

Emperor 3591

Chapter 3591: Treasure Within Reach

He was nothing more than a lamb right now. They could do whatever they wanted to him.

Even the ancestors that promised to keep him safe forgot about their words. The golden egg became the only thing on their mind. It was perfectly fine to torture Li Qiye right now.

“Young Noble Li, time waits for no one.” One expert urged the quiet Li Qiye.

Li Qiye glanced at them and saw the greed in their eyes, no exception.

He smiled and repeated: “The egg is bloodthirsty and evil...”

“You don’t need to repeat this again and again, we know. Please go talk to that world draconic king.” They had no patience to listen to his annoying warning again.

However, he ignored them and continued: “The egg wishes to devour. If anything happens to you all, don’t blame me for not saying it ahead of time. It’s not too late to leave now if you want to live.”

“Leave? The egg is right there, there’s no way we’ll leave. Just shut up and stop annoying us.” One expert loudly said.

“Be obediently and get that creature away or I won’t guarantee what will happen next.” Sir Shang’s grip tightened on Li Qiye’s shoulder. His eyes flashed with murderous intent.

He would be the first to break Li Qiye’s shoulder and move on with crueler methods in order to obtain the egg.

“Fine, whatever happens next has nothing to do with me then.” Li Qiye chuckled and walked towards the draconic king.

Meanwhile, the rest of the crowd readied their weapons for a sudden attack from the king.

Fortunately, Li Qiye chatted a bit with the king. It actually didn’t attack and only glared at them.

Nonetheless, the glare had an icy touch and made them feel as if blades were flying near their faces.

It moved far away from the stone platform. Li Qiye followed right behind.

“Okay, my mission is complete. The egg is right there.” Li Qiye smiled at the experts.

The threat was gone now and the group was ready to lunge forward. They only cared about the egg at this moment. Nothing else was on their mind.

“Rumble!” The senior defender and the other top dogs channeled their energy.

Chaos true energy billowed like the tides. Ancestors took out their best artifacts - floating mirrors, pagodas, banners...

These big shots immediately rushed forward and landed on the platform, inches away from the egg.

The weaker combatants didn't push forward right away. Nonetheless, they also assumed their strongest state in preparation for battle.

Battle spirit and bloodthirst surged across the valley. They looked around since anyone could become an enemy right now, even their current allies.

The senior defender and the ancestors took it extremely seriously. They exercise the highest caution; their eyes shifted continuously.

They thought about who would be the first to attack them and who they should attack first.

This stopped them from making the first move. The one to grab the egg first would immediately become the main target.

Other members of their faction waited patiently behind for an order from the seniors.

The atmosphere became extremely tense like a bowstring drawn to the limit, on the verge of tearing.

"The battle is starting." The spectators noticed the bloodlust in the air.

Inside the valley, an elder said: "We're not kids anymore. Let's test our energy. Whoever lasts the longest will get the egg, how about it?"

The others exchanged glances. Sir Shang nodded in agreement: "I agree."

"Same." The other ancestors and high elders also nodded. This was a better idea than a battle royale.

They then put their hands on the platform. Those waiting behind them watched nervously. Whoever pulled their hands back would lose the chance at grabbing the golden egg.

"Start!" They shouted in unison and channeled their vitality and energy into the platform.

"Rumble!" The entire valley quaked as a result after loud detonations.

These big shots were quite powerful so this total release was quite frightening. However, the quakes only lasted for a moment and tranquility returned to the valley.

The spectators saw the competitors firmly placing their hands on the stone platform. Their face became red; no one wanted to give up.

Everyone was cheering for their own seniors. As time went on, their red complexion turned to white and their body started trembling.

The competition was lasting a while so their energy was depleting.

"Let's help!" One disciple shouted in support of their sect master.

"Yes!" His fellow disciples agreed. They lined up and placed their palm on the back of the person in front. The strongest disciple stood at the front and also placed his hand on the sect master.

"Boom!" They channeled their energy and vitality through the line, eventually ending at the sect master.

"Cheaters!" A member of the crowd protested.

Chapter 3592: Jumping Into The Net

“Let’s help the sect master too!” Another disciple shouted and rushed forward.

His fellow members also did the same and channeled their energy and vitality into their sect master. This was a great display of solidarity and teamwork.

“The clan master needs our help!” Others also did the same without holding back.

It didn’t take long before the various factions aided the seniors in the competition.

“Boom!” Mighty shockwaves emanated across the valley, on the verge of sinking it.

During this devastating process, a divine light flashed from the platform only for a split second.

Strangely enough, though all experts were channeling their energy into the platform, it remained untouched outside of just shaking a bit.

It seemed as if even the strongest infusion of power wouldn’t affect the platform at all. It resembled an ocean capable of accepting the currents of all rivers.

The juniors turned red as well as if they were receiving the backlashes from the other competitors. This was actually not the case.

“Something strange is happening.” The teachers from Duality noticed a weird phenomenon.

The scene in the valley seemed to be a still image. Everyone was red but couldn’t let out any sound.

“No, stop this!” One ancestor finally took a deep breath. He mustered everything he got and shouted: “It’s sucking our-”

He couldn’t finish because the devouring force continued to absorb his strength and vitality, even the soul.

“What’s going on?” The spectators outside were confused.

Earlier, they thought that this was only a normal contest of power without needing to fight. The contestants couldn’t speak because they were fully focused.

“Buzz.” The platform gently vibrated. Next came numerous bright dao lunes intertwining together. The platform became mysterious and profound; it seemed to be performing a secret ceremony.

“So is this an altar?” The oldest teacher in Duality narrowed his eyes.

“Buzz...” More buzzes could be heard. Certain sections of the platform sank down and formed tiny grooves in a complicated and deliberate manner. They resembled a peerless chapter being carved into the rock.

Blood flowed through the grooves and emitted a bright luster. The entire platform changed to a crimson color as a result.

The blood was naturally from the competitors and even their juniors.

“Their vitality and energy are being sucked away!” One expert outside the valley shouted.

“Yes, no exception.” The teachers became alarmed as well.

