

Emperor 3661

### **Chapter 3661: The Princess' Ire**

The spectators had a mix of those who knew and didn't know Li Qiye.

"He's the one?" One student from Duality Academy muttered.

"Who knows, maybe he's really blessed by fortune. Remember, he's the only one who lifted that hammer in Myriad Cauldron when others failed. Teacher Du believed in him too." Another student hesitated for a bit before commenting.

"Just because he's lucky at Myriad Cauldron doesn't mean that the same thing will repeat here." One more friend didn't agree: "It's not like he'll get all the good luck or it'll be too illogical."

"Don't be so sure." The second student shook his head: "Strange things happen on a daily basis, maybe this year is a special year. He's extremely devilish back at the mountain range so he might be special."

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"I am indeed the chosen one." Li Qiye smiled at the monk.

Everyone thought that Li Qiye would be humble for at least a few sentences, not outright admitting his superiority.

"This brat doesn't have an ounce of humility in him, way too confident." One listener said.

"Overly boasting can backfire. He'll throw his face away soon." Another stared at Li Qiye with disdain.

"At least we'll have a fun show to watch, we're not the ones looking like fools." Another happily gloated.

"A frog wanting to eat swan meat." A voice filled with scorn sounded: "Take a look in the mirror first before bragging in this place."

The speaker turned out to be the second princess of Vajra.

The crowd was surprised because how did the golden jewel of Vajra know a woodchopper from Myriad Beast Mountains? Plus, princesses always had poise and composure. Now, this was clearly an attack on Li Qiye

Her expression showed blatant disdain for him as if wanting to tell him to stop daydreaming. Everyone became curious about the feud between these two.

"Indeed, it's rare to see an ugly frog like you." Li Qiye casually said.

"You!" The princess turned red; her chest heaved up and down from anger.

She was furious after listening to the crown prince regarding Li Qiye's proposal. In her eyes, he was a nobody wanting to climb up her branch, hence the frog and swan comment.

In fact, she was infuriated with the crown prince too but refrained from exploding at him.

He didn't even say the part about the feet-washing maid. Otherwise, the princess might have gone crazy and started attacking Li Qiye.

“Li, you deserve a slap for this disrespect-” Zhang Yunzhi stood up for the princess and shouted.

“Pop!” However, he couldn’t finish the sentence before being slapped and seeing stars.

Li Qiye was the one who did it. Yunzhi simply didn’t expect the guy to take the initiative.

The crowd couldn’t believe it. Li Qiye had offended the second princess and slapped Zhang Yunzhi. This was akin to offending all of Vajra.

The crown prince smiled wryly but didn’t get involved. He wasn’t an idiot.

The second princess was closer to the third prince. Moreover, the Zhang also leaned towards the third prince.

Now, Li Qiye had the ancestral saber that could be used against the members of the royal clan. It was better for the crown prince to watch this development in silence.

“Rebellious fool! This is a crime worthy of clan extermination!” The princess’ eyes became murderous.

This wasn’t an empty threat either. Vajra was strong enough to carry out this punishment against virtually everyone.

“Want to exterminate my clan? We’ll see if you can live long enough to do so.” Li Qiye narrowed his eyes.

“Li, how dare you?!” Yunzhi was livid. It was one thing for Li Qiye to always go against him. But now, offending the princess and slapping him in public? A famous genius like him couldn’t swallow this indignation.

“I will kill you now!” Yunzhi summoned his silver spear and pointed it straight at Li Qiye: “Brat, come accept your death!”

“Now we have a show.” One spectator became excited while moving to the side.

Of course, some thought that Li Qiye was being too arrogant. “Does the brat not want to stay at the holy ground? Offending the Zhang is one thing but the court too. He has no place to go.”

Li Qiye chuckled at the challenge, not caring at all.

“Amitabha.” Untethered Monk stopped Yunzhi from attacking. He smiled and said: “Benefactors, this is a place meant for business, not fighting. If you wish to try your luck, you’re more than welcome to. But wanting to fight? Wish Ward will kick you out.”

Though he spoke with a friendly smile, no one would question the ward’s ability. Just the monk alone deterred all troublemakers.

Yunzhi turned red, stuck in a predicament. He had already made his threat but couldn’t actually carry it out.

“No rush, all lands belong to the king, he has no place to hide. We’ll take his dog life later.” The princess told him before glaring at Li Qiye.

It became abundantly clear that she wouldn't forgive him for his transgression today. Some stared at Li Qiye with pity. They thought that he was awfully unwise for offending Vajra. He might be able to survive today but not tomorrow.

Yunzhi put away his spear after hearing the princess. He snorted at Li Qiye: "I'll kill you later."

Li Qiye ignored the two.

"Benefactors, don't be angry now." Untethered Monk smiled: "Come, come, spend a few coins for the chance to earn unimaginable wealth."

"Didn't you say that you were the chosen one?" The princess said with contempt: "Since you're so confident, then go see if you can get anything from the golden spring. Broaden our horizon now, oh fateful one."

"Easy enough." Li Qiye lazily said.

His attitude only increased her hatred for him. She replied: "Ridiculous, so many important characters and geniuses have failed. What makes you think you can do it?"

"Not convinced? Then do you want to make a bet?" Li Qiye smirked at her.

"I don't think you have the guts." She said sternly.

"Sure I do, I'm in the mood to bet." Li Qiye smiled.

"Then how about this? If you can't get anything out of the golden spring, I'll chop off your head. Yes or no?" The princess declared.

### **Chapter 3662: Make It Interesting**

"Yes, of course. Only cowards would refuse!" A member of the crowd shouted before Li Qiye could answer.

"Right! Men do not retreat!" A few were more than happy to gloat at others' misery.

"And if I were to succeed? What's your end of the bargain?" Li Qiye chuckled while staring at the princess.

"Wait until you can get something from the golden spring first. Stop dreaming, you have no chance." The princess snorted.

"Merciful Buddha." The monk seemed amused by this development as he said: "There is always a winner and a loser in a bet. I'll play the role of a judge here. Princess, what will you do if you were to lose?"

The monk assumed the mantle of an officiator without being asked. Of course, no one would dare to say anything because he was the most qualified here.

The princess turned red after hearing this but she had no jurisdiction over this great cultivator. The influence of the court had nothing on him.

“If you can get a treasure from the golden spring and open the wooden door, I’ll marry you! You’ll become a prince-in-law!” The red princess glared at Li Qiye.

