

Emperor 2651

### [Chapter 2651: Apocalyptic Slash](#)

“Boom!” The emperor took one step forward and crushed the void along with the laws in the world. Everything beneath his steps became ashes and insignificant.

The celestials were shaking with everything else. The world couldn’t handle his power. Just one remnant strand could take down all.

It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that the land they were on would be crushed by a strand of his hair falling down.

He had unlimited vitality and invulnerability - a truly frightening state just like a progenitor.

People shuddered after seeing his slow yet destructive pace.

This was his peak form - something more than just the four of them added together. This peerless combination move made him look invincible.

“Who can stop his slash now?” The strongest Eternals present right now felt doubt.

The first person that popped up on everyone’s mind was the Everlasting named Solar Daoist, at least in Imperial Lineage.

“A True Emperor just has too much potential.” Another Eternal said enviously.

Among the four, the emperor was the youngest and also the weakest in terms of cultivation.

However, he became the primary force of this team. The rest could only aid him instead of directly going against Fiercest.

These were the advantages of being an emperor. His potential far outweighed even those stronger than him.

“Clank!” He pointed his Purecloud at Li Qiye. This alone was enough to make the crowd tremble. They felt as if their souls were being torn apart.

“One of us is going down today!” The emperor declared in a powerful manner, seemingly in charge of Li Qiye’s life.

“It’ll be you.” Li Qiye smiled, unperturbed by the emperor’s amazing form.

“Die!” The emperor didn’t waste words. His eyes turned fierce with murderous intent.

The world became dark as a result under his bloodthirst, wavering back and forth on the verge of destruction.

“So terrifying!” The crowd felt their legs giving in and got cold sweats all over.

“Clank!” He finally unleashed a slash.

It didn’t have the mysteries of the dao - only pure devastation!

Everyone could see gods and deities fall down before this slash; their blood splashing everywhere.

It didn't have any technique variation and swift changes either yet death seemed to be certain. Everyone felt despair while watching the arc.

It was clearly aimed towards Li Qiye but they felt hopeless all the same. There was no point in resisting. In fact, they didn't even have the courage to try and could only wait for decapitation just like a captured prisoner.

They felt a chill running down their very soul. This slash has left a terrible trauma in their mind.

"Go." Li Qiye casually responded.

"Rumble!" Countless stars over the horizon started shooting towards the slash, wanting to penetrate through the slash.

However, the emperor ignored the stars. His slash was still coming straight for Li Qiye.

The only thing on his mind was killing Li Qiye. This bloodthirst has become an obsession that could pierce through everything.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" Everyone saw the stars exploding the moment they touched the emperor's body.

Remember, each star had immensely destructive potential; each capable of destroying a kingdom or sect. They could have easily pierced through the earth.

Alas, they couldn't force him to move even an inch. The three impregnable barriers surrounding him easily stopped the barrage of stars. They slammed into what seems to be the toughest wall in existence.

"Clank!" Meanwhile, the slash was still coming for Li Qiye, on the verge of decapitating him.

"Go!" Li Qiye swept his hand forward summoned a thunderstorm with descending lightning bolts.

"Rumble!" With the currents around him, he suddenly turned into a supreme thunder god.

He then ordered the tsunami of lightning bolts to stop the slash.

"Bam! Bam! Bam!" The waves of lightning slammed into the firmaments and drowned out everything. They looked like numerous dragons leaving their lair. This force made the world resemble a tiny boat amidst a torrential storm.

"Clank!" The sword cut straight into the currents and quickly split it apart. It continued to head for Li Qiye who was in the center of this ocean, shrouded by lightning.

"Pluff!" It successfully broke through the currents and split Li Qiye into two halves.

This connection signaled the end of the world, rendering everything to ashes. The splattering of his blood would also extinguish the rest.

Everyone felt as if they were split into two just like Li Qiye as well. Their blood and viscera spewed out.

[Chapter 2652: Ineffective Slash](#)

Why even bother trying to stop this unstoppable slash? Even the strongest cultivator would fall victim.

The slash could slay gods and emperors since it has reached a new plateau.

The spectators felt as if they were victims of the slash just like Li Qiye. During the entire process, their eyes widened in astonishment and helplessness.

They couldn't move at all so resisting wasn't possible. Plus, they didn't have the courage to do so either. Waiting for death was the only option.

Dust and debris scattered downward. The ocean of lightning has been split into two, the same as Li Qiye.

Some saw Li Qiye being split into two. Others even saw Li Qiye's two halves falling to the ground with sputtering blood.

The emperor pulled back his sword, ending the battle in a decisive manner. Nothing was left after the slash - not the ocean of lightning or the offensive bolts. Li Qiye no longer existed as well.

The world became silent; the spectators were intimidated by the slash and couldn't calm down. Some felt a jolt of pain all over as if they have been slain as well by the emperor.

"I can't believe it." They eventually regained their sanity. A few dropped to the ground and became paralyzed while feeling powerless. Even the strongest Eternals present felt that way.

"That's the power of a True Emperor. Never miss the chance to follow this path if possible." One Eternal started reflecting.

Of course, the emperor didn't fight alone. The other three assisted but he was the primary focus in delivering such a mighty blow. An Eternal was far inferior to a True Emperor and a progenitor.

"Li Qiye's dead." People looked around and only saw a clear sky.

"I think so." They searched and searched yet couldn't find him: "Only death awaits those who try to stop that slash."

Since they saw him being dismembered by the slash, they believed that he has been killed.

"Fiercest couldn't have stopped that combination attack, no one in Imperial can. It had the style of a progenitor just now." An older expert added.