It was already too late when people figured it out because the platform had them fully trapped. The sucking power rendered them helpless regardless of their immense energy and vitality.

It acted as a bottomless abyss and sucked in everything. They couldn’t even open their mouth to speak as if they were completely under the platform’s control. It seemed that this wouldn’t stop until only dried corpses were left of them.

They became horrified as various power sources left their body but there was nothing they could do. Moving an inch was impossible, let alone escape.

“Why is this happening?” The spectators outside didn’t understand.

“Nothing happened when Li Qiye got over there.” An expert from the last generation murmured.

They saw Li Qiye walking and touching the platform earlier but it didn’t do anything to him. Now, these experts were completely stuck.

“Are they all going to die?” This became the next question.

“Click, click, click...” The golden egg in the middle of the platform actually moved a bit. People had the feeling that the thing inside was about to break out of the shell.

“No, it’s not the platform.” One teacher took a deep breath and said: “The egg is the thing sucking their energy and vitality. Li Qiye was right, this egg is ominous and evil. It wants the blood of these experts, all of it!”

Those waiting outside shuddered after hearing this. One pale spectator wondered: “It’s really the egg?”

Li Qiye had repeated this several times but no one heeded his warning. They thought that he was only trying to scare them and were annoyed with him.

“Boom!” The oldest ancestor from a big sect managed to move just a little bit. After a loud blast, he released twelve fate palaces and illuminated the area.

Supreme totems appeared along with the palaces, seemingly trying to summon something.

In a distant region, a bloody and massive figure emerged in a particular sect. This figure traveled through space and took over the ancestor.

“Elder Qiao is already a Heavenly Sovereign.” One expert became surprised.

“Just one step into the realm.” A teacher said: “But this sacred ancestor from Blood is powerful indeed.”

The ancestor became gigantic after fusing with the bloody figure. His body trembled as he was about to unleash some power. His first action was severing both of his hands.

Chapter 3593: At Death’s Door

He was able to escape the golden egg’s absorption with the help of his ancestor.

“Bam! Bam! Bam!” The disciples behind him all fell to the ground, pale and unable to get up. The egg had taken too much of their energy and they couldn’t recover in time.

His escape created an instability in the balance created prior between the competitors and the sucking force. Thus, the other ancestors and high elders got the chance to breathe.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” They chose to sever their hands as well.

Blood gushed out from the wounds of these crippled ancestors. Sir Shang was no exception.

Their juniors also dropped to the ground, sapped of strength and unable to get up.

“Shit...” The powerful ancestors and the imperious senior defender were still stricken with fear.

They felt their souls and spirits leaving their body earlier because of that egg, not just their vitality and energy.

Fortunately, that one cultivator managed to call the spirit of his sacred ancestor and saved everyone here.

“Crack.” They saw a crack appearing on the egg.

“Is it about to hatch...” One cultivator didn’t realize the incoming danger and stared at the egg.

In the next second, one powerful ancestor sensed a looming danger and shouted in horror: “Run, run right now!”

He then started running without caring about the juniors behind him.

“Ahh!” His scream suddenly echoed because he didn’t get far. Something golden flashed and pierced through his chest.

It was as small as a needle but still easily took him down. Someone as powerful as him was defenseless against its penetration.

Everyone inside the valley watched in astonishment. His body was still hanging in the air. “Zzz...” The string of energy began absorbing his blood and energy.

“No...” He was still alive but couldn’t move at all. He could feel his life passing away.

The golden string even took his grand dao power and all of his essences. His hair turned white and his body withered. It didn’t take long before he became a dried corpse falling onto the ground.

“Bam!” The frightened cultivators finally regained their wits after hearing the thump.

“We have to run!” They immediately tried to flee.

“Shittt!” All ran towards the entrance, wanting to be born with more than just two legs in order to escape faster.

A hundred thousand experts or so no longer cared for anything else. The weaker cultivators were trampled while groaning.

“Buzz.” The golden egg immediately unleashed countless golden rays that perfectly struck those trying to escape.

“Ahh...” Cries of agony filled the valley. All of them were pierced in the chest area, no exception.

Even the strongest ancestors and high elders with their great artifacts couldn't do a thing. The golden rays were simply too fast. They could only watch themselves becoming victims.

The rays seemed like tentacles as they lifted the victims up in the air. The scene of a hundred thousand experts all in this horrifying state was shocking.

“What is that thing?” Even those outside the valley felt a sharp pain in their chest.

“Extremely vicious, Li Qiye was completely right.” One teacher from Duality shuddered with cold chills: “It still hasn't hatched yet. Once it comes out, it might actually be a calamity for all of Eight Desolaces.”

The teachers exchanged glances and started to imagine the true form of this egg. They were talented and courageous but still became nervous. Their back became wet with sweat.

As for the pale students, all of their legs were trembling from fear.

“It's all over...” The supporters waiting outside didn't know what to do.

Meanwhile, people were still screaming inside the valley. They were still alive and fully conscious, clearly sensing their life passing away in a helpless manner.

Some pissed their pants as death approached while screaming.

“No... it can't end like this, I haven't made a name for myself...” One expert bellowed.

“Young Noble Li! No, Young Master Li, please, save me! Hurry!” Sir Shang was still lucid and saw the calm Li Qiye standing in the distance.

“I'm afraid I can't.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

Everyone else finally noticed that only Li Qiye was untouched by the golden ray.

“Please save us, Young Master Li!” They started begging.

“Little Ancestor, save me and you'll be the biggest benefactor of our court. We'll obey all of your orders in the future.” An ancestor threw away his pride and begged.

“Just save us and Shifting Cloud will give you everything you want!”

“The Ye Clan will be your horses and oxen if you save us!”

They thought that since Li Qiye was unaffected, he might actually be able to stop the egg and save them.

“I have repeatedly warned all of you about this disaster from this ominous egg yet you didn't listen. This is nothing short of courting death.” Li Qiye shook his head.

Chapter 3594: Mahoraga Egg

“Ah!!” The agonizing screams of the victims continued.

