

## Emperor 5421

### Chapter 5421: Your Fate Is Sealed

The sky shook violently as he raised the truncheon. It carried the immensity of a divine mountain and left everyone breathless.

“Shall we?” Immensity asked Supreme.

Supreme answered with a void thrust capable of piercing through all things in this world. The hardest dao fruit and the most indomitable dao heart couldn't stop him.

“Break!” Immensity smashed vertically without using any merit law or power, focusing on sheer weight alone while destroying all affinities along the way.

Fiery sparks splashed off the impact; each resembled a meteor smashing into Illumination Grotto. Weaker dragon lords struck by the sparks were left with bloody holes in their bodies.

Thus, combatants from both sides began to evacuate far from Supreme and Immensity's battlefield.

These two apex cultivators no longer restrained themselves, meaning that no one nearby would be spared.

Meanwhile, Swordsea Dao Lord made his move. The glint of his sword illuminated the entire world.

The slash was on the verge of cutting through the grotto, prompting Illumination Conqueror to directly parry it with his radiant dao.

Nonetheless, the shockwaves still obliterated most of the grotto.

Illumination summoned his cauldron and released a strand of violet smoke. It separated into ten thousand dao capable of engulfing the entire illusory realm.

“Break!” Swordsea summoned an equivalent number of swords to overwhelm the dao.

Illumination gathered his dao together, turning them into the jaws of a great beast to devour the swords.

Swordsea wasted no time in summoning more. Even the strongest defense couldn't endure the constant barrage. Each sword carried immense destruction; nothing would be left of the grotto if it wasn't for Illumination's defensive dao.

Black holes and void zones appeared everywhere due to their battle. Those who had never seen a top battle before couldn't believe their eyes.

If this took place back in the upper continents, billions of mortals would have been murdered already before knowing what was going on.

“Boom!” Suddenly, the neutral All-things Dao Lord crushed his own prison and freed Ye Fantian.

The genius immediately joined the battle and began attacking Illumination's allies.

“What’s going on?” Spectators didn’t expect this.

“The friendly facade is torn, it doesn’t matter anymore.” A dragon lord said.

“All-things!” Illumination bellowed furiously; his roar alone destroyed the nearby stars.

All-things returned to a safe location, not participating in the battle himself.

“Rumble!” Eventually, the momentum and formations of the grotto could endure no longer.

Barriers and formations crumbled before the combined might of Divine and Heaven Alliance. The gap was simply insurmountable.

Most importantly, the defenders’ morale reached a low point after seeing their leader using the immortal order with wanton regard for his own men’s safety.

Some had secretly retreated, no longer wanting to die here for Illumination’s sake. This left exploitable holes in the formational arrays.

The attackers made it inside the grotto. It was only a matter of time before a complete takeover.

“It’s over.” Immensity sighed and told Illumination: “I have tried my best, your fate is sealed.”

Having said that, he turned to leave the battlefield.

“Brother!” Illumination’s expression darkened after seeing this. Alas, his call fell upon deaf ears.

“Boom!” His momentary distraction caused him to lose an exchange against Swordsea Dao Lord.

## **Chapter 5422: Illumination’s Fate**

“Bam!” Illumination smashed into the spatial fabrics of the grotto, nearly sending it flying.

Supreme landed as well, ready to help Swordsea Dao Lord.

Although the skirmishes inside the grotto raged on, spectators only paid attention to this particular battle between the apex cultivators.

“There’s no salvaging this.” Someone commented.

Illumination couldn’t handle his opponents, not to mention All-things Dao Lord waiting in the background.

“Can’t build a house with a single tree.” A dragon lord murmured.

When Immensity was still around, Illumination had a chance of winning or at least making a safe escape. Now, he was surrounded by equally-capable foes.

“Bam!” Another figure descended next to Supreme and Swordsea Dao Lord.

“Eternal Conqueror!” The big shots became startled.

“Yeah, this is over.” Another said.

“This was inevitable.” All-things sighed and said.

