

Emperor 1661

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Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “You misunderstood my intention. It has nothing to do with whether I trust you or not since I’m not afraid of someone else benefiting from the war. It’s only Soaring Immortal, destroying them isn’t hard.”

“Then when can you mobilize?” Hai Lin mused before asking.

“Hard to say.” Li Qiye chuckled: “There are things you can’t rely on others for. For you, what you need to do in accordance with your own wishes is the most important.”

Hai Lin didn’t know what Li Qiye was talking about and had to say: “The truth is that I won’t be competing for the Heaven’s Will in this generation. You have thirteen palaces, no one is more qualified than you to become emperor.”

“You still don’t get my point.” Li Qiye shook his head: “This has nothing to do with the competition either. Everyone else thinks about who will be the best candidate but as for me, the Heaven’s Will is already in my pocket. When to become emperor is up to me. Thus, once again, this has nothing to do with the current situation. War and survival, this is up to you.” He pointed at his own heart.

Hai Lin carefully contemplated before answering: “If you are asking me for my thoughts, then it is very simple - to chase Soaring Immortal away so that we sea monsters and demons will have a place to live. They came and murdered with wanton regards so I have the responsibility to stand up against them, to save the wailing existences.”

“Good intention.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “But there is no savior in this world. You can save them this generation but not the next. The most important thing is relying on yourself and working for what you want. If you place your hope on a savior, then how is it different from being a parasite?”

Hai Lin was surprised to hear this since this wasn’t a topic he had dwelled on.

Li Qiye continued: “Why does Soaring Immortal dare to do whatever it wants at the Grand Sea? Why are they so unbridle after coming down each time? The reason is very simple. It is because of the living beings in the nine worlds.”

“They endure, relent, or even help the enemies against justice. This is the reason why Soaring Immortal can dominate the nine worlds. Amidst the flame of war, everyone wants to benefit themselves instead of uniting to fight against the invader. This is the reason why the Ancient Ming was able to reign for so many generations.”

This was indeed the truth. So many great powers wanted to flatter and earn Soaring Immortal’s favor.

“Because of this, you can only rely on yourself during times of war instead of others. Only when you build something with your own blood will it be trustworthy. Without blood and struggle, everything will be taken for granted. Thus, use your blood to trade for peace and prosperity.”

Hai Lin eventually looked at Li Qiye and formally said: “I will carve your words into my heart but nevertheless, I still want you to help during this crisis. As long as you are willing, everything is negotiable. Even if you take over the alliance and use us as cannon fodders in the front line, we will still

agree as long as this is enough to protect the Grand Sea, allowing future descendants to have a place to stay. Any heavy price is fine. Just like you said, peace required the foundation of our blood, then let us use our blood to pave the way for future generations!”

He spoke in a formal and sonorous manner, full of charisma.

“I have no interest in authority.” Li Qiye shook his head: “Of course, the fight between Soaring Immortal and me will happen. It’s fine if you want to participate. Mobilize when I do and be true to my words earlier, fight for your own destiny instead of relying on a savior. If you want your descendants to have a home in the Grand Sea, you must put in the effort. Otherwise, why would the victors give you the fruit of their effort for nothing?”

“I understand.” Hai Lin bowed and took a deep breath: “Just let me know when you are mobilizing against Soaring Immortal. I am willing to take the vanguard and open a path of blood for you. If we don’t go all out and pay with our blood and lives, there will be no place for us sea monsters and demons even if Soaring Immortal were to crumble later on.”

“It’s good that you have understood this logic.” Li Qiye nodded.

Hai Lin solemnly nodded and respectfully bowed towards Li Qiye before leaving.

After he left, the true god came in and sat down next to Li Qiye. He spoke with a slight annoyance: “Your Excellency, the war against Soaring Immortal is our battlefield, is there a need for these shrimps to be cannon fodders? If they take the vanguard, they’ll just go meet their death and get in our way.”

Worldkeeper was itching for a fight against Soaring Immortal. It was the perfect time for Azure Dragon to train their young soldiers.

Li Qiye said emotionlessly: “Let them. Their blood will wake up the stubborn ones. Peace has lasted for far too long in the nine worlds, let them vie for themselves. We’ll grow old one day and won’t be able to protect the nine worlds forever. Let them take the forefront and their descendants will come to appreciate their forefathers’ spilled blood just like the wise sages who fought against the Ancient Ming. Without this heroism, they are no different than sheep and the nine worlds will be a pasture. When the Ancient Ming comes again, there will be a lot of fat meat for them to taste.”

The true god carefully pondered before speaking with a tinge of emotion: “Right, peace has lasted for too long. No real alliances have formed recently like the myriad races back then.”

Even though there had been a competition for the throne in each generation, they were too different compared to the resistance against the Ancient Ming. Moreover, these competitions were only between sects.

“There will be sacrifices. They are an important message for future generations to remember that their predecessors have banded against foreign invaders before. Let them know that only through solidarity and sheer effort will they be able to maintain their home and future. No one else will give this to you or protect you from one generation to the next!” Li Qiye said calmly.

The true god understood that His Excellency wanted to leave and was leaving the responsibility of protecting the nine worlds to the myriad races themselves.

Others were unaware but the true god knew that although His Excellency was reviled by others with all kind of nicknames. However, he has been protecting the nine worlds all along. Without his protection and necessary massacres, the remnants of the Ancient Ming would have returned already even during the Emperors Era.

Though Soaring Immortal was far from the same threat, His Excellency simply wanted Hai Lin's alliance to spill blood, not for any other reason but just to pass the torch. His goal was to head to the end of the world in this generation without coming back. He was going all out, not worrying and looking back again.

Li Qiye said slowly: "I'm also tired so it is time for me to let go. Trampling Soaring Immortal and extinguishing the bloodline can be considered my final gift to the nine worlds. They have to rely on themselves afterward."

"Your Excellency, you still can't let go completely." The true god sighed. Others only saw how many the dark hand had killed, not the weight of his responsibility

"I must let go, no party lasts forever." Li Qiye replied: "Immortality can be a type of torture since there are too many things one can't let go in this world. Though your heart had lost all feelings, certain things still remained inside."

The true god quietly nodded and eventually asked: "When will you mobilize, Your Excellency?"

"Let them prepare. Li Qiye chuckled: "Both Soaring Immortal and the alliance. Most importantly, we need to let Gu Zun and the mastermind behind Soaring Immortal think that victory is imminent for them. Otherwise, some threats will remain if they were to escape. Thus, our enemies need to be completely confident beforehand. When they use their entire forces, that's when I pull in the net and utterly destroy every single one of them."

[Chapter 1662: Army Of Ten Millions](#)

Soaring Immortal wasn't in a rush to attack the Mortal Emperor World. After building their military platforms, the tornadoes began to rage again, causing the entire Grand Sea to quake.

The cultivators here could feel them crazily sucking the worldly energy from the earth vein like gigantic water pumps.

The ten of them in different locations around the Grand Sea was enough to take over all the earth veins from this region.

They channeled this energy into the platforms, causing them to light up with a sacred light that illuminates the entire world. At this moment, numerous faint shadows emerged. It looked as if the sect was ready to mobilize to any corner of the nine worlds.

Meanwhile, Hai Lin's alliance was also growing stronger with more sects joining, including those from the Hundred Cities, Barren Earth, Grand Middle Territory, and Desolate Wasteland. Some were imperial lineages.

Since Soaring Immortal had created their platforms even before having an emperor, people became even more frightened of their aggressive intention. The imperial lineages right now were afraid that Soaring Immortal would go on a rampage of destruction without scruples or needing any justification.

Because of this, the alliance grew in number. The initial waves of imperial lineages were able to convince more of their peers.

Without a doubt, there was no turning back from this war. It was either chasing Soaring Immortal away or being ruled by them. The determination on the alliance side only grew stronger as time passed.

Soaring Immortal didn't maneuver at all against the increasingly powerful alliance. It didn't send any messenger to negotiate peace or state their intention. It looked like they were ready to go all out against the Mortal Emperor World.

