

Emperor 3601

Chapter 3601: Just Statues

A powerful lineage like the holy ground was extremely influential. However, its foundation was affected by a new academy yet it had no response.

Future generations still found this unbelievable. However, Duality Master was indeed an unbelievable existence.

Its first day was a magnificent and unprecedented occasion. All of Eight Desolaces were affected by this.

Apricot Dao Lord personally came with peerless scriptures as gifts. [1]

Moreover, the strongest ancestors and existences in Eight Desolaces eventually arrived with gifts as well.

True Immortal Sect, Primal Immortal Mountain, Sword School, Righteous Sect, Pure Yang Clan, Lion's Roar Country, Wild East Eight Kingdoms, Ancestral City... These behemoths that have dominated before came to celebrate. [2]

The gathering of these lords was unmatched in history. Even the coronations of dao lords lacked the same extravagance and impact.

Furthermore, the gifts they brought were incredible - paramount weapons and artifacts, enough to shock the world.

In fact, even the strongest ancestor of Buddha Holy Ground personally led his favorite disciples to celebrate the opening of Duality. He brought gifts too, of course.

Such a thing remained a mystery. Duality Master did nothing short of taking over the holy ground's territory for his academy. However, Buddha Holy Ground didn't retaliate in the slightest and actually brought gifts for the occasion.

The legend didn't end there. Duality Master performed the first lesson for the opening ceremony.

Who were the members of the audience? Apricot Dao Lord, ancient ancestors, sword gods...

They were the strongest characters in the era yet they still wanted to listen to the lecture. Some said that this was the most prestigious classroom ever. Only Heavenly Sovereigns were eligible to be there.

This incredible history laid an unshakable foundation for Duality Academy. It wasn't the oldest academy in Eight Desolaces but was once the most illustrious.

The present couldn't compare to the past when Duality Master was still around. Nonetheless, its influence still remained.

Moreover, it had produced plenty of geniuses including several dao lords. For example, the third dao lord of the holy ground - Dhyana. He studied at the academy first before entering Sacred Mountain.

Three Truths Dao Lord also studied at the academy before branching out. Another famous student was Heaven Devourer Dao Lord who revitalized Righteous later on as its second dao lord.

Righteous and Buddha Holy Ground had an unceasing rivalry in history and the academy had influence in both.

As for Heavenly Sovereigns? There were too many to count. Let's not dwell on the ones from the older period. The most famous and strongest one recently was Mad Blade.

He studied at the academy during his youth and created a unique saber art later on. He swept through Eight Desolaces and proved his supremacy.

All in all, whether it be the past or the present, Duality Academy was still well-respected by cultivators.

The greatest geniuses didn't dare to be haughty while standing in front of its gates. They knew that they were nothing compared to Apricot Dao Lord and others who have listened to the lectures here before.

Li Qiye arrived while riding Lil' Black. He smiled while looking at the landscape consisting of grand mountains and glorious rivers. Some peaks reached the sky with waterfalls streaming down.

Pavilions and buildings scattered across the area. A peak might have a single one at the pinnacle. Another mountain might have buildings built around it. Bridges connected these mountains.

The academy only had ten thousand miles of territory so students were everywhere. They rode their mount or flying sword...

The truth was that this prosperity and liveliness could also be found in the rest of Metropolis. That's why this was the golden region of Buddha Holy Ground.

"Duality." The old man said; vivid images of the past resurfaced in his mind.

"This is the largest academy in Eight Desolaces?" Fan Bai stared intensely.

Fan Bai was certainly not the only one affected by the grand atmosphere here. Virtually all first-timers felt the same way.

"Pretty much." The old man smiled: "It can't compare to the past but still has 100,000 students or so. The dynasties always send their princes and descendants to the academy too."

"Let's go in." Li Qiye smiled and moved forward with Lil' Black.

100,000 was a commonly quoted number when talking about Duality. However, some thought that this was a low estimation.

One didn't need to be from Buddha Holy Ground to join the academy. Anyone from Eight Desolaces could give it a shot without meeting prejudice.

Moreover, it didn't forbid visitors either. Even a mortal could come here for a trip. This was one of its best aspects.

Just think about it, many mortals considered the big sects as something unreachable. Regular cultivators were treated like gods so mortals weren't qualified to enter such places. The other academies had the same factor.

This wasn't the case for Duality. As long as one could make it here, they could come in freely. This added to the number of people currently present in the academy, adding to its liveliness.

The mortals eventually built towns at the base of the mountains. Thousands of them lived here and added more excitement.

It wasn't strange to see anyone from any race in Duality. However, Li Qiye's group attracted special attention.

It wasn't because of Fan Bai or the old servant, just Li Qiye. It had nothing to do with good looks either, just his unique mount.

When the big shots came to visit Duality, they rode flood dragons and heavenly stallions...

These mounts weren't surprising at all. The problem was - Li Qiye was riding a black boar.

He looked exactly like a country bumpkin especially with the hatchet hanging on his waist.

Both students and pedestrians pointed their fingers and whispered.

Li Qiye had a natural expression but Lil' Black was raising its head and arching its chest, trying to look intimidating and cool.

Unfortunately, this had the opposite effect. Others found it hilarious; a few girls quietly smiled while looking at the boar.

Chapter 3602: Boar Rider

Virtually everyone pointed and smiled at Li Qiye, thinking that he was too strange.

People rode all types of mounts to the Duality but very few chose a boar, maybe just Li Qiye.

"Isn't that the woodchopper from Myriad Beast Mountain?" One student actually recognized Li Qiye.

"What woodchopper?" His peers haven't met Li Qiye before.

"That's Li Qiye, the guy who tricked numerous people to death." The first student answered.

The majority didn't go to Myriad Beast Mountains but they have heard of the events there.

"That's him? 100,000 experts died because of him?" Another became surprised.

They couldn't help staring at him more, thinking that he was just an ordinary youth. There's nothing particularly special about him.

Plus, someone at the conqueror realm didn't mean much either. They could be found anywhere in Duality.

"Are you serious?" Some remained skeptical but the firsthand accounts should be trustworthy.

In their opinion, someone capable of tricking 100,000 experts should resemble a demon or at least fierce-looking. However, Li Qiye looked as common as can be. They doubted whether he could even kill one man or not.

“The brat dares to come out of Myriad Beast?” One student murmured: “Is he not afraid of enemies coming to get him? They’ll cut him to pieces.”

“He’s here to study?” Another student wondered because he had heard about the teachers wanting to recruit Li Qiye.

Of course, this wasn’t Li Qiye’s intention in coming here.