“Brother Illumination, if there is no other reinforcement, this is the end of the road for you.” Supreme said with a charismatic tone, seemingly always in charge of any situation. This was the reason why he was trusted by Celestial Court for so long.

All eyes were on Illumination. Those from The People thought that this was the end for a polarizing figure. He fought Heaven Alliance his entire life and now, his fate was sealed by them.

Illumination was absolutely no savior but to call him a villain wasn't quite right either. After all, many sympathized with his pitiful background and desire for vengeance.

“Hahaha, seems like there will be a conclusion today.” Illumination laughed heartily.

“We'll send you on your way now.” Eternal said.

“Hahaha, my life has been in vain since The Race shall take over soon enough.” Illumination looked at the sky and shouted.

“All-things, do you see?! This is the consequence of your compromising!” He then shouted at All-things Dao Lord.

“You are delusional, this is what you deserve.” All-things responded.

“What I deserve?! What have I done but attempt to build a world for The People?” Illumination responded.

“Illumination, you speak as if The People would have been turned to ashes in your absence. No, both sides have been around since time antiquity. What you have done is a mix of accomplishments and heinous crimes.” Swordsea coldly uttered.

“I have no guilty conscience for doing what's best for The People, haha.” Illumination said.

“Truly pitiful, a conqueror gone mad.” Eternal commented.

“Let it go, perhaps there is still a glimmer of hope.” All-things advised.

“Brother All-things might not kill you but I will, you're not leaving this place alive.” Swordsea disagreed.

At this point, Illumination's supporters could only watch on the sideline since this was beyond their ability. They felt a deep sorrow in their heart, viewing Illumination as a tragic hero walking on a desperate path of no return.

“I've never cared about surviving since I've dedicated my life to The People...” Illumination said.

“Enough.” The friendly All-things Dao Lord interrupted him and said: “Brother Swordsea is right, you are lost in self-indulgence, believing that you're a protector despite your crimes during Emperors War. Your arrogance and misguided judgment resulted in the death of numerous dragon lords and conquerors from The People, so stop attempting to justify your delusion. You are merely blaspheming the wise sages who were actual heroes during the great wars of past. They fought to protect while you were buried by hatred and vengeance. In fact, your actions are no different than that of Celestial Court, perhaps even worse. Do not tarnish the image of conquerors any longer, Illumination.”

All along, All-things rarely revealed his own stance, choosing to be neutral instead. He was viewed as a weak leader due to his tendency to compromise. Alas, he could listen to Illumination's madness no longer.

"Well said." Eternal agreed.

Even the supporters of Illumination had no retort after hearing this. After all, there was no erasing the past. Illumination was a true tyrant during Emperors War.

Some from The Race also agreed with the comparison with Celestial Court. This was the reason why their ancestors chose to defect and fought alongside The People instead during Immemorial Epoch War.

"It is alright, Illumination. Your struggle ends today." Supreme remarked.

### **Chapter 5423: End Of The Road**

Everyone could tell that this was the end of Illumination Conqueror's era. However, he didn't seem to think so.

"Hahaha, it is not decided just yet!" Illumination showed no sign of despair.

This naturally surprised everyone including his opponents.

"Still got an ace card?" Swordsea stared intensely at him.

All-things did the same while having numerous guesses popping up in his head.

The two understood Illumination better than anyone else since they were allies once. They knew that he wasn't going to give up so easily.

"Of course." Illumination teleported back to what was left of his grotto.

It no longer resembled a paradise, only a barren land filled with corpses. Casualties included those from both sides.

He saw his disciples and loyal brothers lying on the ground. Resources and formations built with painstaking efforts have been reduced to ashes.

He had a forlorn gaze as he said: "True heroes who sacrificed themselves for a supreme achievement. Brothers, you shall not be forgotten. Farewell on your journey."

He then entered his personal palace. The others didn't pursue him and commanded their allies to leave the grotto instead.

They had sealed the entire region so there was no escaping for Illumination. Thus, an evacuation was required in order to avoid needless casualties.

