

## Emperor 4981

### Chapter 4981: Mist Deity

This reminded her of the first time Li Qiye saw Goldcrest. He mentioned something about a secret and frightened Goldcrest.

This meant that Li Qiye already knew that the guy was from the ten mountains at the start. She chuckled wryly, thinking that nothing could elude Li Qiye's eyes.

They were the only ones who didn't know while Li Qiye understood everything from the start.

"He has a special badge." Li Qiye revealed.

"Yes, you are right, Young Noble. I have a badge that has been handed down from generation to generation. It allows the user to temporarily leave the ten mountains. Of course, this can't compare to Wild Dragon's fortune and especially not Demon Conqueror in terms of length."

By this point, Goldcrest was no longer surprised by Li Qiye's devilish ability.

"I see." Yunyun said: "Your cultivation is incredible right now, you became a dragon lord after leaving Abroad in just a short time."

She was sure that he was not a dragon lord when they last met. However, maintaining that white-phoenix form required the power of a dragon lord.

“You’re too kind, Miss Jian.” Goldcrest was happy to hear the praises. However, he didn’t raise his tail and gloat: “This is just a matter of location. Our Phoenix City worships the tiger deity so after returning, this affinity boosts my cultivation. Once I leave, it will disappear.”

This is one of the reasons why Demon was so tempting. The power level here was not the same as those in the outside world due to the power of belief and worship.

For example, Goldcrest was only a sovereign in Abroad. Of course, this was enough to outmatch most in the young generation. However, he actually reached the realm of dragon lord in the Ten Great Mountains. This gave him enough power to actually fight Radiant Young Monarch.

“Why is there competition between those from the same deity branch?” She asked, unaware of the details in this place.

“It is a matter of belief. We share the same deity but aren’t in an alliance.” Goldcrest said: “Factions from different deity branches can become close allies while as you see here, war.”

“How interesting.” Yunyun said.

“May I ask why you two are here, Miss Jian and Young Noble Li?” Goldcrest became curious.

Yunyun glanced at Li Qiye first before responding: “Our young noble is pursuing Shadowrider.”

“Shadowrider? That Shadowrider?!” Goldcrest couldn’t believe it.

The title alone scared everyone including big shots. Goldcrest was no exception and felt as if someone was gazing at him from the shadow.

“Young Noble?” Goldcrest didn’t understand. Everyone else wanted to stay away from Shadowrider but Li Qiye was pursuing this character?

“Shadowrider might have something to do with the disappearance of several top masters, hence our pursuit. We followed traces and believed that Demon might be the lair.”

“Impossible.” Goldcrest said because most believed that Shadowrider was a human - a member of an unknown assassin organization.

Nonetheless, he realized that nothing could hide from Li Qiye’s eyes and said: “Where in Demon then? Hmm, the highest possibility should be Mist.”

He then realized that he should keep his mouth shut and stopped speaking.

“Elaborate.” Li Qiye asked.

“Well... I shouldn’t really speak on the other deities.” He lowered his voice: “Plus, I don’t know much about them, Mist is rather mysterious. According to our late ancestor, Mist’s founder god was an outsider.”

“An outsider?” Yunyun found this surprising.

“Right, not from Demon.” Goldcrest smiled wryly.

“Then how did this person start a deity branch here?” Yunyun said, assuming that all six deity branches were started by demon gods.

“I’m not sure.” Goldcrest answered: “According to the legends, a sword user came and carved a deity spot on the Divine Beast Tablet, starting Mist henceforth.”

“It’s that simple?” She asked.

“Miss Jian, you may not know that the tablet is the source of Demon, a piece that has fallen off the nest of the great Demon God. It is the reason why the creatures here have an easy time communicating with the dao. Only special demons can establish a branch on the tablet.”

Having said that, he lowered his voice and said: “It’s not a simple process. Eight-stallion Dao Lord is also a demon. He tried to carve a deity branch on the tablet, only to fail.”

Yunyun understood the significance of the tablet after hearing this. Eight-stallion Dao Lord was only second to Conceal Conqueror in the lower continents.

Alas, this demon wasn’t enough to establish a deity spot, unlike the mysterious sword user.

“So is this sword user a human or a demon?” She became curious.

“I don’t know, maybe the other founder gods know. The only thing known to all is that Mist God was an outsider.” Goldcrest shook his head.

Chapter 4982: Tiger Deity

An outsider capable of starting a deity branch on the Divine Beast Tablet was nothing short of a miraculous legend.

After all, these branches were older than many ancient lineages and enjoyed the worship of countless species in history.

“Maybe Shadowrider is really from Mist.” Yunyun was in awe after hearing the story and speculated.

“Shh...” Goldcrest immediately stopped her: “Be careful, we don’t know who is listening.”

She stopped because it was best not to comment without solid evidence. Mist was one of the six; offending any in Demon meant not being able to leave this place alive. The deity was one thing but all of the worshippers would tear any offender into pieces.

“I don’t understand much about Mist. The current god in charge is the enigmatic Nightwalker.” Goldcrest said.

The moment he said this, he realized that there might be a problem. Previously, no one had connected Mist and Shadowrider.

One was a mysterious assassin who was thought to be a human. Furthermore, cultivators viewed demons in the Ten Great Mountains as barbarous and hotheaded, not possessing the refined attributes needed for assassination.

