

Emperor 3671

Chapter 3671: Cute And Gluttonous

The mouse couldn't help lunging forward and opened its mouth for a bite.

"Ge,ge." The grains were crunchy as the mouse filled its entire mouth above the limit. Its cheeks puffed out like two balls.

Yang Ling could tell that the dish was incredible. Her stomach made sounds repeatedly so she glanced over at Li Qiye, embarrassed.

"Poof!" Suddenly, flames engulfed the mouse. It even came out whenever it opened its mouth. The thing looked like a tiny fire dragon at this moment.

It turned red from the heat. These flames seemed hellbent on reducing it to ashes. It squeaked from the unpleasantness and took out a jade bottle from its chest. Who knows what type of water was in there but it started drinking.

The flames subsided as a result. The temperature became bearable now so it resumed eating from the plate, filling its mouth once more. Crunchy sounds made its gluttonous nature apparent.

This caused the flames to go out of control. This time around, it had a golden color. Mystical runes also appeared on its fur. The hair loosened and became fluffier. It looked like a cute ball of fur.

However, this cute thing was being assaulted by a terrible power. The runes could crush anyone in the blink of an eye. Nonetheless, it seemed to be enjoying the burning process. These golden flames felt like a warm bath.

Yang Ling took a deep breath, realizing why Li Qiye didn't let her eat the grains. The consequence wouldn't have been pretty.

The mouse eventually finished everything on the plate, not leaving a single grain behind. Yang Ling became jealous because she didn't get to taste it at all.

It patted its round belly and belched with satisfaction. It had a hard time moving about but didn't seem to mind. Perhaps this was one of the happiest moments in life - to be filled with delicious food.

Li Qiye finally smiled and raised his hand, showing himself before the mouse again.

"How was it, good?" He smirked at the satisfied mouse.

The mouse became startled. It exercised prudence earlier and saw that no one was around. However, this man appeared completely undetected.

It stared at Li Qiye while being vigilant. Keep in mind that this mouse was a rare spirit beast.

Though it was small, its spirit core far exceeded other top chaos primal beasts. This spirit core was there at birth, something extremely special.

After taking a good look at him, it only had one thought on its mind - to run away as far as possible.

Normally, people had a hard time seeing the mouse. This didn't mean that it was afraid of people looking for it.

It simply didn't like humans. In reality, human cultivators should be the ones afraid of its power.

Don't be fooled by its cute appearance. Once angered, it could take down mighty Heavenly Sovereigns.

Alas, this creature was terrified of Li Qiye. Its spirit core allowed it to sense how dangerous he was. The actual level of danger was still unknown.

The mouse has traveled to unreachable places and saw plenty of experts. Thus, it had a good gauge on others' abilities. This wasn't the case here.

It knew that this seemingly harmless man was a terrifying overlord right away.

"Want to leave?" Li Qiye had a friendly expression and spoke with a soft tone.

The mouse couldn't move its legs at all. It wanted to run but intuition told it to be obedient.

"Let me take a look." He reached forward.

A spirit beast with a special core like the mouse was peerless. It didn't like being touched.

It bared its fangs at him and issued a growl. Flames and runes erupted again. Just one wave could flatten the entire region.

He ignored this eruption of power and reached closer.

In the end, the fierce mouse under its empowered state didn't dare to scratch Li Qiye. It lowered its stance and recalled its flames and runes, begrudgingly letting him touch it like a domesticated cat.

What else could it do? One wrong move and it could become a meal. Some regions enjoyed eating mice; it didn't want to be subjected to this fate.

"Hmm, you got the foundation of your tribe." Li Qiye stroked it and smiled: "The truth is that your branch has a brighter future without intelligence and human form."

The mouse stared at him, seemingly confused.

Yang Ling also wanted to touch the mouse: "It's so cute... so this is a hug mouse."

She never thought such an opportunity would present itself before. This was a legendary mouse acting docile in front of Li Qiye.

"May I touch you?" She got the urge and reached forward.

The mouse growled in response, causing her to pull back her hand in fear.

It stared at her in an arrogant manner after the successful intimidation. After all, it didn't dare to do anything to Li Qiye but on the other hand, it had no reason to give face to this little girl.

Yang Ling was still amazed to be in its presence. She asked: "I heard those in your good graces will soar. How?"

The mouse raised its chin as if telling her that not just anyone can have this privilege.

“Do you have a treasury?” She thought that it was cuter when acting haughty.

The mouse posed as if the answer was - obviously, expressing that it had more than just one treasury.

“Since the girl wants to see, broaden her horizon.” Li Qiye smiled and gently tapped the mouse.

The mouse would have refused Yang Ling but refusing Li Qiye was unwise.

It jumped off the table and after a loud pop, it drilled into the ground and created a hole.

This was different from a regular burrow. The hole seemed to be a spatial entrance.

It went back up to look out the hole and squeaked at Li Qiye before jumping back down.

“Let’s go.” Li Qiye smiled and jumped towards the hole. He instantly disappeared in the next moment.

Chapter 3672: Entering The Treasury

Yang Ling jumped into the hole, as excited as can be.

Once her feet touched the ground, she only saw a blinding radiance making it hard to keep her eyes open.

She struggled; her eyes narrowed before getting a good look at the surroundings.

This appeared to be a public square but in reality, it was just a massive treasury causing her to gasp. The roof was high enough to look like the sky, containing countless treasures, artifacts, and materials. She felt tiny in comparison.

These items emitted the entire color spectrum. Some weapons had frightening auras or bone-chilling glints.

This was her first time seeing so many treasures in one place. It exceeded her imagination or rather, she had never dared to imagine something of this scale before.

Her eyes were wide open while looking at the mountains of chaos stones and coins. They looked like pyramids.

“Yin Yang Coins, Myriad-form Coins, Heavenly Sovereign Coins...” She gradually became dizzy since all levels of money were seen in mass quantity. She felt as if she was in an ocean with coins as far as the eye can see.

This was akin to a mortal finding himself in a room with gold bricks piling on top of each other - enough to drive someone crazy.

Their appearance was one thing but they also emitted a chaos aura. She felt as if she was in the center of the universe. Having this much money meant being a crownless king.

She eventually swallowed her saliva and asked the mouse: “They, they’re all yours?”

The hug mouse glanced at the mountains once, not thinking that it was a big deal.