Duality spanned for ten thousand miles but most people lingered around nine particular mountains connected together in a circular formation. In the center was Main Peak - a location coveted by all students.

Li Qiye went behind this peak and found an empty spot on another peak. He took out his temple and it flashed, becoming larger.

“Boom!” Just like that, his group took over the place.

“Really?” Many students couldn’t believe it.

Though everyone could come and go, they still stay in existing architectures. No one had built their own place before, especially not next to Main Peak.

He didn’t ask for the academy’s permission; this seemed unreasonable to the student body.

“Ridiculous, does he think this place belongs to him?” One student commented.

Remember, Duality Master did this to the holy ground back then in a domineering manner. Li Qiye was repeating the same thing. The students found this as arrogant as can be.

“How dare he look down on us?” Another became angry.

One student who didn’t like Li Qiye back at the mountain range snorted: “This isn’t Myriad Beast Mountains. Hmph, just watch, a teacher will tell him to scam soon.”

Some students immediately reported this to the teachers after Li Qiye put down his temple.

The teachers became slightly lost because this was unprecedented in their history. For millions of years, dynasties came and went in Buddha Holy Ground; only Duality stood the test of time.

No one dared to invade or offend Duality, not even the dao lords. Now, a brat from Myriad Beast Mountains didn’t even greet them and directly took over a peak.

The academy eventually sent a familiar face over to ask Li Qiye - Teacher Du. He became the first guest at their new abode.

“Young Noble Li, as I said previously back in the mountain range, Duality Academy always welcomes you.” Teacher Du laughed and said.

“Good.” Li Qiye nodded with a smile.

Teacher Du didn’t know what to say since Li Qiye looked so nonchalant. If he didn’t see the event with his own eyes, there was no way he would believe that this harmless youth was the cause of a massacre.

“May I call you Virtuous Nephew Li? Since you’re a student here now, just let me know which peak you want and I’ll arrange it.” He said, implying that the academy would arrange another place for him.

His action thus far had a negative effect on the academy’s image. Moreover, he even let Li Qiye pick another peak - this was as generous as can be.

However, Li Qiye seemed to miss the implication. He nodded and casually said: “No need, this place is fine, I’ll just stay here.”

Teacher Du had a pained expression. He wanted to ask: ‘Little Ancestor, just came here and took over someone else’s peak. How can you act so nonchalantly as if nothing happened? Is this your place? You can build a house wherever you want?’

“Virtuos Nephew, would you reconsider?” Teacher Du was as polite as can be. Anyone else from another sect would have kicked Li Qiye out.

In fact, that would still be a light response. Some might even start a fight because what Li Qiye did was nothing short of a direct provocation.

“I’m fine here.” Li Qiye answered without a second thought.

Teacher Du opened his mouth but didn’t know the right words. Must he break all formalities in order to make him understand?

“Okay, the young master is tired from the journey, let him rest now.” The old servant interrupted him and patted his shoulder, gently pushing him outside.

Teacher Du lost control from the push and actually walked outside. This made him shudder because he was extremely powerful.

He was a big shot not just in Metropolis but all of the holy ground. Remember, he didn’t fear the senior defender who was in charge of a great army at all.

He understood that only a few could do so in the south. This old servant was one of them.

After they left the hall, the old man let go and Teacher Du regained his balance.

During the first meeting, the old man left a deep impression on him. Later on, Li Qiye became the focus and he stopped paying attention to the old man.

Now, he realized that this old man was a hidden master.

“Please excuse this junior for not recognizing you, Senior. May I ask who you are?” He took a deep breath and bowed towards the old man.

“I’m just an old servant who toils for the young master, that’s all.” The old man shook his head.

Teacher Du was at a loss for words again.

Chapter 3603: Who Is It?

He could tell that the old man’s power far exceeded his. Unfathomable was the right word to describe him.

How could such a master describe himself as an old servant?

“Don’t pry the young master’s matters. Tell the academy to ignore us.” The old man said.

“I’m afraid the academy has a few rules.” Teacher Du smiled wryly.

In fact, the rules here were as generous as can be compared to other powers. Nonetheless, some couldn’t be broken or it would be quite chaotic at the academy.

“There’s an exception to everything. This is one of them.” The old man responded.

“Well... I don’t think it’s very reasonable for the young noble to take over a peak.” Teacher Du was in a tough position.

“He bears no ill will or you wouldn’t be standing here right now. It’s best to keep this in mind.” The old man said.

“I...” Teacher Du found it hard to respond. Though the old man meant well, anyone else would consider this a threat.

This place was Duality Academy; its power and prestige were unquestionable in all of the southern West King.

Now, someone came and actually threatened a teacher on their territory. Others would find the old man to be insane.

“Senior, this place is Duality...” Teacher Du took a deep breath and didn’t become angry at the rampant arrogance and disdain.

“I know, but for our young master, no place in the world is an exception.” The old man responded.

Teacher Du became emotional. He realized that the old man wasn’t personally threatening him. His absolute confidence was in Li Qiye. In other words, Li Qiye didn’t give a damn about Duality.

It was one thing for someone as powerful as the old man to do so. But Li Qiye?

He was only in the conqueror realm and this wasn’t Myriad Beast Mountains. He had no home court in this place while they did.

Could it be that Li Qiye was also a hidden master like the old man? Teacher Du thought that this possibility was low. He had confirmed Li Qiye’s cultivation.

What methods did he have here to not worry about Duality Academy? Moreover, why was this old man subservient to Li Qiye?

“Go, don’t bother the young master. I’ve only said so much since I have ties with Duality. The rest is up to your group.” The old man waved his hand to send the guest away.

Teacher Du found himself out of the temple in the next second.

When he first arrived, many students assumed that he would tell Li Qiye’s group to get the hell out. They waited outside to gloat.

Unfortunately, Teacher Du simply left and nothing happened so they left with disappointment.

Teacher Du only regained his wits when he got back to a peak named White Deer. "Why am I here?"

He became startled because he lost control again from just one hand wave.

"So strong." He was covered in cold sweats after realizing that he had still underestimated the old man. The guy was far, far stronger than his imagination. He couldn't even attempt to stop him from taking his life.

Once again, this powerful existence was willing to be Li Qiye's servant.

"I think he's stronger than the dean..." Teacher Du trembled with fear.

The current dean of Duality was Five-colored Sacred Sovereign, one of the four grandmasters of the holy ground.

Now, he was sure that this old man was stronger than the dean. This shook him to the core.

"Who is he?" The southern region had people stronger than the four grandmasters but only a few.