Despite his suspicion, commenting about Mist was unwise. Being a member of Tiger still wouldn't protect him from violent persecution.

"No rush, we'll get our answer soon enough." Li Qiye smiled.

By this point, the demons under Goldcrest have finished cleaning up the battlefield and blew the summoning horns.

"Back to the city!" Goldcrest laughed heartily and commanded. Morale was at an all-time high.

"We're watching a king in action." Yunyun couldn't help but praise. It seemed like Goldcrest had ample influence in Demon.

"How can we, barbarians in the wilderness, compare to you, the future ruler of Primal?" Goldcrest said with a smile.

This was indeed the truth. Primal was an orthodox lineage and The Alliance had a chance of becoming its future leader.

"Nothing is certain yet." Yunyun shook her head.

"Since you're here already, Young Noble and Miss Jian, allow me to be your host?" Goldcrest then invited the two of them.

“Fine, I’ll give you an opportunity to act cool in front of Yunyun.” Li Qiye smiled.

“It won’t be anything like that.” Goldcrest smiled awkwardly in response.

He turned back into his white bird form and allowed the two to ride on him. He soared through the air with lightning speed. Alas, this region was massive so it would still take some time.

Due to his power and size, the other beasts didn’t dare to bother them as the three returned to Phoenix.

This ancient city was large, albeit not on the same scale as those found outside. Nonetheless, it was incredible that such a project could be completed in this remote region.

Demons were able to live harmoniously in Phoenix. Some cultivators were here as well, either on vacation or business.

“Welcome to Phoenix.” Goldcrest introduced the city while flying in the air.

“I didn’t expect to see such a lively city.” Yunyun said.

When they first came, they didn’t see a single soul outside of violent beasts. Phoenix changed her mind about The Ten Great Mountains.

“It is built on the blood and sweat of the ancestors.” He said humbly, aware that there was no need to brag to Yunyun who had a nobler upbringing.

“The city lord is back!” Its inhabitants welcomed Goldcrest back into the city.

“Oh, a beloved leader already, young yet promising.” Li Qiye commented.

“Please don’t tease me, Young Noble. I have done nothing outside of inheriting a legacy.” Goldcrest chuckled.

Of course, he was nothing short of a capable genius. It’s just that he didn’t show any arrogance after seeing the geniuses in Abroad, especially those from the dao lineages.

For example, Yunyun was not inferior while Ming Shi continued to grow. Swordgrasp and Radiant Young Monarch in particular were the leaders of the young generation.

Alas, they have been killed by Li Qiye now.

Goldcrest treated the two with the utmost respect and prepared the best place for them to stay. Afterward, he brought them to see the worshipping ceremony.

There existed a statue inside the city lord’s main hall. It was surprisingly small - only the size of three fists or so.



It was carved out of tree roots with exquisite craftsmanship. It depicted a tiger and a monkey. The former was ferocious and looked ready for battle. On the other hand, the monkey sitting on the tiger seemed relaxed with its eyes closed.

“This is our tiger badge bestowed upon our ancestor by the founder god, truly a supreme honor.” Goldcrest said.

“Tiger Deity has two gods?” Yunyun quietly asked. The problem for her was which was the main god, the tiger or the monkey?

“The monkey is the founder god.” Li Qiye answered instead.

“You know this too, Young Noble?” Goldcrest blurted out but realized that he had said something unnecessary. Li Qiye simply knew everything.

Yunyun became more curious. If the monkey was the founder god, why was it called Tiger Deity?

Chapter 4983: God Source

Since Tiger Deity was one of the six, everyone assumed that its founder god was a tiger. It didn't make sense for a monkey to be the founder. Shouldn't it be Monkey Deity instead?

Goldcrest himself couldn't answer this question.

“The legend says it is because the founder god rode a divine tiger.” He said.

“How strange.” Yunyun murmured.

“Some believe that our founder god learned the dao after meditating in front of the Divine Beast Tablet. The counterpart says that he was already an invincible demon emperor who chose to return to the source. Either way, it is certain that he is a monkey demon, completely invincible.”

“I see.” Yunyun responded.

With the exception of Mist, the other deity branches were started by divine demons. Mist’s founder remained a mystery.

“Please wait a bit, I shall perform an offering.” Goldcrest told the two before kneeling down in front of the statue.

At this point, he already had the power of a dragon lord - capable of performing wondrous feats. In fact, he could be considered a god by weaker beings.

Thus, why would he need to worship someone else? This seemed to be against the path of cultivation.

Alas, this was Demon and the Ten Great Mountains. Every worshipper was connected to their god until they became strong enough to break it. Otherwise, even a founder god who had previously worshipped a deity would still be connected to this faith.

“Buzz.” After showing respect via a kowtow, Goldcrest took out a small item with a crescent shape, holding it with both hands.

It exuded a gentle glow just like the moon above and was brimming with life. Despite its immense aura, it possessed a silent warmth instead of an overwhelming suppression.

He offered it to the statue. A reaction occurred and the two deities looked as if they were coming back to life.

The tiny tiger roared and released a torrent of shockwaves. On the other hand, the monkey remained calm and composed.

Thus, people got the impression that the powerful tiger was just a mount. The monkey was the true master with an indelible force.

Yunyun finally got confirmation that the monkey was the true founder god of Tiger.

Goldcrest bathed before their power, seemingly meditating. After a while, he trembled once and woke up; the statue also became normal again.