"Now this is an apex battle." A spectator commented after only seeing four cultivators left in the grotto.

The assault earlier was meant to sweep clean the battlefield, readying it for this showdown.

“What else does Illumination Conqueror have up his sleeve?” Another said. The situation looked rather grim for him.

A few ancient ancestors and dragon lords didn't want him to go down in this manner - falling to his mortal enemies. Alas, everyone knew that the odds were stacked heavily against him - Supreme, Swordsea, and Eternal Conqueror, not to mention All-things Dao Lord waiting in the background.

Moreover, other top members of the alliances have yet to show themselves - Darkfrost Dao Lord and Immortal Pagoda Conqueror.

They might be serving as contingency plans just in case Illumination truly had something unstoppable as his last attempt.

“This is a miracle of sorts, living a life culminating in being attacked by all the apex conquerors.” A conqueror smiled and said.

The big shots from The People were rather annoyed. Alas, they had no response because Illumination's actions have alienated all of his peers.

All-things Dao Lord wanted to kill him, and the same for Darkfrost Dao Lord. The remaining apex cultivators included Azure Ancestor, Coldflame Conqueror, and Sword Queen.

The former two were neutral while Sword Queen gave All-things Dao Lord her immortal order, making her stance clear. Immensity abandoned the battle as well, leaving Illumination all alone.

“Once a respected lord, only to be abandoned by all.” A previous ally of Illumination became sentimental.

He recalled the founding of Dao Alliance and its successful recruitment. Now, the current darkness stood in stark contrast to Illumination's golden age.

“No ace card will change the outcome, the hearts of the people are no longer with him.” An insightful dao lord commented.

Not long ago, All-things and Swordsea Dao Lord didn't direct their blade at Illumination, not even during Emperors War. Now, the fair-natured All-things himself wanted to end this.

Illumination became powerless against Heaven and Divine Alliance without the help of other apex cultivators. His ace card was only meaningless struggling.

“Rumble!” His palace started crumbling down, slowly revealing a large pool in the center.

It started flowing and connecting with the altar originally meant for Ye Fantian's sacrificial ceremony. Illumination then leaped into the pool filled with an unknown liquid.

Others activated their heavenly gaze to analyze the event.

#### **Chapter 5424: Faults in All**

After taking a closer look, they found that the pool was containing liquified stars. They saw their own reflection while gazing into it.

As they took their time, they suddenly saw a vision of time - a river coursing to the past and then to the future. It resembled an unfurled scroll revealing dreamlike scenes depicting their life and fate.

“Devil dreamwater!” Someone realized what it was - an extremely rare type of material that has similar characteristics to water.

Supreme and the others became startled after seeing this.

“Such a high concentration and quantity.” A conqueror couldn’t believe it.

This “water” only existed in the three illusory realms, only appearing for a split second during a special dawn event on the tip of chosen grasses. It would disappear afterward so cultivators had to time the gathering precisely.

Although far from being on the same level as anima dreamwater, it was still highly coveted. Most importantly, this wasn’t just one drop but rather, an entire pool.

“Why did he gather so much devil dreamwater?” This confused everyone in the audience due to the time requirement to gather the pool.

Illumination gazed at his broken world and fallen brethren, thinking that he regretted nothing. This was for the sake of his grand ambition and lifelong pursuit - a trade he was willing to make.

“My brothers, our timeless epic begins now with this final journey!” He declared unwavering as if he had returned to those years gone by - a hero at the pinnacle whose commands were obeyed by the world.

The small number of survivors inside Illumination Grotto including Devil and Riverwalker saw this and started gathering at the altar.

“What are they doing now?” Spectators had an ominous feeling.

Devil and Riverwalker weren’t as strong as apex cultivators. Nonetheless, they were only one step below.

Supreme, Swordsea, and Eternal understood that this could get serious. However, their pride prevented them from stopping the enemies.