Li Qiye didn't bother looking and smiled: "Let's go. The coins are nice but there are better things ahead. He started walking forward.

"Better things?" She gulped again but couldn't take another step, still preoccupied with the money. This reaction was rather understandable.

She eventually followed the group into the material section. Divine metals and treasure ores were stored here, either scattered on the ground or stored in trunks and chests.

Her eyes had trouble taking them all into account. One metal had a crimson color from top to bottom on top of being ablaze. Loud sizzles could be heard coming from it. One would think that it could burn down the entire treasury.

Another large crystal ore had the appearance of a rock candy. It brimmed brilliantly, making people one to start a bite. No one would do so since it exuded a terrifying cold affinity. The ground around it had a layer of frost.

There was one particular root with a raging tornado around it. The root floated and spun in the air as a result.

"That, that earthflame steel is worth 50,000 per kilogram..." She recognized many of the materials and became amazed: "Whoa, that ice-source stone is so big, this is the first time I've seen one this size. Back in Wish Ward, a fist-sized one sold for 3,000. How much will this thing sell for..."

She had seen some of them before but only in small quantities. Nonetheless, they still fetched for a crazy price. The ones found here were unreasonably large, the same with their value.

There were some materials that she had never seen or heard of before, unable to assess their worth.

"Why are you surprised?" Li Qiye shook his head and pointed at a root: "This is the valuable item here. You can have more earthflame steel and ice-source stone and they still aren't worth as much as that thing."

"What is it?" Yang Ling stared at the root surrounded by a tornado.

"Windprop celestial wood." Li Qiye said: "This treasury is not bad, still has a few decent stuff."

"This is just not bad? I think several countries combined can't have this amount of wealth." Yang Ling disagreed.

Li Qiye only smiled in response.

The mouse didn't say anything either; its lips slightly perched. Yang Ling felt as if this disdain wasn't aimed towards her question but rather, it didn't think highly of this treasury either.

The group eventually made out of the material section and saw a statue ahead. This place could be considered as the center of the treasury.

Li Qiye glanced at the statue and smiled: "A good spot right in the center. An ordinary person can't do this, definitely the work of a dao lord."

Yang Ling didn't understand since she didn't notice anything peculiar about the statue at first. However, the more she stared at the statue, the more familiar it seemed.

"I, I know who he is! He's the founding king!" Something flashed in her mind and she blurted out.

"Yes, the patriarch of Vajra." Li Qiye smiled in agreement.

"So I'm right..." She became stunned.

It has been millions of years since the founding date of Vajra. However, as a noble, she saw numerous portraits of this man, hence her ability to recognize the statue.

"It's not left behind by a regular person due to how special the spot is, right at the center." Li Qiye added: "This crafty method was carried out by Vajra Dao Lord to help out the dynasty."

"Vajra Dao Lord created this statue?" Yang Ling said.

Vajra Dao Lord has never stated his relation to Vajra. This dynasty used to be known as Archaic Sun. It later announced that Vajra Dao Lord was a prince of the dynasty. Future generations even went further and considered him as an important ancestor, changing their name to Vajra Dynasty.

"So where is this place?" Yang Ling thought of something.

"You tell me." Li Qiye smirked.

"It can't be... this is the treasury of Vajra?" Yang Ling expressed her bold speculation.

"You're right. This is the national treasury of Vajra." Li Qiye chuckled.

"... the nation-national treasury..." Yang Ling stammered, not expecting this to be her current location.

This treasury was one of the highly guarded locations in the dynasty. It had plenty of seals and defensive measures.

Not to mention an outsider, even the royal members of the clan needed permission from the ancestors to enter. There were stringent rules for entry as well.

Chapter 3673: Devourer Bell

Yang Ling found it hard to regain her composure after finding out that they were located in Vajra's national treasury.

Her clan has been officials in the court for generations. If her intrusion was known, her clan might face extermination.

"Scared?" Li Qiye smiled after seeing her appearance.

"It's a crime worthy of full extermination, my dad will break my legs." She smiled wryly.

The hug mouse twitched its mouth, clearly showing contempt for Vajra Dynasty.

"To soar is to face the various risks accompanied with it. If you only want peace and safety, forget about cultivation. Just go back to the farm and plant some seeds." Li Qiye said.

“Thank you for your teaching, Young Master.” Yang Ling calmed down and accepted his guidance.

Her fate along with her clan would be doomed just by the fact that she was here. It didn't matter if she were to grab any item or not.

On the other hand, this was also an opportunity. She and the clan would be able to soar if she took advantage of this.

She thought about another problem - this wasn't the mouse's treasury.

It meant that the mouse didn't give the chosen ones anything. It actually took them to other treasuries by bypassing the seals and defensive measures.

“What about the dean back then...” She eventually asked.

The last one chosen was a student from Duality or their current dean - Five-colored Sacred Sovereign.

He never told outsiders about this matter. People only knew that a student from Duality got this fortune.

“Was it just like this...” She stared at the mouse.

The mouse proudly raised its chin at her. The answer became obvious.

She smiled wryly in response, understanding what Li Qiye meant back then. No wonder why the dean kept it a secret.

Telling the truth meant facing backlash from the owners of the treasuries. This was especially true for Vajra since they were in charge of the land.

“Take a look and take wherever you want.” Li Qiye smiled.

She nodded in agreement. At the start, she was as excited as can be, not only because of the treasures but because her curiosity was being sated.

Now, she became nervous after finding out the truth. Just one wrong move could result in losing everything and dragging her clan down with her.

On the other hand, Li Qiye didn't mind at all and strolled through the treasury.

They arrived at the weapon storage. Those at the lower level couldn't be seen at all. The starting point was the grand dao level.

They varied in shape and form. One saber had a chilling glint; another sword had a five-colored radiance. One pagoda had waves emanating from it...

Yang Ling became dizzy while looking at the treasures. A few of them had an unbearable divinity; this made it hard for her to walk.

They stopped in front of a massive painting depicting magnificent sceneries - an endless mountain range and a river looking like a dragon. Trees blotted out the sky and various wondrous animals could be seen roaming about.

A majestic power assaulted the spectators, akin to being hit by the momentum of all the places and things depicted.

The mountain range resembled a suppressive pagoda. The river issued draconic roars. The beasts also howled in an intimidating fashion.

