

Emperor 4071

Chapter 4071: Open

“Buzz.” The thousands of lights combined and resulted in the phenomenon of a photon exploding.

This destructive phenomenon was contained by the rays. Nevertheless, ripples and waves appeared in the cellar.

An entirely new world seemed to be emerging in the center. Smaller rays of light manifested, looking like spirits playing and dancing around.

This process was ephemeral but still magnificent. Runes also materialized in this world and came together to form laws. The strands of laws were then assembled into characters describing a supreme grand dao.

“Pop!” The final culmination was a sphere of light. All the other rays disappeared afterward. The refined jades were drained of their chaos energy as well. The jades lost their luster and became worthless rocks.

Spectators would gasp audibly after seeing this. Ten thousand Dao Lord Refined Jades could support a sect for an entire generation or a great formation for a long period. However, they were spent in the blink of an eye in this cellar. Few sects could afford to spend so much.

The light sphere flashed brightly and brimmed with spirit energy. There was enough to gestate three thousand worlds.

The strands of laws within the sphere flew around like true dragons. Ning Zhu thought that if one were to smash this sphere down on the ground, all of Eight Desolaces would be reduced to ashes. Even the top masters would die without a grave.

“What is this thing?” She was both amazed and horrified by its power.

“A key to open the secret.” Li Qiye smiled and reached forward.

“Buzz.” His hand became resplendent with an oscillating dao light.

Once he got closer to the sphere, a pressure suddenly weighed down in the cellar. This weight was immeasurable; Ning Zhu felt as if the entire continent was sinking.

However, the light in Li Qiye’s hand managed to prop up the weight of the sphere and began infiltrating. This process resembled snow melting into the earth.

His hand eventually reached the core of the sphere. “Boom!” Thus, he was immediately viewed as an invader.

The living beings in the sphere looked up and saw a gigantic palm reaching for their world. In reality, this wasn’t far from the case.

The laws from his hand began permeating throughout the sphere, prompting retaliation. The light of the sphere became blindingly bright and pulsed uncontrollably.

Ning Zhu was scared out of her mind, thinking that the sphere was about to explode. This would instantly wipe out all lifeforms on Eight Desolaces.

Fortunately, Li Qiye tightened his grip and captured all of the sphere's dao laws. They struggled but couldn't get free. His own light pulsed and initiated a refinement process.

The chaotic light of the sphere gradually shrank. Its light and laws fused with his palm, seemingly wanting to imprint themselves.

"Buzz." Finally, everything entered his palm and disappeared from sight.

"What did you gain?" She asked.

"When you wield the earth's loop, you'll also wield the world's power." He smiled.

"Earth's loop? I've never heard of this before." She said.

"It's nothing, just an ace card left behind by someone." He elaborated then raised his bright hand.

"Rumble!" Violent earthquakes ensued and the world started spinning.

The startled princess felt something digging up from the ground. She immediately left the cellar to take a look.

Sure enough, towers made out of golden stones drilled out of the ground. They were covered in mysterious runes as well.

If the lines and the fortresses resembled a mesh, then the towers would be in the center of each section.

The servants and Ning Zhu couldn't believe it while watching the rising towers.

"What are they?" She asked.

"Good stuff, of course." Li Qiye smiled and used the earth's loop again.

The fortresses sent out rays through the embedded lines into the towers. All of this power eventually gathered at the top of the towers.

"Rumble!" Beams of light then shot upward and illuminated all of Armament Mountain.

"I see..." Ning Zhu started seeing a few clues.

The fortresses served as grand dao sources capable of empowerment. The lines were used to channel this power into the top of the towers. As for the earth's loop, it was the tool to control the entire plain.

Nonetheless, she didn't know the reason why the plain was set up in this manner.

Chapter 4072: Shocking Everyone

Others naturally noticed this phenomenon unraveling at the plain. Numerous sects sent experts there to scout.

The beams were as bright as countless suns and startled everyone. This was doubly true for those in Armament Mountain.

“What is going on?” The disciples didn’t know whether this was auspicious or ominous.

Recently, only bad things have been happening to their sect - the mysterious disappearances and the quaking at the ancestral peak. Thus, another big commotion left them nervous. Outsiders had no idea but they had a tough time recently.

“What is this a sign of?” Another murmured.

“Looks like it’s coming from the Tang’s plain, isn’t that an abandoned area?” A powerful disciple activated his vision.

“Hmm, maybe a treasure is appearing?” A friend speculated.

This excited the crowd. “Really? That desolate land actually has treasures?”

Those from Armament thought nothing of the plain.

“Who knows?” Someone versed in history said: “That clan had big shots before.”

“What do you mean by big shots? Like a dao lord? I haven’t heard of any dao lord with this last name.” Others hurriedly asked.

“No, their ancestor was a tycoon, extremely wealthy...” The first disciple responded.

“Still just a country bumpkin then.” The others said.

Members of the cultivation world didn’t hold a high opinion of money. Most only cared about power and the fists.

“Not quite.” He explained: “He was special and created a method called money fall, it’s magical. Plus, he was rich enough to stand out in all of Eight Desolaces.”