Not only did this show their determination, it also advertised their confidence in their power. Of course, this fueled the sects in Mortal Emperor, even more, to fight against Soaring Immortal. If Soaring Immortal had sent out some messengers to certain imperial lineages and agreed to cut them some pieces of the pie, the alliance wouldn't have reached this level.

The inaction from Soaring Immortal meant that it didn't care for the alliance. It would take down this force in whole later on. The result would be very few sects daring to oppose them. Mortal Emperor would be theirs for the taking.

"Boom!" After seeing that it was time, Li Qiye gave the order for the Azure Dragon Legion to mobilize straight for the military platforms!

Azure Dragon began its march with a murderous bloodthirst engulfing the entire Mortal Emperor World. Though it was few in number, each veteran had a tremble-inducing aura. It was obvious that this was a machine of war, a gigantic meat grinder, capable of turning a battlefield into hell!

Worldkeeper led the way with his bronze stallion and spear. Each stomp from the stallion shattered the sky. He looked completely invincible and unstoppable. The world quaked beneath his presence. Even the extremely powerful ancestors from Soaring Immortal became serious as Worldkeeper slowly approached. They were uncertain of victory before this man.

Like he had said previously, Asura might be the only one who can match him. Others wouldn't be able to stop a single blow! Though many ancestors were still unconvinced of this claim, they waited with caution!

"Rumble!" Meanwhile, Hai Lin's alliance also joined the fray. A flood of cavalry made its noise across the Grand Sea.

This particular army was too gigantic compared to the Azure Dragon Legion. There were so many battalions and banners. This magnificent scene also shocked the world since few have ever witnessed this kind of number before.

The myriad races and sects were all included. Demons, humans, golems, blood race, charming spirits... the sea monsters were especially going all out. Any surviving sea monsters all joined the alliance and swore to fight to the death!

They claimed to be ten millions strong. Although this number was exaggerated, it did include all the different factions in Mortal Emperor World. Ninety percent of all great powers in the Grand Sea joined in as well. Thus, if it wasn't ten millions, it would at least be seven millions!

Hai Lin was nominated as the commander. There were also certain influential Godkings acting as his aides to lead this great army

He had agreed that when Azure Dragon marched, they would be willing to take the vanguard and open a path of blood.

In fact, the alliance didn't have any other choice. If they wanted a home in the future, they must pay with their blood.

Many cultivators who couldn't join the alliance felt their blood boiling and became excited.

"When united, Mortal Emperor can fight against all invaders. Alone we might be insignificant but together, all foes shall fear us. Let them know that Mortal Emperor isn't so easily bullied!" A hot-blooded cultivator declared.

It didn't matter how this war would end. This time around, everyone in Mortal Emperor was involved. It rekindled a spark of hope for all inhabitants. At the very least, in the time of a great disaster, the myriad races would drop their personal grievances and feuds to band together against the foreign invaders!

The massive army and the Azure Dragon Legion were posturing outside of the platforms, ready to attack at any moment. As long as they took these platforms down, the portal to the Soaring Immortal Sect would appear before them.

"Whoosh!" Immortal lights rushed from the platforms and became thick, crystal walls. They have been augmented by Immortal Emperors before so they were extremely hard to break.

Moreover, the army from Soaring Immortal had already taken formation. They were ready to meet the two incoming forces.

"Brother Li." Hai Lin personally went to greet Li Qiye as the two armies were preparing outside.

At this time, Hai Lin was adorned with a divine armor with an ancient, majestic aura. It was obvious that this was the ultimate artifact of the sea monsters.

This particular tribe had great hopes for Hai Lin. Thus, regardless of the battle's result, they wanted him to survive. That's why they gave him this divine armor. Of course, he also had Ding Yuanhou, the golden dragon, and several powerful Godkings from imperial lineages to his left and right.

These particular Godkings were reminded by the sea monster ancestors so they were especially respectful towards Li Qiye.

Li Qiye simply looked at Hai Lin and nodded while sitting on his throne.

Hai Lin didn't beat around the bush. He prostrated and said: "Brother Li, the great army is before you, awaiting your command. Just say the word and we will jump into the boiling water!"

Li Qiye glanced at the army blotting out the sky and nodded: "This will be a harsh battle, life-and-death will be up to fate! The Mortal Emperor World will be your responsibility. All of you shall be recorded in the historical annals just like the wise sages in the past!"

Finished with his preamble, he added: "The enemy is before you, begin."

Hai Lin didn't say anything else. He returned to his army with the Godkings and shouted: "It's time for war, begin!"

With his command, the army instantly entered a state of battle, ready to fight Soaring Immortal to the death.

Meanwhile, Worldkeeper and his legion were as emotionless as ever. This type of battles to them was an ordinary occurrence.

In fact, he didn't give a damn about the alliance since he had no use of them as cannon fodders. If he wanted to start, he would immediately rush for the platforms.

However, His Excellency wanted to sharpen this alliance of the Mortal Emperor World. Thus, Worldkeeper let the alliance have the chance to initiate the battle.

"Clang!" Soaring Immortal have also begun readying their troops on the platform with a battle gong.

[Chapter 1663: Early News Of Victory](#)

Li Qiye told Worldkeeper while glancing at the two armies on the verge of battle: "Let them fight for a while until enough blood has flown. When they can't handle it anymore, you can start."

"Affirmative." The true god nodded.

"The Mortal Emperor World is showing tremendous resolution this time. Looks like they will be able to last for a while if Soaring Immortal doesn't use its ace cards right away." Matriarch Yu who was once the first general of the Black Dragon Legion commented while looking at the alliance.

Li Qiye nodded in agreement: "Indeed, they're doing a fine job."

Calling themselves ten millions strong was pushing it a little but everyone was going all out, agreeing to send so many disciples to participate in this war. They put aside their grievances and banded together during this moment of crisis caused by a foreign invader!

The matriarch said with a tinge of regrets: "Unfortunately, they do have a lot of firepowers but not enough time for sharpening. These battalions are strong but won't be able to cooperate during a real fight, unable to form real formations and use their combined vitality to unleash an ultimate blow. Otherwise, they would actually be able to stop Soaring Immortal's ace cards."

Soaring Immortal had fought against the Black Dragon King Legion before and had swept through the nine worlds. Their legions were battle-hardened.

"This is already impressive enough." Li Qiye chuckled: "Even if they train a bit more, they would only be able to stop the real moves from Soaring Immortal for a bit, not a full-frontal assault. The crux of the issue is that the majority of the sects are still hiding their resources. Say, if these imperial lineages all take out their imperial true treasures to form a formation empowered by Immortal Emperor Longevity Blood, they would actually be able to take Soaring Immortal on!"

The matriarch became quiet. This was indeed too difficult. How many imperial lineages were actually willing to use their full arsenals and treasuries for this battle today?

In fact, it was already commendable enough for them to send so many experts.

While the group was talking about the alliance, a series of clattering noises came about. Three huge crossbows placed on three stages far away from each other were situated in front of the alliance. With metallic clanking, the three crossbows had actually assembled themselves.

How gigantic were these crossbows? The stages they were on were the size of a mountain. Their string alone was made from the tendons of flood-dragons and spanned for more than a thousand meters.

The arrow created on top of the crossbow was even longer at ten thousand meters. Such a divine arrow could annihilate a city instantly. This was definitely an amazing artifact for a siege. Just a casual blow could end a great power.

The crowd stared in fear while looking at the black light emanating from the three arrows.

These three arrows had unique marking. The matriarch looked at Li Qiye with surprise in her eyes after seeing the marking.

Ordinary people wouldn't recognize it but she knew that it was the unique marking of the Heaven's Secret Valley.

This particular sect rarely cared about worldly matters. Who would have thought that the alliance would be able to borrow three divine crossbows from this sect. It showed the great effort and solidarity of the Mortal Emperor World.

Of course, it wasn't that easy to borrow these crossbows. Some imperial lineages must have stepped up because ordinary people weren't qualified to do so.

Meanwhile, the soldiers on the platforms of the Soaring Immortal World only sneered while looking at the three crossbows.

In their eyes, this alliance was no different from a disorganized mob, no match for their army.