“The mythical Archaic Sun World Diagram! This was once the strongest defining treasure of Archaic Sun. As the dynasty grew stronger, they obtained greater treasures and it stopped being the symbol.” Yang Ling was shocked.

Before Archaic Sun became Vajra, it wasn’t that strong. This painting was left behind by a top Heavenly Sovereign in that generation. It helped Archaic Sun weather many storms, allowing them to eventually establish a strong foundation.

Yang Ling heard stories about it from the seniors in her clan before. Today, she got the chance to see it in person.

“The coloring is okay.” Li Qiye quickly assessed.

She was at a loss for words. If people from the court were to hear this assessment regarding their once-defining treasure, what would be their reaction? Some princes might go crazy.

After all, this used to be their pride for a long time. They only became stronger later on, especially after the appearance of Vajra Dao Lord. They obtained better and stronger weapons later and the diagram stopped showing up.

“Clank! Clank! Clank!” The trio moved on. They didn’t get far before hearing loud bells.

The sounds came from a gigantic golden bell usually seen in ancient temples. It was made from precious and heavy bronze metal. The outer wall of the mouth was engraved with beast dao bones.

It still made sound without anyone beating on it. The sounds could reach the mind of listeners - a testament to its power.

“This is Devourer Bell, one of the strongest weapons during the Era of the Eight Saints. It appeared in the crusade to the south, completely unstoppable.” Yang Ling stated the history of the bell. She didn’t expect to find it here.

“Monkeys are kings when there are no tigers around.” Li Qiye chuckled and wasn’t interested.

“Young Master, the Era of the Eight Saints is the strongest period of Buddha Holy Ground, with two from Vajra. The holy ground wanted to conquer the south. The eight saints and nine venerables joined the expedition and were unstoppable. This bell was quite famous then, able to slay several famed Heavenly Sovereigns from the south...” Yang Ling elaborated.

“They just didn’t find the right opponents yet. Later on, they pissed their pants in fear anyway.” Li Qiye smiled.

“You’ve heard about this war?” Yang Ling became surprised.

Li Qiye chuckled in response.

“I heard the Wild South Eight Kingdoms managed to invite an ancient empress.” Yang Ling knew this history quite well: “The world changed color due to her appearance; realms started floating up and down around her. No one in the holy ground could stop her. The eight saints and nine venerables joined forces and still lost. The great army was utterly defeated.” [1]

She paused for a moment and murmured: “What kind of existence is this ancient empress?”

“Just an old woman.” Li Qiye replied.

“But people say that she’s very pretty, not old at all.” Yang Ling hurriedly replied.

Li Qiye naturally knew who she was, the same with the so-called Worldly Immortal.

Yang Ling was right. The ambitious holy ground wished to conquer the south in the past. They would have won if it wasn’t for the ancient empress.

Chapter 3674: Take Whatever You Want

The trio took a while before finally going through the entire treasury. They might be the only outsiders who have accomplished this feat.

The place had enough treasures to keep Yang Ling impressed at the start. As they moved on, she gradually grew numb after seeing enough treasures. A sense of normality took over. Only a few things could startle her afterward.

Li Qiye didn’t share the same sentiment. This treasury was large but he only stared at them in passing with a smile.

His goal was to broaden her horizon. Only a few things here were barely qualified to enter his sight.

“Do you like any of them? Take whatever you want.” He casually asked.

“Take whatever I want?” She stared at the treasures in a daze. Anyone else would be ecstatic after hearing this since it meant immense wealth and a bright future.

“No? So you only came to take a look?” He replied.

She found that this was right. The crime was serious if Vajra were to find out. However, she was already here and had to bring some treasures back. Leaving empty-handed was not an option.

It became a question of which treasure. She looked around and didn’t know what to pick due to the sheer quantity.

She was naturally excited before entering the treasury. Now, all of them were up for grab and she had no idea what she wanted.

“Which one should I pick?” She asked, bewildered.

“If you don’t mind grabbing too many, just take all of them.” He chuckled.

“Al-all of them? I don’t think that’s a good idea...” She trembled after hearing this.

Vajra might go crazy and search the entire holy ground in order to find the thief. If they were to catch wind of her being the culprit, her clan would suffer their unmitigated wrath.

“Vajra will exterminate my clan.” She smiled wryly, not daring to take the entire thing.

“We’ll see about that.” He chuckled in response.

“Let’s not do it.” She thought carefully and chose against it. Li Qiye’s suggestion was truly tempting.

This treasury was enough to benefit the future generations, not just herself. If her clan could use the resource appropriately, they could become a separate country, no need to stay as a tributary of Vajra.

But on the other hand, the risks were serious since Vajra could go wild. She had no choice but to give up.

“Just pick a few things then.” He didn’t interfere with her decision.

This brought them back to the starting point - not knowing which treasure to pick.

“Young Master, what should I pick?” She eventually asked for guidance.

“Depends on what you want. If you wish to be safe, then pick materials and chaos stones. These things are untraceable on top of being easy to use with effective results.” He answered.

“That makes sense.” She agreed with this suggestion.

Top weapons were naturally tempting for cultivators. They would usually be the first choice but in this case, she wouldn’t be able to use them since Vajra would find out right away.

This wasn’t the case for materials and money. Even if they realized the missing amount, they wouldn’t be able to trace it either. Materials could be turned into treasures while money could be spent to buy merit laws or weapons.

There were no markings on them for Vajra to trace. Plus, she didn’t need to spend them at the holy ground either. Traveling to Righteous Sect or the south was an option.

Therefore, she gathered plenty of materials and money. The coins were only a small portion in the treasury but still enough to make her extremely wealthy, rivaling a few countries and sects.

Materials were harder to pick because she didn’t know which ones were good or the right combinations. That’s why Li Qiye gave her several recommendations for good materials.

She didn’t go overboard with the amount and was still satisfied. Taking too much would make it easier for Vajra to spot that something was amiss.

“Don’t forget the treasures now.” He said.

“I just don’t want Vajra to notice right away.” She hesitated.

Taking treasures was bad because Vajra would note the missing ones with haste. Plus, they would serve as evidence later too.

“You don’t need to use them, just keep them as ace cards.” Li Qiye smiled: “Plus, once you’re strong enough, you can use them whenever. Do you see any sect coming to demand an explanation from Five-colored Sacred Sovereign?”