“What?!” Many found this astonishing, especially the younger cultivators.

Even Zhang Yunzhi became anxious. He said: “Princess, absolutely not, you’re invaluable.”

“I know what I’m doing.” She responded as she glared at Li Qiye: “So yes or no? If you don’t dare to bet, then get the hell out of Buddha Holy Ground.”

“Who wouldn’t take such a good offer?” One youth’s eyes brightened.

“Right? Two good things in one, success will really make him soar.” Another youth salivated.

Obtaining a treasure from the spring and opening the door would make Li Qiye immeasurably wealthy. To marry a princess too? He would reach the peak of life from one event.

“Remember, losing means that his head will meet the ground.” A clear-headed youth uttered coldly.

“I’m afraid you’re too naive, frog. You’re barely qualified to be a feet-washing maid due to your intelligence.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

“What?!” The crowd became slack-jawed again. They assumed that Li Qiye would want to be a prince-in-law in order to gain power in Vajra. Now, he said that she was barely qualified to be a feet-washing maid?

“Who does this arrogant brat think he is? He’s courting death.” Her fans complained with indignation.

Only the crown prince and Yang Ling weren’t surprised by this comment. The crown prince had an awkward smile on his face.

“You!” The princess was livid, wanting to cut Li Qiye to pieces.

“Li, keep this up and I’ll cut your tongue off.” Zhang Yunzhi glared murderously at him.

Li Qiye seemed relaxed while ignoring the threat.

“Amitabha. Benefactors, is this bet a thing? If not, I’ll have to get back to my own business.” The monk placed his palms together and asked.

The princess gritted her teeth and made a decision: “Wretched ant, so be it. If you win, you can take my life!”

It became apparent that the princess wanted this to go till death. One of them must die.

“No, don’t do this!” Zhang Yunzhi tried to stop her.

“Do you think that this ant can beat me?” The furious princess glared at him as well.

“Of course not.” Yunzhi responded: “It’s just that someone of your noble status shouldn’t stoop low to compete against this nobody.”

Having said that, he stepped forward and said: “Li, you’re betting with me. Your wretched life isn’t worth the princess’ time.”

His action appeased the princess and earned a favorable impression.

“Who are you?” Li Qiye slowly picked his ear before asking.

“...” Yunzhi trembled with rage after being shown such disdain.

“Whatever, the two of you can try together. I actually don’t care for your life since it’s not worth that many coins. Let’s make it interesting. If I lose, chop my head off. If you two lose, run around naked. How about it?” Li Qiye smiled and told them.

“What?!” The second princess glowered at him.

No one thought that Li Qiye would propose something like this either.

“Isn’t this too much?” One person asked.

“What’s too much about it? Li Qiye is betting his own life, they only need to strip, that’s not a big loss.” His friend disagreed.

Of course, everyone had a different perspective. Some found stripping naked in public to be humiliating and disgraceful; something worse than death. The princess certainly felt this way so she stood there, frozen.

“Ah, can’t do it? Then run back from whence you came.” Li Qiye waved his hand: “Be smarter later and tuck your tail between your legs.”

All eyes were on the princess. Everyone could see that Zhang Yunzhi wasn’t a factor here, only the princess.

“Do it! Accept the bet!” A few couldn’t help suggesting, albeit in a hushed tone.

This was a rare opportunity for many cultivators here. They would have been shouting if they weren’t afraid of Vajra.

“Fine, I accept! Your dog head is mine!” The princess made up her mind.

“I’ll join the princess in this bet as well.” Yunzhi also stated his stance.

In actuality, he was completely confident in victory. This was only a way to further win the princess’ heart. Their relationship would take a step forward.

“It’s a smart move.” One old cultivator nodded and said: “It’s a sure-win bet.

“True, Li Qiye was dumb for accepting this.” Another said.

“There won’t be a miracle here.” Another wanted to see the princess naked but reasons told them that it was impossible.

Everyone has failed so far, whether it be the ancestors or geniuses. No one got anything from the spring, let alone opening the wooden door. Li Qiye couldn’t be the exception.

“We’ll see about this, Li Qiye’s luck is insane. He’s the only one who lifted the hammer off the anvil.” A student from Duality said.

“A miracle doesn’t happen twice.” His peer disagreed: “If miracles happen all the time, they won’t be called miracles.”

“Young Master, should you do this? I don’t think it’s the right choice.” The crown prince became worried because when analyzed from all angles, Li Qiye would be the loser. In other words, he didn’t wish to see Li Qiye die here.

Li Qiye answered with a smile.

“The young master got this.” Yang Ling raised her fist and cheered for Li Qiye.

Others thought that she was an idiot for picking Li Qiye. Alas, she didn’t need to explain her trust in him to anyone. Nothing was impossible for him.

### **Chapter 3663: Because I’m Handsome**

“Let’s get started then. You two go first so that it’ll be fairer, I won’t look like a bully in this case.” Li Qiye smiled and told the two.

The unhappy couple scowled but still agreed. They went forward closer to Untethered Monk.

The latter placed his palms together and grinned: “Merciful Buddha, feel free to give it a shot. One person is eighty, two is one-sixty, do you want to come one at a time or...”

The monk couldn’t finish before Zhang Yunzhi tossed a spatial pouch at him: “The rest is a tip.”

“Amitabha, thank you, generous Benefactor. I hope you will be victorious.” The monk happily caught the pouch and wished the best for the two.

The interesting monk was absolutely on the same level as the four grandmasters. After all, one of them was his junior brother. Moreover, he was considered superior in terms of Buddhist attainment and talent as well.

Normally, masters of this level would be shown nothing but reverence by regular people. In reality, Zhang Yunzhi wouldn’t have dared to do this to any senior of his. Plus, big shots wouldn’t think much of the small sum either. It was akin to adding salt to an ocean.

That’s why this interaction was unique and could only be seen with Untethered Monk.

People easily forgot his status and power. They didn’t care that he was a top cultivator and the person in charge of Wish Ward. They considered him as a businessman and a bad monk. This was what set him apart from other masters.

Zhang Yunzhi and the second princess entered the square. They knew that many have failed before them but still held onto a sliver of hope. They thought that there was still a chance for success.

The spectators knew that this actually didn’t matter. Only Li Qiye’s attempt carried significance for the bet. Nonetheless, they still watched with full attention.