“Hmm, in that case, maybe he really did leave behind a treasury.” Someone else speculated.

“Then what the hell are we waiting for? Let’s go check it out.” The group wanted to travel to the plain.

However, one guy hesitated and said: “I don’t think we can go outside right now. The elders aren’t letting us leave our post.”

“I don’t get it, we didn’t even panic this much during the disappearances.” His friend said.

They started talking about the issue privately.

The disappearance scared them at first but all the victims returned after losing their belongings. This wasn't a big deal and it didn't kill the spirit of the sect. However, something else happened recently.

The rules became strict and numerous defensive lines were put up. Disciples weren't allowed to travel freely. Since the order came from above, they didn't dare to question it.

The chief elder, one of the strongest elders here, also gazed at the plain.

"What is going on there?" He found this astonishing.

"We haven't heard of any peculiarities recently." A disciple next to him reported.

"Go ask the Tang, see what's happening." He ordered.

Armament Mountain allowed sects within its jurisdiction to deal with their own internal problems. The elder also followed this rule.

The disciple went to gather information and came back to report: "Elder, the plain has a new master now. The members of the Tang are leaving as well."

"New master? Who bought it?" He slightly frowned, wondering who would buy the crappy piece of land.

"A guy named Li Qiye, everyone says that he's the richest in the world." The disciple had a strange expression.

"Li Qiye, the brat that won the Preeminent Legacy?" He frowned again.

"Yes." The disciple answered.

"Which sect is he from?" He asked.

"I'm not sure, he's definitely not one of us though." The disciple answered.

"He came to buy land under our jurisdiction?" He said.

The sect never cared who the Tang sold the plain to before. However, they thought that since it was so close to their sect, no outsiders would purchase it. Thus, he had a bad feeling about this unknown brat.

"I heard that First Brother tried to stop it but Clan Master Tang insisted. That Li Qiye guy paid one hundred million, he couldn't keep up." This disciple had access to new information.

"Hmph, trying to act tough with dirty money here?" He snorted. It seemed that Li Qiye, a new-rich, was trying to provoke their sect by flaunting his wealth.

"Tell your First Brother to be in charge and get to the bottom of this." He ordered with a serious tone.

"I understand. But, Li Qiye is not under our jurisdiction..." The disciple bowed and hesitated.

"He's in our territory right now and will have to obey." He paused for a bit before continuing: "It doesn't matter how rich he is. If he's a dragon, he'll coil for me, a tiger? He better crouch down. Otherwise, hmph, I'll teach him a lesson."

"Affirmative." The disciple said before pondering for a bit: "Should we report this to the sect master?"

“No need, she has something more important to take care of so she’s in isolated cultivation. Just report back to me.” He waved his hand.

The disciple obeyed. However, he found it quite strange because their sect master hasn’t shown up for administrative duties for a while now. Their sect master had always worked hard and never slacked off before.

He wasn’t the only one thinking this either. Other sect members shared the same sentiment.

Chapter 4073: Potential Treasury?

The repeated occurrences in this region didn’t go unnoticed by its inhabitants. Thus, it didn’t take long before numerous experts appeared by the Tang’s plain.

Some who were familiar with it became startled to see the changes. In the past, this barren plain was abandoned.

Now, they saw fortresses and lofty towers along with runic lines. The fortresses flashed brightly and sent their energy through the lines to reach the towers.

This wondrous project couldn’t have been done in a day or two. However, it really appeared overnight.

The land itself was still sad and desolate with withered grass. Nonetheless, a new sign of life could be seen as if it had awakened.

“This is unprecedented. Where did all of these towers come from?” An old local became startled.

“What is the Tang doing?” A disciple from a nearby sect asked.

“The plain is not theirs anymore. The man is known as the richest in the world, Li Qiye, had bought it.” A well-informed spectator revealed.

Everyone knew the world’s richest at this point and found this surprising.

“What does that guy want to do? He’s going all out?” Someone wondered about Li Qiye’s ambitious plan.

“I think there is a treasure coming out.” A member of the crowd informed everyone, whether it be on purpose or otherwise.

“A treasure here?” Others haven’t heard of this at first due to the condition of the plain.

“I heard it from Armament Mountain. Don’t you know about the history of the Tang’s progenitor? He’s just like Li Qiye, extremely rich. Hmm, but the most important thing is that he’s the creator of the moneyfall method.” The first cultivator responded.

People exchanged glances and found this reasonable. This progenitor was famous once and had miraculous tales about him. There could be incredible treasures hidden here.

“We have to go take a look right now!” Initially, most only wanted to observe but now, they have all lost their patience.

After all, who would want to miss a supreme treasure coming out?

Unfortunately, someone stopped them before they could make it in.

“The plain is personal property. No trespassing is allowed.” This person declared.

“Princess Ning Zhu!” Most didn’t expect this at all but a few knew that she had become Li Qiye’s maid. Thus, the latter began spreading the message quietly.

“Gentlemen, please leave.” She said.