People glanced at each other and nodded in agreement. That slash earlier looked like one from a progenitor.

Perhaps only Solar Daoist, an Everlasting, would be able to handle such a terrifying move.

"Fiercest is finally dead." People started to sigh after seeing the aftermath.

For some reason, many started feeling much better. Though they had no problems with Fiercest, his very existence exerted immense pressure on them due to his devilish nature. As long as he was alive, other geniuses and top beings would always be overshadowed by him.

They felt as if colors have returned to the world. There was no need to live under his shadow any longer.

“He courted death.” The ones annoyed by him celebrated and started mocking him: “That’s why one shouldn’t consider themselves to be unbeatable regardless of how strong they are. There is always a stronger man and a higher mountain. He should have expected this for being too arrogant.”

Of course, these people weren’t annoyed because they had feuds with Fiercest, only out of simple jealousy.

Meanwhile, the emperors held the sword with both hands; his eyes shone like two divine lamps illuminating the world. Nothing could hide before his eyes.

“It’s over.” Strangely enough, his comment didn’t carry that much confidence.

Given his power, he could tell that the slash indeed made contact against Li Qiye. No, he was one hundred percent sure about this.

Logically, no one should be able to survive the slash after a clean connection. Alas, their enemy was Fiercest. The four still had lingering doubts and didn’t know if they have killed him or not.

“Indeed, it is time to end this.” A leisure voice sounded.

Everyone looked back and saw Fiercest standing in his old spot as if he didn’t move at all.

It seemed as if he had evaporated from thin air earlier. No one could see the mysteries behind it all.

“Incredible speed.” An old voice came from behind Jade-break True Emperor. He was the only one who saw everything in spite of Li Qiye’s agility, unlike the rest.

“...” Puresword True Emperor staggered backward.

“All beneath the realm of progenitor and Everlasting are mere ants. I simply took one step forward, thinking that your slash will follow me. But no, it stopped at the present.” Li Qiye said.

The emperor turned pale. Actual time traveling across the temporal river... This was beyond temporal simulations and predictions - something that Eternals could do.

When Li Qiye took one step forward earlier, he managed to leave the present. The emperor didn’t know whether he traveled to the past or the present.

He was only channeling a state similar to that of a progenitor and wasn’t an actual one. His slash couldn’t give chase across time.

It seemed like a clean connection and that he had severed Li Qiye into two halves. Alas, this wasn’t the case since Li Qiye existed in a different timeline at that point.

While in the present, one couldn’t cut the past or the future unless their slash could exceed the temporal boundaries.

### [Chapter 2653: To Smitheereens](#)

Once Li Qiye took a step backward, he returned to the present in the same spot. That’s why the emperor clearly felt his sword touching Li Qiye’s head earlier.

It had indeed touched Li Qiye's hair but because of his extreme speed, the slash felt so slow. Just by moving forward in time, the slash became nullified.

The emperor couldn't read this during the heat of the moment but he could see this clearly now. That's why he was pale because he notices that Li Qiye was standing at the door of the Everlasting realm.

He wasn't something they could handle. Only Everlastings and progenitors could match him. Anyone else was no different than worms.

He took a deep breath to compose himself. Although his power has reached an insane level with the help of his system and the other three, it still couldn't break through the next level.

Reaching that next step required more than external help. One's personal cultivation needed to be there.

"I don't have any cool move, so just one punch then." Li Qiye smiled and declared.

Having said that, his fist glowed brightly.

"Boom!" It shook ever so slightly before exuding a golden radiance.

"Boom! Boom! Boom..." It trembled for a total of twelve times.

Most people only took note of one vibration.

"Myriad Dao Fist, twelve as one!" Li Qiye smiled and let it loose.

"Bang!" The high heaven and the great earth shattered before this punch.

Everything was pushed back to the origin, to the very start of the world. Only primordial chaos was left as far as the eye can see.

This fusion punch was unstoppable, rending all other affinities back into the start.

The inhabitants of this realm could only shudder and pray that he would show mercy instead of destroying all things.

"Go!" The emperor had no choice but to slash forward again.

"Clank!" The power similar to that of a progenitor with endless vitality and life force shot out.

Same as before, this slash didn't have any dao and variation, only pure murder and absolute power.

Everything else was meaningless before absolute power. This was the only way to fight.

"Boom!" The shockwaves from the impact swept through the world. The stars in the sky turned to specks of dust, even the huge planets!

Everyone watched nervously while being on the ground. Lowly characters like them could only wait for death before such annihilation.

The ultimate slash robbed the world of light again so it plunged into darkness.

When everyone could see clearly again, the Purecloud Sword has been blown flying by Li Qiye's punch. It started fleeing into the horizon.

The personal weapon of a progenitor has shown fear and started to run before this mighty opponent.

Li Qiye punched directly at the three halos around the emperor, or the three treasure souls of the esteemed king.

"Crack! Crack! Crack!" They couldn't hold up and cracked starting with the outer layer, completely crushed by his fist.

"Bam!" The punch finally struck the emperor.

"Ah..." Strangely enough, the one screaming was Four Esteemed King, not the True Emperor.

This was because he and his treasure souls were attached to the emperor. The first one to take the hit was him, not Puresword.

The golden glow on the emperor receded like the tide and the king was forced out in the open.

However, he has suffered a terrible blow and instantly turned into a bloody mist.

The emperor still had the blessings from the Tree Observer and the deer merchant. A green glow remained. This powerful force still faltered against the punch.

"Pluff!" The green affinity was instantly extinguished.

The Tree Observer was pushed out. He didn't have the four treasures to protect him like the king so he couldn't even scream before being turned into blood.