Moreover, he would have heard of them too. He started thinking about how he found the old man familiar after the first meeting.

I have ties with Duality... This comment echoed in his mind.

"Can it be?!" He shouted and became stunned. After a while, he murmured: "I must report this to the dean." He then headed up the peak.

Meanwhile, a second guest came to see Li Qiye - Yang Ling.

She and her two close friends were the only students who liked Li Qiye. The rest had no favorable impression of him.

"Young Noble, wait, Young Master Li, you're really here." She was excited to see him.

She wasn't particularly brilliant but had an open mind and a cheerful attitude so others liked her.

"Are you glad to see me?" Li Qiye chuckled after seeing her smile.

"I thought you would stay at Myriad Beast Mountains forever." She happily responded.

Though she was a regional princess and a noble, she had no prejudice against others. That's why she didn't mind calling Li Qiye "Young Master" since he seemed to enjoy this.

"It's good to go outside a bit." Li Qiye smiled and didn't bother to correct her. She still thought that he was a woodchopper who grew up in the mountains.

"Young Master, you're joining the academy? The teachers said that they would definitely accept you." She said: "Do you want me to introduce you to one? I know which one is the nicest and not strict, you'll have an easy time learning from him."

She was afraid that he wouldn't be used to the outside world, especially its constraints.

“It’s okay, I’m only here to take a look.” He replied.

“Alright.” She looked at him and smiled: “Since this is your first time here, I’m sure you’re not familiar with our academy. I’ll take you on a tour, it’s quite large and you might get lost without one.”

Having said that, she pulled him out without waiting to see his response.

She also noticed that he had a peak to himself and whispered: “The dean might punish you for taking up this entire place after finding out. Hmm, I think Teacher Du likes you so maybe he’ll help you hide it.”

Li Qiye chuckled and didn’t say anything else.

Chapter 3604: Duality Academy

Despite the numerous mountains and rivers within a ten thousand miles radius, the central area of Duality consisted of nine mountains. This was the core in charge of the rest.

The largest among them was White Deer, tall enough to reach the heavens and looking like a pillar. It was covered with cultivation grottos and buildings then a layer of mist and fog.

Few had access to this area because it was reserved for teachers, the dean, and the retired high elders and ancestors.

No one knew how many caves and grottos there were here. Nonetheless, it has been home to numerous top masters since the academy’s founding.

The other peaks were bustling with excitement as well. For example, both Main Peak and Initiate Peak were usually packed.

Main Peak was the area where students and teachers came for learning and lectures. It was also quite large with numerous more than ten thousand buildings and several hundred battle stages. The sheer number of architectures was a good indicator of its size.

Initiate Peak served as a dormitory of sorts for the students. The majority of students were here or had stayed here before.

Moreover, friends and families could visit and spend the night. That’s why outsiders were a common sight.

Yang Ling was a first-year student but she had gotten familiar with the academy. Thus, she guided Li Qiye through the major peaks first - Initiate then Main.

Her social skills seemed more than adequate since students kept on greeting her. Of course, some also quietly talked about Li Qiye.

“He’s the guy who rode a boar here?” One girl smiled after being introduced by Yang Ling.

Yang Ling didn’t know how to answer after hearing this. The student body might not know who Li Qiye or the woodchopper of Myriad Beast Mountains was, but they have certainly heard of the boar rider.

“Did you bring your Lil’ Black and Lil’ Yellow too?” Yang Ling herself became curious. She thought that they were only regular animals.

“I didn’t bring them, they want to come along.” Li Qiye shrugged.

“You’ll have to keep an eye on them then, don’t let them run around. The seniors’ mounts are ferocious and they like eating wild animals. It’ll be problematic if Lil’ Black and Lil’ Yellow come to the wrong places and get eaten.” Yang Ling said with good intention.

Li Qiye became amused after hearing this. He chuckled and said: “What can I do in that case? They can only blame themselves for being blind and running amok.”

“Gao! Gao! Gao!” Barks came from behind. Lil’ Yellow seemed to have snuck along. It was clearly unhappy with Li Qiye’s comment but was smart enough to glare at Yang Ling instead.

It seemed to be disputing the fact regarding the mounts being able to eat them? Those mounts were nothing more than dinners in their eyes.

“Lil’ Yellow, you came too?” She naturally didn’t understand its glare and bent down to pat its neck. She warned: “You and Lil’ Black shouldn’t run around, I won’t be able to help you because some of my seniors’ mounts are even stronger than I am.”

Lil’ Yellow shook its body and got far away from Yang Ling, looking haughty and glaring at her again. It thought that this girl was being ridiculous. They were emperors of Myriad Beast Mountains.

Provoking them meant being tired of living, let alone trying to eat them. If they were annoyed, they would eat every single mount in Duality Academy.

“Lil’ Yellow has a strong personality.” Yang Ling didn’t read the disdainful gaze correctly but she knew that the dog didn’t appreciate being touched.

“You heard her, don’t run around.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head before telling Lil’ Yellow.

He wasn’t afraid of the two being eaten, just the opposite. These two might become hungry and sneak out to eat the mounts in the academy. That’s why he was warning them.

This went double for Lil’ Black. The boar looked lazy normally but in reality, it had more wicked thoughts compared to Lil’ Yellow.

Lil’ Yellow naturally didn’t dare to go against Li Qiye and had to nod its head.

“It can understand you?” Yang Ling smiled after seeing this: “It looks smarter than my mount.”

Lil’ Yellow became unhappy again, thinking that this dumb girl was wasting her breath. How could she compare a beast emperor to her crappy mount?

It was playing nice because of Li Qiye. Otherwise, it would have eaten Yang Ling for touching its neck earlier.

The group arrived on Main Peak. They could sense an atmosphere culminated from students training hard.

There were numerous battle stages with students training and fighting. Teachers were around to guide them.

Some focused on perfecting their merit laws and techniques. One sat alone on a boulder in the middle of a stream, absorbing worldly energies...

The more powerful students were challenging their friends for actual combat experience. There were more than a hundred stages there of varying levels.

The fights were meant for improvement and training, rarely to the death. Only mortal enemies would actually do so.

In front of the gate was a statue. It wasn't especially large but everyone would feel insignificant when standing before it.

"This is a statue of Duality Master. Duality here stands for mud and cloud." Yang Ling introduced. [1]

Of course, this statue was created by future descendants, not Duality Master himself.

At the base of the statue was a famous line. However, it wasn't the domineering one that shocked the world - 80,000 Buddhas are nothing more than statues and the gods up in the firmaments are mere floating duckweeds.