Thus, the three crossbows brought here were viewed with disdain. Their crystal walls from the platforms simply couldn't be penetrated by this type of arrows or this newly formed alliance. After their enemy became fatigued from the failing siege, that's when they would instantly annihilate them.

The only real threat in their eyes was the Azure Dragon Legion, not the alliance. Killing this ragtag alliance wouldn't take too much effort.

"Fire!" After the crossbows were done setting up, Hai Lin gave the order.

A whoosh came before a loud bang. The truth was that the sounds came slower than its speed. The crystal walls were struck before the sounds emanated.

Ordinary experts couldn't see it clearly but Godkings saw everything. The three arrows struck the wall and failed to penetrate, only leaving small holes next to each other.

Because of this, the soldiers on the platform sneered at this child's play.

However, their smile froze in the next second. The arrows fell down from the holes and crumbled, revealing three intensely red arrows made of blood inside. They were extremely small, only the size of a thumb. They instantly suppressed the imperial auras that were ravaging the world and everything else.

“Boom!” The wall shattered and the blood arrows continued towards the Soaring Immortal Legion.

“Shield!” The officers reacted with amazing speed and instantly gave the order. At the same time, the platforms exuded a boundless imperial light to protect its legion.

“Boom!” The three arrows pierced through the imperial barrier and the shields from the soldiers. Everything crumbled before their might.

“Ah!” Blood spattered like a storm. The three arrows left behind three immense trails of blood.

Soaring Immortal suffered a devastating first blow with a casualty of nearly one hundred thousands.

“Immortal Emperor Longevity Blood turned into arrows, okay, they really put it all on the table.” Even Li Qiye commented after seeing this.

These arrows were indeed made of this grade of material and served as the alliance’s biggest ace card. Eight imperial lineages indeed expended their resources and offered the unbelievably precious nine drops of imperial blood. Finally, the Heaven’s Secret Valley refined these drops of blood into the blood arrows hidden inside the regular arrows since the crossbows by themselves wouldn’t be able to break through.

This was part of Hai Lin’s plan after careful deliberation. They needed to catch Soaring Immortal by surprise by instantly breaking through the barrier.

Soaring Immortal underestimated its enemy this time and focused on the wrong foe at this particular juncture. They didn’t expect for the imperial sects in the alliance to actually use some Immortal Emperor Longevity Blood.

“Kill!” The soldiers on the alliance side felt a great morale boost after breaking down the crystal wall. Their battle cries echoed across the entire Grand Sea.

“Rumble!” The great army rushed for the platforms with an unstoppable momentum as if they were primal beasts. The cultivators in Mortal Emperor have had enough and must destroy Soaring Immortal this time. Otherwise, this sect would always be a threat in their mind.

“To battle!” The Soaring Immortal Legion was ferocious as well. They quickly rushed to meet the enemy with the same ferocity. Even some of the wounded members were still as mighty as tigers.

Having their defensive perimeter broken through was humiliating so their bloodthirst surged even more. They would never let anyone challenge their prestige! Massacring this alliance would let them re-establish this authority.

“Boom! Bang!” In a short time, the two sides went all out on the platforms. The Godkings rampaged and everyone used their best killing techniques in order to take the enemy down.

This battle was a fight to the death for the alliance. They would never let Soaring Immortal point their swords at Mortal Emperor! A shocking skirmish ensued to the astonishment of all spectators!

[Chapter 1664: Gu Zuns Appearance](#)

“Ah!” Miserable screams became even more common as the battle grew increasingly intense. Skulls and blood went flying. A rain of blood poured down, accompanied by severed limbs. Pulverized flesh was everywhere.

As more of cultivators faltered, there were little piles of corpses everywhere. Their blood accumulated into little ponds with floating corpses and limbs.

The entire battlefield has turned into hell. The platforms were huge meat grinders that ate flesh and lives. No one could run after coming in. Their only thought was to kill or be killed!

The weak-hearted would have fainted after seeing this grotesque scene. Even the braver ones would inevitably vomit.

Alas, Li Qiye and the Azure Dragon Legion simply watched outside of the platforms without any emotional fluctuation.

Such a sight was common to them. One could even say that this was only a minor skirmish to this crowd, only an appetizer. They have experienced much worse in the Immortal Slaying War.

The alliance from Mortal Emperor actually had the upper hand in this battle. They themselves didn't expect this at all and it became a great morale boost. They fought with an unprecedented ferocity.

This was the result of Soaring Immortal underestimating its enemy. Otherwise, their formations wouldn't have become disorganized after the penetration of the blood arrows. It wouldn't have been as easy for the alliance.

The most ferocious was Hai Lin's cavalry. It was entirely made up of experts from imperial lineages on top of being led by Ding Yuanhou and several powerful Godkings. This was the elite force of the alliance. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that all hopes were pinned on this particular group.

And the cavalry didn't let them down. After entering the battlefield, they stopped Soaring Immortal's powerful retaliation like a merciless dagger aiming for the heart.

Hai Lin and the top experts were exemplary as they killed several captains on the other side and won precious opportunities for advancement!

“Reinforcements!” A horn sounded as the alliance seized the upper hand while the Soaring Immortal Legion was pushed back.

“Rumble!” The gate to Soaring Immortal was opened in a split second as more legions joined the battlefield.

The soldiers there emitted an ancient bloodthirst as if they have been stained with countless blood and the souls of their victims still lingered around.

“Imperial legions!” Everyone knew what kind of foes they were about to face. This reinforcement was many times stronger than the first legion.

In the beginning, the first legion was made up of the young generation from the sect. Now, these were imperial legions that have helped Immortal Emperor Ren Xian sweep through the world. They were experienced and adept at killing, allowing them to be completely unstoppable.

“Kill!” Nevertheless, the alliance didn’t show any fear and still lunged forward to meet their foes.

Under ordinary circumstances, people would retreat against the imperial legions. But now, the alliance had no other choice. Their eyes were red in a frenzy from the atmosphere and imperial legions weren’t enough to stop them! Only by risking it all would they have a chance for survival. Plus, to their back was their home, the Mortal Emperor World!

“Ah!” More wailings came about. It seemed to be storms of blood in the sky now. All the advantages won by the alliance disappeared after the imperial legions joined in.

At the same time, a figure appeared on the battlefield. It was an old man in gray.

He appeared like a ghost with imperceptible speed and made screams happen. In this split second, the golden dragon, Ding Yuanhou, and the top Godkings were instantly killed. The old man was truly too fast with his fierce attacks.

“Gu Zun.” Li Qiye’s eyes narrowed before ordering Worldkeeper: “I leave this place to you.”

With that, he joined the battlefield as well. After seeing this, Gu Zun’s figure flashed and disappeared. Li Qiye smiled and crossed through space in order to give chase.

The moment the two appeared again, they were already far from the battlefield. Their place of appearance was inside an auspicious ground of Heaven Suppression.

It was a flat field surrounded by mountains with a tiny palace in the center. It was half-buried on the ground and quite old in appearance. Plenty of weeds grew in the vicinity as if no one has been taking care of it.

This inconspicuous and abandoned palace was a forbidden ground for the disciples of Heaven Suppression. No one knew why except that this was a clause in their ancestral teachings.

Gu Zun stood before the palace without escaping. He turned and stared at Li Qiye.

Li Qiye also stood there, as calm as ever with a faint smile and evaluated Gu Zun for a bit.

“Your Excellency, long time no see.” Gu Zun wasn’t afraid nor angry after seeing Li Qiye. He was actually very respectful and cupped his fist: “You are even younger than in my imagination.”

“Is that so?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile while shaking his head: “Gu Zun, I’m actually amazed by your courage. You know who you are facing, even emperors are afraid of me yet it doesn’t deter you. It’s quite rare.”

“It is my honor to be praised by Your Excellency.” Gu Zun responded in a natural manner: “You used to teach me back then and said that the most important thing for a cultivator is a fearless dao heart. I have always kept this in mind. And right, you also used to say that, tread forward despite knowing that a tiger dwells on the mountain and try to overcome the impossible. That’s the way of true man.”