“No...” They weren’t willing to die like this and continued to struggle as death drew closer. Unfortunately, the golden rays rendered them powerless.

As the egg absorbed more blood and power, it became increasingly resplendent. The grooves on the platform have been filled with blood while the runes were busy rotating and refining the blood from the cultivators. The blood became purer as a result.

The shell was changing as well, seemingly polished several times over with added moisture.

If the egg was a living entity, it would look quite excited - similar to someone who has just received great nutrients and was brimming with strength.

“Li, I will haunt you!” Sir Shang shouted furiously at Li Qiye.

He realized that he had fallen into Li Qiye’s trap. The guy was tricking them and purposely led them into the valley.

They thought that everything was under their control but it turned out that since the very beginning, they were nothing more than fat pieces of meat in Li Qiye’s eyes. He intended on using them to nourish the golden egg.

Alas, it was too late to realize it now. They were already cooked and plated on the table.

“First, ghosts don’t exist and even if they do, you need to line up and wait for several hundred million years until it’s your turn.” Li Qiye chuckled.

The other ancestors realized it now too. One of them bellowed: “You! You’re the true culprit tricking us here as sacrifices for the egg!”

“Can’t blame me when you’re blinded by greed and didn’t heed my warnings.” Li Qiye shrugged.

Despair finally reared its head among the group. They never expected to die because of an insect like this woodchopper.

“This can’t be!!!” One ancestor cried out.

In reality, virtually all the victims weren’t willing to accept this. They have dominated throughout their life, especially the ancestors and Sir Shang who had killed millions on the battlefield. One stomp from them made the world tremble. They were the lord of their own domain.

Today, they would meet their end because of a woodchopper who was only a Violet Marquis. They didn’t give a damn about someone like him prior to this and thought that his life was within their grasp. Just a little force would be enough to kill him.

Unfortunately, they had no choice but to accept this outcome and wait for death. The only thing they could do was scream.

Eventually, one by one died with their eyes wide open due to unwillingness and despair.

“Bang! Bang...” The golden ray disappeared after fully absorbing the corpse. The dried husks fell to the ground. The valley became a world of corpses in no time at all.

The stronger experts such as the ancestors and Sir Shang took the longest time to die. They eventually joined the piles of corpses as well. This scene was enough to horrify anyone.

The entire force was annihilated and became nutrition for the golden egg. Li Qiye was the only survivor.

The spectators outside were scared out of their mind. They thought that they were lucky for not entering the valley.

The students turned pale since they have never seen something so horrifying. Some female students couldn't help but vomit. In the beginning, they also wanted to go into the valley but were stopped by the teachers. This turned out to be the right decision.

"Moths to the flame." One teacher regained his wits and murmured.

The egg was an irresistible flame. The victims forgot about caution and became food in the end.

"This is the consequence of not listening to the warnings." Li Qiye smiled while looking at the corpses.

He then glanced over at the golden egg. It was brimming with vitality and bright light after absorbing plentiful essences.

However, it trembled, clearly afraid of Li Qiye. This was akin to a child being excited after sneaking in some food. Now, it has been caught by a senior and immediately put on a good act.

"Mahoraga Egg. The world doesn't know of its danger and still came courting death." Li Qiye said. [1]

This was an unfamiliar name to most. Sir Shang's group assumed that it was a divine egg, unaware of the hidden danger. That's why they eventually became its food.

Li Qiye then glanced over at the treasures and Buddhist scriptures along with the statues on the steps. He smiled and said: "The defensive measures aren't meant to protect the egg, it's meant to stop people from coming in. The future generation didn't understand the old monks' intent."

The origin of this Mahoraga Egg remained unknown. However, it was stored here by the high monks of this temple, wanting to change its evil nature with Buddhist arts. Later on, the creature inside would become a protector of Buddhism.

Unfortunately, the temple declined and lost all successors. Only this sealed valley was left.

"Crack!" More cracks appeared on the egg. It seemed to be on the verge of hatching.

"Almost." Li Qiye chuckled after seeing this.

The Buddhist laws in this dilapidated temple have weakened. The egg would need a long period of time to hatch without outside help. The blood from the one hundred thousand experts naturally accelerated the incubation speed.

This type of creature was extremely bloodthirsty. However, it was far tamer now due to the refinement of Buddhism. Nonetheless, it wouldn't decline when food came knocking on its door.

Li Qiye didn't linger around and left the valley after seeing the cracks.

Chapter 3595: Suicidal

After leaving the valley, he was met with gazes filled with hatred and anger.

Their seniors and friends have all died in the valley. Though he didn't personally carry out the deed, they certainly died because of him.

No one said a thing but many powers began walking towards Li Qiye. He stood there with a smile and didn't bother escaping.

"What do you want?" He was neither flustered nor anxious.

"The brat is as devilish as can be." One teacher commented while watching.

"More people are courting death." Teacher Du wasn't worried about Li Qiye at all.

"The punishment for murder is death!" Zhui Xueyun furiously roared. He was designated as a supporter by his seniors.

Now, thousands in his sect were dead in the valley including his master. His hatred for Li Qiye was bone-deep so he led the remaining members to surround Li Qiye.

"It has nothing to do with me." Li Qiye waved his hand and nonchalantly responded: "I told all of them that the egg was dangerous yet they insisted."

"Haha, I agree completely. They died because they were blinded by greed, it's not Young Noble Li's fault." Teacher Du in the distance laughed and clapped his hands.

This was a logical answer yet the crowd didn't care for it. The only thing on their mind was vengeance.

"You didn't personally kill them but you watched them die without doing anything, that warrants death as well. You led them there and must be held responsible for their death!" One expert said.

"Oh? How?" Li Qiye smiled.

"We'll flay your skin and drink your blood!" One ancestor from a clan roared: "Your head will be an offering for my dead clan members!"

"Wow, amazing idea but a little hard to carry out. Be smart and get out of Myriad Beast Mountains with your tail tucked between your legs or I'll send you down there to see your clan members." Li Qiye replied.

"Bastard, I'll kill you!" Zhui Xueyun roared.