The survivors standing near the altar painted a devastating scene for Illumination. His men were either killed in battle or fled after seeing his insanity with the immortal order.

Only the truly devoted followers remained. Some were his sworn brothers and others have been with him since the very start. They were willing to follow him to the very end.

“Brothers, not even death can make us flinch. Shall we start?” Illumination asked loudly.

“We are with you, Brother.” Devil and Riverwalker willingly accepted.

“For The People.” Illumination bowed in their direction.

“For The People!” The survivors shouted back.

“Eternal glory belongs to us!” Illumination rallied the men once more.

“Commence!” The survivors no longer had doubts or fear in their minds.

“They’re all crazy.” By this point, many had a good guess of what they wanted to do.

“Poor souls.” Swordsea uttered coldly.

“Truly tragic.” Supreme kept it short.

Eternal gazed at the unfolding scene and added: “Tragic, yes, but that doesn’t absolve them of responsibility nor shield them from consequences.”

“Buzz.” The altar lit up and exuded rays wielding an ancient force.

They illuminated Devil and the others, immediately coiling around them. Cracks began appearing on their body as the rays seemingly sliced them apart. Their blood naturally flowed down into the altar, staining it red. This also transformed the rays and turned them red as well.

### **Chapter 5425: For The People**

The red rays became more violent before, shooting straight at those on the altars and turning them into sieves.

They didn’t utter a single cry of pain or struggle despite the devastating unfolding on them. In fact, they seemed to bask in the agony since this was another step closer to their grand goal.

The crowd took a deep breath while watching these top cultivators sacrifice themselves. They had achieved virtually everything and could live life to the fullest extent. Few could give up all the pleasures known to men, but they were going to do so.

Everyone could tell that Illumination was crazy. They didn’t expect some of his followers to feel the same way. They shared the same madness in their heart and obsession in their mind.

For Devil Conqueror - this was one way to avenge his sect, and the same for Riverwalker.

They didn’t sacrifice themselves for Illumination Conqueror but for their own pursuit that they deemed virtuous. They wholeheartedly believed that all they had done was for The People’s sake.

“For The People!” They shouted as their dao fruits and sacred fruits were being crushed to pieces.

“Boom!” Blinding red explosions detonated, signaling the end of these cultivators.

“Farewell, Brothers.” Tears streamed down Illumination’s cheeks.

“How nauseating.” Swordsea sneered: “The victims here are the wise sages and The People, to have members like them.”

All-things only let out a sigh and held back any negative comment.

“Driving him crazy is a prerequisite to killing him.” Supreme commented, showing no sign of sympathy.

In reality, the majority of the crowd had no love for Illumination at this point; the exception being the few supporters still alive.

They considered him to be a shameful mark of The People. He was not a protector like the wise sages who fought in the ancient wars. These heroes never claimed to be virtuous or selfless.

Despite his claim, he didn't seem to have thought about what would actually be beneficial for The People. Starting wars was the farthest thing from it.

They didn't view him as a hero being pushed to the brink of despair but rather, as a madman trying to act out a play.

"Boom!" The dao essences and vitality of the sacrificed cultivators were refined by the altar. Runic lines at the bottom lit up and issued loud blasts. It felt as if countless true dragons were leaving their lair all at once, roaring and rushing forward.

This empowered the altar with a force capable of crushing all the illusory realms.

"What a waste, their essences should have returned to the world." Swordsea said what was on everyone's mind.

In order to reach this level, the sacrificed cultivators have taken in a massive amount of natural resources and dao.

Their refined blood could nourish the land for generations. Just one drop of blood would allow for numerous mortal kingdoms to rise.

The death of a conqueror was both a personal tragedy and a heavenly nectar for the mortal world.

Unfortunately, instead of letting their essences return to the world, they sent them to the altar for refinement.

"Boom!" The pool filled with devil dreamwater surged into the sky and became boundless, seemingly having gained sentience and merging with the illusory realm.

"Come!" Illumination roared and became resplendent. The pool started harmonizing with him and answered his summon, immediately shooting back down and latching onto him.