“I indeed taught you that.” Li Qiye nodded: “Looks like you have kept them in mind. I don’t know if I should be proud or not to have a student like you.”

“My little accomplishments aren’t enough to get into your eyes.” Gu Zun said slowly: “You have trained so many supreme people such as brilliant emperors. I pale in comparison.”

Li Qiye sighed emotionally and said: “Incredible, I have seen many people in my life. Sometimes, I feel that you are truly special. The truth is that others knew what to do with their lives but your choice surprised me.”

“You said that I had a natural disposition for betrayal.” Gu Zun said with a smile: “Since you have put it that way, why not try doing it so that you won’t be wrong? Moreover, if I don’t do it, I would be letting down my natural disposition, right?”

“Hahaha.” Li Qiye laughed and said: “Though you might not be the most courageous or the most brilliant, you are the most interesting one.”

“You are too kind.” Gu Zun replied.

Li Qiye looked at him and continued: “Gu Zun, what do you think is your chance for survival or victory? Remember, I’m not turning back this time so there’s no holding back.”

Gu Zun responded: “I know. I don’t have brother-in-law to beg for my sake. Plus, even if he was present, you wouldn’t spare me either. You have your rules and a bottom line. Once crossed, there is no mercy!”

“Correct.” Li Qiye nodded: “The Black Dragon King’s beseech no longer applies in this generation after what you have done, which is why I’m finally here now.”

[Chapter 1665: The Treasury](#)

Gu Zun said with a smile: “I know that you have given me a chance. Brother-in-law’s sacrifice had redeemed for my sin. Because of this, after you have regained your body, you still didn’t do anything against Heaven Suppression.”

“Unfortunately, you still don’t understand and haven’t changed your mind at all. Still the same Gu Zun as before.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

“Why should I?” Gu Zun smiled back: “If I am a bad person, no matter how much I change my mind and become enlightened, I’m still a bad person. It doesn’t change what I have done in the past.”

“Yes, just the fact that you told Immortal Emperor Ta Kong of the coordinates to Immortal Demon Grotto alone is worthy of a thousand deaths.” Li Qiye nodded seriously.

After Li Qiye escaped from the grotto, he worked together with an Immortal Emperor to banish the entrance to this place into a deep spatial zone. Others wouldn’t be able to find the coordinates of this entrance but Gu Zun was aware of this secret. He told Immortal Emperor Ta Kong so that the emperor could find it.

“That’s why there is no need to change my mind.” Gu Zun smiled: “I’m a dead man anyway, why bother trying to become a good person? Plus, I might have a chance of winning as a bad person, don’t you think?”

Li Qiye became a bit sentimental after seeing the calm Gu Zun. He smiled and said: "With your talents, you can learn things that even the old emperors can't. Alas, you couldn't learn certain positive traits outside of this calmness. It does resemble me quite a bit."

"Immortal Emperors aren't anything to you anyway. Plus, due to your belief of my natural disposition for betrayal, you wouldn't have trained me to become one anyway regardless of how I have acted. Thus, I have thought clearly about this matter. No need to worry about becoming an Immortal Emperor, there are many other things in life worth pursuing."

"So you want to imitate and become me." Li Qiye was clear on this as well.

"In this world, it isn't my sister who understands me the best, not my brother-in-law either, it is you, your Excellency." Gu Zun said: "If I can't become an emperor, then it's not bad to become the dark hand either. I don't lack talents and strategies, my dao heart can be polished even further. Though my dao heart is no match for yours, I still think it can't be weaker than the emperors. With enough time, mine will be as strong as yours."

"But you lack two things. Resources and immortality." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Yes, Your Excellency. However, you have left behind a treasury that was once watched over by my brother-in-law and Immortal Emperor Qian Li. It was then strengthened by Immortal Emperor Yin Tian later. I heard them saying that this treasury contains your personal artifacts for attacking the tenth world. Thus, there is no need to debate their values. If I can obtain them, that's enough for me to stand strong in the nine worlds!" Gu Zun remained calm.

"That's why you have always wanted it." Li Qiye didn't become angry: "Though you couldn't open it, this led to your second idea. If you had immortality, it would mean endless possibilities and time for strategies. One day, you would be able to get this treasury."

"Yes, that's why I gave the coordinates to Immortal Emperor Ta Kong so that he could invade the place. Unfortunately, this plan wasn't that successful. If I could become an immortal being like you were, I could replace you one day." Gu Zun agreed.

"How interesting." Li Qiye couldn't help but smile: "I have met so many people in the millions of years. Supreme geniuses and treacherous students, but no matter who they are, they all wanted to obtain some treasures or training from me. Of course, becoming an emperor was many people's dream. However, very few wanted to become an existence like me. Immortality isn't all that wonderful like in people's imagination."

"That's indeed the case." Gu Zun said solemnly: "This is something I admire about you. As generations went by with pain, you didn't become a saint or a devil, your heart remained the same. This is the greatest thing about you and what I aspire with great confidence to have one day, an immovable dao heart. Then I can rule the nine worlds just like you, much more interesting than becoming an emperor."

"It's not a bad thought, unfortunately, you are not me." Li Qiye shook his head.

"That's why I have worked hard to become someone like you. After all, my cultivation is still weak after just three generations, not being able to reign the nine worlds just yet. It looks like I have let you down." Gu Zun replied truthfully.

“Forget it, no need to talk about this.” Li Qiye shook his head: “My main goal this time in the Grand Sea is taking your life. Since you have chosen on walking the dark path, I shall let you use all your means and ace cards now, so that you won’t be dying a regretful death.”

“Thank you. Let us finish this matter then.” Gu Zun respectfully cupped his fist.

“Clank!” The entire field was locked the moment Gu Zun finished speaking. An iron curtain surrounded the whole place with the two and the palace inside.

Li Qiye wasn’t afraid at all. He carefully observed the curtain and commented: “Flawless craftsmanship, cast from the iron of the earth vein. It grew together with the vein and after a long period of gestation, it had taken roots with the vein for symbiosis.”

“This is all thanks to your guidance.” Gu Zun didn’t become complacent: “You have taught me the art of smelting before so I gave it a try. I’m glad you’re not disappointed.”

“You still want me to open the treasury.” Li Qiye glanced at the palace and understood Gu Zun’s intention.

“I truly want to widen my horizon. Your treasury has been here for a long time. After careful rumination, this treasury was now connected with the earth vein. Without your key, it is impossible to open it. So, I used the arts you have taught me back then and used the earth iron as the base in order to connect this curtain with the earth vein as well. After years of harmonization, my experiment was a success.”

“Hmm, indeed.” Li Qiye agreed: “A very clever design. If I want to leave by breaking down this curtain, I have to open the treasury first. Or, just opening the treasury would automatically remove the curtain as well. This is indeed the finest craftsmanship in the nine worlds. This technique, this planning, this refinement technique... how many people can actually achieve this type of symbiosis with the earth vein?”

If outsiders were to listen to this conversation, they would think the two were discussing a profound art. Who would think that these two were about to kill each other?

Gu Zun respectfully cupped his fist at the praise again.

Li Qiye smiled and looked at Gu Zun: “You want to see the key, right?”

“Yes.” Gu Zun nodded: “Your treasury is unique, the other treasures in the world are mere scraps in comparison. I have coveted your treasury for a long time, you won’t be so stingy as to not let me see it?”

Gu Zun didn’t try to hide his intent at all. There was no need to do so before Li Qiye since nothing could elude his eyes.

“Are you not afraid of me killing you first?” Li Qiye teased.

Gu Zun didn’t become afraid: “I know you’re not so ordinary. In your eyes, I am a dead man, it is only a matter of time. I haven’t used my ace card so you won’t be killing me just yet. I’m confident you will open the treasury first.”

“How fun.” Li Qiye praised: “Fine, since you want it so bad, what else can I say? It’s not like I can’t let you see it, but, the key is not on me.”

“From what I know about you, Your Excellency, as long as your soul and sea of memories are there, it will not be a problem. Your sea of memories isn’t only empowered by brother-in-law’s group but also by many other existences. Because of this, it can easily open this treasury.” Gu Zun slowly commented.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: “No, you don’t understand. What I’m saying is, the key is not on me. You have the key.”