The following characters were carved - Just a mortal I am, just one thought to become cloud and mud. [2]

That's right, this phrase is the one most often said by him instead of the line chanted during the creation of Duality Academy.

No one knew the origin of this line so it probably originated from him. Because of this, people started calling him Cloud Mud or Duality Master.

Li Qiye stared at the statue and repeated the line. This moment lasted for a while as if nothing was more interesting to him than the statue.

Yang Ling noticed this and thought that Li Qiye had a strange expression. It was hard to pinpoint it on a particular emotion.

Though many came and saw this statue, they usually had a look of reverence while recalling his tales. This wasn't the case here. There was no hint of admiration or remembrance.

Chapter 3605: Just A Mortal I Am

Nonetheless, she waited patiently for him.

After a while, he withdrew his gaze and she teased: "What do you think about Duality Master?"

Li Qiye chuckled without responding while wearing a natural expression. He seemed to have understood something.

"Duality Master has a big secret, do you want to know?" Yang Ling changed the topic.

"He's a mortal." Li Qiye smiled.

Yang Ling was surprised at this response: "How do you know?!"

"It's clearly written right there. Just a mortal I am, just one thought to become cloud and mud." Li Qiye pointed at the phrase beneath the statue. [1]

"Ah, the first time I read it, I thought there was a deeper meaning behind it." Yang Ling said.

"Just kidding, I already knew without seeing this line." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Really?" She became surprised again.

"Read more and know more. I knew it from reading a book." Li Qiye replied.

Yang Ling didn't expect this since Li Qiye was a woodchopper living in a remote area. A child who grew up here shouldn't know much about the outside world. She thought that he hadn't heard of powerful dao lords, mighty sects, and the legends.

Now, it seemed that he might be more than that - a woodchopper with a penchant for reading.

Of course, she never saw him touch a book during her time at the temple.

"Isn't it magical?" Yang Ling elaborated on the topic: "I didn't believe that Duality Master was a mortal. After coming here, I asked the teachers about this and they confirmed it."

Just think about it, how could a mortal reach that height? A mortal dared to look down on Buddhism and the gods? That's nothing short of blind arrogance.

However, no one had questioned the authenticity of this line. It really came from him.

To take it further, this mortal managed to crush thousands of temples and statues with one hand wave. The Buddhist affinity within a ten-thousand-miles radius dispersed.

Only a dao lord should be able to do something like this, not a mortal. What came next were powerful cultivators coming to celebrate the founding of his academy. The entire world participated in this event. The same couldn't be said for a dao lord's coronation.

Even Apricot Dao Lord came to listen to a lecture. Nothing could be stranger than this.

Nonetheless, these extraordinary and unbelievable events felt so logical and natural when Duality Master was involved. Miracles weren't miracles anymore in his presence, reduced to just common occurrences.

In history, Duality Master was the only mortal to achieve all of this. Yang Ling was astounded after confirming this part of history.

"How did he do it?" She said: "I heard he even entered the Life Forbidden Zone and moved around freely. That's a place even dao lords avoided."

"Don't you see the second line?" Li Qiye smiled and pointed at the bottom of the statue: "Just one thought to become cloud and mud."

"What do you mean?" She asked.

"You haven't reached the right level." Li Qiye elaborated: "It's literal and simple, he's capable of changing into the clouds above or the mud below with a single thought."

“Changing to the cloud and mud?” She mused, still feeling lost.

Li Qiye was in a great mood; this was extremely rare for him. He felt patient enough to go on: “So what do they symbolize here?”

“Mmm...” She couldn’t come up with an answer right away.

“The clouds are the gods above the nine firmaments, looking down on the world. The mud below are mortals, only capable of looking up.” Li Qiye said.

“So Young Master, you’re saying that Duality Master might only be a mortal, but with a single thought, he can become a god?” She became excited after understanding the phrase.

“It’s not its true meaning but close enough.” Li Qiye chuckled. [2]

She had previously heard this line numerous times, maybe more than a thousand. She didn’t feel much previously because it might just be his favorite line.

Now, with Li Qiye’s help, she found the line to be majestic and domineering. Duality Master might have thought of himself as being invincible.

A mortal capable of turning into a god with just one thought? Maybe at that point, he no longer considered anyone in Eight Desolaces to be a real opponent. None was qualified to challenge him.

Then she even thought about the first line again - Just a mortal I am. Duality Master was dominant enough even in his mortal form. There was no need to change to “cloud” or “mud”.

Just a mortal I am, just one thought to become cloud and mud - She appreciated the line even more after repeating it. Her blood was boiling since she could feel his untouchable aura.

She looked back at the statue and found it to be larger than before. People should bow and worship, she thought.

“How, how can he do it? Transforming at a whim.” She calmed down and took a deep breath before asking Li Qiye with curiosity.

“Because he has an uncompromising dao heart. The more invincible it is, the more invincible he is.” Li Qiye responded.

“The dao heart?” She had heard of this logic before and thought that it was just a joke not based on logic.

A few seniors kept on harping about the dao heart but juniors like her would rather cultivate a powerful merit law or obtain a strong weapon.

This dao heart thing was too ethereal and unreachable. It seemed to be theoretical instead of practical.

“This is actually a thing?” She thought that if one could be invincible with a strong dao heart, there would be no need for cultivation.

“You’ll understand more once you reach the right level. The dao heart doesn’t just manifest out of your imagination, it requires polishing and accumulation.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“Polishing and accumulation.” She nodded despite still being lost.

She couldn’t imagine how the dao heart helped Duality Master. Nonetheless, she still memorized Li Qiye’s guidance along with the famous line. Both left a deep impression on her.

“Just a mortal. Right, I want to be a mortal too, so free and comfortable.” Li Qiye looked back at the statue and said emotionally before leaving.

Chapter 3606: Sword Point

Comprehension was another one of the nine peaks, a favorite among the students.

Just like its name, this was a place for the students to learn and comprehend the dao. It wasn’t just a training ground. To be exact, it contained the scrolls and manuals of Duality in various forms.

Too many top experts have studied at the academy. Many of them would leave a technique or two after finishing their arts. Some brilliant teachers also chose to leave behind their knowledge too.

Thus, Comprehension was a treasury of sorts. It contained hidden merit laws and techniques from the teachers, Heavenly Sovereigns, and dao lords...

Buildings were sparse here unlike the boulders, towering trees, and hidden walls among the vegetation overgrowth.

The wise sages didn’t care too much and directly imprinted their merit laws onto the various objects on the peak - the boulders, old trees...