The two of them reached into the spring and found that people were right. This spring was bottomless.

They exchanged glances and decided to utilize their techniques. Their hands stretched long enough to reach for the stars but still not enough to reach the bottom. Thus, they didn't grab anything. They had no choice but to give up, exasperated.

"See, no exception." One spectator saw their hands being empty and said. Their failure was expected because they weren't the most talented nor the most powerful among the crowd.

The two of them went to the wooden house and stared at the door. It seemed weak enough to be sent flying with one kick.

A master has previously declared that this door was blessed by a supreme existence. That's why its resilience wasn't surprising. The two were aware of this but still wanted to try.

Zhang Yunzhi summoned and gripped his silver spear tightly. It had a draconic style with rotating dao runes. The blade came out of the dragon's mouth with an extremely sharp tip.

This was obviously an extremely powerful weapon, also quite renowned as being from the Zhang.

"Clank!" His armor released a silver radiance. "Raa!" The dragon on the spear seemingly came back to life. The blade tip had a terrifying glint.

"Activate!" The princess formed a mudra.

"Screech!" With a phoenix screech, she became engulfed in a true daofire with images of phoenix totems.

"Break!" Yunzhi roared and instantly took action, thrusting his spear forward.

In this split second, the princess empowered him with her true daofire. He resembled a furious fiery dragon, brimming with domineering energy. The attack became a combination between a silver dragon and a fiery phoenix.

"Their teamwork is impeccable. Just a casual attack is still quite effective." An old cultivator praised the two.

The young ones became envious. This meant that the two of them had a deep emotional bond.

"Boom!" The strike struck the feeble door. After the silver light and the fire dispersed, the door still remained standing - completely untouched.

"Not enough." No one was surprised at this result.

The two had no choice but to leave the square.

"Your turn." Yunzhi coldly uttered at Li Qiye.

"Cherish your last moment while your head is still attached." The princess glared at him as if she was looking at a dead man.

Since they have personally experienced the process, they became certain that Li Qiye had no chance. Thus, victory was theirs. Cutting off his head was the only thing that could appease her anger.

"Sure." Li Qiye stretched his hand and smiled.

“Young Master, you’re too careless.” The crown prince shook his head. He didn’t want Li Qiye to die but there was nothing he could do to stop the bet.

“Amitabha. Benefactor, one-eighty.” The monk raised his hand, asking for the payment.

“I don’t have to pay.” Li Qiye smiled.

“No? Tell me a reason.” The monk didn’t expect this.

“Because I’m handsome.” Li Qiye responded.

This answer naturally prompted the crowd to erupt with waves of laughter.

“Handsome? Him? What a joke, he has not an ounce of self-awareness.” One young cultivator laughed.

A pretty female cultivator pretended to barf: “Self-awareness is a virtue, there’s a limit to narcissism. If he’s handsome, then everyone else are immortals.”

Their strong reaction was warranted. Li Qiye’s common appearance had nothing to do with the word, “handsome”.

“Insanity, take a look at yourself in a puddle of piss.” The princess couldn’t help but say some foul words due to her hatred for him.

However, Untethered Monk took another look at Li Qiye, this time with increased sincerity.

He then placed his palms together and sighed: “Benefactor, you possess an immortal physique shrouded in wondrous radiance and freed from a single imperfection while brimming with grand dao affinity. I feel ashamed of my inferiority while standing in your presence. The word ‘handsome’ fails to adequately describe your flawless appearance. Please come in.”

The first part was elegantly put and befitting that of a wise monk. However, the entire thing was mere flattery.

“Uh...” Everyone became flabbergasted. Why would this monk go so far in praising Li Qiye’s appearance?

“I don’t find Untethered Monk’s shamelessness surprising, he’ll praise anyone for a few coins.” An older cultivator said: “But there’s nothing in it for him, in fact, he’s losing money. What the hell is wrong with the monk today?”

### **Chapter 3664: The Benefits Of Being Handsome**

Untethered Monk was definitely a money-grubbing businessman. When paid, he could flatter someone with a deluge of praises. Otherwise, he would still put on a bright smile.

However, to get him to lose money? That’s more unbearable to him than flaying off his flesh.

That’s why the crowd was stunned because this monk was losing money on top of praising Li Qiye for his looks repeatedly.

Those who have dealt with the monk before couldn’t believe it, thinking that they had misheard.

“Did he drink the wrong medicine today?” An old cultivator murmured: “He would argue over one coin with the monk of wisdom. The sky is about to be turned upside down today.”

“Not just the monk of wisdom, even his master couldn’t get anything from him when visiting Wish Ward.” A different expert smiled wryly.

“The old monk must be getting old. How is this Li Qiye handsome? That means I’m pretty much an immortal.” Another said.

“I’m the most handsome in history then.” One more added.

It was one thing for someone like Stallion Silver Spear to be flattered in this manner. Alas, Li Qiye’s normal appearance stood at the opposite end of the spectrum so the monk’s flattery became ridiculous.

“Gotta be the case of liking someone similar, right?” One expert speculated.

Otherwise, they didn’t understand why the monk acted so strange.

As speculation ran rampant, Li Qiye was already standing at the golden spring. He became sentimental as various emotions popped up. This was another thing that has survived the ages.

All eyes were on him. The majority didn’t think that he would perform a miracle or anything.

“The brat’s dead.” One youth snorted: “This is the consequence of opposing the princess.”

“He thought too highly of himself.” One older expert said: “No one else got anything so why is he an exception? He chose a bet with no chance of victory, so reckless and suicidal.”

They thought that he had no advantage to speak of compared to those who have tried previously.

“I hope he can do it, it’s the only chance for us to see the princess naked.” Another youth murmured.

This was a wretched and despicable thought, albeit quite true. The youths here had a crush on the princess but they knew only top prodigies like Stallion Silver Spear had a chance. Thus, Li Qiye’s victory became a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“You’re right.” His peers started fantasizing and supported Li Qiye.

“What are you waiting for?” Zhang Yunzhi snorted since Li Qiye was just standing there. “You can’t delay this forever, today is your last!”

He could already see Li Qiye’s head touching the ground, hence his beaming smile. This brought him untold pleasure.

“Hurry up, delaying this is useless. I won’t spare you anyway.” The princess coldly uttered, stating her murderous intent.