“Your Excellency, your joke isn’t funny at all. If I had the key, I wouldn’t need to wait till now.” Gu Zun shook his head.

To which Li Qiye responded in a serious manner: “I’m not joking around. I don’t have the key, the real key has always been on you. You, yourself, is the key.”

“Impossible!” Gu Zun couldn’t remain calm at this moment. He took one step back with his eyes narrowing.

In this split second, he came up with a frightening possibility!

[Chapter 1666: The Unthinkable Answer](#)

Li Qiye smiled at the astounded Gu Zun: “Yes, just like your imagination, you have always been able to open the treasury. Your blood is the key!”

“No, it’s impossible!” Gu Zun turned slightly pale, finding it hard to accept this truth.

Remember, he has been working on this treasury for a long time without being able to open it. Back then, the Black Dragon King and Immortal Emperor Qian Li personally watched it on top of another augmentation by Immortal Emperor Yin Tian. It was understandable that he didn’t have an opening. But now, the real answer was that he, himself, was the key. It was too much for him to take.

“Try and see.” Li Qiye smiled again.

Gu Zun took a deep breath and tried to regain his calm demeanor. Nevertheless, his expression was still slightly awkward since he already knew the answer.

He walked in front of the old, mottled entrance and took a deep breath before stretching out his finger. A drop of blood flowed into the lock while his finger was quivering.

“Creak-” After his blood drop entered the lock, the heavy door slowly opened with exquisite movements.

He seemed to be struck by lightning and took a step back, paled. The answer was finally confirmed.

In the past, he had tried multiple times to find a method of entry or sneaking in. However, this place was created by the hardest material in the world, sealed by the most fortified method with emperors, and guarded by the Black Dragon King and the others.

This impregnable treasury was out of reach even for an eonic genius like him. It was simply impossible to open. He had dreamt about entering many times but now, it was right before him yet he felt fear and didn’t dare to enter.

“Since you have planned for so long, why not go have a look?” Li Qiye said slowly as Gu Zun was frozen at the entrance.

Gu Zun took a deep breath and stepped inside the treasury despite knowing the answer. He chose to face it because he was not a weak coward.

There were no immortal lights in the treasury or the hymns of divine weapons, no beautiful armors either. It was a completely empty treasury!

Gu Zun turned pale inside the treasury. He trembled despite his best effort to calm himself. The treasury he coveted so much has always been empty! Not even in his dream would he ever have expected such a thing.

Li Qiye didn't sneer at him and simply watched quietly.

In the end, Gu Zun regained his composure. His pale face had its color returned.

He couldn't help but smile: “That's Your Excellency for you, I am but a child compared to you in terms of scheming. Using the most precious metal to create a treasury and made all of these big shots stand on guard just for it to be empty...”

It was a very forced smile, even uglier than crying.

“So you have schemed against me from the beginning, even before you taught me cultivation. I was naive enough to think that you were earnest in that endeavor. So I was listed in your list of traitors from the start!” He smiled bitterly.

“You're off there.” Li Qiye shook his head: “I didn't teach you for the sake of it. If I didn't want to, you think the Black Dragon King could have convinced me otherwise? That's right, this treasury was created because of you in the beginning. It is not only because of your natural disposition towards betrayal. More importantly, it is because you are one of the ten eonic geniuses, such a rare and precious aptitude. Even though I don't really care for talents, I didn't wish to see you being wasted before me. This treasury is only a test for you. Despite your great talents, you ultimately failed the test. You thought your current dao heart is unyielding but you couldn't resist the temptation!”

He continued on: “I was vigilant against you not because of your disposition but because you couldn't resist temptation from the start. I have seen countless geniuses and even the eonic ones. When a genius can't resist temptation, then he won't be bringing good fortune to the nine worlds, only calamities.”

“In the end, you are still correct.” Gu Zun smiled.

Li Qiye stared at him and said flatly: “Do you know why I still haven't killed you? It is not only because of your brother-in-law but because you have still been able to protect your dao heart to a certain extent. At the very least, you didn't cross the line and experimented with the Ancient Ming. That's why I didn't kill you yet!”

“I am honored.” Gu Zun respectfully said.

“You won't turn back and will keep continuing on this path.” Li Qiye added.

“You still won’t spare me, what begins must end, right, Your Excellency?” Gu Zun had finally calmed his emotions at this moment.

“All of this doesn’t matter at this point. It is destined to happen.” Li Qiye gently shook his head.

Gu Zun smiled back: “Then I have no regrets. Having a pursuit is necessary for one’s life. Being able to oppose you is the happiest thing in my life, my greatest achievement. After the destruction of the Ancient Ming, how many people have actually dared to truly take you on? I am insignificant compared to you. However, even if I’m only an ant, I want to be one that does not know its limit, one that doesn’t want to submit to your wish, Your Excellency!”

“Quite courageous!” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “Everyone wants something different. If your pursuit is to oppose me, then I can’t do anything else but kill you.”

“I know.” Gu Zun didn’t become alarmed and said: “If you want to see my ace card, then follow me.” He disappeared afterward.

Li Qiye smiled and disappeared as well. He crossed through space and gave chase.

In the next second, the two of them emerged above a vast sea. This was still the Grand Sea but it was in the southernmost area. This desolate region rarely had visitors and was without any lineage.

The tides here were fierce and violent as if the sea itself was enraged.

“Your Excellency, this sea region is familiar, right?” Gu Zun smiled and said.

“Rumble!” The sea split and became chaotic. It looked like a portal was opening from below and nine gigantic figures came out. Their aura rampaged like a terrible primal flood!

They immediately blotted out the sky and took away light from this region. The sea only made it up to their knees. One crush alone could annihilate the entire realm.

They were all monsters with different forms. One had a large fish body and a tiny human head; one more had the body of a five-clawed flood-dragon. Another one had a large shell on its back and resembled a clam...

They resembled sea monsters but didn’t have the same aura. The nine instantly surrounded Li Qiye while Gu Zun stayed outside.

“Your Excellency, are you familiar with these nine friends too?” Gu Zun smiled and said.

“How can I forget the nine Sea Kings?” Li Qiye chuckled after seeing them.

“Gentlemen, here’s your old friend, His Excellency, Dark Crow!” Gu Zun smiled and said: “This is the man who suppressed you all at the bottom of the sea. His Excellency had gotten back his body in this generation, it’s time for vengeance.”

The nine monsters immediately became serious. Their eyes shined like the sun in the sky and illuminated the region.

Everyone would be horrified by this terrible scene.

[Chapter 1667: Nine Sea Kings](#)

Li Qiye chuckled after seeing the nine gigantic monsters. He didn't care at all even though the eighteen eyes were shining on him like eighteen suns. It had no effect on him.

"Dark Crow!" The monsters' voice struck like thunder, causing the world to quake.

Even Godkings would be terrified because of them.

"You think they can trap me?" Li Qiye cheerfully smiled at Gu Zun standing outside.

"I know it is difficult to trap you, Your Excellency." Gu Zun smiled back: "But at the very least, this will be more enemies for you. I trust that the nine Sea Kings will trouble you quite a bit since they want revenge from back then!"

People would be scared out of their mind to hear their titles. They used to be legendary monsters that once ravaged the Mortal Emperor World several generations ago. They were rumored to be from the Grand Sea, similar to sea monsters but not part of that tribe.

Their real origin was unknown but they were immensely powerful after appearing and completely unpredictable. Not too many could oppose them in this world.

They became even stronger during Immortal Emperor Yin Tian's generation and frequently traveled around the Grand Sea. There would be a great storm each time that robbed the peace from the region.

Later on, the emperor fought against the nine of them. These kings were strong to an unbelievable level and actually managed to stop the emperor then escaped.

In fact, after the emperor's fight, the Dark Crow had sent several people to find them. However, they were too elusive to be found.

Eventually, the storm and tsunami caused by them truly enraged the Dark Crow. He ordered his generals and even came in person. Finally, he captured and sealed all nine of them beneath this sea region.