"Boom!" Next came the sound of bones breaking. The emperor didn't have a single bone left intact. His plentiful vitality has been defeated.

Because of this, the deer merchant was also forced out. He vomited blood with numerous broken bones.

These two were far luckier compared to the king and Tree Observer. The latter experienced the brunt of the punch.

Without them, perhaps the emperor and the deer merchant would be dead as well.

"Bang!" The merchant slammed into the ground.

He couldn't get up before Li Qiye stomped down on him.

"No!" He shouted but it was too late to beg for mercy.

"Crack!" Li Qiye grabbed the antlers and pulled up. Not only were the antlers pulled out but also the merchant's skull and spine - a gruesome scene indeed. The deer bellowed before his last moment.

The crowd was horrified while looking at Li Qiye holding the bloody antlers.

"Buzz." In this split second, a great hand from the Mu Clan up above suddenly appeared, reaching for the emperor.

It was filled with an Everlasting's aura to the astonishment of the crowd. It successfully pulled him into the horizon.

This happened too quickly. The crowd couldn't react before someone had saved the emperor.

Li Qiye didn't give chase and only gave it a cold glare. He threw the antlers down and looked up at the sky with a smile: "A monk can run but not the temple."

#### [Chapter 2654: Invincible](#)

The world seemed to be frozen, whether it be the cool breezes, gurgling rivers, and roaming beasts...

Everyone stared in astonishment and didn't move an inch - frozen like wooden chicken. The scene of carnage was too much to handle, especially a top existence like the deer merchant having his skull and spine ripped out.

The weak-hearted ones twitched a bit before vomiting. Everyone felt their hair standing on end. Mouths were wide open. Some wanted to scream and shout but nothing would come out. An invisible hand gripped their throat firmly, rendering them breathless and muting them.

An audible gasp could finally be heard from someone managing to get sound out of their throat. It didn't take long before screaming, shrieking, and puking ensued.

The ancient ancestors, many of whom were Eternals, were cool and collected at the start. Alas, their legs trembled now while gazing at Li Qiye with respect.

Three dead, one escaped - that's the fate of Li Qiye's opponents. This news would shock everyone in Imperial, no exception.

Plus, the teamwork of the four was exceptional. They have exceeded the limits of teamwork and fused together perfectly, resulting in a state very similar to a progenitor - unlimited vitality, life force, and defense.

No one could come up with a being capable of taking them down. Only Solar Daoist would put up an even fight.

Alas, Li Qiye destroyed them with a single fist. Two were turned to blood while the deer merchant had his spine ripped out while still alive. Only the emperor was saved by someone else. This unbelievable result firmly established Fiercest's dominance.

Some lost the courage to look at him and meeting his gaze.

"So strong." The mighty Eternals murmured with paleness.

Not to mention the fusion state, just the deer merchant alone was an apex existence in Imperial. They weren't on the same level as the deer merchant, so what would be the outcome of them if they were to oppose Fiercest?

They didn't dare to imagine this. Plus, they no longer had the courage to go against him anyway.

"He's invincible." This was the only way to describe Fiercest.

Though many have been called “invincible” before, this was more of a flattery word choice, just a general description. [1]

However, when using this word to describe Fiercest, it became an unquestionable reality.

A while ago on the subject of the strongest being in Imperial, many would definitely think of Solar Daoist first. Now, rumination and hesitation joined the fray.

They haven’t seen this Everlasting in action before, only Fiercest’s invincibility.

They were aware of the significance behind the Everlasting level, especially the Eternals present. Nevertheless, they still couldn’t answer who was the stronger being between these two.

“Can Fiercest fight against an Everlasting like the daoist?” One expert quietly asked after calming down.

It was as clear as day that only the daoist was qualified to fight Fiercest now. No one else should even attempt to do so unless they felt like dying.

“It’s coming soon, a battle between those two.” One Eternal looked up and said.

“Really?” His group was skeptical since high-level battles wouldn’t happen so easily.

“Didn’t you see, Hundred-day Daoist has already gotten involved by saving Puresword True Emperor. These two are definitely having a fight.” An Eternal said.

A palm appeared earlier to save the grievously wounded emperor. It carried the aura of an Everlasting. The daoist was the only one strong enough to save Puresword True Emperor then.

“So a contention over the title of strongest in Imperial.” Someone said.

No one took this lightly among the crowd. Both Fiercest and the daoist were terrifying existences in their mind.

“Game’s over.” Li Qiye said, trivializing the murders earlier as if he didn’t just kill three top-level masters.

“Buzz.” Meanwhile, the immortal light in Mingluo has finally reached its brightest point.

From highest prosperity to declination was the natural order. Thus, this light began to dim as well, flickering and seemingly on the verge of extinguishing.

“Good, I’m not too late.” Li Qiye returned to the city with a serious gaze.

He raised both hands and this immortal light experienced a powerful attraction. The rays began to flow towards him.

Everyone watched with bated breath as he gathered the light.

“The immortal stone is real, it’s right inside that city.” One spectator said.

Numerous sects and masters have gathered outside of the city. The immortal stone was the reason for their long journey.



Despite knowing that it was about to come out, no one dared to even think about attempting to take it. They knew that it already belongs to Fiercest. In fact, even if he were to throw it down on the ground, no one would dare to pick it up.

### [Chapter 2655: Dao Portal Opening](#)

“Buzz.” When the immortal rays congregated in his palms, they looked to be sentient. The individual strands and particles looked lively just like a little spirit.

The strands melted in his palms, slowly becoming liquified and flowed down the gaps between his fingers. These streams of light looked gentle and clear, resulting in a wonderful spectacle. People believed that could hear the splashing of water.