These cultivators came for a treasure and didn’t want to give up so easily.

“Princess, I heard that there is a treasure here, is that true?” Someone tested the water.

“I’ve never heard of such a thing.” She denied.

This wasn’t enough. Another asked: “Armament Mountain said that the progenitor of the Tang left behind a treasury deep in this land...”

“Untrue.” She interrupted him.

“Princess, don’t be so unreasonable. If there’s no treasure, then it’s fine for us to take a look?” Another demanded.

“As I’ve said, this is personal property so no trespassing.” She asserted.

“I disagreed.” The cultivator retorted: “The plain is still under Armament Mountain’s jurisdiction and they never said anything about not allowing entry. I don’t think what you’re doing is proper.”

Money was tempting enough, let alone a potential treasury. Though no one had seen it, the rumors have gotten out of control. They would rather believe it than otherwise.

“Our young noble is not under the jurisdiction of Armament Mountain.” Ning Zhu showed no sign of backing off.

“Your Highness, everyone in this region is under the jurisdiction of Armament Mountain, no exception. Are you trying to rebel?” Someone loudly shouted.

“And if I am? I don’t mind another enemy.” A calm voice answered instead of Ning Zhu.

“That’s Li Qiye.” Many followed the direction of the voice and recognized him.

“The richest in the world.” Others murmured while feeling jealousy.

In their eyes, he was nothing more than someone who got lucky and obtained the Preeminent Legacy. Life wasn’t fair at all.

“Li Qiye, watch your words.” A member of Armament Mountain stepped forward: “Are you challenging us? We might not be the strongest but have never been afraid of anyone...”

“The same for me.” Li Qiye interrupted this disciple: “Why should I give Armament Mountain face?”

A few smiled wryly and shook their head. They had seen Li Qiye’s haughtiness before when he didn’t give a damn about Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom. Armament Mountain was no exception.

In fact, he even made the kingdom’s future queen his maid. He definitely didn’t mind having another enemy.

“The plain’s treasury once belonged to the Tang, they’re no longer here so it is up for grabs. Are you trying to monopolize it?” An expert shouted.

He spoke with absolute confidence as if there was indeed a treasury here.

“No, the entire plain belongs to me, the same with a random rock or a treasury.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“See, he wants to monopolize the treasury!” Another crowd member fanned the flames.

“You already got the Preeminent Legacy, now you want this treasury too? Your greed knows no bounds, you’re taking up too many resources!” One more joined in.

“Yes, yes, I’ve heard all of this before. Scram if you don’t have anything else to say, stop bothering me.” Li Qiye said.

“Li Qiye, don’t even think about monopolizing it, it belongs to the worthy!” This didn’t stop one more from yelling.

“Yes, we need to look for it right now!”

Eventually, the crowd became heated and tempted. They teamed up and tried to enter.

Chapter 4074: One Hand Wave

Li Qiye smiled while watching the intruders trying to rush in: “I’ve said my part so if you all insist on trespassing, don’t blame me for being merciless.”

The rushers suddenly stopped with a changed expression, clearly showing hesitation.

“Who is he trying to scare?! We’re just here to observe the changes in the plain in order to avoid a potential disaster for everyone else in the region!” A crowd member shouted.

“Damn right, this is also Armament Mountain’s territory, I am responsible for observing any peculiarity. Do you have something to hide?!” A member of Armament shouted. Who knows if he was being egged on by the crowd or if it was his own thought?

Thus, the intruders became emboldened after listening to them.

“Yes, this is about the safety of the region! Nearby sects have the responsibility to do something!” An expert roared.

“Feel free to come up with whatever reason you want because I certainly have no qualms in killing any trespasser.” Li Qiye chuckled again.

“We live on the edge of the blade, you’re not scaring anyone! Plus, we have the number advantage here while you’re all alone! Come, let’s go!” Another instigated.

Just like that, several powerful cultivators continued moving forward.

“Look at how many of us are here! There has to be a reason why he won’t let us go inside. This is about the wellbeing of everyone in Armament Mountain!” An expert declared.

“This is our responsibility and duty!” One more shouted.

Most thought that a great treasury must have appeared. Li Qiye’s refusal to let them enter only confirmed this.

“He can’t stop us!” A dozen experts formed an alliance in order to break through.

“Clank! Clank! Clank!” They unsheathed their weapons - swords, pagodas, bows...

“We won’t show mercy to those standing in our way.” One of them declared murderously and released their energy.

Their intent was clear - killing Li Qiye for trying to stop them.

“Very well, don’t think about leaving this place then.” Li Qiye smirked and raised his hand. It became bright due to the earth’s loop appearing in his grasp.

The fortresses and towers resonated with the loop and activated.

“Attack!” The experts didn’t waste any time and also braced themselves for battle.

“You’re courting death.” Li Qiye said.

“Boom!” The lights from the towers gathered behind Li Qiye, looking like a peacock spreading its tail. His hand became even brighter as he unleashed a mighty pulse towards the enemies.

“What?!” The attackers saw this but it was too late to turn back. They raised their weapons, resulting in a colorful spectacle. Swords and pagodas flew through the air...