“What’s the rush? Think about it, you’ll be embarrassed soon enough since everyone will see you naked. I don’t think you can handle it.” Li Qiye stretched and lazily said.

“Your words alone are worthy of death!” The princes turned red and shouted.

“Just wait, I’ll let you suffer a terrible death. I will flay you slowly for three days and three nights, your agonizing moans will be music to my ear. You will wish for death at that point.” Zhang Yunzhi gritted his teeth, wanting to start the torture already.

“Fine, fine. Save the fierce comments, I’m starting.” Li Qiye smiled and reached into the water while the crowd held their breath.

Some became nervous; others overwhelmed with anticipation. More were ready to gloat at his failure and inevitable misery.

Yang Ling, on the other hand, clenched her fists tightly. Sure, she was completely confident in Li Qiye. Alas, once the moment came, she still became awfully tense.

“Splash!” Li Qiye finally pulled his hand up before the curious gazes.

“Clank!” He spread his palm and revealed a glow with a pleasant ringing.

They saw that he was holding an old piece of jade with numerous cracks, seemingly from falling on the ground previously. Nonetheless, it still issued a majestic and gentle luster.

Time came to a halt; no one uttered a single word in the square. Mouths were wide open in disbelief.

Most of them have tried and they didn’t get even a speck of sand from the bottom of the spring. That’s why Li Qiye’s jade piece shocked them all - truly a miraculous feat.

“Yes! I knew Young Master could do it!” Yang Ling broke the silence with her excitement. She then heaved a sigh of relief, feeling quite proud because of Li Qiye.

“Wow...” The crown prince had cold sweat all over: “The son of miracles, it’s true... There has to be a reason why the ancestor gave him the saber.”

He thought that Li Qiye was superior or special in some way. That’s the only justification since the ancestor absolutely wouldn’t give the saber to a random person.

In the present day, very few people recognized the saber since it was rarely given out. This was especially true for the young princes and princesses. What if his third brother didn’t know about it...

“Amitabha.” Untethered Monk actually stopped laughing and put on a solemn expression. The guy always had a smile regardless of the situation. This meant that something big had happened.

“How can this be?!” One spectator calmed down and shouted.

Some even roughly rubbed their eyes, thinking that they were only seeing things.

“I’m at a loss for words, we’re seeing a miracle right now.” One person sighed.

### **Chapter 3665: The Chosen One**

“Impossible!” Zhang Yunzhi bellowed after seeing the jade piece in Li Qiye’s hand. He had no choice but to accept the grim reality of the situation.

“The son of miracles did it again. First is the hammer from Myriad Cauldron, now a piece of jade from the golden spring. He does what no one else can, he’s clearly the heaven’s favorite.” One student from Duality said.

“Right, no one else can be so lucky.” The other students agreed.

It seemed as if the heaven had been paying attention to Li Qiye, always instilling fortune upon him. Miracles were nothing, just another meal to him.

“There has to be a problem here, he must have cheated!” The second princess loudly shouted: “So many people stronger and more talented than him have tried yet they got nothing. How could a nobody like him get something from the golden spring?!”

She had lost her cool and bearing due to fear.

The crowd stared at her. Sure, they were astounded by Li Qiye’s feat just now. However, the majority didn’t go crazy like her in trying to refute this fact.

It was impossible for him to trick everyone. They didn’t notice him doing anything special. This could only be attributed to fate and luck.

“Amitabha, there’s no problem here.” Untethered Monk announced.

His comment decisively ended this cheating accusation. No one here could compare to him in terms of prestige and cultivation.

The princess trembled with rage after hearing this. She was stuck in a precarious situation and fear started rearing its ugly head.

“Open the wooden door, let’s see what’s inside!” One spectator shouted at Li Qiye.

“Yeah! Do it!” One expert wished that he could be Li Qiye right now: “Maybe there’s a great treasury in there.” He salivated after saying this.

According to the legends, opening the door meant gaining eternal wealth. The only thing separating Li Qiye and this was one wooden door. All the spectators became excited with the exception of a few.

Though the treasury wasn’t theirs, it was amazing just being able to take a look. Li Qiye was the only one who could broaden their horizon.

“Sure.” Li Qiye smiled and stretched lazily before walking towards the wooden door.

The spectators fully focused on every action of his. Though the house wasn’t far away, the distance felt like a thousand miles to the crowd.

“Will he be able to open it?” One spectator couldn’t help but ask.

“Should be.” Another said with uncertainty: “After all, he already got a piece of jade from the spring, he must be the fateful one.”

Most believed that he would be able to do it after the successful attempt with the spring.

“Not necessarily.” One cultivator remained skeptical: “Remember, the founder of Wish Ward found a key to open the doors while he got a piece of jade.”

“I think the possibility is relatively low. He’s already shown his immense fortune as the heaven’s favorite. If he were to open the door, I’m just going to assume that he’s the heaven’s actual son.” Someone else smiled wryly.

Others also paid attention to the princess and Zhang Yunzhi. The wooden door became the crucial moment of the bet.

Of course, this group wanted Li Qiye to win so that they could see the princess naked...

“Fast, open the wooden door, victory is yours...” A few young ones muttered to themselves.

Meanwhile, the duo was extremely nervous and prayed for Li Qiye’s failure. “Don’t open, don’t open...” They wanted the opposite miracle to happen - for the door to stop Li Qiye.

He finally made it in front of the door and smiled. He was too familiar with it. It wasn’t hard for him to open it at all.

“Open it!” Another spectator shouted.

“Yes, do it!” The crowd clamored, too eager to see the content.

Zhang Yunzhi and the princess felt their palms drenched with sweat.

“The wooden door is sealed by a supreme, you absolutely can’t open it. Just give up and we can renegotiate the terms.” The tense princess spoke in order to muster some courage. Plus, she wanted him to give up on his own accord. Losing meant doing something unthinkable for a woman of her status.

As the crowd urged him to hurry up, he suddenly wanted to do something else and smirked.

He turned around and stared at them: “Do you know why no one can open this wooden door?”

“Why?” The crowd became silent until someone asked.

“Because you don’t know the right method.” Li Qiye said.

“What do you mean? What’s the right method?” Another wondered.

A while ago, they would have scorned him for saying something like this, accusing him of posturing. Now, they actually believed him.

“Watch carefully and remember, I’m about to start.” Li Qiye chuckled before putting on a serious expression. He then turned around to face the door.