Some hid their arts better so that the fateful descendants would have to put in more effort.

That’s why a few students were searching among the grass and stones. Merit laws might actually be hidden there.

All the merit laws found on Comprehension were available for the students regardless of their race and time at the academy.

This particular openness and generosity had a big influence on Eight Desolaces. Alumni would come back after becoming powerful to repay the debt, leaving their new moves behind at Comprehension.

Normally, dao lords and Heavenly Sovereigns wouldn’t want to share their attainments with the rest of the world. This wasn’t the case for the successful alumni from Duality.

This benefited the future generations and created a cycle of sharing and learning. More and more merit laws were accumulated at Comprehension as a result.

Li Qiye and Yang Ling walked up the winding stone path around the peak. It helped them get through the perilous cliffs.

However, this didn’t stop students from crowding on top of the cliffs and trees. They sat in groups and tried to feel the grand dao or derive the arts left behind.

In spite of the overcrowded nature of this place, it was one of the quietest peaks. The students either meditated or spoke with a hushed tone among themselves. This was a stark contrast to Initiate Peak.

The most popular among the techniques included Dhyana Dao Lord's Buddhist art, Sword Emperor's legacy, Three Truths Dao Lord's ultimate power...

Yang Ling brought Li Qiye to another statue. The area in front was filled with layers of students.

"This is a technique left behind by Sword Emperor. Just understanding it will make you a great swordsman." Yang Ling quietly introduced.

Li Qiye looked up and saw the coarse statue, seemingly carved into a humanoid shape from a single boulder. It was raising a sword.

The face was done carelessly and not recognizable. However, one could feel sword energies emanating even when far away. It felt as if the tip of a sword was touching their chest.

The lines were the minimum to make it resemble a sword wielder. There was nothing else depicted.

If it wasn't for the rampaging sword energies, people would think that this was a fake to trick others.

Of course, the sword energies that have been around for millions of years showed just how much effort Sword Emperor had put into it.

He was one of the most brilliant dao lords. This technique was highly coveted so a large number of students came each day to learn.

Their eyes were hot while looking at this statue and fantasizing about the sword technique.

In the history of Eight Desolaces, very few dao lords used "emperor" in their titles. The most accepted was Emperor Ye. [1]

After becoming a dao lord, she referred to herself as emperor. She might be the only one who did so among her peers.

Nonetheless, she swept through the realms and even the forbidden zones. Thus, no one had an issue with this title.

As for Sword Emperor, he himself didn't come up with this. Future descendants gave him this title out of respect. He thought that he wasn't at that height so he actually chose the title Sword Saint.

He wouldn't dare to compare himself to Emperor Ye but in terms of just the sword dao, his level could illuminate the myriad ages. Some believed that he was the greatest swordsman in the history of Eight Desolaces.

He studied at Duality Academy during his youth, albeit only for a short period. He left West King afterward and traveled far before finishing his dao. He then created a supreme dao system.

Nevertheless, he still returned to the academy and left a technique named "Sword Point".

Students, later on, came to learn this technique. Though they couldn't comprehend his sword dao, they still greatly benefited. This was especially true for the future generations' sword gods.

The peculiar thing about this statue was that it didn't matter where one was standing nor the angle relative to it. They would find that the sword was always pointing at their chest.

Nothing they could do would change this; shifting movement and changing stance didn't matter.

Many were currently trying to do so because they didn't believe in this phenomenon. Some did it in order to understand the sword dao.

"Why is it always pointing its sword at our chest? It's not alive, I've changed position more than ten times already." One student said.

"The statue might not be alive but it was still carved by Sword Emperor and has his sword energies within. It's not the stone sword pointing at your chest but rather, the energy." A powerful student explained.

"A teacher told me that when this sword is no longer pointing at your chest, that's when you grasp its profundity." Another older student smiled and said.

"Has anyone learned it?" An underclassman asked.

"Of course, our academy has produced plenty of top cultivators, a lot of sword heroes and sword gods too. Many of them were guided by this technique." A knowledgeable student answered: "I heard Mad Blade was also influenced by it."

"I thought Senior Mad Blade was a saber user. Why would he be affected by a sword technique?" One student became curious.

"All dao have the same source." The strong student prior responded: "After reaching a certain level, the sword and saber are the same, it's not strange at all. A genius like Senior Mad Blade can definitely figure it out."

"Let's not talk about the seniors, what about our class?" One friend asked.

The group exchanged glances and no one answered. This wasn't their fault.

They weren't inadequate; it's just that the technique was too profound. Anyone in history who managed to understand it eventually became a famous swordsman.

"I think First Sister tried." One student said.

"Right, Senior Sister Dugu has come here before." An upperclassman agreed.

They were referring to the genius Dugu Lan.

"So did she figure it out?" This became the next topic.

Chapter 3607: Mad Blade

Most students have heard of Dugu Lan trying to learn Sword Point but they didn't know anything concrete.

"Junior Sister Lan immediately went to train after looking at it, I'm sure she figured something out." A very powerful student from the same class as Dugu Lan answered.

"Seems like there's still a possibility." This motivated the crowd. They took a deep breath and carefully observed the statue.

Li Qiye only glanced at it and chuckled. "Let's go." He then turned and left.

Yang Ling was also observing but unfortunately, due to her limited talents, she didn't learn anything. She regained her wits and followed Li Qiye.

"Sword Point is too amazing, I can't stop that sword from pointing at me no matter the angle. That's why Sword Emperor is the greatest swordsman." Yang Ling praised.

"That thing is alright, it doesn't represent his sword dao though." Li Qiye smiled.

"Alright? Young Master, that's a technique from the invincible Sword Emperor. So many great swordsmen learned from this technique." Yang Ling stared weirdly at Li Qiye.

"His sword dao originated from a heavenly scripture." Li Qiye chuckled and said: "If you saw the real thing, you would know how average this technique is."

"You've seen it?" Yang Ling became confused.

"No." Li Qiye answered: "But I've seen it in a book where people described it in detail."

"In a book?" Yang Ling thought Li Qiye was too devilish. The guy appeared to know everything; nothing could surprise him or trick his eyes.

Of course, it was good that no one else heard Li Qiye speak lightly of the sword technique or they would definitely scold him.

Yang Ling calmed down and brought Li Qiye to other places with merit laws. Unfortunately, the guy only glanced briefly at them or said that they were just okay.

Some of these merit laws came from Heavenly Sovereigns and dao lords. A few were praised as unbeatable. That's why she found Li Qiye's comments astonishing.

