

## **Emperor 5291**

### **Chapter 5291: None Of Your Business**

“If you have a sliver of goodwill in your heart, then the rest of the world is full of reincarnations of Buddha.” The godchild angrily said.

“Sigh, that hurts.” Li Qiye responded.

“Why are you here? State your true intention.” The godchild demanded.

“Look at the sky and find out instead of asking me.” To which Li Qiye answered.

“Hmph, don’t blot out the sky then, I’ll see through you right away.” The godchild snorted.

“The fault is yours in this case. We should talk with sincerity but the problem is your lack of memories.” Li Qiye said.

“Don’t even dream about the fusion, it will never happen.” The godchild’s expression darkened.

“The start and the end should be the same.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I am who I am, a free immortal among three thousand worlds.” The godchild said.

“Just a rootless duckweed, not free at all.” Li Qiye disagreed.

“It is none of your business. Your scheme doesn’t work on me.” The godchild sneered.

“You are inherently flawed, where is the joy in that?” Li Qiye asked.

“There is plenty, can’t you see that I’m having a blast?” The godchild said.

“I do not.” Li Qiye shook his head: “I see that you’re still guarding the world, albeit with a different method. You’re still you.”

“Enough of this, there is nothing you can do to make me agree.” The godchild stared at the sky.

“That’s alright, I’m just here to take a look anyway. Just remember that everything is negotiable, don’t be so extreme.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I’m being reasonable. I like the way I am now, he’s doing well too.” The godchild said.

“What about your oldest brother?” Li Qiye asked.

The godchild finally had no instant response this time.

“Let me guess, never seeing the sun or being a devil?” Li Qiye smiled.

“You were the one who did this.” The godchild uttered coldly.

“I do not deny my involvement and responsibility.” Li Qiye said and sat down closer to the godchild.

“I wasn’t the only one stubborn back then, you also agreed. Be honest now and ask yourself, whose choice was it?” Li Qiye stared at the godchild.

The latter snorted and pretended to not listen, only focusing on the sky.

“I have a general idea of what happened in the past.” Li Qiye said: “Certain things I didn’t anticipate, sure. The problem is that you have memories, unlike your second brother, yet you still let them happen.”

“Should I have done something?” The godchild said sarcastically.

“Opportunities are vanquished when you let them be.” Li Qiye said slowly.

“We have already done what we should do.” The godchild said coldly: “If there’s anything left undone, it’s your responsibility.”

“True, which is what I’m trying to do. I wish to end everything in due time, I have the ability and the perfect plan.” Li Qiye nodded and spoke with confidence, ready to back up each word.

Although the godchild disliked Li Qiye, he had no problem recognizing the guy’s abilities.

“Of course, there are loose ends that I need to take care of.” Li Qiye said.

“No need, can’t you see that I’m in a great state?” The godchild rejected it outright.

“Suffering always has a victim, it’s just that it isn’t you right now.” Li Qiye said: “If you were the one suffering, would you be singing the same tune?”

“You are not me so you do not know my intention. Perhaps I would be willing to bear the burden if it was placed on me.” The godchild said.

“Well.” Li Qiye stroked his chin: “You have a point there. I am not you so I am not privy to your thoughts.”

“Suffering is just suffering, nothing more. I can handle it if I have to.” The godchild said.

“You know that there are better solutions. Moreover, I am here now, we can go big.” Li Qiye smiled.

“From my perspective, you are potentially the source of all troubles. It would have been different without you, and perhaps for the better.” The godchild sneered.

Li Qiye chuckled before smirking at the godchild.

“What’s with that face?” The godchild got chills afterward.

Li Qiye waved his hand and said: “We both know that the alternative wouldn’t have been better. And most importantly, you are still you regardless of how hard you try. Whether you run away or forget the past, the inevitable will happen. Only a direct confrontation can solve our problems.”

“All I know is that I am free now.” The godchild remained unmoved.

“Think about your eldest brother, sealed for an eternity.” Li Qiye said.

The godchild’s expression froze for a moment.

“The situation might deteriorate but remember, I have the ability to give this a perfect conclusion.” Li Qiye said.

“I have no interest in becoming your work ox, so drop the idea.” The godchild said.

“It’s nothing like that. This is your pursuit, your desire, the reason for your existence. It has nothing to do with outsiders.” Li Qiye smiled.

The godchild scowled and didn’t respond again.

After a while, he said: "You taught your disciples well."

"I know, they never disappoint and have done great." Li Qiye said and then added: "You have a good son."

The godchild fell into rumination but eventually glared at Li Qiye: "Get lost, I almost fell for your words!"

"You're just being petty now, I've only made casual remarks that are nothing but the truth." Li Qiye said.

"Well, you're talking to the wrong person, I'm just a happy youth now. The matters of the world have nothing to do with me." The godchild said.

"I know, I know, all are just passing clouds to you. That's fine, I'm just here to chat, not to force you to do anything." Li Qiye nodded.

The godchild naturally didn't buy it and had a doubtful expression.

### **Chapter 5292: I Am Me**

"I'm serious, no more fusion talk." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

"Are you sure?" The godchild stared at him with suspicion.

