peak Marquis didn't want to take the risk and decided to stay outside.

"Very well, I'm counting on you, Marquis." Sir Shang nodded.

Due to their ranks, he actually couldn't order the marquis. Moreover, he personally didn't want the guy to enter in the first place since he would need to share credit with the marquis after getting the egg.

He thought that he did all the work in creating an alliance. Sharing the limelight and rewards was unacceptable.

"Teacher, do we go too?" Many students were eager to try while watching the mobilization.

They were hopeful too. Perhaps they would be blessed by heaven and managed to grab the egg during the skirmishes.

"Tired of living already?" The oldest teacher glared at them and scolded: "Just watch here given your skills because when a fight actually starts, all of you will be crushed like ants. Stop fantasizing about being lucky."

The students didn't dare to retort. Though they were gifted and could be considered heaven's favorites, they were still too young and weak compared to the senior students, let alone big shots such as ancestors from the other powers.

The teacher was right. They would be crushed like ants in an actual fight.

"There's something strange amidst. That golden egg might actually be dangerous. We'll just observe." Teacher Du exercised caution.

"That guy might just be scaring people." Zhang Changyu quietly said.

However, Yang Ling still heard it and glared at him: “Young Noble Li has never lied before.”

Zhang Changyu once again lost to Yang Ling, unable to respond.

“Okay, let’s go.” Sir Shang didn’t wait for people to get ready and told Li Qiye.

“Sure, are we good to go?” Li Qiye shrugged and smiled.

“Yes, we’re ready, lead the way, Young Noble Li.” Others didn’t want to wait a single second more and shouted.

“Off we go.” Li Qiye looked helpless as he walked forward to guide the group.

The group followed right behind him; everyone wanted to be closer to the front.

Meanwhile, the chaos primal beasts still patrolled outside the valley. Their bestial auras combined together into an ethereal ocean of dread.

As the group got closer, the beasts immediately glared at them. They naturally shuddered with trepidation.

Even the ancestors became tense after getting close enough. They took out their weapons and put on a defensive posture, ready to fight at any moment.

Li Qiye began talking with the beasts. No one understood what he was saying but it seemed effective.

The patrolling beasts retreated like the receding tides and watched from the distance. Cultivators heaved a sigh of relief at this sight.

“It’s impossible not to have a meteoric rise with such an ability.” One expert became jealous. Li Qiye could definitely become the king of this mountain range.

“I would be world-renowned right now instead of a woodchopper, what a fool.” Others thought that there was something wrong with Li Qiye for not taking advantage of this opportunity.

All in all, the nervous cultivators followed Li Qiye into the entrance.

“This is the last chance, it’s not too late to change your mind.” Li Qiye told them: “It’s better to not mess with that ominous egg.”

“We appreciate your concern.” One ancestor immediately said: “But as Buddhists say, who will venture into hell if not me? We need to take this risk if the egg is actually evil in order to watch over it.”

“That’s right, we need to make the sacrifice.” Everyone else chimed in, thinking that Li Qiye has been wasting too much time.

“Very well, let’s go in.” Li Qiye turned back towards the entrance and whispered to himself: “There’s nothing I can do if you all want to suicide.”

Unfortunately, no one heard his last sentence.

At the same time, the spectators outside the valley watched the group enter. They regretted it since nothing dangerous happened so far. If they had known this, they would have joined in for a chance at the golden egg.

Chapter 3590: Blinded By Greed

Everyone held their breath while standing before the stone steps, recalling the failure of Golden Cicada.

They knew just how frightening these steps were due to the statues to the left and right. Very few among them could survive the sound waves.

“Could we actually make it down there?” One high elder asked Li Qiye.

“It’s fine as long as you follow me.” Li Qiye nodded.

“Really...” One expert was skeptical and said: “What if the statues suddenly attack us?”

“Don’t worry, that will never happen.” Li Qiye looked quite sincere and innocent: “I guarantee it, just follow me.”

Having said that, he took the first step. There was no reaction from the steps and the statues. They seemed nothing more than just inanimate objects.

However, the experts on top were still afraid. They exchanged glances; none wanted to be the first.