The stirred crowd watched him with bated breath, not wanting to miss a single detail.

Li Qiye smirked after winning their attention, seemingly quite amused.

“He’s about to do it...”

**Chapter 3666: I’ll Teach You How To Open The Door**

The wooden door blocked Li Qiye's path while he was the center of attention.

He opened his mouth and started barking: "Woof, woof, woof!"

The spectators became frozen chicken due to overly focusing and hearing something ridiculous. Sure enough, Li Qiye was barking, and several dozen times at that.

What a joke. People thought that he was teasing them.

"Creak." However, the wooden door actually slowly opened.

This turned everyone into statues with their jaw nearly dropping on the ground. They became empty-headed since words weren't sufficient to describe their current feeling. The barks actually worked. Li Qiye wasn't just messing with them.

A while back, people have employed numerous methods. One used his strongest merit law; another relied on a mysterious treasure. Now, it seemed that they should have just barked.

Some big shots witnessed this entire thing. They had plenty of experience and saw many wondrous and strange things. This was still unprecedented.

It was dark inside the wooden house but there were dancing wisps of light, seemingly tempting spectators. Due to a lack of visibility, they had no idea what treasures were emitting the lights.

Many eventually regained their wits and exchanged glances. The events today have been illogical and unbelievable.

"Did anyone try barking before?" A guy asked his friend nearby.

The group smiled wryly. It seemed that people did everything but bark like a dog. If anyone had suggested barking to open a sealed door, they would have been laughed out of the square and branded as a madman.

Now, the whole thing seemed rather reasonable after Li Qiye's success.

"I would have barked if I knew this." One person said with regrets: "It's so damn simple, I'm so stupid!"

The entire crowd shared this sentiment. They wouldn't have minded barking several hundred times in order to open the wooden door.

"Young Master, you're the best! I knew you could do it!" Yang Ling jumped from excitement.

"I have nothing to say..." The crown prince shook his head. It seemed that he had needlessly worried since Li Qiye had everything under control.

He thought that he lacked knowledge and vision, unable to see the depth of Li Qiye's abilities. Thus, he was inferior to Yang Ling in this regard.

Meanwhile, the second princess and Zhang Yunzhi became ashen. Not in their dream would they expect something like this.

The bet should have been a sure win. Li Qiye's head should have met the ground.

After all, what made this woodchopper different from the rest? This could only be explained as a miracle, that the god of fate had bestowed immense fortune upon Li Qiye. The impossible became possible; a sure win has turned into a nightmare for them.

“How can this be...” The second princess had not a single clue regardless of how much she racked her brains.

“Go in, go in, check the treasures in there.” One spectator told Li Qiye while looking at the flashing lights.

He would have rushed in if it wasn't for the workers from Wish Ward surrounding the square.

“Yes, there must be some special treasures in there.” Another had saliva dripping out of his mouth.

Yang Ling herself couldn't wait and felt happy for Li Qiye since he was about to be rich.

Unfortunately, Li Qiye shrugged and smiled: “Not interested, I don't want to be rich.”

He turned and left then the door behind him creaked and shut tightly once more.

“What?!” This shocked people even more than the barks earlier.

“Is he crazy?!” They stared at Li Qiye as if he was a fool or a madman.

A great treasury awaited him in that wooden house. He had the chance to obtain unbelievable wealth yet he didn't even bother coming in to take a look.

Others have done everything in order to open that door. They wanted to become legends themselves but their attempts were futile.

Li Qiye, the heaven's favorite and the sole victor, actually refused his prize.

“Fuck, give it to me if you don't want it!” A big shot started cursing: “You're wasting a gift from heaven, an eternal fortune!”

“Does he not know the significance of the things inside?” People wished they could be him to make a different choice.

“A true prodigal son, to say no to everlasting wealth.” Others felt a strange pain.

Li Qiye walked out with a smile on his face, ignoring the comments.

“That's the young master for you.” The shocked Yang Ling regained her composure. Only the young master was decisive enough to make this choice. Others weren't at this level.

“Unbelievable.” The crown prince stared at Li Qiye for a long time before concluding.

“Amitabha.” Untethered Monk placed his palms together and closed his eyes. This was within expectation.

He knew more than anyone else here but didn't wish to divulge this information.

“Asshole...” Someone mumbled, wanting to kick Li Qiye.

“Why didn’t you just give it to us?” Another gritted his teeth.

They were ready to fight to the death for this treasury but this guy just turned away from it. What a waste of an opportunity. He could have just given it to them if he didn’t want it. Alas, no one did anything outside of cursing Li Qiye.

### **Chapter 3667: Stripped**

Everyone found it hard to stay calm because Li Qiye had delivered several shocking blows in a short time.

First was the jade piece from the spring, then the opening of the wooden door. Lastly, he went as far as abandoning the treasury inside.

Others criticized his wasteful choice while still being astounded. After all, how many could have made the same choice?

“What about the princess?” They eventually calmed down and looked over at the princess. However, the princess and Zhang Yunzhi were nowhere to be found.

“Over there!” A sharp-eyed spectator noticed the two trying to secretly sneak away.

They didn’t utter a sound and retreated in a meticulous manner. Unfortunately, someone still spotted them.

“Go!” The two no longer cared about being spotted and leaped to the sky in order to fly away.

“They want to run!” A cultivator shouted. The rest of the crowd realized that these two were going to play dirty.

“This will ruin their clans’ prestige and reputation.” An expert from the last generation shook his head.

Of course, the two didn’t give a damn about that. Stripping naked in front of the crowd was humiliating and worse than death. Thus, they chose to run away.

In their opinion, they just needed to fly at their fastest speed and Li Qiye wouldn’t be able to catch them.

“Amitabha.” Untethered Monk started speaking: “Benefactors, a bet is a bet, you must not renege. It is time to carry out your end of the bargain.”

The two naturally didn’t listen. If they actually wanted to strip, they wouldn’t be sneaking away right now.

“Looks like you’re not showing me, the arbitrator, any respect.” The monk wasn’t angry but his voice was still imposing. He spread his palm and reached for the duo.

“Boom!” The two fell to the ground. They mustered all of their strength in order to fly again. Alas, this was futile. They looked like doves struggling to fly.

“Excuse me then.” The monk pressed his palm down.

“Boom!” The duo’s clothes were torn off and evaporated.

“Ahh!” They immediately became naked. Stealthing techniques weren’t effective either. The two of them naturally shouted in horror.