"Clank!" He unsheathed his blade in a flashy manner and slashed forward.

Unfortunately, the sword didn't make contact because a hairy hand appeared out of nowhere and gripped his arm.

This massive figure stood behind Li Qiye. Its shadow engulfed Zhui Xueyun.

The frightened youth looked up and saw a gigantic chaos primal beast. Its hand had a firm grasp on him.

"Whoosh!" It immediately tore his arm off. Blood gushed everywhere.

"Ahh!" He naturally bellowed in pain. Bean-size sweat dripped down his forehead.

Loud bangs occurred in the next second as numerous top beasts descended - lion kings, eagles, gigantic serpents...

Behind them were tens of thousands more of their kind. They completely surrounded the hostile cultivators.

The latter turned pale; they thought that these beasts were far away now. How did they return so fast?

“Raaa!” One beast howled wildly and the rest of them did the same. Their howls had the intensity of a tsunami, causing everyone’s knees to buckle.

“Run!” Someone shouted and forgot all about getting revenge.

He leaped backward in order to get away. The next thing he saw was a massive palm from a beast, reducing him to a meat paste.

Another rushed out with lightning speed, darting back and forth through the beasts. Alas, another beast just happened to be faster than lightning. Its claw pierced through his chest.

“We have to kill and break out!” One ancestor roared and rallied the cultivators nearby.

“Boom!” He took out a blood hammer and aimed for the closest beast.

“Kill them!” Other cultivators took out their best treasure and utilized their strongest merit laws in order to break the blockade.

“Raaa!” The wild beasts returned the gesture and launched their assault.

Screams and blood filled the area in no time at all. Though there were many cultivators waiting outside, they were too weak compared to the chaos primal beasts.

It became a one-sided massacre. Body parts and blood rained down. A thick stench of blood took over.

Some were torn apart or stomped down to a pulp; others became meals for the beasts.

“Get him!” One high elder realized something and wanted to capture Li Qiye. This guy was the one controlling the beasts so by capturing him, he would be able to escape.

This was a good idea but he didn’t get far enough to even touch Li Qiye’s sleeve before being smashed to the ground, pulverized. He was an influential character at the sacred level yet he couldn’t block that attack.

“World draconic king...” Someone saw the majestic creature standing behind Li Qiye. It easily killed the high elder just now.

“No...” Despair overwhelmed them.

Just the high-level heaven beasts alone made the situation hopeless. Now, a king was here to push them off the cliff.

“That’s the end, no one will be able to escape.” One teacher shook his head and said.

“The brat is really the king of Myriad Beast Mountains.” His peer became emotional and added: “He doesn’t need a throne since he’s a crownless king. No wonder why he wasn’t afraid from start to finish. Others were nothing more than ants crawling in his domain.”

“Yes, with that creature on his side, provoking him is asking for it.” Teacher Du replied.

The students in the back had overflowing cold sweat because they looked down on Li Qiye earlier. They especially disliked his cocky attitude.

Some even thought about secretly teaching Li Qiye a lesson later on. Now, they celebrated the fact that they didn’t get the chance to do so yet. Otherwise, the scene ahead might be the result, being torn apart by the chaos primal beasts.

The teachers were right. Not a single cultivator managed to escape. The world draconic king swept through like a storm and massacred the rest.

A while ago, some powerful ancestors managed to struggle for a bit. This completely changed once this creature got involved.

Blood gathered together to form red creeks to the horror of the spectators.

“Ugh...” Some female students couldn’t help but vomit.

Chapter 3596: To Smoke

The stench of blood wouldn’t disperse since severed limbs scattered all over the ground. There were other nauseating stenches as well mixed in the air.

The cultivators who tried to avenge their fallen members died a terrible death. They wanted to tear Li Qiye apart and drink his blood. Unfortunately, they didn’t manage to touch even his sleeves.

The remaining spectators shuddered as a result; their palms moistened with sweat and their legs trembling.

They stared at the corpses on the ground and thought that it could have been them if they had provoked Li Qiye earlier. It wasn’t a good end to be food in a beast’s stomach, a death without a grave.

For example, South Peak Marquis praised the god of fortune because he didn’t try to attack Li Qiye. His clan didn’t lose a single soldier.

He had no intention of avenging the fallen senior defender. They were only officials for the same dynasty, nothing more. No need to be dragged down the mud by the idiotic guy.

Furthermore, even if the Ministry of War were to pursue this, the responsibility wouldn’t fall upon him either. Plus, he was a marquis and wasn’t under the ministry’s jurisdiction.

Another side that was perfectly fine were the members of Duality. They only wanted to watch the show and learn more about the world; the teachers didn’t care for the golden egg either.

“This is what happens when you don’t listen to adults.” Li Qiye stared at the carnage and smiled: “Should have been smart and run away.”

Alas, the dead couldn't hear his comment.

Meanwhile, the fortunate ones were staying far away from Li Qiye. He looked like a devil right now, commanding respect and fear.

The chaos primal beasts standing next to him were truly intimidating. The strongest cultivators present still felt the same fear towards the untouchable world draconic king.

This time, more than a hundred thousand experts gathered in the valley for the golden egg. They originated from powerful sects, many from the five divisions of Buddha Plateau. Less than ten percent was alive at this point.

"Buzz." Lights from the valley suddenly illuminated the sky. They came from the golden egg through the new cracks.

"Rumble!" A terrible force also emerged and spread across the mountain range. It had a disintegrating affinity, simply unstoppable.

"So it's a divine beast?" Those standing outside still became horrified after feeling the shockwaves despite the valley's barrier stopping most of it.

No one knew what was inside the golden egg but this was definitely something monstrous.

Waves of light continued to emanate from the golden egg, one stronger than the previous.

The valley shook violently; the statues in the valley released runes and started chanting. They seemed to be coming back to life and placed their palms together.

The characters and words gathered in the sky and issued loud explosions. The accumulation of sound waves descended to stop the golden egg.

The latter had no fear at all; its divine lights rushed towards the sky like swords in an attempt to take down the sound waves.