“Are you coming or not? I’ll stop then.” Li Qiye asked while standing at the halfway point.

“I’ll give it a shot.” One expert finally bit the bullet and moved his leg on top of the first step.

Everyone watched with bated breath, not wanting to miss a single detail.

Though this expert was ready for the worst, he was still overwhelmed with fear. He kept his eyes closed but it seemed perfectly fine.

Once he opened his eyes, he found that he was standing on the step, unharmed.

“It’s fine!” He was ecstatic and moved down towards Li Qiye.

“I’m going too!” After the first successful attempt, everyone else gave it a shot.

The first step was still frightening but the anxiety went away since everything was fine.

“Let’s hurry up.” They gave chase.

Others competed to be the first on the steps at this point, not wanting to fall behind.

On the other hand, the older characters like Sir Shang exercised caution. They didn’t fully trust Li Qiye so they still maintained a full defensive state with their weapons drawn during the first step. After numerous steps, they finally increased their speed to catch up.

“I told you that I would bring you into the valley, I’m not a liar.” Li Qiye said while looking at this group.

They smiled with an awkward expression and didn’t respond.

“They’re all in now.” The spectators outside cheered for their seniors.

“This whole thing is inscrutable.” Teacher Du shook his head and said. The other teachers felt the same way.

It was one thing for Li Qiye to be able to communicate with the chaos primal beast since he grew up here.

However, the actual defense of the valley and the Buddhist statues were left behind by a mighty existence. Safe entry required immense power or a profound method.

Both options didn't apply here. The former required the power of a Heavenly Sovereign at the very least. As for solving the puzzle? A dao lord might be necessary. Only a being at this level truly understood the mysteries of the grand dao.

Li Qiye was only a Violet Marquis but he did something incredible - able to bring thousands of people inside with him. No one could explain this.

“He's just too devilish, that's why we can't understand.” The oldest teacher shook his head.

Their group couldn't see through Li Qiye. He began to give them a bizarre feeling.

“They're in now!” One student shouted and pulled the teachers back from their rumination.

Sure enough, under Li Qiye's guidance, they were standing before the broken temple.

The golden egg was right before them. Anxiety returned as if they were heading into battle. Some felt their legs trembling.

This was because of the world draconic king laying on the stone platform. This was a king among the high-level heaven beasts. None of them would dare to fight this creature.

They could already sense its power while standing outside the valley. However, due to the distance, they didn't feel a direct pressure.

Now, its aura was breezing past their face since they were too close.

Just one strand felt as if they were being cut by numerous blades. The pain was discomforting.

“What a terrifying creature...” Some staggered backward in horror, unable to withstand its mere aura.

“What should we do...” An ancestor trembled, lost.

“Okay, I'll bring you all in.” Li Qiye waved his hand at the experts.

“No rush, tell the draconic king to move first.” Sir Shang placed his hand on Li Qiye's shoulder and demanded.

“Didn't we agree that I only needed to bring you in?” Li Qiye stared at him and said.

“Young Noble Li, be a good person all the way, tell that beast to leave.” Everyone stared at him.

No one would be able to obtain the egg with that world draconic king around. They would all lose their lives as a result.

Li Qiye was the only possible option since he could communicate with the creature.

“It’s better for you to tell that thing to leave. Who knows what’ll happen if you don’t?” Sir Shang’s eyes flashed while his hand was still on Li Qiye’s shoulder.

He would pay any price right now for that egg. Li Qiye’s life meant nothing to him in comparison.

“Threatening me again?” Li Qiye smiled.

“No.” Sir Shang shook his head: “We will guarantee your safety but who knows about your friends? Like that old servant and the little girl.”

The implication was rather obvious.

“Young Noble Li, if the egg is truly as evil as you say, it will not be good once it gets out. Even your friends and family might get hurt since they’re the closest here. That’s why you should help us get it.” One ancestor added.

The crowd’s gaze on him became increasingly hostile. Just a while ago, they promised to protect Li Qiye at all cost. Now, they have forgotten it entirely after seeing the golden egg and agreed to conspire with the senior defender.