Yang Ling agreed with this as well. Her clan could keep them hidden until there was no other choice.

Five-colored Sacred Sovereign was the perfect example. The victims wouldn’t dare to do anything to him right now.

“Okay, I’ll pick a few.” Yang Ling pondered for a bit before selecting the treasures. The Archaic Sun World Diagram and Devourer Bell were included.

A few more weren’t weaker than these two but Yang Ling wasn’t greedy enough.

“I heard Vajra Dao Lord left behind some top weapons for the dynasty. I didn’t see any.” Yang Ling became curious since there was no dao lord weapon here.

According to the rumors, the dao lord initially didn’t care much about Vajra. However, the latter spent enough effort to win his favor. The dao lord kept this and his roots in mind, eventually leaving top weapons behind for the dynasty.

“That means there’s another secret one.” Li Qiye smiled, not caring about it.

Li Qiye picked a few merit laws and scrolls from the library section. The dynasty has been around long enough to have a great selection.

They included the ones created by the ancestors and forefathers of Vajra. Some originated from the sects and countries destroyed by Vajra.

“Back to the original owners.” Li Qiye picked some and put them away before Yang Ling could see.

He then gave others to Yang Ling and said: “Now you have treasures and resources. You need to be stronger, the same with your clan. Thus, they will be of use.”

“Thank you, Young Master.” She was overwhelmed with gratitude, aware that everything she got today was due to him.

Chapter 3675: The Mouse’s Treasury

“Anything else you want?” Li Qiye asked after handing Yang Ling the manual scrolls.

“No.” She looked back at the colorful treasury and shook her head, having a firm grasp on greed. She was satisfied with what she got.

“Then we’re leaving.” He said.

“You don’t want anything, Young Master?” She found it surprising because out of all the treasures here, Li Qiye only took a few scrolls. Plus, he didn’t seem to care much about them either.

“No need, there’s nothing good here.” The treasury actually had a few decent things but he wasn’t interested enough.

“You’re incredible.” She couldn’t help but praise.

Top geniuses and mighty cultivators wouldn't be able to stay calm while walking around this treasury. They would have taken so many things but Li Qiye didn't give a damn.

She thought that it would be hard to find another who had the same composure and restraint as him.

He then gently touched the mouse and smiled: "Come, let me see what you're hiding in your treasury."

"Zii-" The mouse answered and waved its hands, looking quite proud.

Yang Ling could tell that the mouse had some good stuff in order to act like this.

"It has hidden treasures too?" Yang Ling blurted out before realizing that this was obvious. The mouse was able to move freely across numerous treasuries. It naturally took some good stuff as well.

These things were certainly exceptional, perhaps even better than Vajra's treasury.

The mouse then drilled into the ground, creating a spatial hole. Li Qiye jumped in with Yang Ling right behind him.

Once she landed on her feet, the area was surprisingly dark. There were no colorful lights emanating from treasures.

After taking a closer look, she found that they were in a dark and remote alley. People rarely visited this place. It looked quite old as well, erected from an unknown era.

"This looks like Wish Ward." She eventually concluded despite not knowing the exact location.

The mouse kept on moving and the other two followed despite it being a dead-end ahead due to a high wall.

The mouse leaped up and touched one particular brick. She didn't get a good look because it was simply too fast. Its furry paws formed a mudra and caused the brick to light up.

"Creak..." The brick slowly moved out of the wall.

"This is the hidden treasure?" Yang Ling thought that the mouse would have a huge treasury. This was only an old wall. Even after all the bricks were removed, the place wouldn't have that many treasures within anyway.

"It's not that simple, you're only seeing the surface." Li Qiye smiled and stared at the old brick.

Yang Ling looked through the hole after the brick was removed. She finally saw a large treasury beyond. The wall was blocking a window near the top of the treasury.

It was far larger than Vajra's, containing more and better quality treasures. The things here were superb, at least in Yang Ling's opinion.

This made Vajra look like a nouveau riche. On the other hand, the hug mouse has been wealthy for eras. Each treasure was meticulously chosen.

"We're standing on top of it? So the treasury is under Wish Ward." She took a deep breath and asked.

The mouse stared at her with disdain, seemingly saying that it was way cooler than that. Such a simple layout was beneath it.

“You’re not seeing the real phenomenon. These things aren’t actually beneath you, they exist in a special dimension with a unique entry. It’ll keep on changing with time and space as well. You can see it right now but the next time you come here, it won’t be around.” Li Qiye shook his head and explained.

The mouse raised its paw at Li Qiye as if wanting to give him a thumbs-up for being absolutely correct.

“I see.” Yang Ling coughed awkwardly: “No wonder why people dug up the place and couldn’t find anything.”

“It is the only one who knows the entrance. Others have no chance of finding it, only a waste of time.” Li Qiye smiled.

The mouse raised its chin, looking happy because of Li Qiye’s comment.

Li Qiye then took a look inside and nodded approvingly: “Not bad at all, looks like you didn’t waste millions of years.”

The mouse squeaked happily, clearly thinking that it was a great honor to be praised by Li Qiye.

Yang Ling sympathized because Li Qiye didn’t give a damn about Vajra’s treasury. Now, he wasn’t stingy with his words. This treasury was clearly superior.

“But all in all, they’re still inessentials.” Li Qiye added: “Just external items that can only serve as support. The thing that will allow you to reach the top is still your spirit core. If you’re relying on them to improve yourself, I would say that it is a mistake, neglecting the root and pursuing the tip.”

The mouse scratched its head while pondering. After a while, it squeaked again and nodded repeatedly as if agreeing with Li Qiye and thanking him for the advice.

It then reached into the treasury and took something out.

“Clank!” A pleasant ringing could be heard before a bright radiance.

It jumped on top of his shoulder while holding a treasure resembling a diamond. It exuded strands of light, not overly bright, but still quite mysterious. They stopped others from seeing the real form of the treasure.

Yang Ling activated her heavenly gaze but only saw a diamond-like form, not the actual treasure.

The mouse put on a dignified expression as it offered Li Qiye this treasure.

She didn’t know what it was but judging by the mouse’s action, it might be the mouse’s ultimate treasure. It picked this one from a sea of treasure. It must have pivotal importance.

Chapter 3676: Trouble Due To Envy And Greed

Yang Ling watched the gift offer with bated breath. This diamond-like artifact must be peerless, the top treasure of the mouse, hence its dignified appearance.