The two sides began a fierce contest, ravaging the valley. Boulders and peaks exploded; cracks emanated across the valley. Everything seemed to be collapsing.

"What evil thing is inside that egg, it can stop the Buddhist power too." The spectators realized that this egg was far beyond their station.

"The seal of the valley served to suppress the egg, not to protect it." One teacher from Duality murmured.

In the beginning, everyone assumed that the seal was there to stop people from coming in and taking the egg. This was absolutely incorrect.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye watched with a smile and didn't help either side.

Eventually, the egg finally cracked completely. The light emanating from it became blinding to all spectators.

“Boom!” This seemed like the end of the world, at least for the valley. Mud and debris engulfed the area.

Once people could see again, there was only a bottomless abyss where the valley used to be. The statues and the egg were nowhere to be found. The thing looked like the jaw of a terrible monster, ready to devour anything that got close.

This development took the crowd by surprise. Virtually everyone here was ready to pay any price for that egg. Now, no one got it. They wasted their trip and effort.

“All of this for nothing.” One teacher laughed and shook his head: “This is the best result anyway, no one won.”

“Let’s go.” The oldest teacher ordered and took the students away.

“Young Noble Li, visit our academy when you have time.” Yang Ling waved towards Li Qiye before leaving.

Li Qiye smiled back and didn’t say anything.

The students left along with the lucky survivors. South Peak Marquis also brought his clan members away.

No one wanted to provoke Li Qiye at the moment, not even those who had seniors and friends dead in the valley.

Only Li Qiye was left in this area but this didn’t last long. In the next second, a figure flashed into existence, standing next to him.

Chapter 3597: Baby

This was none other than the old servant. He glanced at the sky; just one glance alone chased away the clouds and winds.

“Young Master, a few old men were smart enough to leave early.” He respectfully said: “Would you like me to catch and feed them to the pets?”

In reality, most didn’t know anything about the real big shots hiding in the shadows. They didn’t make a move even when their sect members died to the chaos primal beasts.

When the egg appeared, they still kept their patience for some reason, continuing to observe. They then left in silence after the event was finished. Only very few knew about their appearance in this area.

“Forget it, I’m not merciless enough to do that.” Li Qiye shook his head.

The old man’s eyes said that he didn’t believe this, not even a little bit.

“Don’t look at me like that.” Li Qiye smiled: “I only kill those who deserve death. The innocent has nothing to do with me. If they want to die, then I’ll just send them on the path a little faster.”

“You’re enforcing justice on heaven’s behalf?” The old servant couldn’t help but ask.

“Justice? What kind of existence do you think the old villainous heaven is?” Li Qiye chuckled and stared at the old man.

“More losses than gains.” To which the old man responded. [1]

“Hahaha, you’re mistaken.” Li Qiye smiled in response: “The unfair losses suffered by the heavenly dao is only in people’s imagination. You still have a long way to go on this path. The old villainous heaven has never suffered losses before, the same with the heavenly dao. This also applies with the belief that the universe is inhumane and regards everyone as straw dogs.” [2]

The old man took a deep breath and earnestly asked: “Young Master, what do you think is the heavenly dao?”

“In reality, it doesn’t exist. The heavenly dao is something that people hope exists. But if it actually does, then there’s only one, the true self or anima.” Li Qiye replied.

“Anima...” The old man murmured.

“The vilest devil king and the most benevolent savior won’t do. In order to jump out, one must rely on anima.”

The old man carefully digested this information.

“The villainous heaven has never worried about the tragedies of living beings or the injustice of the world. There’s only one thing it cares about.” Li Qiye elaborated.

“What is it?” The old man couldn’t help asking.

“You don’t need to know right now. There is still a long, long way to go.” Li Qiye shook his head.

The old man nodded slightly without being offended. He was a proud man, whether it be during his youth or the present.

After all, those capable of fighting him evenly in Western King could be counted with one’s fingers.

However, Li Qiye was at another height. He had fought the strongest character in West King before but this was nothing compared to Li Qiye. The guy resembled a boundless cosmo capable of encompassing everything.

He once thought that he was already standing at the apex and that dao lords were the limit.

Now, he realized that he was ludicrously incorrect. Dao lord might only be the starting point on this journey.

Experts like them thought that they were at the top. Perhaps the real masters viewed them as insects.

“Young Master, what is your mission in this world? Or rather, what is your pursuit?” The old man became curious.

Supreme merit laws and treasures weren’t enough. Li Qiye considered them trivial.

“There’s no mission, I am simply walking on my path.” Li Qiye shook his head and responded: “However, as for a pursuit, I actually do have one.”

“What is it?” The old man became tense - a very rare feeling for him due to his numerous battles and near-death experiences.

Li Qiye gazed towards the sky, seemingly reaching the end of the world.

“Just an answer.” He said softly. His words seemed to carry a mysterious and profound rhythm.

“An answer?” The old man didn’t expect this response. He thought that he might not be at the right level to comprehend Li Qiye’s intent.

“You’ve listened enough.” Li Qiye suddenly glanced at a peak and casually threw his hatchet.

There was a black-robed man hidden among the boulders on top of that peak. He seemed to be one with the peak - virtually undetectable.

However, blood was dripping down his forehead since the hatchet made direct contact.

His eyes were wide open in disbelief. His stealth technique was second to none. None in West King could detect him. Moreover, he was a famous big shot and a capable cultivator.

Alas, Li Qiye spotted him in no time at all and just a casual hatchet toss managed to take his life. He didn’t have the chance to dodge.

He fell onto the piles of rock, not understanding how the hatchet got there in the first place.

The hatchet then returned to Li Qiye’s hand in a silent fashion. The old man watched and didn’t find this surprising.

As for the abyss, a tiny creature was peeking its head out of the hole, looking all around as if afraid of being spotted. It looked ready to run right away.

Li Qiye whistled and got its attention. “Brat, I’ve been waiting long enough. Come over here.” He waved and smiled at it.

The little thing wanted to run but didn’t have the courage. It eventually obeyed in an unwilling manner.