“I can’t force you to do what you don’t want to do.” Li Qiye accepted defeat.

“Who knows?” The godchild had the word “doubt” written on his face

“Am I such a bad man? I’ve always been true to my words, no?” Li Qiye smiled wryly.

“Is that why you were chased from east to west?” The godchild said.

“Oh, this matter? That wasn’t my fault and your brilliant daughter has her own thoughts. I was merely a witness.” Li Qiye said.

“Bah, we were merciful for not chopping your crow head off back then.” The godchild said with disdain.

“I know you are joking because both of us know that her leaving was inevitable whether I was there or otherwise.” Li Qiye said: “Deep down, you know that my appearance didn’t affect things.”

“Hard to say, crows are bad luck. Maybe working alone would have been more auspicious and successful.” The godchild said.

“That’s what family is, working together despite negative superstitions.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Watch your mouth, we are not family!” The godchild jumped back and kept a distance from Li Qiye.

“One day you will have to agree because I’m sincere in this matter, don’t you think?” Li Qiye said.

“Save this for the future. At the very least, the current me wants nothing to do with you, unlucky crow!”  
The godchild said with disdain.

“Alright, no need to get so worked up. I’m just traveling around to check out the past on top of catching up with the people I care about.” Li Qiye said.

“No thanks.” The godchild patted his robe as if trying to wipe away bad luck: “But if we really want to bring it up, then it’s your fault for not disciplining them well.”

“How is it my fault?” Li Qiye stroked his chin.

“Assassination is fine but only when successful. They tried and only ended up with a mess.” The man said.

“You can’t blame them for that. Even you might not have been able to do it.” Li Qiye said.

“True, and I was careless too. This outsider’s dao was unlike anything I’ve seen.” The godchild admitted.

“Because it’s not from your epoch. In fact, it shouldn’t appear in this world at all, yet it still did.” Li Qiye said.

“Perhaps Celestial Court came up with something.” The godchild said.



"I don't know about that, but the outsider came for a reason and certainly left behind ace cards to minimize the risk." Li Qiye said.

"We couldn't investigate this matter fully. Your disciples were rather ambitious, challenging and attacking everything too quickly. If you want to know, you will have to put in more effort." The godchild said.

"And that is why I'm back. This is my epoch so whoever they are, they will need to be obedient or I'll turn them into fertilizer." Li Qiye declared with a cold gleam flickering in his eyes.

"I'm no stranger to your merciless means, nothing good will come from this." The godchild said.

"Well, my people will come out okay. Those who are smart know which side to pick." Li Qiye stared at him and said.

The godchild didn't bother to look at him, still focusing on the sky.

"You all have shouldered so much in the past and I'm here to resolve all the problems." Li Qiye said.

"Anything but the fusion." The godchild asserted.

"You're tying my hands here." Li Qiye rubbed his chin.

“Well, find a way or stop calling yourself an epoch lord if you can’t deal with something so trivial. It’s embarrassing.” The godchild said.

“It’s not that I can’t do it, it just goes against my principle and it is not the perfect solution.” Li Qiye said:  
“But I respect your wishes. All of you are independent now and it is not up to an outsider like me.”

“Since when are you so understanding?” The godchild asked.

“I’ve always been this way with you because we’re family.” Li Qiye joked again.

“The dark crow I know was definitely a control freak, always wanting every step to go the way you want.” The godchild said.

“Sigh, that wasn’t the case at all.” Li Qiye waved his hand.

“Why are you actually here? If you want to move things along, just go directly to him.” The godchild said.

“You brothers haven’t seen each other since the separation. I’m here to arrange a meeting, nothing more.” Li Qiye said.

“No way, I will not fall for your trap.” The godchild strongly refused.

“Don’t worry, I am not forcing you to do anything you don’t want to do.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“That’s not the first time I’ve heard this. I should have just killed you back then.” The godchild said.

“Let’s not dwell on the past, we’re adults now.” Li Qiye smiled wryly.

“I will never meet them, I don’t know what tricks you have up your sleeve for the actual process but your intention is as clear as day.” The godchild snorted.

### **Chapter 5293: The Unknown**

“Boom!” A loud bang suddenly interrupted their conversation. It was as if something was hammering the sky vault itself.

“Zzz...” The portal leading to Lesser Firmament became resplendent.

Li Qiye and the godchild looked up and saw oval-shaped crystal walls stacking on top of each other, forming a barrier to seal this region off from the rest of the world.

“The crystal walls.” The godchild furrowed his brows after seeing this.

“Rumble!” Detonating blasts came from another side within Lesser Firmament. Nonetheless, they could still be heard through the barrier.

“Something’s happening.” Li Zhitian murmured.

A dark fog suddenly appeared within the radiance, surging and slamming into the barrier. Something seemed eager to break out of confinement.

“I have some business to take care of.” The godchild disappeared into the sea of people.

Li Qiye smiled and shook his head before leaving with the group. They found the new area of the tavern and saw that there was no customer still.