It also resembled the sands of time. Each stream of water looked like years and years moving away from his fingers; all added up to a long period of time.

A spectator even thought that Li Qiye was no longer an ordinary man. He started glowing and became a time controller.

All temporal affinities currently in motion needed to travel through his hands, whether it be one thousand years or a billion years. He just needed to move his fingertips and he could steal that much time.

“He’s searching.” The hidden master from the Li sighed, aware of Li Qiye’s intention. He could see the mysteries behind this, unlike the rest of the crowd.

Once the streams of light touched the ground, bright spots appeared in the mud. They eventually spread into lines weaving together to form a supreme formation.

“What is he looking for?” Jade-break True Emperor asked.

“The hidden traces of the past in Stone Harmony.” The hidden master said with emotion: “This system back in its golden days had three emperors at the same time and numerous Eternals, plenty of lower-level True Gods too, too many to count. But it fell in just one night. Future generations can’t explain why, but one progenitor verified that something ominous happened during that night. An evil thing fell from the sky. According to him, it took roots deep in the system. Though the masters of Stone Harmony managed to defeat it, they couldn’t eradicate it completely despite paying a heavy price. After the end of this battle, these great beings, heavily injured, decided to seal everything including themselves. They wanted to hide something from their system from both outsiders and this evil entity. That’s why the whole thing became a mystery.”

“What is this immortal stone, warranting such a great sacrifice from these sages?” The emperor became curious.

What’s more important to a system than continuing its legacy? However, Stone Harmony chose to seal their entire system.

“It’s not clear.” The hidden master said: “Some records state that this immortal stone doesn’t belong to this world. Its effects are unknown as well. However, one says that it was taken by the progenitor of

Stone Harmony using a heaven-defying method. It is priceless and should have something to do with immortality. It is still here right now, sealed.”

He paused for a bit before continuing: “If this progenitor didn’t leave behind the stone, perhaps Stone Harmony would still be here today.”

The emperor turned towards Mingluo, extremely curious about this so-called immortal stone.

At this moment, a bright formation has taken over the city with lines dividing the ground into tiny pieces.

The supreme formation was resplendent with flashing pulses. People felt as if they were crossing through time from one era to another.

It was akin to an archaeologist unveiling the top layers of a fossil, eventually finding clues of the past.

“Creak...” Numerous stone slabs on the streets started to rise.

The streets of the old city were paved with pebbles and rocks. They have been trampled on by numerous citizens and carriages so they looked quite old. A few had numerous cracks as well.

There was no order to the rising of these slabs. No one could figure out a particular pattern.

“Boom!” They started flying closer and eventually assembled a platform, around the height of a fire beacon platform or a military command post.

“What is that?” Wu Youzheng and the others had no clue despite being disciples of the system.

“It’s the old command post of Stone Harmony.” The hidden master revealed: “Its progenitor used to give orders to the rest of the world here.”

“Buzz.” The immortal rays gathered on this newly-formed platform after a spatial ripple.

An extremely old gate slowly emerged at the top of the platform. It had numerous powerful and archaic runes. All the lights were flowing towards this place.

“Buzz.” Space opened after the accumulation of light. The gate then turned into a portal.

“A dao portal...” The emperor’s eyes narrowed.

“Yes, there are rumors about an independent dimension under Stone Harmony, unavailable to anyone after its decline. Its entrance has been sealed all this time, it looks like the immortal stone is in there.” The hidden master added.

Numerous other experts felt the same way but no one dared to come closer. They could only stare at the flashing portal, waiting for Li Qiye to enter.

“So much trouble over one stone.” Li Qiye shook his head and walked inside.

“Pop!” The entire portal disappeared after his entry.

“Creak...” The stone slabs disassembled themselves and returned to their original positions.

The great platform was nowhere to be found. Mingluo looked the same as before as if nothing has happened.

The crowd exchanged glances after seeing this.

“Sigh, forget about this stone. It’s time to leave.” One Eternal gave up and said.

“It’s fine to watch.” A young expert didn’t want to leave because they have traveled so far to get here. Just taking a look at the stone was fine too.

“You think you can take a look just because you want to? Okay, go ask Fiercest to see if he’ll show you.” His senior Eternal gave him the side-eye.

The expert’s neck shrunk from a cold chill. He realized he wouldn’t dare to ask Li Qiye for a look even if he was a hundred times more courageous.

### [Chapter 2656: The World Inside](#)

Li Qiye found that this was an independent realm, seemingly not located within Stone Harmony System.

Of course, not all systems have something like this. A progenitor certainly had their reason for creating one within the system.

This particular realm had a water affinity. One would find lakes and rivers everywhere. The large ones looked like dragons sleeping on the earth. They crisscrossed together to form a complex system and a great momentum within.

The world seemed to be connected in one piece and the momentum permeated across every inch in this area. This momentum was personally created by the progenitor of the system. It stole the fortunes of the heaven and could activate the profundities of the grand dao.

Thus, just one wrong step could result in death or being lost forever, unable to leave this complicated “water” system.

Mist and fog occupied the majority of this realm. One couldn’t see a complete picture of this world, making it harder to lift the curtain of secrets here.

“This is indeed a good place to hide items.” Li Qiye smiled, appreciating the complexity.

He took one step into the river from him and started riding the waves and winds.

Remember, transformations and shifts happened continuously in this system. The flow of the rivers would change each day.

Without understanding the mysteries behind this and being able to speculate the changes, one would never be able to leave this system. Of course, this wasn’t a problem for Li Qiye.