As the Dark Crow's enemy, Gu Zun had always thought about how to free them. His effort didn't betray him. After several careful observations, he found that the seal was weakening. Because of this, he tried his best to release the seal and the nine monsters in order to fight against their common enemy, the Dark Crow!

"Why do you assume that they're my enemies?" Li Qiye cheerfully smirked.

"Is this not the case?" Gu Zun's expression changed. He didn't have the same confidence as before after the treasury incident.

"Your Excellency!" The nine monsters dropped down to one knee. Their body as large as amazing pillars bowed towards Li Qiye!

"Rise, you all have been sealed long enough. It is all in the past now." Li Qiye nodded.

"You!" Gu Zun was astounded and stumbled backward. At this time, he stared at Li Qiye in horror: "You tricked me again!"

“Not quite.” Li Qiye shook his head: “I didn’t do this to scheme against you. It is all a coincidence. Remember, you weren’t born yet when the nine kings were in this world.”

At this moments, the nine Sea Kings surrounded Gu Zun instead. One of them said: “Brat, you are indeed very smart. Unfortunately, you don’t know our origin. Your intelligence has betrayed you.”

“You lot conspired together!” Gu Zun felt himself being tricked completely. He thought that he was releasing some powerful enemies against Li Qiye and didn’t expect for them to be friends.

Li Qiye shook his head again: “No, I have been chasing and eventually imprisoned them. This is true. However, I have also done them a favor, there is no grievance here. You also knew of this so you assumed that they are my enemies. I was also certain that you would come to find them so I casually gave them an order. The truth is that ever since you opened the seal, they have been watching over the Grand Sea and keeping an eye on you!”

He smiled and added: “It’s funny, your intelligence and scheming are hurting you now.”

“Brat, His Excellency has given us a new life, you think we would actually work together with you?” One of the Sea Kings laughed.

So it turned out that the nine kings were juniors who have escaped from the Crystalfowl Immortal Mine. Their branch was suppressed and cursed by the high heaven so they couldn’t appear in this world.

Nevertheless, the nine were powerful and clever enough. After escaping, they severed their bloodline and turned into these monsters.

Alas, despite losing their bloodline, they were still strong so they caused quite a stir at the Mortal Emperor World. However, they didn’t come out for hegemony or anything, only to play around.

Li Qiye had promised the pheasant to look for them. That’s why he started chasing after them. However, the nine kings knew that Li Qiye wanted to capture them so they were very elusive and would run at the first sign of trouble.

Unfortunately, certain things couldn’t be avoided. Even though they have severed their bloodline, they were still creatures not allowed to come into being. They failed to erase the aura of their race.

Thus, during the generation of Immortal Emperor Yin Tian, the heavenly curse and suppression returned in the form of a lightning tribulation assaulting them.

This was the reason why there would be a great storm each time they appeared in the Grand Sea. They didn’t want to cause trouble, it was due to the curse!

Li Qiye then personally took action and surrounded them with his legion. He didn’t only suppress them but also sealed them completely. His sealing technique allowed them to escape the curse from the high heaven.

Gu Zun was aware of this story but he didn’t know of the nine kings’ origin. That’s why he released them in the first place. He didn’t expect for them to owe the Dark Crow a great debt!

The people he thought were his allies turned out to be the ones keeping an eye on him the whole time. This turned his expression quite unsightly!

“Looks like I’m still no match for you in terms of scheming and experience.” Gu Zun took a deep breath and had to admit.

In fact, he was well aware of this beforehand but he still wanted to give it a shot. He couldn’t accept defeat without trying. Thinking that he was inferior to the Dark Crow was unacceptable.

For him, he would never give up until the Dark Crow shatters his confidence completely at the very last moment!

Li Qiye commented: “This is just because there are many things you don’t know. You’re talented enough, just need more time and experience. Alas, you have chosen the wrong path.”

One of the nine kings bellowed with a laughter: “Brat, you are very smart indeed, able to comprehend and break the seal. Unfortunately, it’s your unlucky day. Now, we’re just waiting for His Excellency to give the command, to throw you into the eye of the sea or to kill you.”

Gu Zun took one step back after hearing this. He was very mighty as well but he had some qualm against fighting characters of the nine kings level. If the nine were to fight together, it would be even more devastating. This was the reason why he wanted to team up with them against the Dark Crow.

He regained his composure and smiled: “I’m sure His Excellency isn’t in a rush to kill me right now.”

Li Qiye stared at him in response: “Gu Zun, you are still so confident, not panicking in this situation. That’s indeed impressive, I am full of regrets, lamenting the waste of your talents.”

“Who I am today is due to your guidance and training. If I can’t do this much, how can I replace you in the future?” He smiled.

Li Qiye replied: “Gu Zun, want to know something? Even if I spare you in this generation, someone else will kill you if you don’t change your way.”

“I know who you are referring to, Your Excellency.” Gu Zun calmly responded: “When brother-in-law sealed me back then, he warned me that if I don’t repent, he will personally kill me. I don’t question his ability, only his determination. Even if he comes back to life, he still won’t be able to do it! That’s his weakness.”

“Nothing is absolute in this world. If the Black Dragon King said he wants to kill you, I’m sure he will do it.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“I’m waiting but I haven’t seen him yet. He was able to live for three generations, will there be a fourth? If he can come out again to kill me, then I will have nothing to say. Dying to him isn’t shameful at all since even Immortal Emperor Ta Kong was killed by him, let alone me.” Gu Zun leisurely retorted.

“Run. Like you have said, I’m in no hurry. I want to see the rest of your ace cards. Do not disappoint me again with little schemes like this one.” Li Qiye looked at him and said.

[Chapter 1668: The Black Dragon King](#)

Gu Zun wasn’t surprised at all that Li Qiye would let him leave. He cupped his fist and smiled: “Thank you, Your Excellency. You’re still the one that knows me best in this world.”

“Okay, no need to utter such nauseating words. Go ahead and use all of your ace cards, I know you still have some secrets hidden up your sleeve.” Li Qiye leisurely said.

“I’ll try my best. Hopefully, my killing move won’t disappoint you. That would be too much of a let down since you think so highly of me.” Gu Zun smiled.

With that, his body flashed and crossed through space.

“We’re done here.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve at the nine kings: “The nine of you can continue your hibernation. Oh, right, I forgot. The old geezer from the mine misses you. You all can decide whether to keep staying here or come back for the punishment.”

He instantly disappeared to chase Gu Zun again.

It wasn’t like the pheasant didn’t know that the nine kings have snuck out of the cave back then. In fact, it was impossible for an existence of this level not to detect them. It purposely let them escape and pretended not to know.

Since their birth, these juniors weren’t allowed to take half a step out of the cave. The nine brothers wanted to see the outside world but the seniors didn’t give them permission. They had even tried to sneak out several times in the past to no avail. Later on, the pheasant became soft and let them snuck out. Otherwise, how could nine little juniors escape from the immortal mine?

After running away from the nine Sea Kings, Gu Zun didn’t bother exerting his speed to its limit. He was in no hurry because he knew that Li Qiye wasn’t in a rush to kill him either before he showed his ace cards.

At this moment, the two of them were playing a cat and mouse game. For now, he was the mouse and Li Qiye was the cat.

Of course, Gu Zun thought that he still had a chance to turn it around if he could grasp the right opportunity. He would become the cat then.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, was indeed taking his time. He had guessed Gu Zun’s ace card so killing him now wouldn’t end this game. He wanted to capture everything in one fell swoop.

Meanwhile, a booming noise came from the distant Little Sea Village. The entire place shook as if a gigantic bull had just turned over. All the villagers were shaken with the ancestors running out to take a look.

“Rawr!” A dragon roar echoed across the Grand Sea. The ancestors in the village could only see a shadow rushing to the sky. It disappeared instantly.

“That is...” The ancestors couldn’t regain their sanity. It looked as if they had just seen the shadow of a true dragon.

Gu Zun still hasn’t made it back to Heaven Suppression before an explosion occurred. Space was shattered immediately. Runes descended from the sky and turned into a formation to lock Gu Zun.

He was aghast to see the runes while Li Qiye only smiled and stepped inside.