He stood up while his eyes were still flashing with newfound power. His comprehension and knowledge have improved from the process.

“Congratulations, Brother Goldcrest.” Yunyun could see that he had gained something considerable after the ceremony.

“A god source is incredible indeed.” Goldcrest looked at the crescent item in his hand.

“What’s a god source?” She asked since it didn’t look like a treasure or an alchemy item. He and the tiger monarch competed for it earlier.

“The essence of a god.” Li Qiye said.

“That’s right, it is a priceless treasure to us.” Goldcrest said.

“So there is a god on the verge of death.” Li Qiye startled Yunyun with this comment.

“Really?” She asked, thinking about which of the six.

“It is the current god of Feather, Peacock Monarch is near death so his god source has been scattering everywhere.”

The six branches included six founders but afterward, there were six commanding gods as well.

For example, Wood was started by Demon Conqueror who later on left to become a conqueror instead. Nonetheless, Wood Deity still remained for others to worship.

Tiger’s founder was a divine monkey but its current god was a lunar rabbit.

“Everyone is searching for remnants of the god source right now. I heard about this so I came back and got lucky with one.” He said.

“What are their benefits?” She asked.

“It contains the primal mysteries of the dao for demons. Just one tiny piece is immensely helpful. It doesn’t restrict users from the other branches as well.” He said.

“So when does a new god appear?” She asked.

“I’m not sure since I haven’t heard anything. There are two ways, one being whoever collects all the god sources and gain the recognition of the deity.” He said.

“What about the other method?” She was excited to be around for such a monumental event.

“A successor who is was chosen by the previous god who must create his own god source.” Goldcrest said.

“Hmm, sounds hard.” She said.

Gathering the broken pieces meant winning numerous battles. Moreover, this required the acceptance of the deity branch as well. As for the successor path, this must be done through cultivation and comprehension.

In a sense, the latter path was easier but required higher comprehension and dao heart.

Chapter 4984: Seeing The Little Girl Again

Their conversation was interrupted by a member who came in for a report.

“City Lord, there is a challenger outside. Several demon monarchs have been injured already.”

“A challenger?” Goldcrest frowned.

“Looks like you have a lot of enemies, Brother Goldcrest.” Yunyun chuckled.

He smiled wryly and said: “I really don’t since I’ve always focused on the dao.”

“They might be here for the god source.” He paused for a second before adding.

“If that’s the case, it doesn’t bode well for your city.” Li Qiye said.

Goldcrest knew Li Qiye was right. Countless demons desired the remnant pieces right now in order to improve their power.

“Let’s go take a look.” Goldcrest said. The enemy was already knocking on the door; he couldn’t be a coward and hide.

They climbed up the city wall in order to see the challenger.

Meanwhile, demon monarchs of Phoenix took this very seriously. Several members have been wounded already.

“Rooster, come out here, I want to see your real form.” A pleasant voice came from beneath.

Li Qiye and the others found this all too familiar.

Goldcrest looked down and saw a cute girl posing aggressively with both hands on her waist.

“Princess Ming Shi.” He smiled wryly and didn’t expect this.

“You have been a bad boy.” She leaped into the air and unleashed a fist containing a majestic dao.

The demons shuddered after seeing her attack.

She was a Supreme Sovereign from Untethered - an orthodox sect specialized in the dao. Thus, her techniques contained immense power.

He laughed and placed his arms together, summoning white wings to form a shield.

“Boom!” He didn’t even move from the punch since his empowered form boosted him to the next level.

“Rooster, why did you hide your real identity? A monarch pretending to be a lowly demon in Abroad.” Ming Shi demanded an answer.

“Your Highness, I never pretended to be a lowly demon.” He said.

“You didn’t tell us your true background.” Ming Shi said.

Fortunately for Goldcrest, Yunyun joined the conversation: “Why are you here, Ming Shi?”

“Yunyun, Young Noble?! Why are you two here as well?” Ming Shi said.

“We’re tracking someone.” Yunyun said.

“I’m here with the seniors. We passed by this place and my senior aunt said something about a city lord known as Goldcrest, that’s why I’m here to teach him a lesson.”

“Tendril King is here too?” Goldcrest clicked his tongue in admiration.

“Indeed, I told them I have a friend here so they went ahead.” She smiled.

Tendril King might be her senior but was still considered as part of the young generation. Her talent and power far exceeded them. Even Radiant Young Monarch couldn’t hold a candle to her. [1]

She was a dragon lord with five sacred fruits, rumored to be training with an ancient art. Given her talent, she was qualified to enter the upper continents and still be a top dog there.



“Rooster, I bet you were afraid of us coming here and taking your stuff since you’re a rich city lord. Lying to us is unforgivable.” Ming Shi regained her focus.

“No, I merely didn’t comment on it, please forgive me.” He said before changing the topic: “Tendril King is incredible, how does she know what is going on in Demon as well?”

Others didn’t know about his background but Tendril King was able to spot Phoenix and knew about him. It seemed that she had great knowledge of the region.

“Of course, my senior aunt will be the ruler of Untethered, nothing can elude her eyes.” Ming Shi said proudly.

“Indeed, we will never be able to catch up.” Yunyun said sentimentally.

She had a chance of becoming the ruler of Primal in the future. Alas, she felt inferior and unworthy when compared to Tendril King.