“There’s an issue with First Brother.” The boss of the tavern glanced in the direction of Lesser Firmament while bringing Li Qiye a plate of side dishes.

Cultivators including hidden emperors and dao lords became alerted as well. They could tell that there was a problem happening but no one could enter.

“Rumble!” An endless power erupted from there and swept across the two continents through the barrier.

Although people couldn’t fully witness the scenes unraveling in Lesser Firmament, they could see majestic figures shrouded in heavenly laws, roaring and attempting to suppress the fog. Moreover, a coffin seemed to be in there, barely visible.

“There’s something ominous inside Lesser Firmament.” A dragon lord whispered.

Lesser Firmament has been reclusive all this time. Only a selected few could actually visit. Thus, this resulted in speculations regarding the secrets within - that certain ancient emperors and monarchs were hiding something.

“Buzz.” A ray from outer space descended - a figure appeared outside of Lesser Firmament.

This was a youth with an impressive aura, easily recognized by everyone.

“Xiao Qingtian of Azure School, why is he here?” Outsiders were surprised to see him.

“I, Qingtian, humbly offer my support in a time of crisis under my master’s order.” He bowed and said.

Everyone focused on the second half of his statement - under my master’s order.

“Is Illumination Conqueror appearing again?” One dragon lord whispered.

This was a name known across the upper continents; his fame didn’t diminish through time and inactivity.

His influence couldn’t be overstated among The People. After all, he was the leader of the coalition against The Race once; his contribution couldn’t be forgotten.

“We appreciate the kind gesture, but please return.” A visual phenomenon of a beautiful pair of wings appeared in the sky along with an answer.

The wings were holy and virtuous, prompting others to kneel in reverence.

“Who is that?” Anyone could tell that this was an incredible existence.

“Immortal Emperor Guan Feng.” An old existence could recognize the voice.

“All the emperors and monarchs from Lesser Firmament have lived for a long time.” Listeners knew that “Immortal Emperor” was a title used during the ancient eras.

Currently, many conquerors and dao lords have lived for eras. However, these emperors and monarchs were beings from before the great calamity.

Lesser Firmament, unlike the other alliances, didn’t actively recruit conquerors and dao lords. Their members consisted of mysterious cultivators from the world before the cataclysm.

### **Chapter 5294: Moon Embrace**

Immortal Emperor Guan Feng, the third emperor of Eternal River School, gained his title because of his love for phoenixes and anything related to the mythical beasts. [1]

The dao of the world changed entirely after the calamity. Thus, some ancient beings including the emperor rarely showed up again.

“Boom!” The power within Lesser Firmament continued to ravage the barrier, seemingly wanting to crush the entire region.

This sent the majestic figures flying. However, they stabilized and activated their suppressive power. This actually affected the rest of the upper continents, freezing everyone else while causing the world to quake violently.

“This is not good.” The strongest members of the upper continents all activated their heavenly gaze.

The eruption of power was frightening; everyone else wondered if these emperors and monarchs from Lesser Firmament would be able to stop it.

“I humbly offer my assistance, however weak I may be.” Xiao Qingtian bowed, still wanting to enter.

Alas, the portal remained closed.

“Boom!” A heavenly hammer descended and caused cracks in space. The fabrics of reality couldn’t withstand its weight.

It exuded laws from conquerors, pulsing with a suction force capable of pulling everyone in.

Next came numerous high-level conquerors, looking like gods. The leader was a conqueror adorned in silver armor with coursing lightning currents.

“Heaven-hammer Conqueror, and is that the famed group of dragon lords?” A big shot took a deep breath after seeing this group.

“One of the seven conquerors. They stopped appearing after Illumination Conqueror’s abdication.” A dragon lord murmured.

Heaven-hammer Conqueror was the oldest disciple of Illumination Conqueror, possessing eight dao fruits. He contributed meritoriously during the wars against The Race. Under him were capable dragon lords who had survived countless battles.

Despite abdicating and leaving the reins to Dao Alliance, Illumination Conqueror remained influential.

There were seven conquerors with absolute loyalty to him, Heaven-hammer was one of them. They all joined Azure School afterward, hence its current prestige.

“We stand together! Lesser Firmament, just say the words and we shall subdue the evil together!” Heaven-hammer and his follower stood before the portal.

Their appearance made everyone else think about the gravity of the situation.

“We are grateful for your support, Azure School, but there is no evil inside Lesser Firmament. Please return.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng answered.

“Rumble!” A meteor from the horizon interrupted the conversation by smashing into the barrier.



Surprisingly enough, instead of breaking the crystal walls, it started fusing into them. Perhaps this was one way to enter Lesser Firmament without needing to break the unbreakable wall.

Since it paused for a moment, everyone finally got a good look at the meteor. It turned out to be a full set of armor not worn by anyone. Within the armor seemed to be an ocean large enough to accommodate the upper continents. A bright moon also played within the ocean, seemingly embraced by it.

Li Qiye had seen it back in Imperial Attendant City while chatting with the old man in the courtyard.

It was crossing through unknown dimensions during its travel and finally arrived at Lesser Firmament.

“What is this?” Everyone stared intensely at the armor set.