They started running again with everything they got to get the hell out of this place. The crowd saw a naked man and woman sprinting out of the square.

Some people became elated. One guy whistled and shouted: “I can see everything clearly!”

“Me too!” Another youth’s eyes brightened.

Commenters started voicing their opinion while the princess and Yunzhi wanted nothing more than to jump into a pit to hide from everyone.

“Li, I will never forgive you!” The princess gnashed her teeth in anger. Her voice was filled with hate and viciousness.

Everyone could tell that when given the opportunity, she would cut Li Qiye to pieces.

Li Qiye heard her and simply shrugged.

“Young Master, you are something else.” The crown prince came forward and praised. This result truly broadened his horizon.

He thought that Li Qiye was dead for sure but a miracle occurred instead. Now, he realized that the ancestor must have seen something in Li Qiye.

Li Qiye smiled and told Yang Ling: “Let’s go back.” He started walking away with Yang Ling right behind him.

“I want to try the spring again, ten chances!” Numerous cultivators became impatient and waved their money at the monk.

“Twenty for me, no, thirty!”

“I want fifty chances!”

People poured towards the entrance, wanting to be the first instead of lagging behind.

A while ago, they viewed this as a waste of money. Li Qiye’s success changed everything. It was possible to find items in the spring.

Most importantly, Li Qiye didn’t take the treasury in the wooden house. Everyone still coveted the things inside.

“Amitabha, no rush, no rush, Benefactors. Everyone will have a chance.” The monk was elated to see the pile of chaos stones and coins in front of him. He sold more than ten times the ticket as before.

The square became filled with cultivators once more. Some worked on the spring while others focused on the door.

“Woof! Woof! Woof!” The strangest thing occurred. People started barking repeatedly, whether it be the old masters or young geniuses. Even the girls were barking.

An unknown passerby would think that the square had hundreds of dogs inside.

Alas, copying Li Qiye didn't work. Their throat became sore before anything happened to the wooden door.

"Why isn't it opening?" They simply didn't understand. The door opened for Li Qiye when he barked. Yet, they have done so thousands of times so far to no avail.

"You did it wrong." One senior told his young disciple: "Li Qiye's barks had a peculiar rhythm. I remember it very well, he went like this, woof, woof, woof."

"That's not completely right. I remember that his hands were touching his stomach and I clearly felt a power ripple. He must have channeled dao power from his dantian to his voice - a sonic attack against the door." Another senior started touching his stomach with both hands.

"Still incorrect." One more senior said: "I saw his location clearly, one meter and half an inch away from the door. He must have paid particular attention to this spot, perhaps it is the seal location..."

Discussions popped up in just a short time. People disagreed on how to bark - the rhythm and volume; the action and stance; the strength utilized...

All in all, the barks became varied and continuous. This lasted several days and newcomers thought that Wish Ward had become a city of dogs.

As for Untethered Monk, his coffer was filled with money by this point. Moreover, Li Qiye became the best advertisement.

People from the four oceans heard about it and came running. They wanted to be the next fateful person to obtain everlasting wealth.

Sadly, none found success regardless of their effort and method.

The monk stuck around the square with a smile on his face and kept on chanting: "Amitabha, Merciful Buddha."

He naturally didn't believe this barking nonsense. He knew that it was just bullshit. Li Qiye was able to open the door because he understood the innate profundities. It had nothing to do with the barks.

Nonetheless, he wouldn't tell the truth because he was profiting from this nonsense. In fact, he vigorously propagated the story of Li Qiye's barks.

### **Chapter 3668: Read And Remember Me**

Yang Ling couldn't come up with an explanation for Li Qiye's refusal. She had to ask: "Young Master, why didn't you enter the wooden house for that famous treasury?"

Given the chance, others would ask the same question. Li Qiye walked away without taking one step inside and looking at the treasury. That's why they branded him as a prodigal son or a madman.

"Why should I enter?" Li Qiye smiled.

"Because of that wondrous treasury. Your future generations will benefit too." Yang Ling replied.

Li Qiye only smiled in response.

“Wait, so there’s no treasury in there?” She found his smile quite strange as if he knew something.

“It depends on your definition of a treasury.” Li Qiye smiled: “Everyone has a different definition. Of course, you’re not wrong to call it one capable of granting everlasting wealth.”

“So it’s actually there.” She became surprised.

“Yes, according to your definition.” Li Qiye nodded.

Yang Ling was shaken. Now, this confirmed the existence of one which made Li Qiye’s decision even more impressive.

“You already knew that was one in there?” She asked.

Li Qiye answered with a smile again.

“It’s not enough to warrant your attention, Young Master?” Yang Ling pondered for a bit before quietly asking.

She didn’t harbor the same criticisms others did regarding Li Qiye’s refusal. She simply thought that he just didn’t care for the treasury. It wasn’t enough to enter his eyes. This was a bolder speculation. Thus, his definition of a “treasury” must be insane.

“Don’t think too much about it, it’s only a bait.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

“A bait?” Yang Ling didn’t understand: “Why is that everlasting treasury a bait?”

Li Qiye didn’t answer once more so she stopped asking about it.

“What about the jade piece? Is there any special use for it?” She switched to another topic and stared at him with her bright eyes. Li Qiye forwent the treasury but brought the jade piece with him.

Perhaps this was his goal in the first place so she became curious.

“I’ll let you take a look but you won’t get it.” Li Qiye smiled and tossed the jade piece towards her.

She caught it and became excited while meticulously perusing. It looked ancient and had numerous thin cracks, looking like dao arrays. She was worried that it might break if she held it a bit too tight.

“What is it?” She didn’t see anything special about it.

“A coordinate.” Li Qiye answered.

“For what?” She still didn’t understand.

He smiled and took back the jade: “Let’s go back.”

Yang Ling stopped speaking. She found that Li Qiye clearly came to Wish Ward for a reason.

After returning to his courtyard, he entered his room and sealed the area before taking the jade out. He took his time looking at it instead of starting, seemingly falling into remembrance.

Eventually, he chanted and released light from his palm. The jade resonated and also issued light strands. This was a spatial opening process.

“Crack!” The jade suddenly crumbled into dust from a powerful force.

Li Qiye blew the specks off his hand. As he said previously, the jade served as a coordinate point. Others had no chance of finding it.