“Why are your seniors here?” Goldcrest asked.

Cultivators such as Tendril King didn’t travel for no reason. Normally, these big shots would just stay and protect their sect. Therefore, something big must be happening.

“She said that your Peacock Monarch is near death, a visit is necessary.” Ming Shi said.

“So she’s here for the god sources too, how did the information get out so fast?” Goldcrest shuddered.

“You got one?” Ming Shi asked.

“Ahem...” Goldcrest cleared his throat and didn’t answer.

“Please, I don’t care for it but hehehe, my senior aunt might. If you don’t hand it over, she’ll chop off your head.” Ming Shi gave him the side eye.

“Why is Tendril King interested in the god sources?” Yunyun asked.

It was understandable for demons in the Ten Great Mountains to desire the god source. Tendril King was also a demon but not part of this system.

“The Demon God’s divine nest, surely.” Li Qiye said.

“Exactly, Young Noble. My aunt wishes to enter the divine nest.” Ming Shi said.

“Is it possible?” Yunyun heard legends that this enigmatic place couldn’t be visited by just anyone.

Chapter 4985: The Legendary Nest

The divine nest was widely regarded as the most enigmatic location in all of Demon. It was whispered to be the very wellspring of the regional demon dao.

Despite its fabled significance, very little was known about the Nest. Its existence was the only certainty to the demons and monarchs here.

If anyone could answer this question, it might be one of the six commanding gods. Alas, the gods never divulged this secret.

Nonetheless, everyone knew that entering the nest meant obtaining a great fortune. This included those who weren't demons. Of course, demons would benefit more relatively.

"It's not so simple." Goldcrest was a big shot here so he knew more than most: "Not to mention people like us, even conquerors and dragon lords have failed to locate it."

"Possessing a god source increases the chance." Ming Shi said: "My senior aunt told me that the commanding gods can somehow communicate with the nest. This is the proper method to find it."

"It's possible." Goldcrest said: "Tendrill King is special, she might be able to figure it out through the god source."

Goldcrest had one piece right now but regardless of his attempt, he didn't notice anything peculiar. As a demon monarch, he naturally wished to enter the divine nest as well. This was one of the reasons behind taking the risk in competing for them.

"I heard Wild Dragon had obtained a great fortune and that it might have been from the nest. Is this true?" Yunyun asked.

Goldcrest pondered for a bit before responding: "It's possible, many believe this notion. Wild Dragon has a high status in Serpent. The commanding god there rarely shows up in public so normally, Wild Dragon is in charge."

His original form was an earth lava-dragon. However, he was fortunate enough to come across true dragon blood and evolved into a wild dragon.

Many believed that he was lucky enough to enter the nest and gained the ability to travel freely outside of the Ten Mountains.

"My aunt just needs the god source and she'll be able to enter the nest." She said with confidence: "Rooster, I'm warning you, don't try to compete with her or she'll really cut off your head, no one can stop her."

She had absolute confidence in Tendril King. After all, this was a great genius with five sacred fruits.

"Of course not." Goldcrest shuddered and said: "She would have no trouble slaying me."

He knew that despite having the protection of Tiger, it would still be suicidal to go against Tendril King. He didn't have any other backer.

"Good." She smiled and then asked Li Qiye: "Young Noble, Sister Yunyun, why are you here again?"

"The young noble is pursuing Shadowrider." Yunyun revealed.

“See, I knew that the young noble would have no problem dealing with him.” Ming Shi clapped excitedly.

“Who was it that thought I was going to be killed?” Li Qiye chuckled in response.

“Hey, Shadowrider is a notorious assassin but I guess you’re still far superior.” She turned red and pouted.

“Sis, what did Shadowrider look like? Fat or skinny, male or female?” Ming Shi became curious instead after knowing that Li Qiye was not in danger.

“I don’t know since I couldn’t get a clear look, it’s like a phantom.” Yunyun shook her head. If Li Qiye hadn’t defeated Shadowrider, she wouldn’t even have gotten a good look.

“Remember, this might be the best place for an ambush.” Goldcrest was frightened, not because of Shadowrider but because of Li Qiye’s ability - defeating and pursuing the assassin all the way to Demon.

“What is there to be afraid of? Shadowrider can’t touch the young noble.” Ming Shi’s confidence in Li Qiye was at an all-time high.

“We’ll see where Shadowrider is hiding soon enough.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hehehe, I’ll tag along too.” Ming Shi got next to Li Qiye, not wanting to be left behind.

He smiled and didn't refuse her involvement.

"Won't Tendril King look for you?" Yunyun asked.

"Don't worry, she brought many experts and even several ancestors, they don't need my help at all. It's more fun to follow the young noble, maybe the world will bring up my name when they talk about Shadowrider's capture. Everyone will call me the greatest genius in the world." She laughed and started fantasizing, brightening the mood.

"I'll tag along too, this is my home so I know the way. May I be your guide, Young Noble?" Goldcrest immediately asked.

"Seems like you want to run away." Li Qiye smiled.

"Hehehe, of course not, I just want to be a gracious host to my friends." He put on an awkward smile. Although his intentions were to entertain the trio, the thought of making a run for it was also not far from his mind.

Other demons and big shots might come and attack Phoenix if he was still around. Thus, it was best to leave with the group. Moreover, he felt very safe when traveling with Li Qiye.