“Moon Embrace!” An ancient Grand Emperor hidden deep in space became emotional. [2]

“It’s Moon Embrace!” A knowledgeable dragon lord blurted in astonishment.

“What is that?” Younger cultivators have never heard this title before.

“One of the five legendary immortal armaments.” The dragon lord said.

Those who were still alive from that era couldn’t believe their own eyes. This title still held as much weight now as it did then.

Moon Embrace, in and of itself, was already incredible. However, it also represented an all-supreme emperor who ruled the world once.

During his reign, he was feared and revered by the upper echelons of both The Race and The People.

### **Chapter 5295: Supreme's Decree**

The master of the armament was none other than World Emperor - a Grand Emperor that had once ruled the thirteen continents.

He was utterly unstoppable with the help of Moon Embrace, having the confidence to disobey Celestial Court during their inquisition against The People.

He and his clan stood before the might of Celestial Court, preventing them from taking one step further. This gave enough time for the remnants of The People to escape and recoup.

Rumor has it that eventually, he fell in battle and his clan was wiped out. Moon Embrace disappeared in the river of time as well.

Today, it had returned with the intention of entering Lesser Firmament through the crystal wall. This naturally shocked all the spectators, especially those who had the pleasure of witnessing World Emperor's might in the past. Though he had passed away, he still lived in their heart.

"... Where have I seen this before?" The man in the tavern stood up and murmured after seeing the armor.

He couldn't help touching his chest. In this split second, it was as if he was wearing Moon Embrace - a perfect fit that felt just right.

All eyes were on the crystal wall and the armor. Hearts started beating faster because there were only five immortal armaments in existence.

As far as the public knew, Purewood Divine Emperor had one. Crimson Emperor inherited one from Flame Emperor. However, it was lost after his death during Immemorial Epoch War.

Immortal Monarch Yi Ye had one as well, inherited from Six-Dao Monarch. As for the last immortal armament, it had never appeared before so no one knew what it was or its current location.

These armaments followed them into Immortal Dao City, so it has been a long time since one was seen in public. Was this just a coincidence or an omen of what was to come?

Remember, this armor set was far more precious than any treasure at the imperial or dao lord level. This particular one had proven its value numerous times in battle.

"Moon Embrace..." Xiao Qingtian's eyes gleamed as he teleported closer and reached for the armor.

The moon within the armor immediately became resplendent and sent him flying. He spun ten times or so before regaining stability, almost spitting out blood.

The armor's auto defense easily repelled a twelve-fruit dragon lord before everyone's eyes. Meanwhile, it continued to fuse with the crystal wall in an attempt of breaching Lesser Firmament.

“Boom!” The fog billowed and reached for that section like tentacles.

“Seal!” The majestic figures continued to perform a powerful seal against the fog, attempting to stop it from reaching the armor.

“What is that thing? Did it summon Moon Embrace?” The big shots took a deep breath after seeing the mysterious force.

Other dao lords and emperors gazed deep into Lesser Firmament, wanting to find more information on this mysterious being.

“Lesser Firmament is suppressing something extremely powerful.” An emperor from a distant realm whispered.

Everyone could tell that Lesser Firmament was in full lockdown. The emperors and monarchs there did not take this matter lightly.

“Fellow Daoists, let us help you subdue this evil!” Heaven Hammer shouted again.

“No need, leave.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng wasn’t as polite this time in his refusal.

Outsides exchanged glances, wondering why Lesser Firmament didn’t want any help.

'Whoosh!' Violent gales uprooted mountains before crushing them into bits. An auspicious cloud with a golden outline emerged and illuminated everything.

It smashed into the barrier and caused Lesser Firmament to quake. There was a conqueror standing on top of the cloud who declared: "Lesser Firmament, heed the decree from Supreme."

The conqueror had a sacred aura; his robe was gilded extravagantly from top to bottom. He seemed to be the master of the elements, capable of summoning rains and winds. His very presence blotted out the sky.

"Godcloud Conqueror!" A big shot shouted.

#### **Chapter 5296: Most Pitiful Conqueror**

This famous conqueror hailed from Heaven Alliance, capable of controlling elemental forces to destroy his enemies.

However, the crowd members didn't remember his past exploits or his impressive presence.

"Godcloud Conqueror, his wife cheated on him, right? Even birthed a daughter with someone else." An expert whispered to his group.

"Smack!" A senior immediately smacked the back of his head and glared at him.

His wife, an imperial queen, cheated on him with Three Truth Dao Lord from Eight Desolaces. The world didn't know the reason why for this occurrence.

First, Three Truth Dao Lord was known to be a particularly upright cultivator. Why did he have an affair with a married woman?

Sure, there were emperors in history who had a wife-stealing fetish or had a fancy for imperial daughters. This did not apply to Three Truth Dao Lord who displayed unparalleled integrity, never participating in any questionable activities.

It was one thing for the famous duck egg buyer to do this due to his reputation. It just didn't make sense for Three Truth.

Nonetheless, this escalated to the point where Celestial Court became involved. Godcloud Conqueror led powerful allies for a hunt.