Spatial radiance flashed in the next second with the force of a tsunami. It pulled Li Qiye inside, leaving an empty room behind.

He appeared again in a boundless space. Even the strongest master would be lost forever without understanding the coordinate system here.

He performed several spatial leaps through the dimensions to eventually reach the destination.

A great peak that has experienced countless sunrises and sunsets. Everything stayed the same regardless of the great calamities.

This place only existed in the myths. The knowledgeable ones even thought that it didn't exist.

“Creak...” A stone entrance opened and Li Qiye entered with a smile.

What awaited him was a treasury with too many treasures to count - invincible weapons, supreme merit laws, eternal arts, worldly essences and immortal artifacts, wondrous materials and resources...

If any of them were to show up in the world, it would start a bloody competition.

That's why the treasury in the wooden house was only a bait. It was completely inconsequential compared to this one. Yes, the latter was one of Li Qiye's secret treasuries.

Alas, he didn't pay much attention to the items here. He sauntered around and enjoyed the process, not needing to look at each one for a long time. Each item and place had a special spot in his memories so he only needed to feel with his heart, not with his eyes.

Finally, he reached the end and saw a wooden frame containing top merit laws and manuals. Just learning one of them could make someone invincible in their generation.

Alas, his eyes were fixated on an iron box instead. He stared at it for a while before taking it away.

To the back of the treasury was a courtyard with a master chair. Green vines covered the area along with pleasant winds. It was a great place to read some books and enjoy the serenity.

He sat down in silence, not opening the box right away. It was left behind by Jian Wenxin. He hasn't opened it before and left it behind in this treasury before leaving the nine worlds.

Her title was Ocean's Wisdom. She understood the Dark Crow the best out of anyone and left behind this box for him.

He never opened it since certain things shouldn't be done and shouldn't exist. Alas, times have changed.

He gently caressed the box before letting out a soft sigh then opened the box.

At the top was a sealed letter reserved for those capable of opening it. He took it out and saw four floating characters - Read and remember me.

His hands holding the letter trembled. Just the words alone tug his heart.

He immediately recalled the girl who understood him so well. Yes, back in that generation, there was another girl as well, far more stubborn in comparison - Hongtian.

Hongtian, true to her name, left without hesitation.

As for Jian Wenxin, she picked her own path and remained in the nine worlds.

After reading these characters, he could see her face, her smile, and even her voice...

### **Chapter 3669: Meet Again?**

The reading experience encompassed deep warmth and consideration - the same way it used to be in the past.

Jian Wenxin simply understood the Dark Crow too well. Though the letter mentioned Hongtian, it was still warm like sun rays brimming with optimism. They managed to reach all the nooks and crevices in the heart. All previous feuds have disappeared like smoke.

In history, the Dark Crow had no lack of friends and followers. Nonetheless, Jian Wenxin stood out among the rest. It was impossible to forget about her.

Mist built up in Li Qiye's eyes while reading the letter. He sighed and actually felt rejuvenated.

He folded up the letter and murmured: "People always have attachments, to let go is also a type of happiness."

He looked up in the sky and shook his head. He couldn't do so because he was the Dark Crow and Li Qiye. Moving forward was his only path, not stopping.

Some in history have asked him this question - who would be able to keep him from moving on? He didn't answer because he knew that he would never stop.

Jian Wenxin also asked him this before. In reality, she already knew the answer given her intelligence but still wanted to hear the words from his mouth.

Nonetheless, she still supported him regardless of the future. Alas, she chose to stay behind in the end.

Li Qiye also respected her choice. After all, everyone had the right to follow their heart.

"I pray that you'll always be in good health for the eternal journey." Li Qiye murmured and became emotional.

Perhaps this was the best result. Back in their generation, the two of them naturally had ways to prolong her life. Alas, she chose to let her lifespan run out. The line above was the last thing she said during their last meeting.

Millions of years have passed and he was still walking on this endless road. He met many people and saw different things. Alas, he remained alone; his shadow extended in a lonely manner.

The iron box didn't only have a letter. It had another item with a great origin. Very few could recognize it.

As the Dark Crow, Li Qiye had knowledge of it since he had participated in the event but didn't get it.

"Hongtian." He touched the item and said: "Silly girl, the path is arduous with so much time left, no need to rush it." He sighed with disappointment afterward.

Empress Hongtian was his pride, the most brilliant female emperor. However, he was more proud of her hellbent determination than her power.

Unfortunately, this stubbornness was also the reason why they went their separate way. It became a mess towards the end but he never hated her. Plus, it's been so long that all negative sentiments are gone.

As someone who saw her grew up, he hoped for her to go further instead of being hindered by this issue.

"Will she still hate me when we meet again?" He smiled wryly while touching the item.

The truth was that he noticed her clear markings in history. Her intent was obvious but he chose not to go. It was better not to meet until the time was right.

"Perhaps everything will end then. Silly girl, I hope you're still doing fine." He commented before sitting there in silence.

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Today, Wish Ward became lively again because the hug mouse has been spotted.

"The mouse really appeared?" People remained skeptical.

"Absolutely, someone saw it with their own eyes." One cultivator said.

"Who knows if it's that mouse? It might be something else." Another questioned.

"No, it's the real thing. I think the national teacher of Vajra is here in person for the mouse. Unfortunately, he couldn't find its location." A cultivator with a good information network revealed.

"Another student from Duality saw its shadow but it was just too fast." One youth said with regrets.

"Duality again." People from other powers became annoyed.

"It was a student from Duality last time. Is it gonna be them this generation too? So unreasonable, stealing all the opportunities." Someone from Divine Ghost Division complained.

"It's not their fault." A senior shook his head: "The mouse is sentient and smart, it is actively making a choice."

"So we just need to catch it." A youth thought about numerous methods to catch the mouse.

"Easier said than done." A knowledgeable expert disagreed: "First, no one knows where it will appear and when. Its speed is comparable to a dao lord too. Don't think about keeping up."

“So how the hell does anyone see it?” A junior asked. He has been walking around Wish Ward without seeing any clue.

“It’s just luck. It’s still better than sitting in a room. One might see it in a corner somewhere.” His senior answered.

Everyone was going crazy to look for this mouse. If Wish Ward wasn’t powerful, they would have excavated the entire market. Nonetheless, some still tried to dig up the existing holes in secret.

“Let’s not waste time speaking. We gotta keep looking.” The appearance of the mouse actually hindered business at the ward.