Thus, he immediately prepared for his departure since Li Qiye didn't refuse.

Demon was massive indeed. Now, masters from the lower continents have also arrived. It seemed like the news of Peacock Monarch's inevitable demise have traveled far enough. Experts wanted the god source, hoping for a fortune.

However, Li Qiye's group didn't care about this. They were only here to look for Shadowrider. As for Goldcrest, he wasn't greedy enough to look for more fragments.

They crossed through peaks and valleys while tracing Shadowrider's steps.

"Shadowrider is absolutely familiar with the land, these are all secretive paths." Goldcrest found new places along the way and commented.

"Boom!" Suddenly, the power of a sovereign erupted in the form of a towering beam.

Chapter 4986: Bewitching Monarch

The eruption was an attempt to stop a colossal python whose mere movement flattened the peaks nearby.

The beam of light crumbled right away as the python coiled around the user.

"Someone's in trouble!" The kind Ming Shi rushed forward.

Goldcrest and Yunyun worried about her and also followed along.

Once they got to the scene, they saw the large python laying on top of what used to be left of mountains. It was covered in colorful scales, looking like a beautiful dress or painting.

It had a female human head - one as enchanting as can be, whether it be the features or long, silky hair.

Just seeing the head alone could tempt men into trouble. Alas, they knew to stay away due to the rest of her.

She coiled around a youth who was trying to escape by releasing his energies in waves. Next came a defensive attempt with the sword dao that was proven to be futile.

“Crack!” The swords crumbled along with the energy waves as the woman constricted her body.

He was covered in blood; his complexion turned red from mustering all of his strength. If this continued, his defensive lines would fall, signaling the end of him.

“Bewitching Monarch.” Goldcrest’s expression darkened after seeing this demon.

She was famous and hailed from Serpent. Numerous human experts and demons have become her meals. The mountain she resided in was filled with their bones.

“It’s Qing Songke.” Ming Shi focused on the youth - another excellent student from Abroad.

“Ahh!” He roared and unleashed his power in full force. His reincarnation halo pulsed outward in an attempt to break free.



“Be obedient now, little one.” She laughed and added more strength, easily crushing his energy.

She was clearly stronger with the blessing of Serpent, not to mention having many more years of cultivation.

“Bewitching Monarch, please spare my friend!” Goldcrest shouted.

“Goldcrest, I’m afraid I can’t do you this favor since it has been a while since my last meal. This kid is tender and has great dao fortunes, I can’t give up something this delicious.” The female monarch looked down at the group and smiled.

“I will repay you handsomely another day for this favor.” Goldcrest cupped his fist.

“Hahaha, brat, I would give you some face if your ancestor was still around.” The demon laughed: “Now, I’m already playing nice by not eating all of you too. Be smart and scam instead of disrupting my meal.”

“Monarch, don’t force our hand.” He responded.

“Little rooster, how dare you speak to me as an equal? I’ve already given you face yet you choose to be stubborn. I will eat you as well.” The demon laughed.

“Scram or I will kill you.” Li Qiye waved his hand and said.

The demon became amused and looked down at Li Qiye with eyes larger than lanterns: “The audacity, fine, I’ll eat you first.”

With that, loud winds formed as she lunged and opened her mouth wide. This was large enough to devour ten mountains while possessing sharp fangs. It spewed out corrosive energy, killing all the plants and grass nearby.

Alas, she couldn’t close her mouth and became surprised, realizing that this victim was actually resisting her.

“Activate!” She focused all of her strength, wanting to crush him.

“Ahhh!” After a loud crack, she bellowed in pain since her jaws have been torn apart.

She immediately fled but he leaped into the air and stomped on her head. She smashed into the ground and left behind a large pit.

He looked like a mosquito standing on top of her but she couldn’t move an inch.

“Please spare me, oh great cultivator.” She begged for mercy.

“Too late.” He added more force and stomped her head into the earth. It exploded and blood splashed everywhere.

“Ahh!” Her true fate flew out of the body.

“Boom!” Darkness suddenly descended along with divine power.

“Serpent Deity!” Goldcrest shouted.

The power of Serpent has arrived to protect her.

“I will make you pay for this, ten-” She roared.

Alas, she couldn’t finish her threat because Li Qiye somehow managed to stomp her true fate into the ground again.

“Really?” He smiled and did the same thing again.

“Nooo!” She screamed as the power of Serpent was not enough to stop him. Her true fate dispersed, ending her life.

“So fierce.” Goldcrest trembled in horror. It seemed like Li Qiye didn’t need the dao controller at all; he could have killed those five conquerors with his own power.

“Are you okay, friend?” He stopped thinking about this matter and came over to Qing Songke.

Qing Songke looked to be in a sorry state. He bowed at Goldcrest and didn’t wish to speak, immediately walking away.

“Hey, what’s with your attitude? Our young noble saved you and not even a word of thanks?” Ming Shi shouted.

Chapter 4987: Reincarnation Lineage’s Secrets

Qing Songke stopped in his track after being yelled at by Princess Ming Shi, unable to answer nor leave.

“Show your gratitude already.” Ming Shi has always been straightforward.

Qing Songke turned back and begrudgingly bowed toward Li Qiye without saying anything.

“You wish to kill me?” Li Qiye asked with a smile.

The youth’s expression turned cold because his father was none other than Reincarnation City Lord.