This put Dao and Imperial Alliance in a tough position. After all, Three Truth was in the wrong here and Godcloud had the right to obtain revenge.

Though he was powerful, he couldn't handle fighting several emperors and conquerors at the same time. Just moments before his death, Darkfrost Dao Lord appeared and prevented the enemies from desecrating his corpse, also saving his daughter.

Three Truth entrusted his daughter to Darkfrost with his remaining breaths. Given her own circumstances, she couldn't take care of the infant and had to leave it to Dao Alliance.

The alliance sent her down to the lower continents and asked the prominent figures there to take care of her. This finally brought an end to the turmoil triggered by the affair between The Race and The People.

The baby sent down to the lower continents was none other than Truth Conqueror. Of course, another victim was Godcloud Conqueror whose reputation was ruined by the ordeal.

People stopped talking about his feats in battle, only how he was cheated on. Although he had killed Three Truth Dao Lord, the humiliation persisted.

Nonetheless, no one dared to be too blatant in front of him. After all, he could easily obliterate most cultivators.

“Buzz.” A phoenix rider with a five-colored radiance appeared behind the barrier.

The bird had wonderful runes, especially the ones on its back. They exuded a sense of virtue, impressing everyone with their appearance.

“Immortal Emperor Guan Feng!” The crowd shouted.

The ancient emperor wore a feathered robe and seemed untouchable just like an immortal. He loved the mythical beast and anything related. After spending his whole life with this obsession, he finally obtained a phoenix mount.

“Godcloud, Heaven Alliance has no influence here.” The noble emperor said.

“Lesser Firmament is suspected of hiding sinners, hand them over immediately.” Godcloud took out a badge belonging to Supreme.

Listeners became emotional because the word “sinner” was rarely used in the present day due to its historical significance. Why did Heaven Alliance bring it up? Who was Lesser Firmament hiding?

The emperor shot out a divine beam with ancient mysteries, easily destroying the badge.

“Return from whence you came, Supreme and Heaven Alliance cannot order us.” Guan Feng said.

“Poof!” A lantern suddenly manifested into reality. Its light pulsed outward in waves and illuminated the region.

Within the light was a fiery conqueror. Instead of sizzling, his flames released the wails of the burned victims.

“Lantern Conqueror!” The big shots recognized him as well.

Originally a lantern, he managed to reach the dao and was acknowledged by Heaven Alliance, eventually joining it.

He displayed his formidable power during Emperor War, burning numerous gods and dragon lords to death. Their screams still echoed even now.

“We demand an answer.” He said while the flame flickered, seemingly eager to burn Lesser Firmament.



“Lesser Firmament answers to no one.” A scholarly swordsman glided through the air and interjected:  
“Dao Alliance is here to assist Lesser Firmament.”

“Skysword Dao Lord!” The crowd naturally recognized this famous cultivator.

“Heaven Alliance shall be no more.” An ancient and dreadful voice echoed across the upper continents.

Just the voice alone could crush the myriad realms. Everyone had to look up at him.

“Illumination!” Skysword Conqueror’s expression changed after hearing the voice.

“Illumination Conqueror!” Everyone became startled.

Although Illumination Conqueror was not actually present, his words alone struck everyone like lightning.

### **Chapter 5297: Heavener Remnants**

The crowd still remembered how Illumination Conqueror stopped Heaven Alliance and slew numerous dragon lords and sovereigns. In fact, even dao lords and conquerors went down.

Because of his influence and power, he garnered numerous supporters during Emperor War. Only a selected few had the same authority as him among The People.

Moreover, his threat was not empty since he could most likely kill everyone from Heaven Alliance in the crowd right now.

“However, Lesser Firmament deserves destruction as well for harboring heaveners dregs. This is a looming disaster that needs to be eradicated.” He added.

Everyone became startled after hearing this. Some stared at the mysterious fog and had different guesses about the situation.

“What does Lesser Firmament have to do with the heaveners?” A youth asked.

“Harboring heaveners? But who? Why does Illumination Conqueror want to eliminate them?” A dragon lord murmured to herself.

Lesser Firmament was the home of ancient emperors and monarchs from The People. However, they were being accused of harboring enemies. What was their actual stance?

“This is our own internal matter, you need not worry, Illumination.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng responded.

The members of Firmament had lived for a long time now. Although Illumination was a rising star, they didn’t need to be subservient to him.

“It is everyone’s responsibility to eliminate potential disasters for the greater good while always attempting to defeat The Race.” Illumination responded.

“Well said! This is our world!” Some big shots from The People wholeheartedly agreed with this comment and respected him for always thinking about The People above all else.

As long as he was around, there was hope of eradicating The Race.

“Taking in sinners is an unforgivable crime.” A voice from the other side of space had the same dignified presence.

“Supreme!” Everyone trembled after hearing him - the leader of Heaven Alliance and the ultimate dragon lord.

“Lesser Firmament, hand them over.” He demanded domineeringly, leaving no room for objection.

“I shall not show mercy to the dregs of the past.” Illumination spoke.