Alas, their effort was futile. The pulse’s destruction couldn’t be stopped and crushed through all the defenses.

“Ahhh!” They screamed in pain as their body was reduced to pieces first before being pulverized completely.

The scene became silent right away. The hesitated intruders were horrified.

“Goddamn!” Some reacted quickly and ran out of the plain right away, paled.

No one expected Li Qiye to stick to his words so closely. After all, he was alone against the mass.

Chills and sweat coursed down their back. They thought that they were lucky for not rushing like the first group.

“There’s a grand momentum built on the plain.” Someone from the last generation immediately recognized what was going on.

“Li Qiye has control over this momentum as long as he is in there.” A peer looked around and said.

“What is his goal?” Someone else wondered.

“Maybe the treasury is real. He’s using the momentum to stop others from coming.” An old cultivator speculated.

“Li, how, how dare you?!” A member of Armament calmed down and shouted: “You dare to kill members of Armament, we will not let this go!”

“Boom!” Li Qiye sent another pulse and reduced him to a pile of flesh before he could finish speaking.

“I’ll spare your life.” He pointed at a survivor and said: “Go tell Armament that only a massacre awaits for those who dare to act haughty in front of me.”

“I, I will...” The frightened survivor instantly fled back to Armament Mountain.

“Anyone else?” He then smiled at the crowd.

They all had awkward expressions. Though they thought that there was a treasury, no one wanted to be the first to come in and die.

Chapter 4075: Army Incoming

“Ooo-” Command horns echoed like the roars of dragons and tigers. A flood of steel hurriedly gathered by Armament Mountain, accompanied by an awe-inspiring battle intent.

“Armament Mountain’s horns.” The sects in the vicinity became startled.

“Ooo-” Armament Mountain seemed to be summoning its disciples.

“Is war starting?” Sect masters and elders wondered because the horns wouldn’t stop.

Regardless of the reason, they all knew that a big event was happening. Nonetheless, there were no external enemies, at least to their knowledge.

“I heard Li Qiye killed some of their members.” It didn’t take long before this message reached the majority.

“The richest guy?” A sect master became surprised after receiving this news.

“Hmm, aren’t they going overboard with this response?” A different sect master murmured.

Conflicts happened regularly and deaths weren’t uncommon. Armament Mountain had plenty of disciples so losing a few didn’t warrant blowing the horns of war.

“No, Li Qiye bought the Tang’s plain and I think there’s a treasury there. He messed with the wrong beehive.” Someone gathered information quickly and found out the reason.

“Does he want to start a sect?” A big shot wondered.

The richest man in the world could certainly buy influence and manpower. This could negatively affect Armament Mountain and lessen its authority.

Thus, Armament Mountain couldn't just sit idly and watch. This was before mentioning the potential treasury.

Meanwhile, those right outside the plain were just as alarmed as anyone else after hearing the horns.

“Are they coming to fight Li Qiye?” Someone took a deep breath.

“They might be coming to take the plain back, can't let someone else sleep in their bed.” A big shot saw things clearly.

Others agreed with this. First, the plain was just too close to Armament Mountain. They didn't appreciate having an outsider in charge so near to their land. Moreover, this outsider killed their members as well.

“Rumble!” A mini dust storm formed on the horizon - the result of a horde of cavalries and carriages. Banners fluttered in the air and made spectacles tremble.

“Looks like Armament Mountain isn't holding back against Li Qiye. This is going to be serious.” A spectator standing outside the plain commented.

On top of the carriages were disciples of Armament. They possessed impressive chaos energy and vitality. All had a stern expression.

Moreover, they didn't contain their aura at all. Thus, this flood-like wave looked eager to drown out the plain.

Eight-armed Prince personally led this cavalry. He wore a crest and full armor. Each of his hands held a different awe-inspiring treasure - pagoda, cauldron... The energy ring stemming from him could prop up the sky itself.

Spectators couldn't help but be impressed by his awe-inspiring presence.

“The prince is here in person?” Others found this surprising.

“Not just that, he's bringing all eight treasures for the famous merit law. A great battle is inevitable.” An older expert took a closer look and said.

Eight Treasures Splitting The Heaven was a top technique created by God Ape Dao Lord. The prince already had them ready before the start of the fight. He seemed hellbent on taking down the opponent.

“Li Qiye, come out here and surrender!” The prince shouted in a domineering fashion.

“That's why he's one of the Four Weapon Heroes, Armament Mountain will prosper once he takes over.” Someone else said.

“No youth can compete with him right now, he’ll definitely become the next sect master.” Another said. The surrounding sects approved of Eight-armed Prince, wanting him to be the next leader of Armament Mountain.

“Why is there a fly buzzing so early in the morning?” Li Qiye lazily answered the challenge.

He walked out of the courtyard, seemingly having just woken up. His eyes were still drowsy as he gazed at the situation ahead. He didn’t look like he was giving a damn about the elite army led by Eight-armed Prince in the slightest.

The members of the army were furious. They had never experienced this level of contempt within their territory before.