He naturally wanted to avenge his father but Li Qiye had just saved his life, leaving him in a difficult position. This was why he wanted to leave in order to avoid this situation.

“It is normal for a son to want to avenge his father.” Li Qiye said.

Songke looked up at Li Qiye and declared: “And I shall, once I am strong enough.”

Goldcrest and the others sighed after hearing this. Although Songke was quite capable and talented, he would never be able to avenge his father. If he were to know this truth, would he be stricken with despair?

“That’s fine, just know that I won’t be merciful then. It’ll be a suicidal mission.” LI Qiye said.

Songke was surprised because most would try to kill the enemies, starting in the cradle. Why would they wait for the youth to grow wings?

However, Li Qiye had no intention of killing him right now. Songke also knew that the guy was more than capable of doing so. After all, he easily crushed the python monarch.

“You should just drop it since there is no chance of you succeeding in this lifetime. Just live a good life as the lord of Reincarnation.” Ming Shi sincerely said.

She knew that regardless of his effort, he would not be able to surpass Shadowrider, let alone Li Qiye.

Qing Songke only scowled in response.

“Fellow Daoist, may I ask why you are here in Demon?” Yunyun tried to alleviate the tense atmosphere.

Songke opened his mouth for a second before stopping, not wanting to tell others his secret. Alas, he thought that he was being petty and close-minded.

“To find some ancestral vestige.” He said.

“Ancestral vestige?” Ming Shi became interested right away.

“I see, the place where your ancestors rose to power and prominence.” Goldcrest said.

“You know about it?” Songke was surprised.

“It might be a secret to outsiders but not demon monarchs in the ten mountains. We have heard legends about it since youth, or should I say, true stories.” Goldcrest smiled.

“What stories?” Ming Shi asked.

“The progenitor of Reincarnation, Blazing Conqueror, was believed to have found a fortune here.” Goldcrest responded, surprising the two girls.

“So his treasury came from here?” Yunyun said.

“It’s not one hundred percent certain, just very likely.” Goldcrest nodded: “This rumor has been around for a very long time now.”

“The luckiest person in the world, Blazing Conqueror.” Ming Shi commented.

In the legends, Blazing Conqueror somehow obtained a supreme treasury during his youth. It contained the rarest weapons and treasures, not lacking a single thing. Some believed that this treasury actually surpassed Deity's resources.

Just imagine a youth possessing all of this - he was nothing short of the heaven's favorite.

Sure enough, he didn't let his fame down and became a conqueror as well as the founder of Reincarnation.

This was known to all but only a few had information about the potential origin of the treasury - Demon.

This was the reason for Songke's visit - wanting to find the legendary location of the treasury.

He knew he had no chance of avenging his father who was already a powerful three-fruit dao lord. Reincarnation City lacked ample resources while he needed to reach a greater height.

Therefore, he thought about Blazing Conqueror's success and scoured the libraries for more information.

He prepared enough to have a goal in Demon - this was the only way to avenge his father. Alas, he didn't expect to nearly die despite his immense cultivation.

"I'm afraid you will not gain anything from this trip." Goldcrest earnestly said: "You aren't the only one from Reincarnation who tried to find it."

“Others have done so before?” Ming Shi asked.

“I came prepared and already got some clues.” Songke uttered confidently.

“The ones from Greenmountain Conqueror, right?” Goldcrest asked.

“How do you know this?!” Songke blurted out.

“I’m sure I know more about this than you.” Goldcrest said: “This was a big deal in Demon. Our ancestor said that Greenmountain Conqueror had resided in our area for a long time, even becoming a guest in Phoenix.”

“The gifted Greenmountain Conqueror had tried too?” Yunyun interjected.

“Yes.” Goldcrest said: “He actually became friends with many demon monarchs during his long stay. Alas, he eventually left empty-handed.”

Chapter 4988: Wheel Of Time

“Plus, it’s rather dangerous here, I don’t think you should linger around.” Goldcrest eventually concluded.

Greenmountain Conqueror was somehow even more talented than Conceal Conqueror. Moreover, he came after becoming a dao lord already. Therefore, Songke’s chances weren’t favorable in the slightest.



He was definitely a genius of this generation, being an Immortal Sovereign and all. Alas, this was Demon - the home of countless demons and ferocious beasts.

Goldcrest himself didn't dare to travel to all the dangerous locations despite growing up here and being blessed by Tiger Deity.

Plenty of demon monarchs could kill him. In fact, even an unknown colossal demon could come out of nowhere and devour intruders.

An outsider like Qing Songke searching for something in Demon? This was akin to trying to find a needle in a haystack while being hunted by numerous lions.

"I know you mean well." Songke understood this as well, especially after having been captured by the python demon earlier.

"I will pay you back for saving me in the next life because I must avenge my father." Qing Songke bowed to Li Qiye and cupped his fist at the others before leaving.

"Go." Li Qiye waved his hand and said, not really interested in the repayment or the vengeance. The youth had a long way to go before being qualified for either.

"Sigh, he is still not giving up." Goldcrest shrugged after seeing this, thinking that the youth was suicidal to stay in Demon.

"Well, his father was despicable with all the ambushes." Ming Shi snorted since she despised Reincarnation City Lord.

“A son must avenge his father, this is a part of life. Cultivators are not different from mortals, we follow the same convention. If he were to give up, others would chastise him for it forever.” Yunyun shook her head.