Everyone stared in the direction of Lesser Firmament, wondering about the existence inside. Whoever it was, they were hated by both Heaven Alliance and Azure School.

Of course, a few cultivators had a pretty good idea at this point.

“Boom!” Lantern and Godcloud came together to open a portal. They each pulled one side of the gate and created a pathway for a majestic legion.

They came out with enough momentum to crush the stars.

“Heaven Alliance’s legion.” A crowd member said, noting that the members were all sovereigns and higher.

They marched forward and looked eager to attack Lesser Firmament.

“I can’t miss out on this fun, haha!” Suddenly, a wild aura manifested into reality.

“Ferocity is here too?” Everyone became started after seeing the owner of the aura.

“Rumble!” Behind Ferocity came another portal. The scene beyond the door was a great pagoda.

Incredible cultivators from all over the world started walking out - Gigantic dragon lords, demon emperors, eight-eyed creatures...

“The Tower of Warriors! Divine Alliance is joining too...” A spectator whispered.

“Swordsea Dao Lord created the tower and let Ferocity be in charge.” Another said.

Despite three great powers posturing against Lesser Firmament, Skysword Dao Lord announced: “Gentlemen, leave Lesser Firmament to deal with its problem. Everyone should leave instead of violating Blessed’s pact.”

The pact had maintained peace for a long period but now, it appeared Divine, Heaven, and Azure School were willing to break it. This meant that war would return to the upper continents.

“Fellow Daoist Skysword, Dao Alliance was established to protect The People. Are you here as a representative of Dao Alliance? I’m sure protecting heaveners isn’t a part of its mission. Perhaps it sorely needs new leaders.” Heaven Hammer questioned.

Many cultivators from The People actually agreed with this, hence their support for Illumination Conqueror.

The rift in Dao Alliance was no longer a secret. Azure School seemingly had a different vision for the future than the current leadership in Dao Alliance.

“That is a good question.” Skysword Dao Lord took off the robe with the Dao Alliance symbol and said: “I represent Eight Desolates Dao and I stand with Lesser Firmament. If you wish to press the issue, I am ready to entertain everyone.”

The scholarly dao lord revealed his muscular physique hidden beneath the robe.

### **Chapter 5298: Puresun Dao Lord’s Mastery**

The gentle dao lord who always spoke with the grace of a scholar now revealed his bulging muscles and arms as thick as a bowl.

He seemed primed to fight anyone including Supreme and Illumination Conqueror. His strong stance surprised the members on the other side.

Since he no longer represented Dao Alliance, the restrictions were gone. In fact, Eight Desolaces Dao might actually be stronger than Azure School, consisting of dao lords originating from Eight Desolaces.

“They are showing their fangs now.” Someone said.

“Dao Alliance shall be one again.” A dao lord from Eight Desolaces commented while observing the situation.

Recently, Dao Alliance had been falling behind compared to its peers. The biggest reason was due to internal conflicts caused by Illumination Conqueror.

Though he created Dao Alliance initially, many high-ranking members eventually had a different view than him.

In reality, this also occurred in Divine Alliance. Many of its members didn't share the same prejudice toward The People, harboring no wishes of eradicating their enemies. They preferred to live together in harmony.

The belief in harmony spread from Dao Alliance to Divine Alliance before reaching the rest of the land.

Illumination Conqueror maintained his aggressive stance and garnered numerous followers, starting a ferocious war.

Eventually, Puresun Dao Lord and his sword overwhelmed everyone. Illumination Conqueror's branch weakened, resulting in his abdication and the creation of Azure School.

The same happened in Divine Alliance. The aggressive branch there also lost the war, giving room for negotiation.

Blessed Dao Lord took charge and created a pact with a focus on peace and harmony.

Today, Illumination Conqueror returned, seemingly wanting to finish what he had started. This infuriated Skysword Conqueror enough for him to discard the mantle of Dao Alliance.

“Not like this...” Those who have been used to peace did not appreciate this potential spark of war.

“Things are different now. Principle Conqueror is gone, Illumination Conqueror is back. The warlike branches are rising once more.” An old dragon lord said sentimentally.

“This is precisely what Heaven Alliance wants.” A big shot said.

This power had always been ambitious and had a strong prejudice against the People. Its members considered themselves to be the rulers of the six continents.

The Pact of Blessed and political circumstances after Emperor War restrained their ambition. However, with peace came recuperation and changes.

All the alliances have been able to grow stronger without losses from war. Moreover, prosperity and harmony between the two factions also accelerated growth.

None expected the recent changes in leadership. Although All-things Dao Lord was still in charge of Dao Alliance, Azure School was making a strong return.

“Is the same thing going to happen to Dao Alliance, All-things Dao Lord being forced to abdicate?” A neutral dragon lord worried for the future.

Some big shots who had lived through the wars had no desire of returning to a similar terrible period. Moreover, they would be forced to pick a side, not to mention being treated as cannon-fodders.

“I think we are being too pessimistic. Remember, we have enjoyed peace together for so long, the grudges aren’t as strong as they used to be. Illumination Conqueror won’t have the same pull.” A powerful ancient ancestor commented.