“I demand an explanation for your murders!” The prince was furious just like the rest. He expected Li Qiye to be trembling with fear but the opposite occurred.

Such contempt was a clear challenge to Armament Mountain’s authority - something unforgivable.

“As I’ve said, trespassers will be killed. Why act so surprised?” Li Qiye responded.

“You!” The entire army glared at Li Qiye, wanting to cut him to pieces.

Chapter 4076: Hundred-blade Noble

The members of the army found Li Qiye’s arrogant attitude unforgivable. This was nearly the same as him declaring war on Armament Mountain.

However, those who had seen him before didn’t think much of it. He had acted in this manner towards Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom before.

The prince took a deep breath to calm down before glaring at Li Qiye: “Do you know the consequences of your crime?”

“Don’t know and don’t care.” Li Qiye waved his hand and smiled: “But, I’ll kindly remind you of the consequences for trespassing here.”

Spectators thought that Li Qiye had no intention of de-escalating the situation.

“Does he not mind going to war against Armament Mountain?” Someone from another sect murmured.

“Whatever, it’ll be a fun show for us, the richest in the world versus Armament Mountain.” Another couldn’t wait.

“Well, this is Armament Mountain’s territory, is money that useful?” One more uttered coldly.

The excited crowd made it difficult for the prince. He led this army here in order to demand an answer for their dead disciples on top of re-seizing their prestige.

Now, Li Qiye refused to give them face in public, leaving him with tough choices.

If he didn't teach Li Qiye a lesson, it would ruin both his and his sect's reputation. How could he lead Armament Mountain if he failed to take care of one man?

"Your Highness, no need to waste breath on someone like him, let's teach him a lesson!" A member of Armament shouted.

"Yes, Your Highness, just say the word and we'll capture him!"

The majority of Armament Mountain's members here were from God Ape Kingdom. They didn't appreciate Li Qiye's attitude towards their prince.

The livid prince glared at Li Qiye and threatened: "This plain might be yours but it is still under our jurisdiction. Therefore, we have the authority to regulate it. Your insistence on being stubborn is nothing but suicidal."

"The plain has nothing to do with Armament Mountain, it is mine now. Alright, go back since I'll be nice and won't hold your ignorance against you. Stop disturbing my peace or I'll kill you all." Li Qiye replied.

"Li, stop being an idiot! Hand over the plain and apologize right now before it's too late!" The prince furiously shouted.

The prince would rather believe in the existence of the treasury than otherwise. Taking it back was playing it safe due to the sudden changes here.

If they were to find something, that would be a great contribution to the sect.

"You're finally revealing your tail." Li Qiye smiled: "All of this only to take the plain back. That's fine, I'm a generous man. Pay me ten billion and you can have it back."

The crowd exchanged glances after hearing the demand.

"You might as well rob us!" The prince trembled with anger. Li Qiye bought it for one hundred million and now, he wanted ten billion for it?

"It's just business." Li Qiye nonchalantly said: "Plus, I'm not asking for dao lord jades either, this is just a tiny sum. Sigh, it sucks dealing with poor plebs. Stop daydreaming and wasting my time. Know your place."

The members of Armament nearly vomited blood and gritted their teeth after hearing this. Their sect was famous for its power and resources. They took pride in having all the advantages from being a part of this sect. Thus, they didn't appreciate being called "poor plebs".

Some of the neutral spectators were left speechless. Only Li Qiye would consider ten billion, albeit not dao lord level, a small amount. Alas, he had the wealth to back it up.

"Li, I guess you want it the hard way. Don't blame us for cutting you to pieces!" The prince uttered coldly.

"No, that's showing too much mercy towards a scum like him." A calm voice interjected.

People turned around and saw two youths walking together. Both had an impressive aura.

One was a familiar character - Starshooter Prince who was taught a lesson by Li Qiye not long ago.

The other was also a member of Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom. He wore an expensive robe and looked quite spirited.

Sword energies surrounded him even though there were no physical swords in sight. Just these sharp rays alone could take down his enemies.

"Hundred-blade Noble." Someone shouted his title.

He was actually from Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom while Starshooter Prince was only a member of a tributary.

Nonetheless, Starshooter Prince was still considered as part of the main branch just like Hundred-blade Noble. It's just that the noble had more advantages and a higher status than the prince.

For example, he was a direct disciple of an elder there on top of cultivating a dao lord merit law - Reversion Sword Art.

"Another sword prodigy." Someone else said.

There were three members of the Ten Sword Prodigies and one Weapon Hero present. This was an impressive and rare gathering at the plain.

"Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom can't let go either." Another murmured.

Everyone knew about the feud between Li Qiye and Sea Emperor. Starshooter Prince causing trouble was one thing. However, Hundred-blade Noble's presence had a great significance.

The former couldn't represent Sea Emperor while the young noble could due to his background.

"Everyone has the responsibility to get rid of villains." Starshooter Prince glared at Li Qiye and declared.

Chapter 4077: Battle Soon

Ever since Starshooter Prince got here, he never hid his murderous intention against Li Qiye. Their feud had reached an irreconcilable level.