No one could disagree with this logic because it was the truth. Songke had to do something or people would call him a coward for not daring to face Li Qiye for such a noble goal.

Therefore, he needed to at least give it a shot despite how futile it was. Otherwise, he would have a demon in his heart for the rest of his life.

“What’s in the treasury?” Li Qiye was interested in Blazing Conqueror.

“It had everything.” Yunyn answered: “Historical scrolls state that this treasury is larger than anyone can imagine. Those close to Blazing Conqueror got lucky as well even before he rose to prominence. He gave everyone treasures and merit laws.”

“Yes, as long as you can think of it, it will be in that treasury.” Goldcrest joined in: “Demons have tried only to fail, the lucky conqueror became the winner in the end.”

“So who left such a great treasury behind?” Ming Shi asked.

Yunyun and Goldcrest couldn’t answer because they haven’t thought of this before.

Not long ago, Jin Shaobai had obtained Benevolence containing the resources of Immemorial Palace. This was a supreme treasury even in the eyes of Deity.

However, Blazing Conqueror's treasury might be ten times larger in comparison. Thus, who left it behind? Even a dao lord or conqueror couldn't do so.

"Are you interested in the treasury, Young Noble?" Ming Shi smiled cheerfully while asking Li Qiye.

"Anything worthwhile must have been taken already." Li Qiye stroked his chin and said: "Hmm, was there any notable artifact?"

"Well..." The young ones pondered.

The knowledgeable Yunyun clapped her hands and said: "I've heard that there is an artifact known as Wheel of Time. This allowed the young conqueror to fight against emperors even before obtaining a single dao fruit."

"Isn't there a mountain with a similar name in Reincarnation?" Ming Shi asked.

"Mountain of the Ages is actually a great sect. Greenmountain Conqueror came from there." Goldcrest elaborated.

"Ah, that's right. Wow, Rooster, you know so much despite being in this remote region." Ming Shi praised.

"What else can I do here but read?" Goldcrest smiled wryly.

“Wheel of Time?” Li Qiye murmured quietly and said: “Not bad, old geezer.”

“Did you say something, Young Noble?” Yunyun asked.

“It’s nothing, let’s go.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

The group went on, traversing a mountain range.

After a while, Li Qiye frowned and stopped.

“What’s the matter, Young Noble?” Yunyun asked.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “Shadowrider was born here in Demon.”

“How so?” Goldcrest asked.

“Our presence is known.” Li Qiye said.

“Where?!” Ming Shi became afraid and looked around.

The other two did the same because they were still frightened of the notorious assassin, not wanting to be killed from the shadows.

“Not here but the methods of concealment and paths have been changing continuously.” Li Qiye said: “We aren’t being watched right now, this is definitely a special awareness only available to those from Demon.”

“I see...” Goldcrest found this hard to believe.

Chapter 4989: Chillglare Hawk

No one would believe that Shadowrider came from Demon. After all, humans believed that assassination was a learned art above the capabilities of barbarous demons.

This wasn’t to say that there weren’t stronger demons than Shadowrider. It was just a matter of requiring finesse and skill.

Goldcrest contemplated this matter and came up with numerous ideas. He wondered which branch the assassin came from but then again, this couldn’t be possible.

After all, worshipping a branch meant being stuck in Demon. This place was both a paradise and a prison.

The deity branch was no different than an iron shackle on the neck, always locking the followers inside the mountains.

Goldcrest was aware of two exceptions currently - himself and Wild Dragon. He had a special badge passed down from his ancestors. Rumor has it that it had something to do with the divine nest.

Alas, there was a time limit for him, unlike Wild Dragon.

“Screech!” The group suddenly heard a sharp screech from above, capable of intimidating the most courageous cultivators.

“Rumble!” Weaker demons and beasts nearby fell to the ground, breaking many branches and rocks in the process. A few colossal demons caused violent quakes from their sudden movement, unable to handle the mere screech of this creature.

In fact, some creatures actually died from the pressure.

Ming Shi and Yunyun were powerful but their defenses crumbled. They tumbled backward, nearly falling to the ground. Fortunately for them, Li Qiye exuded rays to protect their mind.

Goldcrest had to activate his faith power. A tiger roar could be heard as its power protected him. Nonetheless, he still staggered three steps backward. The only person unaffected was Li Qiye.

“What an aura...” Ming Shi became frightened.

They have met five-fruit dragon lords before but didn’t feel anything like this.

“Chillglare Hawk!” Goldcrest took a deep breath and gazed into the sky.

He saw a massive figure crossing the air like a shooting star, leaving a river of particles behind. After it was long gone, one could see the outline of a hawk. It flew faster than the speed of sound, already long gone before its screech came to the ground.

Weaker beings without innate protection from cultivation were actually pierced by the sonic waves.

“Such a mighty hawk.” Yunyun and Ming Shi took a deep breath.

“Of course, few are stronger than him. He is only second to Peacock Monarch in Feather and might become the next commanding god.”

“No wonder.” Yunyun murmured.

Another series of explosions came, prompting the group to look up once more. They saw a blue wave engulfing the sky and then an inferno right after it.

The first was a refreshing feeling while the latter was nothing but discomfort from the heat.

“Elemental King is here too?” Yunyun became startled after seeing the conflicting elements working together.