“Boom!” The runic formation teleported the two of them into a different area.

In an unknown crevice in the sky with rotating stars, sun and moon, the runic formation took the group into a battle stage.

“Raaa!” The runes were of a draconic nature and were issuing roars as if they wanted to turn into true dragon. The whole place was drowned in the aura of a true dragon as if a real one was there.

Sure enough, Gu Zun looked up and saw a true dragon lying right there. It was completely black with scales seemingly cast from some wondrous and tough metal. Its five claws were extremely sharp with a flashing glint, capable of cutting through everything.

When the dragon opened its eyes, the entire nine worlds seemed to be lit up. The eyes were profound and could see through the true form of everything. Nothing could escape the dragon’s gaze.

Anyone would be frightened by its glare, including the most powerful Godkings. It could bring everything back to nothingness with its withering power.

This was no shadow or illusion. It was a real true dragon with the purest bloodline! Few people in the world have seen one, spotting one would be the topic of a lifetime.

Gu Zun didn’t seem to be surprised at all. He smiled and asked: “Long time no see, brother-in-law. It’s a shame that I won’t be able to see your third generation body anymore.”

The dragon stared at Gu Zun without replying. Li Qiye gently sighed and waved at the dragon. It nodded towards him but didn’t avert its gaze from Gu Zun.

“Brother-in-law, do you need to hate me so much? Your third gen body is dead already. If I remember correctly, you really doted on me during your first generation.” Gu Zun cheerfully smiled.

The dragon still remained quiet with its flashing eyes, instilling a sense of respect into others.

“Do you want to capture me with this body? Is this necessary?” Gu Zun was still as carefree as ever.

“Brother-in-law, you promised sister to take good care of me. However, you never did that. I suffered so much when you threw me into the eye of the sea and took away my fortunes. Then, you sealed me into the depth. Really now, your little brother-in-law had suffered a lot following you for three generations.”

“Raaa!” The dragon roared with a tyrannical aura surging like a storm. Alas, Gu Zun was untouched by it, still with a smile on his face.

“Brother-in-law, no need to be angry. In your eyes, I am a worthless piece of clay that can’t be molded. However, our pursuits are different. You only want to fight against the world. As for me, I want to become His Excellency! I’m not as useless as you think.”

“Hmph!” The dragon snorted in response. The world lost its brilliance and its inhabitants shuddered before this sound.

Gu Zun still didn’t care: “Maybe you disagree with my ideologies and think that I am a bastard. Maybe you wanted me to become an emperor or someone like you. Alas, my dream is even more magnificent

and grand. I want to become an existence that can engulf the nine worlds. If someone with a mortal body and mortal talents can do so, why can't I, an eonic genius, do so?"

The dragon's stare remained cold.

"That glare again, brother-in-law. I know what you are trying to say." Gu Zun shook his head and said: "You are thinking that I am a frog trying to eat a swan. I don't understand, why does His Excellency command so much confidence in whatever he does but you mock me for trying as if I don't know my own limits? Is it because I was born with a penchant for treachery? Or is it because I covet that empty treasury?"

The dragon answered by pointing its claw straight at Gu Zun.

"Brother-in-law, I won't return with you." Gu Zun understood its intent and replied: "You took my fortunes and cultivation back then before sealing me but I don't blame you for this since I have indeed committed a crime. However, not this time since I haven't done anything heinous for now. That's why I won't let you imprison me again!"

The dragon's claw spread open. "Boom!" It seemed the entire space erupted because of him. This claw was freed from all the restraints of the world. Its power was simply unstoppable.

"You want to do it by force now?" Gu Zun said without being afraid. He smiled and shook his head: "Brother-in-law, you won't necessarily be able to capture me alive. I agree that your third body could have done so in a short time but the current you won't do."

The dragon snorted again after hearing this.

"You were indeed invincible but your first body only has an incomplete soul, far weaker than your top form. In the past, I wouldn't have any chance but now, I actually wonder if I go all out, would I accidentally kill you? Will sister blame me for doing so?"

[Chapter 1669: Three Generations of the Black Dragon King](#)

The true dragon ahead was the first body of the Black Dragon King. It can be considered the only true dragon left in the nine world with a complete body. It retained the divinity of its ancient race!

Back then, the king was only a serpent-dragon. After receiving guidance from the Dark Crow on cultivation, he finally reached atavism and jumped through the dragon gate to grasp a real dragon bloodline.

His blood had reached an extremely pure level. Even the dragons above the nine heavens wouldn't necessarily be better than his bloodline.

At that time, the Dark Crow had a completely new idea about reincarnation. Of course, this was impossible for cultivators. However, the Black Dragon King was an exception. His blood was blessed with advantages by the high heaven. He was a great candidate for this new revolutionary idea.

Because of this, the king had also cultivated the Dark Crow's reincarnation art at the start. This was the reason why he was able to live for three generations.

In the first one, he trained until his blood reached atavism to become a true dragon. This allowed him to have a unique condition. At his peak, he severed his true dragon body and only left behind a weak soul. He then moved to a new body and lived for a second generation.

For the second, he used his dragon soul to train an Immortal Physique. Under great effort from both him and the Dark Crow, the Black Dragon King cultivated the one and only Dragon Soul Immortal Physique.

At the apex of the second generation, he once again severed this Immortal Physique and left a remnant soul behind again with the help of the Dark Crow. This time around, he severed it even more thoroughly. He slashed all of his bloodline and seals. In the end, the new creation was with a mortal physique, mortal fate, and mortal wheel.

For the third gen, he started his cultivation again with these mortal aptitudes, the most primordial of all constitution. At the end of his life, he was able to have two Immortal Physiques at grand completion!

Meanwhile, the two bodies with the weaker souls were sealed by the Dark Crow. He used the power of the world to nourish them and see if this would allow them to come out again.

If all three bodies could come out, then he could make them represent the past, present, and future. If they could reach this level, they would be one step closer to eternal life.

There was one weakness to all of this. The three generations of the Black Dragon King couldn't meet each other. This was the reason why the other two bodies were sealed.

The world knew that the Black Dragon King ruled for three generations but very few were aware that the king in each one was different. Of course, Gu Zun as his brother-in-law was privy to this knowledge.

"It doesn't matter how much you try to bring up the family issue with your brother-in-law, certain things are of the past now." Li Qiye shook his head and said after seeing Gu Zun's long chatter.

Gu Zun looked at him in response: "This art is created by you, do you think my brother-in-law has a chance?"

Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: "Gu Zun, I don't know if you want your brother to come out again or to obtain the essences of this art and remove the imperfections. But all in all, I can't tell you its secret."

"I know, you won't tell it to a betrayer." Gu Zun smiled and said.

After a while, Li Qiye spoke: "If the Black Dragon King is here, I won't interfere with your family issues. Time to end other things." Having said that, he took one step and disappeared from the old battlefield.

Only Gu Zun and the true dragon were left. Even if Gu Zun wanted to leave, the dragon wouldn't let him.

"Make your move." The dragon spoke with a mantra. It raised both claws to seal the world and the myriad dao. Even the gods would be helpless beneath these claws.

"If this is the case, then I'll have to try my best. I hope sister won't blame me if I kill you. Of course, if I die in your hands, I'm sure she won't blame you either." Gu Zun took a deep breath.

"Boom!" The dragon responded by slamming its claw down. The myriad dao turned to ashes; laws were shattered.

Gu Zun didn't dare to underestimate this invincible attack. He roared and unleashed all of his best moves. One attack swayed the realms while another robbed the light from the stars.

With devastating explosions, the two fought an amazing battle on this stage. It was a shame that no one else was able to see it...

"Ahh!" With screams and rain of blood, skulls rolled all over the ground like potatoes. Severed limbs were even more abundant among the piles of corpses.

Hai Lin's alliance was being pushed back by the imperial legions. His cavalry was in a terrible state after Gu Zun killed the top members. They found it hard to struggle after being weakened so much.

Although they had the number advantage, they lacked prior training and preparation. Despite having many God-Monarchs and even Godkings joining, it was still not enough against imperial legions that have once swept through the nine worlds.