Li Qiye spread his palm and said: “Come up here, let me take a look.”

This little thing was also a crownless king. The moment it showed up, all the other chaos primal beasts backed off. Though it was young, the high-level heaven beasts were still afraid of it.

Nonetheless, it obediently jumped up and landed on Li Qiye’s palm.

It was around the size of a fist, looking like a dragon or another auspicious beast. It had two wings and a dragon-like tail. Its strange body was the main distinguishing factor. No one has seen something like it before.

Its flat head looked tough and playful; its green eyes looked like emeralds. It was covered in shiny black scales from top to bottom. Each seemed to have been polished meticulously.

Upon careful inspection, the surface of the scales had complex dao runes. They were shallow and hard to see. With more time, one would find that they made up complicated and ancient symbols of Buddhism.

Li Qiye squeezed it with some force. The young creature was hurt and struggled a bit, still not daring to do anything reckless.

“Buzz.” The runes lit up with a Buddhist light, fully activating the symbols. It seemed to be containing a hidden kingdom. Its Buddhist power was boundless and beyond imagination - completely different from its tiny frame.

Chapter 3598: Mahoraga

Once Li Qiye loosened his grip, the Buddhist light disappeared and the baby beast returned to its original form. It looked obedient while coiling in his palm.

Who would have thought that this was a dangerous creature given its appearance? Nonetheless, few could actually grasp it due to its innate Buddhist power.

“This beast will be incredible once it reaches maturity. What is its type?” The old servant was astonished.

“A mahoraga.” Li Qiye responded.

“Hmm...” The old servant has never heard this strange name before: “This is my first time hearing it.”

He knew that this thing was dangerous even when it was just a golden egg. Once it matured, top masters like them wouldn’t be able to fight it. It was definitely comparable to a dao lord.

“That’s expected.” Li Qiye smiled: “This ferocious thing is a Buddhist beast. It’s too dangerous so it only exists in the legends.”

He stopped and looked around for a bit before concluding: “However, someone might have known about it. Otherwise, this valley wouldn’t have remained untouched for so long.”

Numerous have entered Myriad Beast Mountains across the years but no one noticed the seal in the valley? Why was it currently exposed?

This meant that someone had purposely destroyed part of the seal, allowing people to see it.

“Must be his idea.” The old man said.

“Whatever.” Li Qiye didn’t care for the schemes and strategies.

The old man understood why Li Qiye thought so. Strategies and schemes couldn’t reach the apex before Li Qiye who could easily dismantle them with one wave.

“Let’s go back.” Li Qiye picked up the firewood and left while the baby beast lay on his other shoulder.

The old man followed along without saying anything.

A long time later after they were gone, another figure emerged next to the corpse of the black-robed man, staring at the fatal wound on the forehead.

“Hmph.” The old man scowled and stared quietly towards the direction of Li Qiye. In reality, he has been staying near the mountain range for the last several days. He didn’t dare to get close and hid his identity.

He then disappeared from sight, not leaving a single trace behind. No one would know that he was even here.

The next period consisted of the same thing - Li Qiye spending his time at the temple. He cultivated and gathered firewood but most importantly, chanting in front of the portrait. This happened every day without fail.

The old man had no idea why Li Qiye chanted every morning. What was so special about that wall and the portrait?

He didn't ask since Li Qiye didn't bring up this topic. Nonetheless, he knew that Li Qiye had a reason for doing so. Perhaps this was his purpose in coming to Myriad Beast Mountains. His goal should be something in this temple, not the mahoraga.

Li Qiye's grand dao was improving from the peaceful cultivation. Today, cracking noises could be heard. Li Qiye has broken through the bottleneck of Violet Marquis to reach the Conqueror Vessel realm.

His violet energy was transformed into a regal aura. He exuded an extraordinary presence as if he was sitting among the clouds.

The old man was surprised once he saw Li Qiye again. "Congratulations, Young Master, for reaching Conqueror Vessel." He bowed to show respect.

In reality, this realm was nothing, completely insignificant. Normally, he wouldn't bother to look at other conquerors.

This wasn't the case for Li Qiye. His regal aura was completely different from the rest. He looked like the emperor of kings, the tyrant of the gods. Just one strand from him would suppress all of his subjects.

A regular conqueror was indeed a king but only among mortals. Li Qiye was a king among all beings. This was the biggest difference.

"Not too bad, finally a new vessel. Looks like it's goodbye to the mortal physique." Li Qiye smiled in response.

In the cultivator world, the realm of Conqueror Vessel served as an important threshold. People beneath this realm were considered to have a mortal body. The true transformation came after.

Of course, Li Qiye was only entertaining the old man. These physiques didn't matter to him in the slightest. His cultivation was actually a polishing of the self while gaining more experiences. Cultivation realms didn't matter.

"Which merit law will you choose now?" The old man became curious.

"Heavensplit Mantra." Li Qiye responded.

This was another of the seven mantras. He had learned five so far and only needed two more.

"You wish to cultivate all seven?" The old man didn't know the mysteries behind this style of cultivation.

“Can’t put it like that. The seven used to be one, I’m just experiencing it for myself.” Li Qiye smiled.

“The seven were one?” The old man has never heard about this before and gained a new perspective on the seven mantras. This was a new type of cultivation.

Li Qiye chuckled and didn’t answer the old man.

As Li Qiye started learning Heavensplit, he seemed to be splitting the sky up into a new world. His regal aura became boundless. It seemed capable of destroying the entire world after fully activated.

This broadened the old man’s horizon. Li Qiye’s aura was already this terrifying in the conqueror realm. What about at the dao lord realm?

Today, Li Qiye still woke up early and chanted to the wall painting. As he was half done, a buzz could be heard.

Strands of light emanated from the wall as if an ancient power was awakening. The woman in the wall also lit up. The strands of light seemed to be carving on the wall and re-creating her outline.

This sudden power fluctuation startled the old man and Fan Bai who was cultivating outside. She hurriedly ran in to take a look.

The old man’s body flashed and he appeared inside, shouting: “Young Master!”