The atmosphere became frozen; even the winds stopped blowing.

“Bang!” A loud sound startled her, causing her to turn around with haste.

A cultivator somehow got to this alley and saw the hug mouse and its treasure. His jaw nearly dropped to the ground.

“The mouse!” He shouted with his eyes wide open, not expecting to meet the highly-coveted mythical creature in this place.

It was actually handing a treasure over to Li Qiye as well. He calmed down and took a good look at the group before leaving right away, not lingering for a second.

He was afraid that Li Qiye would kill him to keep this a secret. This was a reasonable train of thought.

“Not good!” Yang Ling regained her wits and cried out. Unfortunately, this cultivator was long gone now.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye didn’t even look at the unwelcome intruder. He took a look at the treasure and smiled before giving it back to the mouse.

The mouse squeaked and waved its paws, not wanting to accept it.

“This treasure is important and useful to you while it has limited use for me. You keep it.” Li Qiye chuckled.

Yang Ling also found this astonishing. No one else would have refused the mouse.

The mouse looked awkward and felt bad since it wanted to repay Li Qiye. It squeaked and waved its paws at him.

“Fine, I’ll pick a few items.” Li Qiye understood its intent and smiled. He then picked several treasures from its treasury.

The mouse was finally satisfied and put the brick back in its place. No clues were left behind.

“Good, go now.” He smiled and gently patted the mouse.

It looked unwilling and squeaked a few times before jumping off his shoulder and disappearing into the dark alley.

“We’re leaving.” Li Qiye stretched and left the alley.

“What should we do?” Yang Ling caught up, feeling awfully worried.

“About what?” Li Qiye nonchalantly said.

“The mouse issue, you got a treasure from it, everyone will know.” She elaborated.

The cultivator who fled earlier would definitely divulge this information. Others would subsequently find out.

“Let them know.” Li Qiye smiled.

“But we also took so many items from Vajra’s treasury.” Yang Ling was afraid of the connected dots being figured out. She thought that the dean back then must have felt the same way.

“And?” Li Qiye said.

“Well, if Vajra finds out, they’ll exterminate our clans.” She said. They could become the prime suspects due to the circumstances once the dynasty figured out the missing treasures.

“Don’t worry so much. The fact that I took their treasures is an honor for them. They need to act smart or risk destruction.” Li Qiye chuckled.

She has grown used to his overbearing style before but this had reached the next level. He made it sound as if he was showing kindness to Vajra by taking its treasures. The members of the royal clan might go crazy after hearing this.

She smiled wryly and said: “What about if others start to scheme against us?”

Other cultivators would definitely plot against them, going as far as killing them for the treasures.

“That’s a good thing.” Li Qiye replied.

“How is it a good thing?” Her mouth became agape: “Some might be planning how to kill us right now.” She looked around cautiously afterward, feeling extremely tense.

“Have to kill a few to let everyone know who actually has control over life and death, maybe a million or so to warm up. It has been a while since my last massacre.” Li Qiye’s smile turned into a smirk.

“Uh...” She was at a loss for words. She then recalled the event back in Myriad Beast Mountains. People thought nothing of Li Qiye back then and wanted to take advantage of him. They threatened him and eventually became part of a tragic tale. Not a single soul out of one hundred thousand cultivators survived.

She suddenly saw a gruesome carnage where blood engulfed ten thousand miles. She shuddered in fear as a result while thinking - did the young master let that guy escape on purpose?

Her worries were warranted. During their trip back, the experts along the way stared at them in a strange manner.

She felt as if they have become the targets under the spotlight. Most viewed them as prey.

“That’s Li Qiye.” Someone murmured and pointed at him.

This person wasn’t the only one. Many muttered and pointed at them.

“Him? Favored by the hug mouse?” Some remained skeptical.

“Yes, my friend witnessed the entire thing. He even got a supreme treasure from the mouse.” One cultivator said with absolute confidence.

Their stares became intense after hearing the confirmation. They considered him a fat sheep ready to be slaughtered.

“Weak cultivation.” One powerful cultivator’s eyes turned hot after seeing Li Qiye’s realm. It would be too easy to subdue Li Qiye and take his treasure.

“There’s no way he can keep it.” Others had no intention of doing anything to Li Qiye. They were just ready to gloat at his inevitable suffering.

Of course, everyone had qualms in taking action at Wish Ward. Robbing someone in broad daylight was akin to disrespecting Wish Ward and Vajra Dynasty.

They had to wait until he was in a desolate area before killing him and taking the treasure.

“This brat is so devilish.” On the other hand, those from the previous generations remained prudent. One guy stared at Li Qiye and judged: “A treasure from the golden spring, opening the wooden door, now the hug mouse too? He gets all the good things in this world. How bizarre.”

“Not just that, he lifted that hammer up in Myriad Cauldron Peak.” A student from Duality nearby said with envy: “The heaven pampers him too much.”

“Really?” The old cultivator became surprised and had no explanation. All of this occurring on an unknown junior? This didn’t make sense.

Chapter 3677: Boot-licker

Yang Ling was uncomfortable and restless due to the greedy gazes. She also had treasures herself and could become a target as well. This made her move closer to Li Qiye.

If she were alone right now, she would have been trembling with fear or run away instantly.

On the contrary, Li Qiye still leisurely sauntered through the street as if unaware of the gazes.

“Congratulations, Brother Li.” A young cultivator enthusiastically came closer to the group.

He was handsome with a touch of elegance. His cultivation was exceptional and his robe made it clear that he was from Duality.

Li Qiye glanced at this enthusiastic youth acting too familiar.

“Do we know you?” Yang Ling asked, perplexed.

“You don’t remember me, Senior Sister Yang? I am Lil’ Lin, we’ve met many times before.” The student had a bright smile, acting as if they were close friends.

Yang Ling thought about it and found him familiar. However, there were too many students in Duality. They might have met but she wouldn’t be able to remember anyway.

“Brother Li, you’re truly the heaven’s favorite and the son of miracles. How enviable.” The student loudly said: “It is the academy’s honor to have a student like yourself, we are blessed to be your fellow classmates...”

He unleashed a deluge of praises at Li Qiye. The cultivators on the street found this quite strange. Other students from Duality found it nauseating.

“I’m not a student of Duality.” Li Qiye stopped the youth.