Each of his steps was magical and created numerous laws and dao. It was as if he wasn’t walking on water but rather the grand dao itself.

In reality, the rivers and lakes were only visual phenomena derived from the grand dao. The path opened, allowing him to maintain a straight direction in this maze despite the constant shifts and changes.

His pace looked slow but this wasn't the case. His speed has reached a near unfathomable level. Just like that, he eventually made it to his destination.

There existed an ancient boat with timeworn spots everywhere on the hull. Who knows how long it has been floating on this river?

It was made from extremely precious divine woods with clear markings of powerful runes. Some came from progenitors; others from True Emperors and top Eternals...

It has been blessed with multiple layers. This was a priceless and heaven-defying treasure, certainly at the progenitorial level. The augmentations from the various existences granted it ample strength, allowing it to survive the flow of time.

It also had a mighty defense that can stop any evil intruders. Taking this down was no easy task.

One could see multiple people sitting down in a circle on the deck with a certain thing in the center. They seemed to be guarding it.

Upon closer inspection, he found that they were all dead for a long time now. Their body has decomposed and withered. Nevertheless, one could see that they were masters back in their prime.

The three with imperial crests were strongest among this group since they still had an inviolable aura to them causing others to feel respect. There was no doubt that they used to be True Emperors.

Another ten or so participated in this circle - no imperial aura and power but there was still divinity left. These were powerful Eternals; some perhaps rivaling the emperors or weren't that far off.

There were no wounds on any of these corpses; they all died from old age here.

As one looked even closer, they would notice the sacred mudras formed by these corpses, still maintained after millions of years with faint glows. These lights could dispel and refine any evil. It was easy to imagine how powerful these lights used to be since they are still around after so long.

The group was protecting a boulder that closely resembles a jar. It wasn't carved into this shape and had a big gap in the middle from the start - hence its semblance to a jar.

The outside was coarse and could scrape someone touching it. It hadn't experienced any polishing and looked quite ordinary with an ashen shade.

There was nothing special about it but people at Li Qiye's level noticed that it was an unopened world in its purest pristine form.

Of course, just one glance wasn't enough to see the mysteries within.

Immortal rays emanated from the top in a tempting manner. However, it didn't come from the jar itself but from the thing filled to the brim and stored inside.

It contained a dao source that could easily be mistaken for liquid. It had numerous floating runes with transforming dao laws. Tiny these laws may be, they seemed to have numerous stars engraved on them. Each was akin to a galaxy.

This was the dao source of Stone Harmony.

### [Chapter 2657: Mysterious Stone Jar](#)

A dao source was the very foundation of a system. Its absence signaled total destruction in just one night. All of the inhabitants there would die as well.

Thus, nothing was more important than the ao source. As long as it was still around, there were still hope and possibilities left. Once it withered or exploded, so would the system.

Everyone in Imperial knew about the decline of Stone Harmony but strangely enough, it remained in Imperial.

That's why some progenitors believed that its dao source was still around and didn't weaken at all.

This statement was paradoxical and hard to believe. Keep in mind that the disciples and living beings in a system had a symbiotic relationship with the source.

A disciple would cultivate the system's merit laws and feel the grand dao power here. During this entire process, this disciple would be nourished by the system.

As for the system, having more powerful disciples only fertilized the grand dao power and the source itself.

Thus, a well-nourished dao source would result in an increase of powerful disciples, and vice versa.

As generations passed, the members of Stone Harmony only decreased in strength and number. The system no longer received the nourishment from its members so the dao source should be weakened or even withering.

However, the dao source inside the jar was still dazzling with immortal rays. Its grand dao power has materialized into extremely concentrated grand dao water.

This dao water was unbelievably dense and ancient after years and years of accumulation and refinement. It has become the purest form of grand dao water. Just one drop could greatly benefit an entire kingdom. For example, Mingluo would be full of life after one drop. Its disciples would obtain majestic dao energy.

Strangely enough, Li Qiye had no interest in the dao source. His focus was on the stone jar instead.

Any reasonable person would know the significance behind obtaining a dao source. It was akin to controlling an entire system. Li Qiye didn't share the same feelings.

It looked as if the jar was the priceless treasure in his eyes, the thing worth getting.

Well, in reality, there were numerous dao sources in Imperial and Immortal Lineage similar to this one, but this stone jar was one-and-only.

“This is the so-called immortal stone.” Li Qiye said after long observation.

This stone was the reason why the dao source manages to stay fresh through the eras.

“Old man, I’ve found what I needed to. Time for an answer.” Li Qiye grinned: “I don’t like being a good guy for no reason and my price isn’t cheap. Are you all ready to pay?”

He certainly wasn’t afraid of the person not paying because the guy was a big shot. Of course, the exorbitant price was going to hurt. The guy would certainly bleed with pain.

Li Qiye smiled with nothing but amusement in his eyes: “Three Immortals World... though I’m not a savior and I have no intention of becoming one, since someone has paid me to do so, then why not, let’s get the best out of it.”

The thing he wanted was certainly extraordinary. He wondered what the guy’s expression would be like after being asked for it.

He eventually gave the dao source a look and said: “This system found fortune in a calamity. A golden age will come after this decline if its descendants put in the effort.”

After enough years, this dao source has accumulated enough grand dao power to turn into this liquid form.

Once it returned to Stone Harmony, the system would be full of life once more and ready for a complete revitalization. Geniuses would appear in waves and bring glory back to the system.

“You all have done your best against the calamity and successfully defended the system.” Li Qiye looked at the three emperors and Eternals.

He was right. Stone Harmony’s lucky survival was due to the effort of these sages.