“He’s still alive, wow.” Goldcrest added: “I heard he was famous alongside Maddened God. He’s an ancient ancestor from Ice-fire Palace now.”

“He’s actually stronger.” Yunyun said.

“At least the people from Ice-fire Palace aren’t as crazy as the other branches.” Ming Shi commented.

The public perceived Maddened Dao as a crazy lineage. It didn’t matter how strong they were, all of them would eventually go mad with time.

For example, the founder of Maddened Sacred Ground - Maddened Conqueror - reached a wonderful level after cultivating this dao to the extreme. Alas, he couldn’t escape the accursed fate.

“I agree, the palace is definitely the most normal out of them.” Yunyun said. This aligned with the lower continents’ view.

This dao has been around for a long time, successfully producing many top cultivators. The problem was that all of them would go crazy and violent toward the end.[boxnovelfull.com](http://boxnovelfull.com)

There was one exception - Coldflame Conqueror who somehow managed to restrain the frenzied flames and went on to create Ice-fire Palace.

Maddened Sacred Ground and Ice-fire Palace were behemoths of their dao lineage. The latter was usually in charge because they could relatively maintain their sanity.

“Whoosh!” The conversation was interrupted by a green vine crossing through the air. It resembled a green vine being drawn masterfully on an empty canvas. On top of the beautiful vine was a cultivator.

“Tendrils King!” Yunyun shouted.



## Chapter 4990: Seeing The Freckled Girl Again

Tenderil King was a supreme genius in the lower continents, possessing five sacred fruits and leading Untethered. Only a monster such as Radiant Monarch could compete or surpass her.

Other ancient ancestors dominated by simply becoming dragon lords. As for her, she had reached this stage long ago.

“Over here!” Ming Shi waved at her seniors.

Alas, they focused on something else and kept on going.

“They’re in a hurry.” Yunyun said.

“They must have found something.” Ming Shi said.

“Clank!” A mountainous sword soared through the horizon next. Sharp rays of energy descended like waterfalls, capable of biting deep into the bones.

Birds and beasts instantly hid in their caves, not wanting to come out.

“Incredible.” Goldcrest said after sensing the aura.

A white-haired old man controlled the sword, intimidating the entire region.

“Swordgrasp Venerable, the strongest ancient ancestor of that school. He hasn’t shown himself for ten thousand years now.” Yunyun whispered.

“Why are all these big shots coming?” Ming Shi asked.

“It must be for the god source, it broke down into six fragments.” Goldcrest said.

“They all want to enter the divine nest?” She asked because that was her aunt’s goal.

“Hmm, perhaps. Peacock Monarch is passing away soon, the new commanding god will be chosen before then.” Goldcrest said.

“That is Demon’s business, it doesn’t have anything to do with the other lineages.” Ming Shi said.

“Perhaps I’m overthinking this.” He responded.

“You’re onto something. If a demon were to obtain the six fragments, they will have a chance to become the commanding god.” Li Qiye smiled.

“An outsider god?” Yunyun reacted fast.

“It’s just a guess, I’m not sure that will happen.” Goldcrest coughed, not wanting to speculate.

“Well, if someone really wants all six fragments, they’ll have to get yours too. Watch out for your head, Rooster.” Ming Shi smiled at him.

Goldcrest hid behind Li Qiye and said: “It’ll be fine as long as the young noble is around.”

“Buzz.” A gentle radiance manifested into reality and engulfed the region.

“That’s another god source!” Goldcrest felt it and shouted. He was in possession of one and was familiar with its aura.

“What are we waiting for?!” Ming Shi became impatient and rushed ahead.

The others had no choice but to follow behind her, not wanting anything to happen.

Once they got there, they saw a deep valley that was rather well hidden by the terrain. Several demon monarchs were already there.

To the east was a three-headed boa constrictor, similar in size to the one seen previously by the group. It looked creepy with its tongues flicking in and out.

A massive spider resided to the north with hair piercing into the air like arrows. An old female face covered in wrinkles could be seen on its stomach.

Nearby was a bird, the youngest out of the monarchs here. However, its burning energy turned the rocks nearby into lava.

“Three-fork, Grimface, and Scarletflame Monarch...” Goldcrest recognized them right away.

These were top demon monarchs with countless underlings in Demon.

“Phoenix City Lord, this is ours.” The face on the spider’s stomach spoke with a creepy tone.

The fragment resided in the valley and exuded gentle waves of energy. However, the group was shocked to see the little girl holding it.

“Lil’ Speckle!” Ming Shi shouted.

They recognized her as well since she was another student from Abroad. She looked rather feeble and weak compared to the three great demons. In fact, they seemed capable of devouring her in one bite.

The group didn’t know why she was here. Their impression of her was that she was strangely quiet and kept a distance from everyone.

Some students believed that she had experienced something traumatic before, leaving her in this pitiful state.

It seemed suicidal for her to be here. Furthermore, they were shocked to see the fragment in her hand.

“That has to be the largest one.” Goldcrest said.

“Come over here!” Ming Shi waved at her.

The freckled girl lifted her gaze from the fragment, her expression a mix of sadness and curiosity, rather than excitement or greed.

“Boom!” A youth suddenly landed nearby, creating a sizable pit in the ground.

He possessed a blinding radiance like a jewel during the night, always illuminating all four directions. He had bright eyes and long brows, looking full of life and spirit with a hint of arrogance.