Li Qiye didn’t pay attention to the two; his eyes were firmly fixated on the woman in the wall.

The painting seemed to be moving just a bit, prompting Fan Bai to cover her mouth to stop screaming.

The old man realized that they shouldn’t be here and pulled Fan Bai outside.

Fan Bai also regained her wits and continued walking away. However, she couldn’t help glancing back one more time because the painting was too beautiful. This woman might be the most gorgeous in the world.

After they left, the wall became brighter and the woman became more animated.

“Pop!” Finally, she seemingly came back to life. Spatial ripples emerged and she walked down from the wall that seemed to be a portal leading to another world.

Everything lost its colors because she was unreasonably beautiful. All other women would feel inferior in her presence.

Words wouldn’t do justice when describing her. She seemed to be a fairy from an immortal world, blessed with unmatched looks and intelligence.

Chapter 3599: Love Beyond Words

Li Qiye’s eyes never diverted from the woman. A million years seemed to be passing in a second.

What attracted him weren’t her flawless features nor her intelligence, just how similar she was to the past.

She sat down in the meditative pose in front of him; her sweet fragrance wafted in the air in a mesmerizing manner.

“You still woke me up.” Her pleasant and unforgettable voice made the chirpings of oriole and skylark grating in comparison.

“This is still you at your best.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

“No, I’ve changed for the better.” Kingdom-toppling wasn’t enough to describe her sublime smile. Nothing could make it better; even spring returned with just one smile.

“You haven’t changed.” Li Qiye pondered for a bit before answering softly: “It’s just a different form and path. Your original heart still remains or you wouldn’t have followed me back then.”

“You’re still the same so I’m sure you’ll permit whatever I do in the future.” She spoke in a calm and profound manner. Others would get the urge to converse with her forever.

“It’s a shame that you couldn’t do it, a mishap before even embarking on the journey.” Li Qiye revealed a bitter smile.

“Not all things in life go as planned. I’m not you who plans across the ages. I just did whatever I wanted.” She smiled and had accepted this.

“Right, that’s why you’re you, following your heart and desire without caring for the consequences.” He sentimentally said, feeling a bit disappointed and bitter.

“You’re not happy.” She gently patted his cheek.

He grabbed her hand and could feel the heat.

“I know that you didn’t agree with my choice, but you didn’t force me either.” She continued.

“How could I have changed you? You wouldn’t have changed for anyone, just like me.” He smiled.

“You could have done it, I’m sure, but chose to connive and indulge me instead.” She said softly.

“Right, I wanted you to stay the same. What’s the point otherwise.” Li Qiye eventually responded.

“Oh my merciless dark crow, that’s not you at all.” She chuckled and shook her head: “Others don’t know this side of you but I do. Perhaps I was wrong.”

“If your action is considered a mistake, then mine would have been a catastrophic blunder. I shouldn’t have kidnapped you.” Li Qiye said.

“Tricking a little girl is illegal too.” She joked, looking both beautiful and cute.

The past suddenly resurfaced. The girl back then seemed to be standing before him. This made Li Qiye stare in a daze.

She spread her arms and embraced his waist, snuggling her head into his chest. He embraced her and lowered his head to enjoy her sweet hair. This moment would stay with them forever.

Time seemed to be frozen; nothing wanted nor dared to disturb this tranquility.

After a while, she touched his eyebrows and said: "It's hard to see you truly happy across the eras but I still want you to smile more."

"I'm always smiling." He smiled and said: "I'm still a big player, more or less, and can't be wearing a funeral face all the time."

She placed her palms on his chest and leaned back in, whispering: "I wish that there will be someone who can be your companion for generations to come, that the two of you will be able to see the beautiful sunrise and experience the joys of life."

He enjoyed the gentleness of her voice and remembered when they used to lean on each other and watched the sunrise.

He suddenly hugged her tighter, aware that this was all in the past now.

"Have you been there yet?" She eventually smiled and asked him.

"I don't dare to go there because he wants to kill me and I can't just stand there and watch, right? But if I fight back, it'll be a bloody fight." He shrugged with a strange expression.

"Who can actually kill you?" She audibly chuckled.

He wouldn't mind listening to her pleasant laughter forever.

"Stop the act, you can fool the rest of the world but not me. Though you have done a great job, I'm still the closest person to you both." She shook her head.

He smiled and didn't respond.

"It has been tough on several people who paid too much." He said: "The world has no idea of their burden and even reviled them."

"No one has done more than you, especially the infamy." She gently touched his face and said.

He couldn't help grabbing her wrist and stared deeply into her eyes. This became a still image for a long time.

"I know something has happened, otherwise you wouldn't be here right now. It must be dire." She said.

He shuddered inside. He had reached the end of the world and fought in the battles above all. He competed against the eternal overlords without batting an eye. However, this split-second affected him so he tightened his embrace.

"You don't want to tell me." Her eyes had nothing but tenderness and compassion.

"You'll always be the happy and optimistic girl in my mind." Li Qiye chuckled.

She stared at him quietly before nodding: "This will be our last meeting."

His hands trembled after hearing this but he quickly calmed down.

"Trust me, you'll be fine." She held his face with both hands and earnestly said.

"I know." He took a deep breath and responded: "I've grown numb to separation."

“Yet you still want to take it.” She said with hesitation.

“Yes, that’s my intention, is that okay?” He nodded and said softly.

“I want to refuse but I can’t say no to you. As I’ve said earlier, it’s about whether you’re willing to do it or not.” She answered.

She took out a steel box that didn’t look too special. However, only Li Qiye could open it, no one else.

She solemnly placed it in his hand. He clenched the moment he touched the box.

He wanted to say something but she pressed her finger against his lips: “No need to tell me, keep it in your heart.”

He swallowed his words and nodded.

After a while, she said with sincerity: “Promise me this. Think about it carefully, millions of years have passed, just let them pass.”

“If it’s possible, I will.” He said after a long pause.

“You can do it.” She seemed to be the only one in this world who can change Li Qiye’s mind.

He didn’t answer this time.