Their system stood at the apex back then with three emperors and countless Eternals. However, the evil entity from the sky descended and instantly drilled into the ground.

They went all out in order to kill it. The resulting battle was brutal, resulting in losing ninety-percent of their masters.

Nevertheless, they still managed to destroy it, albeit unable to slay it completely. The group here consisted of the few survivors.

They realized that the escaped limbs of this creature would return one day. Thus, they decided to hide the dao source and the immortal stone while still hoping that their descendants could make something out of themselves.

Unfortunately, not a single new emperor came out of Stone Harmony after them.

Meanwhile, the limbs of the evil creature healed for many years and eventually grew a complete body once more. It started looking for the stone and dao source by swallowing up entire cities.

Alas, it came back at the wrong time since Li Qiye was around and got annihilated by him.

Li Qiye told the corpses: "Forget it, this is also fate. I shall help your system instead of taking its dao source."

If Li Qiye willed so, he could have refined this dao source and take its power for himself. This mighty and pure dao source would be extremely nutritious for him. He decided otherwise; greed didn't prevail this time around.

He made his move without being affected by the existing defensive measures. They couldn't stop him anyway, not even if they were alive.

"Here is Stone Harmony's chance." He said flatly before grabbing the dao source with both hands: "Up you go!"

"Rumble!" Loud explosions detonated as he slowly lifted up the dao source. It seemed that the entire world was being dragged up by him as well.

A dao source was immensely heavy. No one else but him would be able to do this.

#### [Chapter 2658: Might As Well Help](#)

"Rumble!" The entire world seemed to be uprooted in this process.

A dao source was the foundation of a system, personally created by a progenitor. Inside were supreme measures left behind by the progenitor.

In other words, outside of the progenitors themselves, no one else would be able to move or lift the dao sources. A person capable of this would have enough power to destroy a mighty system, truly a force to be reckoned with.

Nothing was impossible for Li Qiye, so he managed to pull up this dao source out of the stone jar.

"Return from whence you came, it is time for Stone Harmony's awakening." He said insipidly and slowly placed the dao source back into the river.

"Boom!" This inner world shook as a result. It seemed as if an immensely heavy object has just dropped on the ground.

In fact, all of Stone Harmony shook as well. Everyone heard a loud bang.

A while ago, the system resembled a ship out in the wide ocean without heavy supplies and as light as a feather. Such a system felt feeble and easily toppled.

Once the dao source was placed in the river and after the bang, the ship's storage now had a boulder heavy enough for stabilization - allowing the ship to no longer be afraid of big waves and storms.

Next, the true water of the grand dao assimilated with the river water.

"Boom!" It spread at an unmatched pace with Li Qiye's position at the center. Immortal rays shot out all over this internal system.

Meanwhile, the dao laws inside the source extended and made the whole source to be incomparably large - no longer able to be stored inside the jar.

It took the form of a pulsing maelstrom. Inside seemed to be gestating endless strength of the dao.

“Rumble!” The rotating maelstrom caused this internal world to be filled with true dao water and majestic life force.

Though the progenitor separated the outer and inner world, they were actually the same. Thus, the proliferation of this water also affected Stone Harmony. Tremors happened outside as if something mighty underground was coming up.

The system became resplendent with rays coming out of the ground. They illuminated every single inch of the land.

Next came the power of the grand dao. It didn’t take long before this massive system become filled with dao and life force.

“What... our dao source has awakened!” Wu Youzheng was the first to react.

“It’s ours... our dao source... our dao source!” The disciples reacted with shouts.

“Our system is saved! We’re saved!” They got on their knees with tears dripping down their cheeks.

Though they didn’t know what was going on, they could sense the existence of their dao source again and its various powers spreading across the realms. They started breathing in the extremely thick dao energy and exuberant life force.

“Young Noble...” Youzheng and Lin Yixue were also on their knees with tears. They told their fellow sect members to kowtow.

Other members of the system were left in the dark, but this group knew that this revitalization was due to Li Qiye.

Not only did he save them and the city, he even went ahead and save the entire system. How could the group not be grateful?

Those looking up inside Stone Harmony could see the sky turning bright. This arc of light began to infuse the system with various forces.

“Stone Harmony is saved, maybe it will rise again in the future.” One Eternal emotionally said after seeing this.

The system has been declining for numerous eras. Everyone thought that collapse is imminent. But now, the system started flourishing once more.

“Nothing is impossible for Fiercest. He didn’t only stop the ferocious waves but also brought it back from the brink of death.” One ancestor commented.

The impossible became possible when Fiercest was involved; even a withering system could be saved.

Li Qiye didn’t waste time at the river before returning to the jar to touch it.

It had a coarse and sandy texture, also cold to the touch. Strangely enough, this cold was actually quite pleasant and comforting.



He closed his eyes and continued to feel it, sensing a boundless vastness as a result...

Worlds and galaxies felt tiny in comparison.

“Naturally formed during the start of all, truly priceless.” He withdrew his hand and said.

He then took out the Three Immortals Tree. It was now growing on top of the black soil taken from the heavenly prison.

He poured the soil in the jar then inserted the tree - a perfect fit. This jar looked like a tree pot now, seemingly created specifically for the Three Immortals Tree.

In fact, this tree was indeed grown inside this pot and with this soil during the olden days.

“Buzz.” The stone jar lit up and changed its appearance, no longer possessing the ashen shade.

It turned into a primordial world while the tree was holding up Three Immortals World.

To put it simply, the jar was the source of the three worlds, the soil gave them nourishment, and the tree created everything else in the three worlds - granting them life force.

Possessing these three things made it seem as if he had the three worlds in his grasp.