However, she gradually became used to his indifferent attitude. She thought about how he used to live in Myriad Beast Mountains and how he ate immortal items like the fish and grass. He treated them just like ordinary meals.

"Ahead is a saber technique left behind by Senior Mad Blade. He's one of the few masters who left techniques here and are still alive." Yang Ling became excited after they walked up another stone path.

She didn't ask for permission before grabbing Li Qiye's hand and pulling him forward. They made it a bit more before seeing a large boulder next to a cliff.

It contained Mad Blade's saber technique. One could also feel the same discomfiting cuts before getting close.

Because of this, the students here had a hard time persevering and would leave early.

"The saber gales are too strong, staying here long will harm our cultivation." One student shook his head and left.

"Senior Mad Blade is from this era so the remnant energy is still too much. This technique is better left for future descendants." Another clicked his tongue after experiencing the gales.

“Young Master, do you know Senior Mad Blade? He might be the strongest living student from the academy. Unfortunately, I can’t withstand the gale or I would try to learn his technique.” Yang Ling excitedly said.

“You’re a fan of his?” Li Qiye smiled.

“Young Master, rumor has it that the senior used to be very arrogant during his time here. He looked down on Vajra Dynasty and even bullied some princes of that generation...” Yang Ling said with admiration: “My grandpa said that this technique was left when he was still a student. He told the princes that if any of them could understand this, he would work as an official for Vajra. Unfortunately, the princes couldn’t even withstand the gales for long, let alone comprehending the technique...”

Yang Ling went on and on. She memorized all the little details.

“You don’t like Vajra?” Li Qiye smiled after seeing the girl’s expression.

“No, of course not.” Yang Ling hurriedly changed her expression and shook her head.

She naturally didn’t dare to talk negatively about Vajra. She was a regional princess; her clan was bestowed the title by Vajra.

“My grandpa studied here too. He didn’t get along with the princes.” Yang Ling looked around before whispering.

Li Qiye chuckled. No wonder why the girl was a fan of Mad Blade since he taught the princes a lesson.

“It’s not what you think, Young Master.” Yang Ling denied right away: “Do you know that the south has three supremes? Mad Blade is the youngest among them.”

The two supremes were stronger than the four grandmasters. They weren’t limited to the holy ground either. One was Buddha Supreme and the other was Righteous Supreme.

Buddha Supreme rarely showed up in public and was naturally from the holy ground. On the other hand, Righteous Supreme was from Righteous Sect - an enemy of the holy ground. He had lived for many eras - completely unfathomable.

“Two supremes.” Li Qiye corrected her.

“There are three now, everyone is considering Senior Mad Blade as one because he’s above the four grandmasters. No one in the south disputes this right now.” Yang Ling argued.

Mad Blade was a true genius. Though his dao debut was later, he just needed his saber to sweep through the world.

His name was Guan Batian. The man was arrogant enough to challenge the two supremes during his youth.

He managed to defeat most experts in both the holy ground and Righteous Sect, successfully backing up his words.

Later on, he traveled to the wild eight kingdoms and news about him stopped coming. Nonetheless, most still listed him as the third supreme.

This was especially true for the students of Duality since he was an alumnus.

As they got closer to the boulder, they saw someone already standing there to look at the technique.

“Your attendant is here too.” Yang Ling became surprised.

The old servant stopped and smiled at Yang Ling: “I’m bored in the temple so just taking a break. Young Master, Miss Yang, you’re here for a look too?”

“I brought your young master to see Senior Mad Blade’s ultimate saber technique.” Yang Ling said enthusiastically: “I was just telling him about how the senior is the third supreme, the pride of our academy.”

“Is that so? I haven’t heard of this since I was staying in the mountains.” The old man shook his head.

“Well, now you know. Senior Mad Blade is incredible, he’s definitely strong enough to challenge the other two supremes.” Yang Ling went on.

The old man only smiled in response.

Unfortunately, Yang Ling couldn’t linger for long since her cultivation wasn’t strong enough to resist the sharp gales.

“The gales here are too much, I need to leave.” She felt as if blades were cutting her skin.

However, she became surprised and asked: “Young Master, you’re fine?”

“I’m fine, I grew up in the mountains so my skin is tough after falling so much.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I’ll be going then, keep on looking, maybe you’ll figure something out.” Yang Ling said while running away.

Li Qiye chuckled and focused on the boulder; the old man did the same.

Chapter 3608: Daoslay Trinary

Only a few moves were carved on the boulder. Nonetheless, these cuts depicted a great master unleashing his supreme technique.

The gales emanating from them were incredible as if Mad Blade was here in person - one cut to split the sky and all momentums. He could look down on the world with his saber attainment.

During a careful observation, one would find themselves being engulfed by the saber momentum. Their legs would start trembling. A weaker cultivator wouldn’t be able to finish looking at one variation.

Mad Blade was true to his title. During his youth, he was insanely arrogant especially during his time at the academy.

His saber style was the same - unbridled and wild, brimming with arrogance. Because of this, people had different opinions regarding him.

Both Li Qiye and the old servant were looking at the saber technique.

“A load of crap.” The old man smiled and said: “So arrogant after learning a few mediocre slashes, thinking about invincibility already. Foolishness.”

“It’s okay.” Li Qiye responded: “There are flaws but calling it a supreme saber art isn’t an exaggeration. Just need to fix it and it’ll be immaculate.”

“You have any good ideas, Young Master?” The old man said.

“I’m sure you have better ones brewing in your mind since you have been looking at them for so long. Your ideas are more fleshed out.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“The saber always has flaws so the same with this dao.” The old man sentimentally said: “Even if I were to change these techniques, they won’t be better in the slightest. A few things are done and over with.”

“There are no perfect merit laws. To not have any is the real perfection. One can only try to improve infinitely. Each technique and move need flaws to have power.” Li Qiye continued: “Plus, the users matter too. A perfect merit law used by a weak cultivator would be full of openings. But a worthless move employed by a top master? It’ll be inches from perfection. Just focus on the user instead of the techniques. In a sense, merit laws shouldn’t be classified as weak or strong; all originated from the source of the grand dao. Only external factors distinguish them.”

“How insightful, Young Master.” The old man clapped and said: “So you’re unhappy with the current classification for merit laws?”

“Not to that extent, it’s just that people have different perspectives depending on their height.” Li Qiye said.

He paused for a bit and continued: “When taking the mysteries of the grand dao into account, it’s not wise to classify merit laws. However, it is useful for beginners to start with the right ones. This does limit their learning though, won’t be able to go farther and see the real profundity.”