“I see.” She continued: “Just remember, before you make the decision, at the very last second, think about it very carefully. Promise me.”

“I promise, I’ll truly think it over.” He eventually relented. He was a man of his words and would do so.

She nodded and trusted him since she understood him more than anyone else.

Chapter 3600: Last Meeting

Time came to a still during their embrace. The woman eventually wrapped her hands around his neck and kissed him. He hugged her tightly and they kissed passionately; none wanted to let go.

After an indeterminate period, they finally let go, albeit reluctantly.

“If you want...” His voice was filled with emotion and determination, seemingly making an important decision.

“No, this is perfect already.” She pressed her finger on his lips while shaking her head.

Li Qiye sighed softly and didn’t push the issue.

“Goodbye.” This last word of his seemingly echoed across the world and inside his heart.

“I love you, goodbye. Maybe never meeting again is the best outcome, right?” She stared deeply at him in response.

Li Qiye chose to stay silent.

In the end, she couldn’t help kissing him again. The light around her became increasingly dimmer.

“Pop!” She scattered into particles falling to the ground. Li Qiye stared at them in a daze without moving, seemingly turning into a statue.

“Bye.” He eventually murmured. A drop of tear streamed down the corner of his eye. Nothing in the world was as resplendent, beautiful, and precious as this teardrop.

Unfortunately, no one else saw it at this moment.

The old servant and Fan Bai were waiting patiently outside and didn’t dare to disturb Li Qiye. They didn’t even dare to cough and disturb the duo inside.

Fan Bai was very curious about this supreme woman coming out of the wall. The whole thing was magical and what was her relationship to the young master? That’s why she kept glancing towards the main hall.

On the other hand, the old man remained composed. He was also curious about the woman’s background and origin.

A while later, Li Qiye walked out and the two of them came up to greet him.

Fan Bai glanced at the hall but the woman didn’t come out. Where is she? Wondered.

The old man knew what happened and didn’t dare to ask Li Qiye.

“Come, we’re leaving this place.” Li Qiye simply ordered.

Fan Bai was surprised because she thought that they would continue to stay here. She was more than willing to be in this remote region. This place was wonderful as long as Li Qiye was around.

The old man only nodded in response.

“I’ll, I’ll gather our stuff.” Fan Bai regained her wits and told Li Qiye.

“No need.” He shook his head and raised his hand.

“Buzz.” Bright runes appeared around the temple, capable of spatial manipulation.

The temple actually shrank in size until it became small enough to fit in Li Qiye’s hand.

Fan Bai watched in awe, not expecting this transformation. No wonder why the young master didn’t need her to gather their stuff. This temple could be brought with them wherever.

“Where are we going, Young Master?” The old servant asked afterward.

Li Qiye looked up towards the horizon and said softly: “To Duality Academy.” His eyes became slightly dazed after saying this.

The old man didn’t understand why he had this depression. However, he also gazed towards the distance after hearing the words “Duality Academy”. Certain feelings and thoughts rose inside.

“What, afraid of that place?” Li Qiye glanced at him.

“It’s nothing like that. I’m just thinking about how fast time goes by, turning into an old man in the blink of an eye.” The old man smiled and shook his head.

“That’s why many people think about immortality. That’s all you need to be eternal.” Li Qiye responded.

“Except those close to you will leave one by one.” The old man sighed.

Though he couldn’t live forever, he certainly lived longer than his contemporaries and had experienced plenty of separations.

“Right. We can only say that time spares no one. Living long enough isn’t necessarily a good thing.” Li Qiye responded.

The old man nodded in agreement.

“Let’s go.” Li Qiye rode the boar and ordered. “I’ll lead the way.” The old man picked Fai Ban up before taking one step forward.

This one step took him a thousand miles - a truly astonishing speed.

“Gao!” Lil’ Yellow didn’t want to lose and also chased with lightning speed.

“We’ll see who’s faster.” The old man’s competitive blood churned after seeing this and increased his speed after laughing.

The dog utilized all four legs to their limit and soared in the sky just like a true dragon.

On the other hand, Lil’ Black and Li Qiye didn’t seem to be in a rush. However, the boar groaned after three steps as if it was using all of its might.

In reality, it was actually only a bit slower than the other two. It crossed through mountains and peaks with each step.

Just like that, the group headed for Duality Academy.

This academy was located in the Metropolis Division of Buddha Emperor Plateau. This division could be considered the most prosperous location in the holy ground. The place was home to trillions of mortals as well.

This great population served as a strong foundation for the holy ground. The most common thing in the holy ground had to be temples and shrines. Moreover, every household had a Buddha statue as well. The smoke of incense could be seen everywhere.

Buddha Holy Ground was not only the largest Buddhist sect in the southern West King. It was definitely among the largest in all of Eight Desolaces.

It was created by Buddha Dao Lord, one of the strongest dao lords in history. He possessed supreme Buddhist treasures and had entered a forbidden zone before.

Rumor has it that during his youth, he was taught by a great Vajra from an ancient holy ground belonging to an old epoch. His title was Vedas.

Vedas took in Buddha Dao Lord as a disciple and taught him Buddhism.

Later on, Buddha Dao Lord entered the world and popularized this doctrine to save many living beings. He chose the southern West King as his home and created Buddha Holy Ground.

Across the years, this power continued to grow and had plenty of believers. A very long time later, a person eventually arrived and took a look at the incense-filled holy ground.

His one chant echoed across the river of time - 80,000 Buddhas are nothing more than statues and gods up in the firmaments are mere floating duckweeds.

He then waved his hand and created his base. The Buddhist statues within ten thousand miles instantly crumbled. The incense smoke extinguished and all the high monks retreated, not daring to stay close.

Golden spring gushed from the ground beneath him. Architectures suddenly took form and just like that, Duality Academy was formed.

He was none other than the renowned Duality Master. His arrogant phrase was heard by all the masters beneath the nine heavens.

However, the invincible existences and arrogant monsters didn't dare to respond. Buddha Holy Ground itself with its countless high monks also remained silent despite having their territory taken over by Duality Master.