Meanwhile, Skysword Dao Lord revealed another side of him, looking furious and ready to kill Heaven Hammer and the others.

“You want a fight?” He looked around and uttered coldly: “Illumination, Supreme, Swordsea, come here then! Let’s fight to the death!”

No one answered him despite the direct challenge. They didn’t wish to be the ones breaking the pact directly.

This maneuver was an attempt to test the water. Furthermore, they understood the seriousness of war and didn’t want to be the ones starting it without an actual justification. As apex cultivators, they still cared about their reputation.



The support for war must increase even more. The top emperors and conquerors must unanimously express their desire of breaking the pact before taking the next step.

Being the one to start the war meant living in infamy. This subdued their desire of taking out the eternal enemies.

Of course, they also understood that following the pact was just an empty formality right now. There was nothing enforcing its rules.

“Fellow Daoist Skysword, we truly appreciate your sincerity, the same for Eight Desolates Dao.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng laughed and said: “It is alright though, we shall entertain our uninvited guests. I do find it strange to see Azure School acting as if they are in charge.”

#### **Chapter 5299: The Opposite Of A Healthy Lifestyle**

“Our Azure School considers protecting The People as our mission.” Xiao Qingtian defended his sect and master.

“Cowards who only care about their own personal grudges, don’t call this a mission. When we were fighting against Celestial Court, all of you were still playing in the mud.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng sneered.

“He’s not wrong.” A crowd member said.

Some still recalled the contribution of these cultivators from the previous epoch. Although it was now the era of dao lords and conquerors, they still have yet to fully replace their predecessors.

Azure School and Illumination Conqueror were revered for their achievements against The Race. However, in the grand scheme of things, what they had done was inconsequential.

Countless emperors and monarchs of The People marched to the front line during Immemorial Epoch War. The current stalemate in the six continents was built on their flesh and blood.

Even apex cultivators lost their lives back then. Thus, what Illumination Conqueror had done was child's play in comparison.

It wasn't fair to compare Supreme's current group to the apex emperors. Only those such as the duck egg buyer and Puresun Dao Lord were eligible.

Guan Feng and the others survived the previous wars so they weren't afraid of the upcoming challenges.

"Why dwell on the past? Just hand over the sinners or we will flatten your sect." Lantern Conqueror threatened with an army behind him.

"We don't care about the sinners or whatever, hand over Moon Embrace. Divine Alliance should be the one keeping it." Ferocity laughed, clearly stating his intention.

"The evil remnants of the heavens race must be exterminated. Otherwise, we will be letting down the wise sages who have sacrificed their lives for the great cause." Heaven Hammer said sternly.

Many members of the audience snorted after hearing this. Of course, they didn't wish to join the feud.

“Is this it? Just these few conquerors?” Someone laughed and the portal to Lesser Firmament opened for a split second, allowing a divine throne to fly out.

It was shrouded in an immense radiance, pouring down imperial laws unceasingly.

Everyone saw a youth dressed in a white robe with embroidered dragon patterns along the edges. He kept the top of his robe unbuttoned, showing off his muscular chest.

He was unreasonably handsome and held a golden cup filled to the brim with the finest wine. An enchanting beauty rested her head on his knees.

He exuded a temperament of dominance and freedom, not looking like a proper emperor in the slightest. The majority of the crowd had no idea who he was either.

“Immortal Emperor Yang Sheng!” Xiao Qingtian was one of the few who had an idea due to his impressive knowledge. [1]

“Doesn’t look like a healthy lifestyle.” The big shots were surprised to see the emperor so different from the title.

Hearing the characters in his title painted the image of a healthy grandpa - gray hair yet no wrinkles. It would also imply a focus on nurturing the mind and character for longevity.

However, this man had nothing to do with this concept, whether it be his age or his conduct.

Drinking and spending time with a beauty were the acts of a licentious young master. Maybe someone had misunderstood when giving him this title.

The crowd didn't know that he was the second emperor of Myriad Bones Throne. Back during his era, he was rather meticulous regarding everything - his meals, clothes, conduct...

Everything was in harmony with the world and its flows. If acquaintances from back then could see him now, they would think that he was an entirely different person.

He gazed at the crowd while gently caressing the beauty's head, not giving a damn about the opponents.

People didn't know how to feel. Should they be jealous of his lifestyle or look down on his seeming lack of character?

"Anyone else wants to play or just Heaven, Divine, and Azure?" He finished his cup and the beauty immediately poured him another.

"Since you all wish to destroy my Lesser Firmament, I shall massacre you like pigs." He laughed and was even more direct than Immortal Emperor Guan Feng.

The opponents' expressions soured. Immortal Emperor Guan Feng and Skysword Dao Lord, at the very least, spoke while keeping their status in mind.

Yang Sheng, on the other hand, spoke like an uneducated young master, not caring about his own image or the other parties.