People stopped going to the golden spring and focused on this new event instead. After all, Li Qiye was the only one who found anything.

“Sirs, please give it a shot, maybe you’ll be the next.” Untethered Monk became nervous and tried to stop the guests from leaving. He looked like a madame in a brothel.

Alas, this was rather futile since only a few actually lingered around.

“Boss, should we stop here and look for the mouse instead?” One worker asked after seeing the empty square.

“Stop fantasizing.” The monk answered: “You think just anyone can meet the mouse? It’s a special animal. Those capable of seeing it are exceptional with boundless potential. As for the common men? Forget about it.”

“We just want to join the fun.” The worker replied.

“What fun? No, we’re going to start a new business.” The monk said.

“An auction? Isn’t that the responsibility of the Second Manager?” The worker said.

“First, go look for some old temples with mouse holes. We’ll sell information on the potential locations of the mouse and force them to pay an entry fee.” The monk smiled.

“Uhh... Boss, aren’t we scamming people then?” The worker hesitated.

“What scam? How do you know the mouse won’t appear there?” The monk replied.

The worker actually agreed with this. No one knew the location of the mouse anyway. They weren’t exactly lying.

### **Chapter 3670: Hug Mouse**

“Young Master, you’re out.” Yang Ling hurried to greet Li Qiye after he left the room. She looked rather enthusiastic.

“You’re in a good mood. What’s the event this time?” He stared at her with a smile.

“You know already?” She didn’t expect him to know before she said anything.

He answered with a mysterious smile.

“Let me tell you, the hug mouse appeared!” She waved her hands in excitement because after hearing this news, the first person to pop up on her mind was him.

“Oh?” He remained nonchalant.

“Are you not excited?” She found his lack of reaction puzzling.

“Should I be?”

“Because you’re definitely the fateful one, the hug mouse will bring you a great gift. No one else but you can win its favor.” She responded, thinking that it was a matter of course for Li Qiye to obtain all the fortunes tied to fate in this world.

She has grown used to seeing miracles around him, from Myriad Beast to Duality and now, Wish Ward. In her opinion, this miraculous man was the heaven’s favorite. Everything was his from the start.

“Is that so?” He was amused by her blind confidence in him.

“Of course, fewer than few were able to lift the hammer on the peak, and then how many got a treasure out of the golden spring? Young Master, you did all of this, so no one but you will win the favor of the mouse.” She proudly declared.

“Forget it, it’s fine to not get involved in this.” He shook his head.

“Why not, everyone is searching for it right now.” She became surprised. To earn the attention of this mouse was an honor and an immense opportunity.

“Not interested.” He smiled and elaborated: “That little thing will give some decent stuff, but they don’t mean much to me.”

Yang Ling was okay with this response after thinking it through. After all, this was someone who refused the great treasury in the wooden house. The hug mouse was also a great opportunity, just not enough to interest him.

“Okay, forget it then.” She lowered her head dispiritedly.

“You really want to take a look?” He asked.

“I heard this mouse is very mysterious and I haven’t seen it before. It would be nice to see what it looks like.” She replied.

“That’s not difficult. Since you want it so bad, I’m sure you’ll have your wish granted. Let’s go.” He smiled.

“Really? We can really see the mouse?” Dejection turned into excitement right away.

“Yes.” He nodded.

“Then let me go get ready, we can leave right away.” She jumped from excitement, trusting Li Qiye.

Anyone else would find meeting the mouse prohibitively difficult. It had to do with fate and one’s own abilities. On the other hand, Li Qiye made it sound as if the mouse was nothing more than his pet, that he could see it whenever. Nonetheless, Yang Ling had zero doubts.

“No need to leave, this place is fine.” He shook his head.

“We’re not leaving? It’ll come to visit our place here?” She stood there in a daze.

“Why not?” He smiled.

“Really?” She found this astonishing: “It’s here right now?” She started looking around, focusing on a corner first then shifted her gaze towards the chair.

“Calm your imagination down.” He said: “It’s not here, obviously, but we can bring it here.”

“What do we have to do for it to come?” She asked, feeling quite lost.

“Ready some corn kernels, white mast flowers, black olive beans, ardent goat fur...” He listed a dozen strange things. Of course, they weren’t expensive and could be found anywhere.

She wrote them down on a list and told a servant to go buy them. It didn’t take too long due to the relative availability and cheap cost.

He then fried them with a strange technique never seen by her previously.

Finally, a plate filled with various grains and crops was presented. The only similar characteristic was a golden color.

She swallowed her saliva after just looking at the plate, not even considering the alluring aroma. Her stomach started making sounds.

“That looks delicious.” She wanted to grab a handful for a bite.

“It’s not for you, unfortunately, you won’t be able to handle the added vigor. It’ll turn you red like a cooked shrimp.” He smiled.

She looked embarrassed after hearing this, turning slightly red.

He placed the plate on the table and pulled her closer: “Okay, watch carefully, the show is about to begin.”

She watched with bated breath, feeling quite nervous before the mouse even got there. She clenched her sweaty fists tightly.

The plate’s tantalizing aroma was irresistible but she had no choice other than restraining herself.

Nothing was happening for a long time so she started losing her patience. Right at that moment, something flashed on the table.

“The mouse!” She blurted out before covering her mouth.

Strangely enough, the mouse that came out of nowhere didn’t hear her.

This was the famed creature, looking like a squirrel with a long and fluffy tail, also far more pleasant to look at.

Its fur was golden from top to bottom with the exception of its eyes and whiskers. Each strand seemed to be made from delicate strings of gold. The tail, in particular, made others want to come and hug it.

Its eyes were a dark blue, looking quite profound and insightful. The whiskers next to its mouth were gray, seemingly a sign of its archaic age.

“It’s really the hug mouse!” She thought to herself.

Though she has never seen it before, she was certain that this creature in front of her was the famous hug mouse.

The mouse looked cautiously around after landing on the table, ready to escape at the first sight of trouble.

Yang Ling’s heart was hanging on a thread, afraid of being spotted. For some reason, the mouse looked around and didn’t see them.

She realized that it must be due to Li Qiye.

The mouse then focused on the plate while saliva dripped down its lips. It couldn’t help taking a deep breath to inhale the aroma. It still hesitated, afraid that this might be a trap.

Unfortunately, it couldn’t resist the temptation in the end.