Loud explosions detonated around the grotto as he became empowered.

### **Chapter 5426: The Hard Part Is Getting One To Leave**

The world seemed to be contracting to a single core - Illumination Conqueror. This extended beyond Duality World and affected all the illusory realms.

"Rumble." His grotto was disintegrating, unable to handle the incredible influx of power.

Once all of the dao and world essences were absorbed by Illumination, only ashes were left of his home.

Earlier, the grotto suffered immense destruction from the battle but its framework remained intact. There were still living beings and a chance to rebuild. Now, Illumination was the only one left, having destroyed his own creation.



Other cultivators had created grottos as well. Some were lost for various reasons but how many were destroyed by their own creator?

Meanwhile, Illumination grew to the size of a cosmic being - dark like a galaxy while having stars growing and flashing within. His eyes alone were made from millions of stars pushed together. A separate temporal and spatial order manifested within him.

It became difficult for spectators to distinguish the conqueror from the Illusory Realm. A light containing a supreme power flashed brightly and blessed him.

As they looked closer, they saw a massive shadow in the shape of a closed eye. This was fortunate because they couldn't imagine the consequences of the eye actually opening.

They thought that it would be able to spot all living beings and reduce them to ashes, apex conquerors included.

"Borrowing the power of Dream Paradise." All-things murmured.

Supreme, Swordsea, and Eternal had to look up in order to see Illumination's face.

"Inviting a god is easy, getting one to leave is the hard part." Swordsea said: "This is courting death."

"I've never thought about leaving this place alive anyway." Illumination's voice could be heard everywhere as if he was the ruler of the world. It echoed from all directions and made people feel like insects.

Nonetheless, his opponents were undeterred.

"What a frightening method, and the price paid too." An ancient ancestor murmured while keeping a safe distance.

Illumination relied on the sacrifice to channel vitality and dao power into the pool of devil dreamwater.

Keep in mind that this special "water" was a part of the illusory realm. As he became one with the pool, he also turned into part of the illusory realm and could borrow its power.

"Do you think this is enough to kill us?" Eternal said proudly before growing gigantic as well.

"Boom!" His immortal bloodline erupted, seemingly powerful enough to destroy the entire realm. This changed him into a cosmic being possessing infinite time.

"Boom!" Supreme released his twelve radiant sacred fruits and activated his dao. With that, he became a humanoid colossus as well.

"You aren't the only one who can transform." Swordsea, on the other hand, chose to maintain his normal size. However, his sword dao expanded at an unimaginable rate, causing stars to look like specks of dust. The dao encompassed an ocean of swords that could expand infinitely.

Cultivators of this level had no issue changing into a grand avatar form. Of course, size didn't matter as much as raw power which Illumination had.

"We'll see who's the strongest!" Illumination shouted.

“Regardless of strength, you are destined to die today for the world no longer tolerates your existence.” Eternal said mercilessly, stating a blunt reality regarding Illumination’s predicament.

“Don’t worry, I shall live long enough to see the extermination of the heavens.” Illumination laughed.

“Extermination?” The trio exchanged glances after hearing this, thinking that something was amiss.

“Hahaha! This is not my final ace card! Even if you three defeat me today, you still won’t be able to stop me from exterminating them!” Illumination declared.

### **Chapter 5427: Extermination Method**

The threat naturally frightened everyone on both sides. Heavener was one of the three great races but The People also had heavens.

The distinction between The Race and The People has been blurred recently due to the peace enjoyed after Emperors War. The usual races from both sides mingled with the other, making classification increasingly harder.

As time passed, many cultivators eventually abandoned the classification altogether. Top cultivators understood that this was started by Celestial Court.

In the upper continents, the only differentiation came from the four alliances. In fact, Divine Alliance had sided with The People before.

There should only be the races - heavens, devils, diviners, humans, golems...

The Race and The People, despite the names, had nothing to do with racial classifications.

“You’ve found it?” All-things felt something ominous.