"Oh, forgetting the pain after the scar is gone?" Li Qiye said: "Looks like the previous beating wasn't enough. Your kingdom must have some really good ointments to heal you so fast but that's okay, I'll beat you again and see if the ointments will work a second time."

Li Qiye poured salt on the prince's wounds again in public. He obviously hasn't forgotten the humiliation last time so this only added to his rage.

"Li, today will be your last day!" He exclaimed while gritting his teeth: "Not even an immortal can save you from me!"

"Who's gonna kill me? You?" Li Qiye seemed amused.

"You'll find out soon enough." He blew on a war horn.

“Rumble!” Another cavalry suddenly emerged on the horizon and soared over like a steel dragon. Their march issued loud explosions that intimidate the crowd. The members covered in steel were ready for blood.

“Starshooter Kingdom’s royal cavalry.” Many took a deep breath after seeing this.

Starshooter Prince clearly came prepared this time around. He cupped his fist towards Eight-armed Prince and said: “I am here to aid you, Brother. We shall get rid of this villain together.”

It was actually improper for another army to appear without notice in another sect’s territory. However, Starshooter Prince stated his intention which made it acceptable.

“Thank you for your help.” Eight-armed Prince accepted.

Two separate armies waited outside the plain - a truly magnificent scene. They surrounded the area and trapped Li Qiye like a turtle in a jar.

“Li Qiye is probably not getting away this time.” Many weren’t optimistic about Li Qiye’s chances since he was facing three geniuses and two armies.

“Li, your offenses are unforgivable.” Hundred-blade Noble said: “Hand over the plain and surrender yourself to Sea Emperor and Armament right now and we might think about sparing your life.”

Hundred-blade Noble who had the highest status here spoke with confidence and conviction. Others shuddered after hearing him and were certain that he was the strongest out of the three.

“Wow, how cool.” Someone clapped and laughed loudly: “That’s a disciple of Sea Emperor for you, so inspiring and intimidating.”

The sarcasm was rather obvious. The crowd wondered who was bold enough to provoke the kingdom.

They saw a youth wearing a slightly dirty robe with a wine gourd hanging by the waist - clearly a lover of alcohol. Nonetheless, his sharp and bright features were similar to his unrestrained temperament.

“Dong Ling!” Many recognized him despite his lack of fame compared to Hundred-blade Noble’s group.

“Another sword prodigy?” They were surprised to see him here.

“What’s the date? Why are there so many of them here?” Another commented.

Normally, it wasn’t easy seeing these prodigies around but one appeared after another today.

“Brother Dong Ling, you want to wade through this muddled water?” Hundred-blade Noble scowled.

“I’m just a little annoyed at what I’m seeing, that’s all. Plus, Young Noble Li doesn’t need my help but if you want to fight, I’ll entertain you.” Dong Ling smiled.

His direct response prompted the crowd to think.

“This guy is audacious, I can’t believe he called out Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom.” A cultivator whispered.

“He’s one of the ten for a reason.” Another responded: “He’s qualified to fight Hundred-blade Noble.”

“Another day.” Hundred-blade Noble coldly responded.

Dong Ling then smiled at Li Qiye and asked: “Young Noble, do you require my assistance? I heard that you made a fortune recently so I don’t mind being rewarded with a few coins to buy more wine. I can be your errand boy.”

“No rush, you’ll have a chance later.” Li Qiye replied.

Dong Ling shrugged then told the trio: “Looks like I don’t have a spot here. That’s fine, continue on, I’ll just enjoy the show.” He then moved to the side, looking quite entertained.

The spotlight returned to Li Qiye and the trio.

“Li Qiye, this is your last warning.” Hundred-blade Noble glared at Li Qiye.

“Enough, leave now and keep your lives. Otherwise, come faster because my afternoon nap is coming.” Li Qiye yawned and said.

The trio was furious since they have never been treated in this manner before.

“No one can tolerate such disrespect outside of cowardly turtles hiding in their shells.” Dong Ling laughed and shouted.

This served to further infuriate the trio but they didn’t have time to deal with him right now.

“Li, come out and fight us!” Starshooter Prince shouted.

“It wouldn’t be a fight.” Li Qiye swatted his hand as if he was trying to chase away a fly: “I’m getting tired of this. Come with your armies or just leave already.”

“Young Lord, we will cut him to pieces.” Both cavalries were furious and begged to fight.

“Since you’re so confident, I’m sure you won’t mind taking all of us on then.” Hundred-blade Noble calmly stated.

“Yes, yes, however many you want.” Li Qiye gestured provocatively.

The trio exchanged glances before nodding.

“Men, get ready, we are taking back the plain!” Eight-armed Prince commanded.

“We’re starting. It’s time to obliterate the enemy!” Starshooter Prince shouted.

Metallic clanks echoed across the region right away as members of the armies unsheathed their weapons.

Chapter 4078: Eight Treasures Splitting The Heaven

The atmosphere became tense and spectators watched with bated breath.