#### [Chapter 2659: Sun Lengying's Plan](#)

While holding the jar, one would feel as if they were holding the three worlds as well - quite a domineering feeling.

“Three Immortals are mine now, old man, what will you give to redeem them back?” Li Qiye smiled while staring at the flashing tree.

Of course, this was only a casual comment. He wasn't actually that moved because everything has been going to plan.

He put away the jar and left the inner world.

“Young Noble!” He returned to his palace and saw the master-disciple duo kneeling on the ground. They didn't really know what to say.

What Li Qiye has done for them and the system - this debt and their feeling of gratitude couldn't be expressed with words.

He glanced over and casually threw a big spatial pouch in front of them: “This is the treasures and manuals left behind by your wise sages. They will see the sun once more.”

The two opened the pouch and were met with blinding lights. Numerous weapons and armors emerged along with scrolls containing lost arts and secrets.

These things were left behind by the three True Emperors and Eternals of Stone Harmony. They left them on the ship, hoping that their descendants would one day make it to the inner world and use them to revitalize the system. Li Qiye casually took them since he was down there anyway.

The two's eyes became agape in disbelief. They have never seen so many treasures and such powerful weapons before.

"Young Noble!" The two kowtowed with tears all over, unable to control their emotions: "How can we ever repay your kindness? Our system will be your servants for generations to come..."

Remember, these items were virtually priceless, capable of tempting just about anyone. Plus, no one else knew that Li Qiye had found them.

Alas, he didn't take a single one and gave the entire pouch back to Stone Harmony. The two continued to show respect by knocking their head on the ground. This was their way of showing gratitude.

"Cultivate well and bring the system back to grace, that's one way of repaying me." Li Qiye said.

"We will not let you down, Young Noble." Youzheng tightened his fists and swore.

"Go now, I want to be alone." Li Qiye waved his sleeve.

The two bowed once more before slowly leaving the palace.

Li Qiye then sealed off the entire palace and took out the black stone taken from the dark octopus. His eyes surged with lightning as he focused.

"I want information, how did you make it to Three Immortals?" Li Qiye wondered.

Though that dark creature was insanely strong, it was still only the tip of an iceberg - a very, very tiny portion of a massive monster, just another tentacle or so.

Just imagine, one tentacle was already so terrifying, then what about the actual thing?

Li Qiye knew that this monstrosity wouldn't be able to reach Three Immortals. It couldn't even come to the nine worlds or the thirteen continents or there wouldn't be a high heaven above the sky vault.

But now, this tiny tentacle has shown up in Stone Harmony in order to search for the stone jar. In other words, it came for the tree and the three worlds.

A thing that shouldn't be here had arrived in the impenetrable Three Immortals World. Remember, numerous worlds have fallen across the ages but Three Immortals remained untouched.

Its appearance indicated a gap in this world's defense! If this was the case, then what about the nine worlds and thirteen continents?

The world didn't know about these secrets but Li Qiye did. If such a thing were to happen, the word "terror" wouldn't be enough to describe the future.

The existing darkness alone was frightening enough for his old worlds, but now, this monstrosity was something else! The former couldn't reach the apex in comparison.

If it could infiltrate Three Immortals, then it could definitely enter the other worlds later on.

"Maybe I'll find an answer with this." Li Qiye looked at his black stone. Perhaps he could find the source of it all in here.

“Let’s begin.” His eyes narrowed as he starts to peel away the stone. This wasn’t his first time doing this so the process moved quickly.

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Meanwhile, in the Mu Clan, a furious ancestor marched towards a residence.

“Boom!” He kicked down the door and sat down before an old man.

“Brother Sun, this all started because of you but all you’re doing it sitting here. It makes my clan suspicious of your true intent.” The angry ancestor sat down before an old man.

He was talking to Sun Lengying who sat there calmly. Lengying blew on his hot tea before taking a sip then slowly put the cup down.

He looked at the Mu ancestor and said: “Brother Mu, you need to think before speaking.”

“Think before I speak? You have dragged our entire clan into this mess, do you even know of our losses? Yet all you’re doing is just spectating!” The ancestor only grew more exasperated after seeing Lengying’s calm demeanor.

The Mu lost many disciples and their emperor almost died as well in the battle. On the other hand, Lengying and his legion didn’t do a damn thing, so the Mu became suspicious.

“I didn’t do anything? If it wasn’t for me, Puresword True Emperor wouldn’t have come back alive.” Lengying stared straight at the ancestor.

“... Brother Sun, what do you mean?” The ancestor paused for a bit before asking.

“I’m telling you, Brother Mu, that I’ve done many things that you didn’t notice. Do you know how many descendants are in the Lu Clan? And you certainly know how strong Fiercest is by now. Do you think an Everlasting like Solar Daoist would actually challenge Fiercest over the death of one distant descendant?”

The Mu ancestor didn’t expect this response. Indeed, the daoist joined the fray to save their emperor at that crucial moment. They assumed that he did so in order to declare war on Fiercest and eventually have revenge for Lu Weijun.

“Brother Mu, your clan’s relationship with the Lu alone is not worth it for the daoist to save the emperor, am I right? Virtuous Nephew Mu Jian is strong, but not much in the eyes of Senior Solar.” Lengying calmly said.

“Brother Sun, you invited Solar Daoist?” The ancestor became serious.

“That’s right. My late master had dao discussions with Senior Solar in the past. I was naturally there with my master and had served tea to the senior as well.” Lengying revealed.

Back before the daoist became an Everlasting, Lucidity King was qualified to have these discussions with him.