“I’ve always thought about exterminating the three great races and there is indeed an ineffective method. Though I haven’t found the ancestral blood to wipe them out, I suppose we can start with the heavens first.” Illumination laughed.

Everyone was aware of his intention to exterminate The Race. However, targeting heavens meant targeting members of The People as well.

“The audacity!” Supreme shouted.

“Hahaha, I will show you!” Illumination laughed and finally made his move.

“Buzz.” A runic gate appeared on his cosmic chest and began to open, revealing the dark world beyond.

It was devoid of light but everyone could still see the flow of the dao clearly. Ordinary cultivators didn’t notice anything but the dragon lords and conquerors’ expressions darkened.

“Ultimate!” A conqueror shouted after seeing one of the four broken realms. Rumor has it that Devil Conqueror gained his fortune here after falling into an ominous pond.

All-things immediately thought of something and shouted: “Brother, you must stop, this leads to damnation!”

“Damnation? So what, I fear not even death.” Illumination laughed in response.

All-things couldn't say anything else because this was true. Illumination was ready to sacrifice his life for his grand ambition. He sighed and could already see the consequences.

“Heaveners first!” Illumination shot strands of dao laws made from connected stars into the gate leading to Ultimate.

“Clank! Clank!” They entered a bottomless pond and wrapped around something.

“Splash!” Illumination started pulling with one hand, causing the water to splash.

He lifted up a colossal entity shrouded by black fog. Behind it was a hook-like object - a manifestation of the dao that has been refined countless times.

Illumination's dao chains attached to the hook, allowing him to pull it out of the bottomless pond. It still seemed to be sleeping and didn't move an inch.

Only a few knew about this entity - Supreme and his allies included.

They had seen it back in Lesser Firmament, causing immense damage. During its escape, Illumination ambushed it and left behind a dao mark.

Everyone thought that he had failed to subdue it but now, it became apparent that he was merely preparing for the next plan.

Since it was still deep in slumber, people had no idea what was going to happen next. However, Supreme knew what it was and understood the gravity of the situation.

“What is it?” A dragon lord asked.

“What does this have to do with exterminating the heaveners?” Another wondered.

They focused their gaze on the dao chain pulling on the hook.

“Do you know what you are about to do?” Swordsea glared at Illumination.

“Of course, this is destiny, a path left behind by the predecessors. I am merely following the course.” Illumination laughed.

## **Chapter 5428: No Regrets**

“What is he talking about, predecessors?” A conqueror asked.

“Don't worry, I will explain.” Illumination seemed to be enjoying the moment: “Back during a forgotten era, someone created a way to destroy an entire race, truly a peerless feat.”

Everyone exchanged glances after hearing this.

“It won't amount to anything.” Swordsea uttered coldly since he had nothing but disdain for Illumination.

All-things Dao Lord emphasized balance and harmony but Swordsea did everything according to his own will and never compromised. His actions were driven solely by his beliefs.

Thus, he didn't give a damn about Illumination's past, contributions, or any remarkable quality.

Illumination didn't mind and elaborated: "Sure, my version is not perfect and I am missing the ancestral blood. With it, I would be able to exterminate all three branches."

Eternal Conqueror and the others scowled after hearing this.

"Nonetheless, I now possess the most ancient bloodline of the heavens, him!" Illumination raised his cosmic hand and chased away the darkness from the mysterious entity.

This revealed the person inside - a slumbering old man with a magnificent aura. Words couldn't describe his greatness.

"!!!" Eternal, Swordsea, and other cultivators of their caliber became startled. Supreme's demeanor shifted entirely as well.

Illumination lowered his hand and the fog shielded the old man once more.

"Now, do you believe me? I shall strike him and trace his bloodline downward. Anyone with a similar bloodline will be reduced to ashes afterward for no one can match my current state. Heavens shall be no more after today." Illumination's laughter became increasingly manic, seemingly pleased with his masterpiece of a plan.