Hundred-blade Noble's eyes flashed menacingly as he spoke: "We can't be considered taking advantage of you since you are a willing participant against all of us, Young Noble Li. Let's see what you can do."

Having said that, he patted behind his back. "Clank!" A box opened and countless divine swords soared upward. They posed behind him just like a forest. He raised both hands and they moved towards his front.

Terrible sword energies rampaged the area, causing the crowd to tremble. They felt a sharp pain after being brushed by the rays.

"Reversion Sword Art!" Spectators trembled at the sheer number of swords.

"Saberlearned Dao Lord is supreme indeed." A previous-gen cultivator praised.

"Such unstoppable keenness, the unique dao lord stood out indeed." An ancestor added.

Hundred-blade Noble was performing a sword dao named Reversion. Its creator was the second dao lord of Sea Emperor - Saberlearned.

He was a golem who had a great dao debut with the saber, virtually unmatched throughout the land. For some unknown reason later, he swapped from the saber to the sword. His sword dao became the focus instead for his ascension.

His decision solidified the sword as the main weapon of Sea Emperor Sword Kingdom for the future.

This feat was rather unique in history and could only be described as miraculous. Thus, this particular technique was a big deal when used by Hundred-blade Noble. The majestic and ferocious energies seen here had the style of the dao lord. He proved himself worthy of being a member of the ten prodigies.

"Activate!" Eight-armed Prince didn't want to fall behind and roared.

He grew to the size of a giant in the blink of an eye. Just one stomp of his could take down a mountain or in this case - the plain.

He spread his hands and showed how massive they were - capable of raising the sky and suppressing the earth...

The eight treasures became resplendent, making it hard for the spectators to keep their eyes open.

The cauldron released an inferno; the pagoda had a light brighter than the sun... The sky was blotted out by his treasures. They looked like eight rising suns that were creating a new world.

"Eight Treasures Splitting The Heaven!" An expert shouted in astonishment.

This was a technique from the second dao lord of Armament - using eight treasures at the same time to their maximum potential.

Since Hundred-blade and Eight-armed have used their top technique, Starshooter didn't want to fall behind.

He pointed his sword at the air and summoned a galaxy. The stars then turned into swords as he channeled more energy into it.

“You’re dead!” Eight-armed Prince was the first to enter the plain. Each of his steps caused a violent quake and damaged the ground.

The army of Armament also rushed forward with the force of a tsunami.

“Die!” Hundred-blade Noble’s countless swords flew towards Li Qiye like a torrent.

Starshooter Prince did the same and released a rain of swords down on the plain. His royal cavalry marched right behind them.

“Rumble!” The armies and the powerful techniques seemed hellbent on destroying the plain and Li Qiye.

Spectators trembled at this horrifying sight.

“They’re so strong!” One spectator roared. This group could actually destroy an entire sect, let alone one man.

“Can Li Qiye stop them?” Another wondered.

“I don’t think so, he’s all alone against several great powers.” One expert took a deep breath.

This wasn’t the extent of the sects’ true power either. Nonetheless, it was enough to destroy the average sect.

“Haha, he asked for it.” One youth sneered in response: “He thought that he could challenge these ancient lineages just because he’s rich. Hmph, he never stood a chance.”

Battle cries echoed from the other side while all eyes were on Li Qiye. No one else wanted to help him, not even Ning Zhu.

This eventually astounded the spectators.

“Does, does he really want to face these armies alone?” One of them asked. No one had confidence in his victory.

“You’ve made your choice, so be it.” Li Qiye smiled and raised his hand. The earth’s loop became radiant once more. Rays and thick fog suddenly appeared all over the plain.

“Careful, this might be a maze formation!” Hundred-blade Noble shouted.

Chapter 4079: Disappearance

Hundred-blade Noble’s warning came too late. All of them have entered the plain at this point and saw the flashes and fog.

They immediately knew that something was wrong and became cautious.

“On guard!” Eight-armed Prince commanded and assumed a defensive measure.

He pulled back all eight hands around him. The various treasures poured down their affinities to form a fiery armor wrapping around him.

“Something’s amiss!” Starshooter Prince felt the same way and returned to the command position of his army.

The royal cavalry roared affirmatively and the vanguard raised their shields. Not even a breeze could get through this impregnable fort. He also added an outer secondary wall consisting of divine swords.

Hundred-blade Noble roared and did the same thing. His celestial swords hovered around him as if he was the center of the cosmo.

“Poof!” The plain became brighter with denser fog that enveloped both armies.

They disappeared from sight; not even the glints of their weapons could be seen. Spectators became confused right away.

“A bewildering technique?” One spectator wondered after losing clear visibility on the plain.

“I don’t think it’s that simple. This seems to be a grand formation with a maze-like property. It’s prepared beneath and would activate against all intruders.” A big shot from the last generation carefully observed the fog before answering.

“Well, if it’s just a maze formation, it shouldn’t be able to stop those experts. They have the manpower to break it too.” A youth remarked.

“Careful!” They suddenly heard Hundred-blade Noble’s shout.