“Stop wagging your tails as if you’re someone important. Heaven Alliance only consists of Celestial Court’s hounds, don’t be arrogant. As for Azure School, a bunch of cowards with dead wives and destroyed sects gathering together. I spit on your so-called noble mission.” The emperor went on: “Since you talk so much about protecting The People, Celestial Court is still right there. Launch an expedition and kill Nether Heaven Emperor instead of bragging about your accomplishments.” He had a good time insulting the coalition.

Others exchanged glances. Normally, top cultivators were dignified. Dao mysteries came out of their mouth, not insults. This emperor looked more like a thug pulling up his sleeves in preparation for a street fight.

“I like it this way more.” A crowd member preferred this instead of using a hypocritical veil. Curse when unhappy, and take action when dismissed. Pretending to be gentlemen while aiming to destroy Lesser Firmament was needless.

“Brother Yang Sheng, please calm down.” A voice sounded as a golden river emerged and formed a path closer to Lesser Firmament.

### **Chapter 5300: Ruining The Nine Worlds’ Reputation**

The rider of the river wore a yellow robe and a hat, looking like someone who guides souls to the underworld.

He appeared outside of Lesser Firmament and didn’t look imposing. He resembled a dilapidated middle-aged man who used to be a laborer.

As he stood there, his physical body seemed to be in another realm and was unreachable. People thought that it was best to stay away from the river due to its death affinity.

“Ming Du.” Yang Sheng gave him the side eye.

“Immortal Emperor Ming Du.” Most recognized this title - a mysterious and powerful ferryman.

“It’s been a while, Brother Guan Feng and Brother Yang Sheng.” Ming Du cupped his fist with a smile.

Although everyone heard frightening tales of his abilities, he looked rather amicable in person.

“The ancient emperors are gathering?” Many big shots conversed among themselves.

“Don’t act familiar now, I don’t know you, an emperor from the nine worlds joining Heaven Alliance. How humiliating.” Yang Sheng said, not giving any face.

Of course, this also insulted everyone else who joined Heaven Alliance, especially the Immortal Emperors.

“Everyone has their own path.” Ming Du smiled: “You joined Lesser Firmament and I joined Heaven Alliance, our journey is the same, only the path is different. Brother, you need to be less extreme for life isn’t just black and white.”

Ming Du held a high position in Heaven Alliance but rarely showed himself after joining.

“So what if I look down on Heaven Alliance and Celestial Court? I also look down on you, hound.” Yang Sheng took a sip of wine.

“So be it.” Ming Du shook his head and said: “Feel free to think that way about me, Brother Yang Sheng, but I am here today with sincerity.”

A while ago, Heaven Hammer, Illumination, and many others were visibly annoyed after being insulted. However, Ming Du remained carefree in stark contrast.

“This matter is rather simple to deal with, just let that entity leave Lesser Firmament. Since Azure School and Heaven Alliance wish to kill it, let them do so. Isn’t that better for our nine worlds?” Ming Du said.

This left everyone slack-jawed. Whose side was he on?

In Heaven Alliance, his status was actually higher than Godcloud or Lantern Conqueror. Of course, this directness was also one way to accomplish Heaven Alliance’s goal without needing to fight the ancient emperors.

“Hmph, we don’t care about the sinners or whatever, hand Moon Embrace over and we will leave.” Ferocity was annoyed after being treated like air by the emperors and conquerors.

“Brat, go back to the playground.” Ming Du waved his hand and said with a smile: “The emperors are doing business right now, it’s not your turn to speak.”

Ferocity’s expression darkened after hearing this. Alas, these emperors were all monsters so he didn’t dare to retort.

“Brother Guan Feng and Brother Yang Sheng, what do you think? We should just drink while watching Supreme and Illumination fight to the death. When they’re done, we’ll take care of the aftermath, yes?” Ming Du said, making people question his allegiance again.

“I appreciate your sincerity, Brother Ming Du, but Lesser Firmament will not concede in this matter. Gentlemen, just leave and all will be fine.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng refused while shaking his head toward Heaven Hammer and Lantern.

“It’s fine if you all won’t scam. We can just fight to the death, let’s see if you conquerors are stronger than us emperors.” Yang Sheng laughed and said.

As the negotiation was breaking down, another figure appeared outside of Lesser Firmament.

“Jue Xian’er!” Both conquerors and emperors were wary of her, not because of her cultivation or ability but rather, her Immortal Piercer.

No one here had absolute confidence in dealing with it.

She looked around with her cold eyes before focusing on Moon Embrace.

“I want it.” She said before immediately using her Immortal Piercer.

“Whoosh!” It pierced through the outer layer of the crystal walls in no time at all and wrapped around Moon Embrace.



“Come!” She pulled back the chain, wanting to drag the set of armor out.

“Boom!” The dark fog noticed this and erupted in power, turning into a gigantic hand and initiating a stronger attack against the seal.

“Focus!” A majestic figure inside shouted. Numerous imperial auras and dao surged upward in order to stop the rampaging fog.

However, this gave enough time for Xue Jian’er to pull Moon Embrace out of the wall.

“Moon Embrace!” The wondrous artifact became the center of attention again.

Although some parties came for the sinners, they also wanted to take Moon Embrace.

“Rumble!” Ferocity and his men channeled their power.