"Brother, stop right here. You will be killing The People as well, heaven and earth do not tolerate such an evil act." All-things appeared closer to the battlefield.

"Hahaha, heavens among The People deserve death as well. Heaven and earth can feel free to try and stop me." Illumination laughed.

The four apex cultivators exchanged glances, realizing that they had been overconfident.

"We must kill him now." All-things told the others.

This was the time to let go of personal feuds since Illumination had come up with a truly horrific plan. All heavens might actually be killed, mortals included.

"It is too late now, I am no longer afraid of the four of you working together." Illumination said.

"The power you're borrowing is limited so you're only twice as strong, at best. We can surely kill you." Eternal uttered coldly.

The crowd no longer spoke since the battle was reaching its climax. Even Illumination's supporters thought that he was crazy for killing members of The People. They had no problem with killing Heaven Alliance and even The Race. However, this didn't include their own.

"Sure." Illumination admitted: "But you can't kill me before I exterminate the heavens."

Supreme and the others maintained a calm demeanor. Nonetheless, they wondered if they could actually kill Illumination in time.

"I have no regrets since I'll be burying the heavens with me. It's a shame that I won't be able to take down The Race, but I have tried my best." Illumination laughed heartily like a madman.

"You will be burying no one but yourself since even an ant would feel offended by being buried with a fool like you." Someone else appeared on the battlefield.

Spectators who were disappointed with Illumination saw that the newcomer was an ordinary-looking youth.

"Li Qiye!" Most immediately recognized him.

### **Chapter 5429: Original Aspiration Forgotten**

"Sir!" All-things was ecstatic and no longer worried about the situation.

"You!" Illumination became alarmed.

By this point, everyone had witnessed Li Qiye's frightening ability, especially his effortless victory over Immortal Pagoda Conqueror.

"You deserve death many times over." Li Qiye uttered coldly.

Everyone shuddered after hearing this, feeling as if their heart had just been pierced by a thousand arrows.

"You said that you wouldn't interfere in the conflict between The People and The Race!" Illumination shouted.

"The line has been crossed." Li Qiye uttered coldly before releasing his murderous intent.

There was no suppression or destruction - only a pure affinity causing knees to buckle. Even the apex cultivators felt a chill coursing down their spine.

"Hahaha, all of you have forgotten your original aspiration." Illumination laughed and said: "This includes you, Sir. Do you not remember your background now that you stand at the apex, that you are a human? Your race has been enslaved by the great races for eras, how can you stand to watch their imperious grin and Celestial Court's tyranny? What I shall do today is deliver justice to both the enemies and those who have forgotten their roots."

"You are not qualified to comment on my intent or the past. Early on in the history of this world, the hundred races had to face diversity because of madmen like you. You are no different from Celestial Court, only significantly weaker. In fact, I guarantee that if you were to possess their power, you would have been more dangerous, a scourge upon this world." Li Qiye uttered coldly.

"I spent my life fighting Heaven Alliance and killing The Race, how can I be the scourge?" Illumination couldn't be convinced otherwise.

"Are you forgetting that your casualties include members of The People and mortals?" Li Qiye asked.

"All grand designs require sacrifices and blood. That is what makes them great." Illumination said.

“Enough.” Li Qiye became impatient and reached for the black fog.

“Stop!” Illumination performed a cosmic smash to stop Li Qiye.

“Boom!” An entire galaxy struck Li Qiye’s hand but this didn’t stop him from removing the dao chain from the hook.

With that, the black fog fell back into the profound flow in Ultimate, disappearing from sight.

“What have you done?!” Illumination became livid.

“I should have killed you long ago.” Li Qiye said.

“We’ll see about that. You have considered yourself to be above all for too long, I will kick you off your throne today!” Illumination roared.

“The futile struggling of an ant who thinks it’s strong enough now after borrowing some meager power.” Li Qiye said.

“You shall see!” Illumination roared.

“Rumble!” The stars within his body became resplendent, turning the dark space into a well-lit battlefield.