“You’re right, Young Master.” The old man agreed: “Even yellow-level merit laws have a dao that can be comparable to the heaven level or even reach the limit of the dao. Unfortunately, the classification limited it to the yellow level.”

“But those with mediocre talents and a weak dao heart would find them easier to learn. Moreover, suitable merit laws at the right level will be more effective than higher-level ones.” Li Qiye defended the other side.

“True, power isn’t reliant on the level but rather suitability.” The old man nodded.

Li Qiye then turned towards the boulder and touched the cuts: “The slashes are too violent and direct, lowering the momentum by thirty percent will actually make it stronger and more flexible. It only needs three forms possessing both offense and defense. Such a technique will allow one to have unlimited murderous potential and the might to face all foes in a decisive manner...”

His touch penetrated the current saber technique. He then gradually moved his palms together and the cuts suddenly started moving as well. They changed and were united together into three slashes.

This was the result of numerous refinements and simplification, culminating in a domineering and violent saber technique capable of splitting the heaven.

“Incredible, this is absolutely unstoppable...” The old man’s eyes lit up after seeing the technique’s final form. He was able to see the countless variations and transformations of the three slashes.

Just like that, three supreme saber dao came into being.

“Invincibility...” The old man became immersed by the new dao, reaching sublimation. The three slashes opened a new door for him, allowing him to see the apex.

Li Qiye pulled his hands back and the light dispersed. The saber technique remained the same as before; everything just now seemed to be an illusion.

“This supreme saber technique deserves a name.” The old man regained his wits and requested.

“Hmm, call it Daoslay Trinary.” Li Qiye casually named it.

“Daoslay Trinary, I like it.” The old man thought that the name was suitable and wonderful. He clapped and sighed, still indulging in the great technique.

Li Qiye chuckled and left the old man to himself.

“Young Master, it’s been long enough that I thought that the gales have knocked you unconscious. I was about to go look for you. How are you doing?” Yang Ling heaved a sigh of relief and looked at him from top to bottom.

“I’m fine, my body is tough. That wasn’t enough to injure me.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Then let’s keep going up. The next place is the lecture location of Duality Master.” Yang Ling grabbed Li Qiye’s hand again.

This area was referred to as the Enlightenment Platform. It hasn’t changed much after millions of years due to its significance for both Duality and the world.

It was located at the pinnacle of Comprehension. The place was flat and open with a single boulder next to the precipice.

Duality Boulder sat on top of this boulder to preach to the top masters from all over the world previously - Apricot Dao Lord, top Heavenly Sovereigns such as Sword God, old men that have been reclusive for millions of years...

On the boulder was a stone chair, quite large and simple. Nonetheless, it looked like a throne for an existence capable of grasping the universe.

The two saw many students gathered here. Some wanted to take a look at the famous dao platform. Others meditated in order to learn the dao, hoping to take advantage of the special atmosphere.

“Our Duality Master gave lectures in this place. It used to be lively beyond imagination due to the participants including reclusive masters...” Yang Ling spoke as if she was here in person back then.

This was understandable. All students took pride in this spot; it symbolized the prestige of the academy.

Remember, Duality Master was only a mortal yet the apex cultivators still came to listen - a powerful dao lord and people who have lived millions of years...

This was so unbelievable and illogical. However, it all made sense because the main character was Duality Master.

Chapter 3609: Who Can Understand?

Many diagrams were carved on the front of the boulder. Each was a simple movement - clearly depicting a merit law.

Yang Ling hurriedly pulled Li Qiye through the crowd so that they could look at the diagrams.

Today, the boulder served as a spiritual totem of the academy, not to mention the merit law left behind by Duality Master.

“This is the only merit law Duality Master left to the academy.” Yang Ling enthusiastically told Li Qiye.

This was also quite unbelievable. The founder of the academy only left one merit law to his legacy? This was another hot topic when it came to the academy.

Nonetheless, the academy’s library of merit laws was definitely second to none in Eight Desolaces.

They were all-inclusive from the myriad sects in the world. During the first day, numerous sects came to give the academy their scriptures. Even the holy ground gave the academy its strongest art - Buddha’s Six Dao created by Buddha Dao Lord.

This was Sacred Mountain’s ultimate art but they weren’t stingy with it.

Apricot Dao Lord also gave her own creation to the academy. Then there were masters from True Immortal, Pure Yang Clan, Lion’s Roar Country, and Righteous Sect; they also gave the academy equivalent merit laws.

Later on, the alumni added more to the list - Three Truths Dao Lord, Dhyana Dao Lord, Heaven Devourer Dao Lord...

All of these arts made the academy unique in Eight Desolaces. This made its founder seem rather stingy in comparison.

Of course, no one knew if it was only one merit law on this boulder. There could be more hidden here.

Because the diagrams were left behind by Duality, virtually all students would come here at least once to take a look. The majority also wanted to comprehend it.

According to the rumors, this merit law was nothing short of being unmatched and unbelievably mighty.

Numerous students were copying the movements and actions of the diagrams, waving their hands and such.

Unfortunately, this yielded zero results. Their effort didn’t matter. They eventually thought that these were simple and meaningless movements.

Some considered the little details of the diagram. There must be certain things hidden there. Alas, they didn’t find anything worthwhile.

“Did Duality Master really leave behind an unbeatable merit law?” One student who failed eventually became skeptical.

“Hard to say.” Another answered.

In reality, he wasn’t the only one. If these diagrams weren’t left behind by Duality Master, they would have thought that these were ugly drawings. The carver was just trying to be mysterious.

Alas, since it was indeed created by Duality Master, who would dare to call it a pretentious and ugly art piece?

“Maybe we’re approaching this from the wrong angle.” One student spent half a day here and eventually gave up: “Don’t forget, Duality Master is a mortal. His perspective on cultivation might be completely different than ours.”

“That makes sense, maybe the movements are meant as exercises.” Another student thought that this wasn’t a merit law but didn’t dare to be too blunt.

“It’s not an exercise. This is absolutely a profound merit law. A dao lord once said that someone who understands the diagrams already has a firm grasp on the real meanings of the grand dao.” An older student shook his head.

The crowd exchanged glances. No one would doubt the words of a dao lord. They weren’t qualified to do so regardless of their talents.

“Has anyone done so in history?” A student asked curiously while looking at the diagrams.

“No.” The older student pondered before answering: “However, I’ve heard from Teacher Xiahou that after becoming a dao lord, Dhyana Dao Lord returned and stood before this boulder for a long time.”

“Dhyana Dao Lord?” The crowd became silent after hearing this title.