“I had to beg and beg in order to invite the senior yet you still think I didn’t do anything but watch. There are many ways to contribute, not limited to the battlefield.” Lengying’s voice turned cold.

The ancestor stared at him, still with skepticism.

### [Chapter 2660: The Mu's Decision](#)

"If Brother Mu doesn't trust me, you can ask Senior Solar himself when he visits tomorrow." Sun Lengying blew on his hot tea and took another sip in a natural manner as if everything was going according to plan.

"Solar Daoist is really visiting our clan?" The ancestor took a deep breath.

"Of course, that's why he saved Virtuous Nephew Mu Jian. He views the young emperor and your clan very highly."

The ancestor had a serious expression. Even though their clan was one of the three behemoths, they didn't have an Everlasting in this generation.

In fact, Solar Daoist was the only Everlasting in all of Imperial right now. He was unbeatable in an era without progenitors.

Thus, an Everlasting visiting their clan was indeed a big deal, an honor even.

Though the ancestor has heard this through the grapevine, Lengying has now confirmed it.

"Is your clan preparing for a truce?" Lengying always had a cold expression, rendering him unreadable.

The ancestor's expression changed several times in a short period as he hesitated.

The emperor's defeat was a tough wakeup call to them, almost like being struck in the head by a bludgeon.

Fiercest's power was unreal so they truly wanted to quit. If conditions allowed, they would really negotiate for peace.

"Brother Mu, you think you can actually have a truce with Fiercest? If it was possible in the first place, you wouldn't have waited until today. This is a long-running feud." Lengying said.

This was indeed the truth. They have antagonized him back when Mu Shaochen was still around. He had more animosity with them than any other lineage in Imperial.

"I'll be frank." Lengying continued after a sip of his tea: "Fiercest will absolutely try and destroy your clan. He has control over Nine Secrets, one of the three main players in our world. As you can see, Jade-break True Emperor is siding with him too, so an alliance between the Li and Nine Secrets is assured. You and the Li are certainly not friends either, so if these two powers want to have a full grasp over Imperial, who is the odd man out among the three behemoths? Who should they destroy for supremacy?"

Lengying put down his cup and gaze at the ancestor.

"Us." The ancestor naturally knew the answer.

The three behemoths have formed a state of equilibrium. When Lucidity King was around, he wouldn't have created an alliance with the Li or the Mu. This was the same case for the Mu and the Li.

However, times were changing. Fiercest was unstoppable now and Jade-break True Emperor seemed to be joining him. An alliance between Nine Secrets and the Li seemed inevitable.

Their clan had a terrible relationship with this group. Even if Fiercest didn't move against them today, the alliance would come for them in the future.

The equilibrium would break and the entire world would belong to Nine Secrets and the Li.

The Mu ancestor could see this and became anxious.

"Are you sure you still want to negotiate for peace with Fiercest now?" Lengying pressed on.

The ancestor couldn't respond since he had zero confidence about a potential truce with Fiercest. It has escalated beyond that point.

"Your clan must either pay an absurd price or forever submit to Fiercest and Nine Secrets to survive. Otherwise, peace is impossible. Will you kneel before Fiercest? If you say yes, then I have nothing else to say." Lengying didn't hold back.

The ancestor's expression became ugly. As one of the three behemoths, their clan has been reigning over this world for many eras. They wouldn't be able to handle submitting to Fiercest.

"The only choice for your clan is to fight. I have tried my best and managed to ask Senior Solar to join us. This is your last hope." Lengying said.

"Will Solar Daoist really fight Fiercest?" The ancestor remained uncertain.

Their clan had a cordial relationship with the Lu but this was meaningless for someone of the daoist's level. It would be hard to invite him.

This wasn't the case for Sun Lengying. He had personally served tea to the daoist before, so the daoist would keep this old relationship in mind despite his current status.

"That depends on your clan." Lengying said: "If you don't contribute a little something, you think the senior will come help? You must be the one to seize the opportunity. The Lu only lost Lu Weijun, a distant descendant, so the senior actually has no reason to take a big risk."

The ancestor took a deep breath and looked at Lengying: "What do you mean?"

"Go all out. Your clan will be the main battlefield. Assist the senior with everything you have. We will only have peace after slaying Fiercest." Lengying said: "After we kill him, I shall regain control over Nine Secrets and we'll become the closest allies. The Li will be powerless to stop us then. Imperial will be ours for the taking."

The ancestor couldn't help but smile. This was the best news in recent days, giving him and his clan hope for a beautiful future.

"Brother Mu, you mustn't miss this opportunity." Lengying continued: "Solar Daoist is an Everlasting so it's only a matter of time before his ascension to Immortal Lineage. Once he leaves, no one in our world will be able to stop Fiercest. If we can't kill him, then it's no problem for me, I just need to find a remote place to live through the rest of my years. I have no real grievances against Fiercest, in fact, I even

helped with his coronation, so he shouldn't have any animosity against me. On the other hand, what will your clan do when Senior Solar departs?"

The ancestor became serious. Their clan has never lacked confidence but Fiercest was too strong. The four great masters together still got annihilated by him with only one survivor.

They weren't confident in stopping an attack from him on their own territory. Plus, even in the most optimistic case, their loss would still be heavy. They would decline from there and no longer be one of the three behemoths.

He composed himself and said: "So let's say that our clan will be the main battlefield, we will still need to lure him in at the perfect time. He might not be willing to jump straight into a net."

Fighting in their clan would be the best scenario for the Mu since they would have the home advantage. With ample preparation and traps, their chance of victory became far more optimistic.

But if Fiercest attacked randomly and at the wrong location - catching them off guard - the outcome would be far worse.