“Timeless Illumination!” With the help of the stars, he channeled all the power of the illusory realm to attack Li Qiye.

It included his own dao power, the vitality from the galaxy, and the borrowed force of the illusory realm. Everything was obliterated along the way.

Dragon lords and conquerors bellowed in horror. Weaker cultivators instantly lost control of their body.

“Boom!” The explosion returned everything back to its origin; space and time could no longer be seen.

Alas, Li Qiye simply stood still while radiating a special aura. The ultimate blow didn’t leave any damage.

“I can’t believe it!” The apex cultivators shouted.

“This is the end for you.” Li Qiye took one step forward.

“Die!” Illumination unleashed another cosmic palm strike. Given his current state, this was enough to pulverize anyone beneath the “apex” realm.

Li Qiye retaliated by tearing off the cosmic hand without facing any resistance. Everyone felt as if he was pulling down the fabrics of reality as well. Keep in mind that Illumination had become a part of this region.

Thus, everything became chaotic and started spinning around. All the natural affinities ran amok.

As everyone was left in disbelief, Li Qiye only needed one kick to topple the cosmic being, sending him down to the ground.

This caused immense spatial instability; everyone saw the world spinning around them.

## Chapter 5430: I Offer The Last Of My Blood For The People

Illumination Conqueror's cosmic form made everyone else seem like ants in comparison, the few exceptions being Supreme and his allies who were also in their grand avatar form.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, didn't activate a grand avatar form and resembled a speck of dust versus the cosmic being.

Nonetheless, he easily took down the conqueror and crushed the galaxy above. When Illumination fell down, weaker cultivators were suddenly thrown into the air. The sky became the ground and the ground became the sky.

"Boom!" Illumination smashed into the ground. This felt as if an ant had managed to flip a colossal elephant over.

Li Qiye jumped on top and unleashed a flurry of regular punches. As for Illumination, his cosmic form seemed rather immobile. Its sheer weight made it difficult for him to get back up.

As Li Qiye rained punches on him, stars that were part of his overarching frames shattered. Pieces fell off like cogs on a machine. Eventually, he reverted to his original size - bloodied and beaten.

He looked pathetic like a plucked and bedraggled chicken, shaking from being cold in the wind - the opposite of his majestic cosmic form.

Not long ago, he was confident in going against four apex conquerors and dao lords. The cosmic form might have been the pinnacle of his life. His appearance and aura left everyone breathless.

Unfortunately, Li Qiye only needed a few seconds and some punches to reduce him to a pathetic state.

From start to finish, Li Qiye appeared to be nonchalant, not relying on any supreme art or treasure. He looked like a child punching randomly but this was enough to render Illumination helpless.

Words couldn't describe the spectators' current feelings. The power disparity broke their perception of cultivation realms. They didn't know whether to hate or pity Illumination after his utter defeat.

They took a deep breath to regain their composure, unable to laugh despite the meteoric drop in Illumination's circumstances.

"You think you are qualified to save The People?" Li Qiye asked.

"Hahaha..." Illumination still laughed, not letting others know his current emotional state. He could be overwhelmed with fear and rage but he still responded: "No matter how powerful you are, you cannot take away my ambition."

"You think too highly of yourself, I'm fine with just crushing you." Li Qiye coldly uttered.

Everyone else watched in silence. Although the victor resembled a mortal, he still managed to defeat Illumination Conqueror.

This was akin to an ant trying to fight against an elephant or a true dragon - an exercise of frustration and futility.

“I will never give up! I will shed the last of my blood and breathe my last breath for The People!”  
Illumination suddenly roared.

His twelve dao fruits exuded boundless light. Twelve grand dao appeared in a magnificent manner, releasing strands of immortal light.

He fully activated his immortal shell and all of his power and vitality. The world became stabilized again as primordial energy oozed out.

His anima tree appeared as well but he didn't stop just yet.

“Rumble!” The devil dreamwater containing the strength and vitality of the sacrificed cultivators was still with him. He decided to activate their power as well.