Buddha Holy Ground was a lineage with four dao lords. Dhyana was the third but some actually considered him the strongest, even surpassing Buddha Dao Lord.

There was a phrase in the holy ground - ask Buddha Dao Lord regarding Buddhism; Vajra Dao Lord for military questions; Dhyana Dao Lord for cultivation.

In fact, some listed Dhyana among the top ten dao lords with regard to strictly cultivation.

“Rumor has it that Dhyana Dao Lord has finished the Buddhaomization Chapter so his grand dao attainment is incredible. I think he might have figured it out.” One student said with admiration.

“One of the Tetra Zen, Buddhaomization.” Another student added.

The dao lord used to be a prince who studied at the academy. He eventually came across a fortune containing a legendary scripture - Buddhaomization Chapter of the Tera Zen. This allowed him to become a Buddhist dao lord.

“You’re right, he should have been able to do it.” One more student said.

All eyes were on the older student, eagerly awaiting an answer.

“I mean, a dao lord, the great Dhyana, should be able to figure it out, right?” Another murmured.

The older student smiled wryly and shook his head: “I don’t know. Teacher Xiahou said that he was here for three days and three nights. When he was about to leave, he only said excellent and nothing else.”

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The students exchanged glances, unaware of the actual result.

“Excellent?” One student pondered and said: “This is either a praise or an expression of admiration. It means that the dao lord has understood its profundity or the meanings of the diagrams. Duality Master must be trying to convey something with them.”

“The dao lord might have understood but he didn’t tell anyone else about the true nature of the diagrams.” The mystery remained.

Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile while looking at the diagrams. It grew wider as if he was enjoying the work of art.

On the other hand, Yang Ling was imitating the movements in an earnest manner. Of course, she wasn’t the only one who did this.

Unfortunately, this method didn’t yield any fruit.

“Sigh, I’ve copied them down and memorized them long ago. It’s useless, I have no idea what they are.” Yang Ling had a helpless expression.

Chapter 3610: Too Easy

“You can wave and guess another billion times and you still won’t be able to learn the mysteries of the diagrams.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head while looking at Yang Ling’s bitter expression.

“Why not?” Her bright eyes brimmed with curiosity.

“Because the diagrams weren’t created for your eyes, only a certain few.” Li Qiye revealed.

“For who? Who can understand them?” She asked.

“Someone who has understood the mysteries of the dao.” Li Qiye stared at the diagram and had a strange smile full of implications.

“Young Master, can you understand them? Or at least notice some clues?” Yang Ling was drawn in by the mysterious smile and asked.

“Yes, I understand them.” Li Qiye’s smile became brighter.

This comment instantly attracted everyone’s attention. The conversation earlier didn’t garner any because there were more than a thousand students here.

They grouped up and talked among themselves with a focus on the diagrams. No one paid attention to Li Qiye and Yang Ling.

However, when Li Qiye said that he understood them, the entire crowd was struck. Eyes were on him, wide open.

Even Yang Ling stared at him; the word “disbelief” clearly written on her face.

“Who is he?” Many had no idea who Li Qiye was.

“That’s the guy who rode the boar.” This entry of his had left a deep impression on the spectators.

Not many actually came to Myriad Beast Mountains and saw him so the entry period was a bigger focus.

“So that’s him.” The students have definitely heard of this event.

“Where is he from, why is he shameless enough to make this claim?” Another student asked.

Skepticism was warranted in this case due to historical precedence. How could a junior like Li Qiye, a guy who rode a boar to the academy, dare to disrespect the wise sages before him?

“He’s from Myriad Beast Mountains.” One student had a guarded expression when talking about Li Qiye: “He summoned thousands of chaos primal beasts and massacred armies. He’s no slouch.” The bloody massacre was still haunting him recently.

“Yes, a teacher called him the son of the mountains, the favorite of the beasts.” Another student added.

“This isn’t Myriad Beast Mountains. Moreover, how can a wild child understand the mysteries left behind by Duality Master? He probably hasn’t even learned that many merit laws and they’re probably below average.” Someone who was there disagreed.

The two sides started talking about this matter.

“Young Master, which diagram and movement do you understand?” Yang Ling asked, not wanting to be presumptuous. She didn’t think that he understood the entire thing. Just understanding one diagram or seeing one clue was amazing enough.

“The entire thing.” Li Qiye nonchalantly responded.

“The entire thing?!” Yang Ling accidentally raised her voice due to the shock.

No genius or master in history has been able to understand the diagrams. Dhyana Dao Lord might be the only exception. Now, a nameless junior said that he understood the whole thing.

“Impossible.” A student retorted with haste. He snorted and said: “Just understanding one or two diagrams means that you can go down in history. What a joke, do you think you’re Dhyana Dao Lord?”

“According to the records, Sword God didn’t understand when Duality Master was carving down the diagrams. He asked and the master only answered with a smile. Do you know who Sword God is and what he represented during that era?” Another student voiced his disbelief.

In fact, no one here took him seriously because it was impossible. Some looked at him with disdain. Others didn’t bother commenting because there was no need to pay attention to a braggart.

“Young Master Li, please mind your words because this is Duality Academy, not Myriad Beast Mountains. You can say whatever you want back there due to a lack of listeners. Here, there are too many ears, it’ll bring needless trouble to you.” A kind soul reminded Li Qiye. One needed to be able to back up outrageous claims here or trouble would come.

“Yes, only the fish and birds listen to your crap back at the mountain range. Now, you have to be responsible for your words. It’s better to stop bragging from now on.” Another murmured.

“Young Master, even Sword God didn’t understand it.” Yang Ling quietly told Li Qiye.

She thought that he would be able to understand one or two diagrams but certainly not the whole thing. That’s why she reminded him with good intention.

“It’s not difficult at all. Duality Master’s intent is very short and simple.” Li Qiye smiled without bothering to look at the crowd.

“How audacious, to call an eternal mystery short and simple.” One unhappy student immediately blurted out.

“It’s true, you’re being too arrogant.” Even the neutral crowd started shaking their head, thinking that Li Qiye was being disrespectful to Duality Master.

“I heard someone was being ridiculous here. So it’s the brat from Myriad Beast Mountains.” A sneer came about.

People looked over and saw a group of friends approaching. The one in front was none other than Zhang Changyu. [1]

“Brat, you don’t know who Duality Master is? He’s the founder of our academy, the most peerless and brilliant existence in history. Your careless comments disparage both his prestige and the academy’s.” Zhang Changyu got close to Li Qiye and coldly uttered.