Under many waves of attacks, the alliance's blood ran like the river. More than one million members have died.

The imperial legion from Soaring Immortal became stronger the more they fought. A defeat was inevitable for the alliance. Nevertheless, they kept on struggling due to their willingness to die. There was no retreat path for them.

Worldkeeper shook his head while watching this. He finally gave a threatening order: "Go!"

With that, he was the first one to ride forward with his stallion. The Azure Dragon Legion has finally joined the fray.

"Kill!" The legion roared with an emotionless bloodthirst. Their battle cries resembled sharp blades cutting into the enemy's heart.

"Buzz!" Layers of barriers emerged on the platforms in order to halt the legion's advance.

"Boom!" However, this defensive perimeter was useless against their march. They were stomped out completely.

"Ah!" The next waves of screams came from the imperial legion of Soaring Immortal.

Azure Dragon resembled a sharp dagger piercing into the enemy's heart. In a short time, they created a quick path and suppressed the imperial legion.

This legion was very experienced indeed but there was a big gap between them and Azure Dragon.

Anyone would gasp at how quickly Azure Dragon suppressed the imperial legion. This might be the most powerful legion in this world!

"Formation!" The generals on Soaring Immortal's side shouted. They once again reformed their ranks in order to initiate the next wave of offense.

Meanwhile, Hai Lin also blew his battle horn. The alliance retreated and reformed their ranks for the next wave also.

“Wuuuu-” A loud horn sound came inside Soaring Immortal.

“Rumble!” More legions rushed out from the sect into the battle platforms.

The alliance became nervous while looking at the imperial legions because they were too powerful. Despite being fewer in number, the combined effort of these legions could definitely crush them.

There were a total of eight imperial legions marching together with eight mighty commanders. Their aura burned brightly with a flame that would shame the sun.

Worldkeeper stared at the eight legions and said freely: “Not bad, gathering all legions from the five emperors. Alas, the only flaw is the clear deficit in certain legions. Immortal Emperor Fei and Immortal Emperor Can Long’s legion are only in-name-only with their banners.”

Though the eight legions ahead had the banners of the five emperors, the truth was that Immortal Emperor Ren Xian’s legion made up more than half of this force. The other ones were mostly in name only.

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The Soaring Immortal Sect has always been imperious, and same with their legions. They were able to threaten the nine worlds while no one else dared to criticize them.

Moreover, eight legions were present at the same time. Anyone would feel their legs trembling at this sight, let alone commenting.

However, the eight legions were silent before Worldkeeper’s criticism because they knew what kind of mighty character he was along with his legion.

“State your name before I kill you.” Worldkeeper with his spear pointed at a commander whose power was among the middle of his peers.

This commander wore a dark red armor as if it was painted with blood. The radiance exuding from his body was hotter than the sun while his aura could crush the firmaments.

Despite his accolades, he didn’t dare to posture because he was only a junior before Worldkeeper.

“My name is Ma Zhenwen, under the banner of Immortal Emperor Ren Xian.” This commander didn’t dare to show any slight. He said respectfully: “Your fame resounds like the thunder and we are forever in reverence of the Azure Dragon Legion’s tales. Unfortunately, we must fight you because we have our orders.”

Ma Zhenwen was an unknown name to the youths but an old God-Monarch from the alliance had heard of it and shouted in astonishment: “The Soaring Horse General.” [1]

This name was more popular with the old characters. Though he was not the strongest general under the emperor, he had the most contributions, He once destroyed ten sects, eight countries, and one imperial lineage within one night. This made him quite notorious and granted him this nickname.

“Good. Come and witness the destruction of Soaring Immortal.” Worldkeeper calmly said as if this was no big deal.

If such words came from anyone else, the generals would be in a furor right now. However, Ma Zhenwen and the others didn’t voice their displeasure.

They were aware of the legion and Worldkeeper’s tales. This was a legion that could stop the Ancient Ming. It was indeed eligible to challenge their sect. It could even be said that Ma Zhenwen felt like the underdog in this fight.

“Start the formation.” He didn’t waste time and took a deep breath before giving out the command.

“Buzz.” Endless light surged out from the platforms and jumped onto the members of the eight legions. Each expert became shrouded in this light and gained a divine armor. They looked just like gods now.

With an explosion of an imperial power, the eight legions came together with the front and the back sides meeting to form a circle. In a short time, the legions seemingly disappeared from the platforms. Next, all one could see was a forest of weapons, a thicket of destruction. This was an ultimate formation sealing all the platforms.

It would be exceedingly difficult to forge a path out of this formation.

Despite the fatal danger surrounding him, Worldkeeper calmly ordered: “Azure Dragon Eighteen Formation.”

“Buzz!” The entire legion turned into an Azure Dragon in the blink of an eye. This gigantic dragon took over the platforms that were now a death zone due to the Soaring Immortal Legion. There were shadows of spears and blades everywhere. Every single step was filled with danger.

“Clank!” The Soaring Immortal Legion suddenly appeared again in the form of a saber formation trying to make mincemeat of their enemy.

It was indeed capable of chopping everything into thin slices of meat with such fast speed that they would still be moving after the severing process.

As the horde of blades was coming, Worldkeeper gave an order: “Dragon To The Sky!”

The dragon leaped upward. Though the eight legions have sealed the platforms, it still couldn’t stop the movement of this draconic formation.

With a single jump, Azure Dragon instantly dodged the saber formation.

“Raaar!” The dragon descended and clawed at the formation. The unbelievably sharp claws slashed the chest of many experts in the imperial legion.

“Pluff!” Blood went flying. Some generals couldn’t evade in time and were torn into two pieces. They didn’t even have the chance to scream.

“Boom!” Soaring Immortal retaliated against this powerful offense of the dragon. Their formation instantly turned into a Heaven Suppression Seal that rushed down from the sky to stop this beast.

The sky suddenly turned black with the emergence of the seal. Followers were chanting to the seal of an emperor. This looked like an imperial decree, all must prostrate at its sight. All evils would be annihilated.

“Raaa!” The dragon roared and became enraged. A terrible draconic aura engulfed the sky. At this time, the dragon had an imperceptible speed.

With a deafening blast, the Heaven Suppression Seal was torn into pieces. Next came a series of screamings. The dragon turned into six copies and ravaged all directions. In the blink of an eye, the supreme formation was torn asunder.

This was the Azure Dragon Eighteen Formation. First, it went from “Dragon In The Wild” and changed to “Season Of Six Dragons”.

In the next moment, the eight legions emerged again. Powerful they may be, they were no match for Azure Dragon’s formation.

Just like Worldkeeper had said, the eight legions were in name only, not as strong as they were in the past. Their supreme formation was much weaker while his eighteen formations were just as strong as before on its new debut.

“Rawrr!” The six dragons continued to scream and rampaged on the battlefield. The eight legions were being massacred.

“Kill!” Despite not being a match, Soaring Immortal was still struggling to hold on. Waves of combatants rushed forward in order to stop the dragons.

“Go now!” The alliance saw an opportunity and immediately joined the battlefield. They followed the dragons and attacked the weakened foes with great success.

The alliance was ecstatic to join again with a risen morale. In the beginning, Soaring Immortal didn’t care for the alliance but now, they were being stomped down by the alliance. Many generals from Soaring Immortal angrily gritted their teeth but there was nothing they could do about it. The majority of their forces was being used to stop Azure Dragon and had no time to deal with the alliance!

“Ah!” Soaring Immortal was no match for the fury of the eighteen formations from Azure Dragon. They were continuously pushed back!

Soaring Immortal suffered grievous losses in a short time. Many disciples were being massacred to the dismay of the old generals from the imperial legions. This was truly humiliating to them.

“Open the formation, use our vitality!” In the end, an order-giver from the sect couldn’t endure this any longer.

After receiving the command, the soldiers offered their blood energy without any hesitation into the battlefield.

They had no other choice at this moment. It was either being killed one by one by the legion or to go all out. This was a heavy price to pay but at least there was a chance. Once it was time for their ace card to come out, perhaps they would be able to destroy Azure Dragon and put an end to the legend!