“Uhh...” The interruption made it awkward. He quickly put on a smile and continued: “Regardless, you’re definitely the true dragon with peerless talents in this era, a miracle of the holy ground, the idol of all of us. I have nothing but endless admiration for you...”

The flattery didn’t stop while the crowd exchanged glances, thinking that this student was too shameless.

“This is unbearable.” Yang Ling got goosebumps all over. She didn’t know when Duality had such a thick-skinned student.

Li Qiye only smiled and let the guy keep going this time.

“Your feats are majestic, from the hammer at the top of Myriad Cauldron to the golden spring and the wooden house.” The torrent of words continued: “Now, even the hug mouse gave you an ultimate treasure.”

People suddenly became interested in the conversation. Their ears seemingly became pointier because they wanted to hear the answer.

“And?” Li Qiye chuckled, still keeping a natural expression.

It was tough for the youth because Li Qiye’s responses were so unexpected, not a part of the planned script.

“Brother Li, could you broaden everyone’s horizon by showing us the supreme treasure that you got from the mouse? We have never seen an item of this level before.” The youth said.

Everyone was on board with this shameless youth now. First, this would confirm whether Li Qiye had it or not and they wanted to take a look anyway.

“Just a few things, not worth the time.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

This casual response carried serious weight because Li Qiye had just confirmed that he got some items from the hug mouse.

“It’s true.” A skeptical listener finally believed the rumors.

“Goddamn, he’s so lucky.” Another cursed and became jealous of Li Qiye’s luck.

The eyes focused on Li Qiye became redder with greed.

“A majestic man such as yourself must be on a mission given by the heaven.” The student went on: “It blessed you with such fortune in order for you to spread its generosity to everyone else. You mustn’t forget this goal.”

“How do I spread its generosity?” Li Qiye smirked.

“Since you have so many treasures and fortunes, you should give a few of them to everyone. They’ll be affected by your auspiciousness and overwhelmed by the generosity of the heaven.” The youth spoke without turning red in the slightest.

“Why should the young master share his items?” Yang Ling couldn’t help joining in.

“Because he is absolutely blessed. His existence means that others’ fortunes are taken away from them. That’s why, surely, his mission has to be sharing this luck with everyone else.” The youth responded.

Not to mention Yang Ling, the rest of the crowd couldn’t believe the audacity of this youth, thinking that he was too shameless.

One needed to share their luck with everyone else? How ridiculous.

“There’s no such thing!” Yang Ling responded.

The youth actually raised his voice and said: “Gentlemen, let’s be honest. We’re all poor and miserable, struggling for insignificant resources in order to cultivate, losing blood over the tiniest treasure. What about Brother Li? He doesn’t need to lift a single finger and is still blessed by the heaven, able to obtain the best treasures in the world. Isn’t that unfair? Since he has that many treasures, shouldn’t he share a bit with us? The heaven’s will is to bestow happiness to all living beings. Unfortunately, something went wrong in the process and all the luck fell on Brother Li, that’s why he should share a bit with us and can’t monopolize everything. Am I right or wrong?”

He spoke with such conviction as if justice was on his side, demanding payments from Li Qiye.

Yang Ling trembled with indignation after hearing this but couldn’t come up with a response because the whole premise was nonsense.

Everyone exchanged glances. They realized that it was bullshit but this was still a great opportunity.

“I think he’s right, Li Qiye can’t monopolize everything.” One youth was persuaded.

“Yes, he has all the luck in this world right now, he can’t keep everything for himself.” Another expert played dumb and repeated this notion.

“He should share the treasures with us, it’s the least he can do after stealing all of our luck.” The crowd clamored.

“What do you think, Brother Li?” The student looked quite pleased with himself after the successful rally.

“I’ve never thought of it this way.” Li Qiye smirked.

“Of course, this is the will of the heaven. You know what to do.” The youth smiled back.

Chapter 3678: Instigator

The crowd was still clamoring after the youth finished speaking.

“It’s time to share the wealth after you have taken so much, Li Qiye! You need to give us one or two treasures!” One expert shouted.

“Yes, time for you to do some good.” Another loudly said: “You already have more than enough to live an extravagant life, never being able to spend the mountain of wealth. Nonetheless, you choose to keep it all to yourself, how ridiculous and selfish!”

“We come from nothing or smaller sects, it’s not easy to survive especially without treasures! Li Qiye, you have soared and it’s time for you to share. You can’t spend all of it yourself anyway!” One youth joined in.

“You were nothing more than a brat in Myriad Beast Mountains. Now, you have it all but don’t forget about your humble beginning. Don’t you want to help others who are similar to you?!” Another youth added.

“If you don’t do it, then you’re monopolizing the luck in the world by stealing ours. That makes you no different from a thief or bandit!” An expert fanned the fire.

“That’s right, we won’t let this stand!” Others started shouting. The entire crowd was against him.

Only a few actually believed in this nonsense. The majority took advantage of this situation in order to make it hard for Li Qiye, forcing him to hand over some treasures.

Yang Ling nearly vomited blood after hearing the unreasonable demands. Alas, she couldn’t say anything right now. Plus, she would be drowned out anyway by the shouts.

On the other hand, Li Qiye actually had a smile in spite of the taunts and jeers.

“Brother Li, isn’t it time to take out the treasures now?” The student said with confidence since everyone was on his side. His expression changed as well, from one of subservience to a gloating look.

“And if I don’t?” Li Qiye still wore a smile.

“Then you can’t blame everyone.” The student waved his hand and said: “You’ve stolen their luck and treasures, they certainly won’t be happy. It’s not easy going against the mass and the will of the heaven. It didn’t grant you so much for you to keep it all to yourself. You’re actively defying the heaven by doing so. Is that what you want?”

“Going against the heaven is unacceptable and rebellious!” An expert shouted: “The same with opposing the rest of the world!”

“Yes, there will be no place for you to stay at the holy ground. Be smart and hand over the treasures or face the consequence.” Another jumped in.

“We’ll spare your life if you hand them over!” Someone actually shouted.

“Do it now or it’ll get ugly!” The roars became aggressive.

Someone lacking determination and courage would be trembling with fear right now while being surrounded by a mob.

The student looked quite pleased with himself while staring at Li Qiye. All of this was thanks to him - a true work of art. He didn’t need to waste energy and fight. Just his words alone could push Li Qiye to the brink of death. This was a far superior method.