“Sh*t!” Eight-armed Prince’s voice resounded afterward.

“Splash! Splash! Splash!” Next was splashing noises as if people had fallen into the water.

It was strange because the sounds happened in rapid succession. The entire armies seemed to have fallen into a body of water without the chance to scream and shout.

The plain became silent again.

“What is happening there?” Cultivators standing outside clamored.

However, the fog still obscured their vision despite activating their heavenly gaze.

Eventually, the fog slowly dispersed and they could finally see again.

“It’s going away!” Someone shouted.

Alas, what they saw next made them rub their eyes in disbelief.

“Am, am I seeing things?” One of them shouted.

“There’s no one left...” Everyone saw the same thing.

The plain was the same as before, down to a single blade of grass. Unfortunately, the trio and their armies have vanished.

“How can this be?! Where did that army go?!” An expert bellowed.

Even ancestors had no clue what was going on. There were more than a hundred thousand men in those cavalries. There should be corpses, at least.

They might not be the strongest legions in Sword Continent but were still quite impressive and intimidating. Moreover, three geniuses led them as well.

Worst of all, there were no fighting noises or screams. This made the whole thing creepier.

“Damn, am I drunk?” Dong Ling was frightened and decided to drink another mouthful.

Ning Zhu didn’t expect this either. She thought that Li Qiye would use the power of the earth’s loop to kill them all. Instead, he simply made them disappear via that fog.

Because of this, she felt as if there was something monstrous slumbering underground.

“Are there any active illusory effects?” One expert questioned.

Ancestors and kings began using their heavenly gaze. Alas, their careful observation yielded nothing.

One king shook his head: “Nothing, no illusion nor concealment. This plain is the real thing.”

“Then where did they go?!” A weak cultivator shuddered in fear.

No one had an answer to his question. Only magic and sorcery could explain this phenomenon.

Chapter 4080: Bound

It seemed as if the trio and their men had evaporated into thin air. This would make sense if this place was a forbidden zone or they were mere mortals.

In this case, the group consisted of powerful cultivators while the barren plain had no danger to speak of. Now, the latter appeared to be an ominous ground.

“There’s something bizarre going on.” An ancestor got chills and decided to move back.

The crowd didn’t need this reminder and felt the same way. In their eyes, the place seemed to be cursed now.

Spectators exchanged glances and kept on thinking about this issue. If the group had died, then there should at least be some traces such as blood or ashes. Alas, not a single strand of hair could be spotted.

Their rumination was suddenly interrupted by boiling noises in the plain. The ground itself seemed to be turning into water.

However, the fog returned and stopped them from seeing what’s happening next. It sounded like something was climbing out of a marsh along with some strange roars.

All in all, they thought that things were being spat out. It’s just that no vision technique could get through the fog.

“Do not get close to the fog.” A high elder warned those standing outside.

This was unnecessary because people exercised caution and didn't want to be touched by this fog. Fortunately, it never expanded beyond the border of the Tang's plain.

This didn't last long just like before. It eventually dispersed fully and no one saw a monster or anything either.

"Look! Over there!" Someone shouted and astonishment struck the crowd again.

They saw the three geniuses and the members of the armies laying chaotically on the ground. The weirdest thing was that they have been stripped completely naked.

They were far from being helpless and should have been able to resist. Alas, they looked to be fish on the chopping board for whoever or whatever did this.

Even the experienced big shots have never seen anything like this before. They scratched their head but couldn't come up with an explanation.

"Are, are they still alive?" Someone asked.

An ancestor used his heavenly gaze and nodded: "Yes, all of them are alive, they're just sleeping."

"So what caused this? An extremely powerful hypnotic drug?" An expert asked.

"No, such a drug would need to be at the immortal level or something to work on those cultivators." A national teacher disagreed.

Poisons popular in the mortal world no longer worked on cultivators. They were impervious and could even rebuild destroyed body parts. For a poison to actually inflict damage, it would need to reach their true fate.

"The fog being a hypnotic drug doesn't explain their disappearance earlier." Someone else brought this up.

The crowd had no response since they did see an empty plain earlier. Why did the disappeared victims come back?

"Tie all of them up." Li Qiye ordered Dong Ling.

The latter calmed down and put on a bright smile: "I got this, Young Noble." He then entered the plain while no one else dared to do so without Li Qiye's permission.

He took out a rope of seemingly infinite length. It moved with incredible speed and coiled around the three geniuses first then gradually across the entire field. He then tied them around the towers nearby, still maintaining impressive agility.

The victims looked like countless meat skewers swaying to the winds. Remember, they were all naked as well.

This prompted some spectators to giggle despite the seriousness of the event.

“Isn’t this too much?” Someone asked because honor was more important than life to some.

Even if they were to survive this, they would no longer have the face to see anyone.

“That’s how the world is, Li Qiye’s fate might have been worse if he had been captured by them.” A last-gen cultivator said.

This was indeed the case. Li Qiye’s wealth was coveted and his previous transgressions have not been forgiven.

The other party would have done anything necessary in order to force Li Qiye to hand over his wealth.