Li Qiye calmly stared at the crowd and said: “Going against the heaven and opposing the rest of the world? That’s precisely what I want to do. Unfortunately, you bunch aren’t worthy to be my foes. Don’t think too highly of yourself now.”

The crowd naturally didn't expect this response. The fiercest character might be able to talk about defying the heaven. However, antagonizing everyone else was a different story. Such a comment would invite plenty of problems. Perhaps he might not be able to stay in the holy ground afterward.

However, Li Qiye simply didn't give a damn about the potential complications and didn't mince his words.

"How bold!" One expert regained his wits and shouted: "Who do you think you are? So suicidal!"

"Ignorant fool! We'll teach you a lesson for insulting all of us, you'll find out how vast the world is soon enough." An older expert wanted to stir the crowd.

A student from Duality found this annoying as well. He pulled up his sleeves and said furiously: "This Li guy dares to look down on us? He's just in the conqueror realm, I'll go show him right now!"

An older student nearby pulled him back and snorted: "Are you an idiot? It's one thing to run your mouth and enjoy the show but to actually go forward? Li Qiye is no slouch, he buried 100,000 men back in the mountain range while you were playing in the mud. Only fools will actually go against him."

The older student was there during the massacre and had a good grasp of Li Qiye's true nature. The guy killed so many men without batting an eye.

"Brother Li, be careful with your words now. I think it's best for you to hand over the treasures because it'll be too late once everyone starts attacking. You won't be able to stay alive." The provoking student said.

"Who's first? Come, I'm actually bored today and don't mind filling this street with corpses." Li Qiye smirked.

"Do you actually think you're invincible? Don't you realize that any senior here can easily teach you a lesson?" The student shouted.

"I'm eagerly waiting." Li Qiye stared at the crowd.

The student didn't expect Li Qiye to be so direct. He thought that the guy would try to buy time instead of challenging everyone.

Going off-script left him stunned for a bit. He eventually told the crowd: "We all heard him, he wishes to challenge all the seniors here. Is anyone interested in teaching him a lesson?"

The experts exchanged glances. No one stepped up first.

First, most were aware of Li Qiye's previous tales. They only wanted to run their mouth and egged others on. Most importantly, if anyone were to actually take Li Qiye's treasures, they would become the next target.

The mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind. Everyone wanted to be the oriole, not the mantis.

They didn't wish to be used as a weapon by this student from Duality either. He was just a junior while they were big shots. It would be shameful to be used in this manner.

Thus, the situation came to a silent deadlock. No one wanted to actually attack Li Qiye and rather waited for the right opportunity.

The student didn't have a plan for this. He thought that he had successfully stirred the crowd. People supported his view earlier but now, not a single soul wanted to take action.

Chapter 3679: Impossible To Stop Halfway

The student had no idea that this would be the result. The crowd certainly had his back earlier, seemingly ready to take down Li Qiye.

That's why he gloated and thought that just a little scheme was enough to take down Li Qiye, no need to put in any effort. Just a few words of his could lead the crowd by the nose, certainly a successful clarion call.

Unfortunately, when it was time for action, the scene became silent right away - a stark contrast to the loudness prior.

Since most chastised Li Qiye so blatantly, they should have maneuvered against Li Qiye - or so this student thought. He had an illusion of being in total control.

"Gentlemen! Li Qiye is arrogant and views everyone with contempt, even the seniors present." The student had no choice but to keep on speaking: "Seniors, please teach this brat a lesson for insulting you!"

"Young man, you spoke on the side of justice earlier, taking it as your responsibility. It's time for you to go up the stage and shine. Take the treasures away from Li Qiye." An older cultivator smiled.

"Indeed, your words were admirable earlier. Do it, we have your back." Another said.

In reality, only a few hot-headed youths were actually motivated by this student. Other experts, especially the older ones, were only playing along.

They didn't want to actually be the first to take action. That would only turn them into prime targets.

"Hmph, I hope your ability is as amazing as your tongue." One expert actually didn't hold back.

At the start, the student flattered Li Qiye continuously. Then, he changed his tune completely, wanting to turn the crowd against him. Some considered this wretched and despicable.

"Young friend, go first, we'll support you." Another smiled.

The student became nervous since he was pushed to the front now. Maybe he could defeat Li Qiye and take the treasures. However, he would become the next target right away. He might lose his life before being able to enjoy the treasures and resources.

"Seniors, please don't joke around." The student smiled wryly and said: "I'm just a nobody with no cultivation to speak of, no different from an ant. I am incapable of pushing the tides. This responsibility and justice require powerful masters such as yourselves to uphold..."

He shamelessly flattered the seniors and asked them to take action instead.

“So thick-skinned.” Yang Ling said with disdain: “You’re throwing away the reputation of Duality. What a tragedy to have a student like you.”

Others from Duality actually agreed with this statement and glared at him. Their disdainful expression said it all.

Some of these students actually didn’t like Li Qiye; others had an ongoing feud with him. However, they had more self-respect than to act in this manner.

The guy turned red after noticing the stares. He was stuck in a tough position.

“Seems like it’s up to you.” Li Qiye smiled: “The treasures are right here, come get it if you can.”

The spectators’ eyes lit up after hearing this. Even the student felt the same greed. Nonetheless, he knew that he wouldn’t leave this place alive after obtaining the treasures.

“Brother Li, that’s not my intention at all.” He put on a bright smile, changing his stance faster than the flip of a page.

He started with “Brother Li” then swapped to “Li Qiye” before switching back to “Brother Li” again.

“That doesn’t matter. You’re not leaving this place after provoking me. Make your move.” Li Qiye chuckled.

The student’s expression soured as he took one step backward.

“Do it already, be a role model for all of us. Hell, we might avenge you after Li Qiye kills you.” An older cultivator started laughing.

“Yes, you were the one who started this. Make your move!” Many wanted to break the impasse, hoping for more chaos.

“Gentlemen, please stop joking now.” The student had a forced smile.

“It’s too late for that. But, I’ll entertain you. If you can block one move from me, I’ll give you a treasure.” Li Qiye said.

“Really?!” The student blurted out in astonishment. Alas, he thought that this could go wrong but it was too late to change his words.

“Yes, I’m a man of my words.” Li Qiye smiled.

A few members of the audience actually wanted to give it a shot after hearing this.

“One move, one treasure? For real?” One cultivator felt his heart beating faster.

“Get ready.” Li Qiye egged the guy.

“I...” The student was certainly tempted. He thought that he would be able to stop one move. The problem was - how to leave this place with the treasure?

“You were so enthusiastic earlier, don’t be a coward now. It’s just one move.” Yang Ling sneered.

“A student of Duality has more courage than this. You’re a disgrace.” A different student uttered coldly.

“Hurry up, we want to see what treasure you’ll get!” The crowd started being rowdy again.

Earlier, this student tried to force Li Qiye to hand over a treasure. Now, he was the one being forced to fight.

“You’re not lying? One move, one treasure?” The student gritted his teeth and shouted.

“That’s right, but I’m afraid you won’t be able to survive.” Li Qiye answered.

“You’re only a conqueror, don’t think so highly of yourself!” The student finally lost his cool and retorted: “I, a student of Duality, am absolutely stronger than you..”

“Yeah yeah, a student of Duality. Not special at all, one move is enough.” Li Qiye interrupted him.

“Hmph!” Other students became dissatisfied with him after hearing this.

“Very well, I want to see how you’ll defeat me with one move!” The student doubted this, believing in his own abilities. It was time for him to teach Li Qiye a lesson!

Chapter 3680: One Kick Is Enough

“Boom!” The student summoned a heavy shield with the shape of a thick turtle shell. He dropped it down and caused the ground to shake - a clear showing of its considerable weight.

“Poof!” Flames oozed out and continuously increased in intensity, looking like a fiery giant coming out of an ocean of lava.

This student thought that this still wasn’t enough. He took out a treasure and wrapped it around himself. The thing coiled and made him look like an armored giant.

This form was cumbersome but everyone could tell that it was an impressive defensive method.

“He’s not weak.” Even a cultivator from the previous generation nodded approvingly.

Most looked down on his characters and shamelessness. However, his cultivation was exceptional among his age group.

After all, he was still a student from Duality. Those lacking talents and power couldn’t join this academy.

“Indeed, the treasure is good too, made from the dao bones of a lava turtle. Its defense is tough.” An elder focused on the shield.

This treasure wasn’t considered peerless or anything. Nonetheless, it was exceptional for a youth like him to have something at this level.

The student’s confidence grew after bolstering his defenses. He shouted at Li Qiye: “Brother Li, come, I can definitely block several moves from you. I hope you won’t take back your words then.”

He absolutely believed that he wouldn’t lose to Li Qiye regardless of the guy’s method. He actually held back by not expressing his total confidence in winning.

He wanted to wait until after the fact to teach Li Qiye a lesson, humiliating the guy and taking away his treasures.

In his eyes, someone weak like Li Qiye didn't deserve all the fortunes and luck. He didn't have the right to act arrogantly either.

"You think too highly of yourself by thinking several moves. You won't be able to stop even one. I'll give you a chance and let you start." Li Qiye shook his head.

"A bit exaggerated." A spectator murmured.

The crowd had taken a look at Li Qiye and thought that he had nothing to defeat this student.

"He's not exaggerating. His devilishness is impossible to fathom." A student from Duality disagreed.

The other party turned red after the contemptuous comment. He roared and unleashed his chaos energy and vitality.

"Li Qiye, die!" He rushed forward with his shield in front, looking like a raging bull.

"Rumble!" The ground beneath his path became laden with deep footprints and broken tiles.

His momentum seemed enough to push a mountain away. The spectators hurriedly retreated to make way.

"Boom!" He immediately appeared in front of Li Qiye in the blink of an eye, slamming his shield at Li Qiye's chest without showing any mercy.

The slam consisted of the shield's heavy weight and ample power - enough to break down a mountain or a person's chest.

Moreover, he had yin yang flames surging around him. They billowed ahead, wanting to incinerate Li Qiye. He went all out at the start, wanting to deliver a fatal blow.

"Be careful!" Yang Ling shouted to warn Li Qiye.

Many spectators were astonished by this multifaceted attack. They thought that they might not be able to stop the fierce blow.

The student attacked fiercely and swiftly, not giving a chance for Li Qiye to erect a barrier.

In this crucial moment, Li Qiye didn't bat an eye. He simply retaliated by kneeing the assailant.

The kneeing didn't utilize momentum; his knee only moved a few inches up but a terrible power erupted, enough to change the landscapes.

"Boom!" The shield instantly crumbled after being hit by his knee.

The student couldn't react in the slightest before Li Qiye stretched his leg all the way up and kicked down like a whip.

Upon contact with Li Qiye's foot, the treasure wrapped around the student immediately disintegrated while he was pushed deep into the ground.

The street was made from thick slabs. "Crack!" The entire section on this street was crushed, leaving a deep indentation with the student in the center.

Blood flowed down along with rolling pebbles. The student's eyes were hollow as he stared at the sky, seemingly having lost all perception.

The kick earlier had crushed all of his bones. He couldn't move an inch right now.

The scene fell into a hush. Many spectators' mouth became agape. Just a while ago, they thought that Li Qiye wouldn't be able to escape the fierce blow from this student.

They didn't expect that he would only need one move to destroy the student's defense and cripple him. That was truly domineering since he only used his knee then leg in a simple manner.

"How, how did he do it?" One expert calmed down and asked.

No one had a clue how the simple movements managed to defeat that student. Li Qiye unleashed power from seemingly nothing.

"He's just an Enlightened Being at best, not even at the samadhi realm. This doesn't make any sense." An elder took a good look at Li Qiye and shook his head.

"There was a big gap in cultivation with the Duality student having the advantage." Another old cultivator murmured.

"Don't forget, he's the son of miracles. He even got something out of the golden spring and opened the wooden house, nothing is impossible for him." A student from Duality quietly said with a hint of helplessness.

Miracles were too common when Li Qiye was around. The strangest part was that Li Qiye wasn't a supreme genius or something. Nonetheless, he could still perform any task in an effortless manner.

An existence like him instilled despair to the rest. They could try and work as hard as possible and still wouldn't catch up with a lucky guy like Li Qiye. It felt as if the heaven was being unfair.

The older experts exchanged glances and smiled wryly. True, considering Li Qiye's previous exploits, defeating a samadhi-realm student shouldn't surprise anyone.