

Emperor 4821

Chapter 4821: Primeval

Just a single swing managed to repel three overlords. This shocked all spectators including other overlords.

Heaven and earth trembled in the presence of this old man even though he didn't exert an aura. As he stood there with a hatchet resting on his shoulder, he gave the impression of being unbeatable regardless of the enemies.

"Primeval." A supreme overlord in space revealed his name. [1]

"The lord of Ancient Heavenly Burial Ground." Ancestors who have lived for a long time became emotional.

"Primeval has chosen his camp." Another overlord in a burial ground inside Desolate Wild said.

In reality, this was not his first time picking a side. He had shown up during the previous calamity to fight the Ancient Ming. Other overlords still remembered this.

Today, he picked Li Qiye again during his ally's moment of crisis. This confirmed his faction for the future.

"Primeval Epoch wants to join this mess too?" The three overlords on the other side stared intensely at him.

"Indeed. Actions have consequences." Primeval Lord who was also known as Old Ghost responded.

"You're rather confident, Fellow Daoist." Dead Immortal's mystical voice echoed.

"Fellow Daoist, you intend on fighting the three of us by yourself?" Triune Alligator Lord looked around and then asked.

"Triune, you are only an incomplete epoch lord. Dead Immortal was killed as a sacrifice to the heaven and Lord of the Deeps' very existence is unacceptable to the heavenly dao." Old Ghost judged each one before concluding: "You three are broken, it is mistaken to think that you are unbeatable now."

"Hahaha." The alligator lord snorted in response: "Fellow Daoist, you're not faring any better than us after losing your expedition. Just another man living a borrowed life."

"True, but I am all I need to deal with you three." Old Ghost smiled confidently.

He spoke without any hesitation and revealed his domineering personality. This was a claim very few could make - fighting three overlords alone without trepidation.

"Fellow Daoist, the high heaven is absent in this flourishing epoch. If we split it, we might be able to recover. Walk with us instead." The abyssal lord said, wanting to tempt Old Ghost to their side.

The high heaven's absence didn't happen during their own epoch. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“Devouring one epoch does not make you invincible. Look up at the sky vault, many in history have done so and are far stronger than you three. They’re still living as pathetically as us.” Old Ghost scoffed in response.

Those capable of understanding this shuddered because it contained terrifying information.

There seemed to be another place separated from their world with even stronger characters who had done terrible things in the unknown past.

“Boom!” Another lightning bolt coursed around Li Qiye. Though it returned to the body, one could see that Li Qiye was seizing the upper hand.

“Time’s running out.” Dead Immortal reminded his allies.

“Fellow Daoist, nothing good will come out of this for you.” The abyssal lord threatened. His chilling tone alone could freeze Eight Desolaces for eras.

“Your temporal flows are a double-edged sword, your copy cannot exert your true power. Victory is mine.” Old Ghost said.

“So be it.” The three didn’t want to waste more time, realizing that they must kill him to get to Li Qiye.

“Come, we’re fighting in the temporal flow.” Old Ghost roared and stomped on the ground.

A primordial light erupted along with chaos true energy and dao laws. They enveloped him and turned into primordial armor plates.

“Boom!” The flow of time around him belonging to Primeval Epoch created an ancient battlefield. It pulsed outward and covered Old Ghost along with his enemies.

Interestingly enough, a river of time belonging to the current epoch was also connected to this battlefield. This epoch should have been destroyed but it seemed to be revitalized by the current timeline. It resembled new branches growing from a dead tree.

Regular cultivators didn’t take note of this but the overlords did.

“It’s flowing with Eight Desolaces, how?” One of them became startled.

Primeval Old Ghost naturally belonged to his own epoch. Alas, this epoch has turned to ashes long ago. Only a shell remained, nothing more.

Strangely enough, its rotation included the flow of Eight Desolaces right now. The latter was adding life to this past epoch.

“Looks like Eight Desolaces have accepted him.” One overlord in Desolate Wild speculated.

The three combatants became serious. They understood that Old Ghost had more than just his personal power in this battle.

“Primeval!” Old Ghost immediately attacked by stomping the ground and releasing the power of time toward the enemies.

The three stepped forward and didn’t relent, performing their grand dao without holding back. The shock waves from their battlefield still affected Eight Desolaces to the dismay of its inhabitants.

Meanwhile, someone else had a different plan.

“The time is now, use my body and arrive.” Cosmic Lord has been watching patiently for the right time.

A death mark with a circular sawtooth pattern was embedded on his chest. It corroded his flesh and looked like a bloody hole leading to the deepest area of hell.

Chapter 4822: Undying Lord

“Buzz.” Strings of death energy oozed out of the hole. This had a different smell than the stench of death.

Interestingly enough, it was actually brimming with a strange life force of the highest purity. Whoever was nearby would get the sensation of being surrounded by zombies. In fact, they themselves would think that they were turning into zombies.

The strings came together to create a figure shrouded in black armor. Only the lights of the eyes were visible.

The armor was made from an unknown material, seemingly the physical accumulation of the celestial night or the darkness of a bottomless abyss...

Death and darkness accompanied the set of armor from the time of its creation. This wasn't as frightening as the pair of eyes.

They weren't as large as the alligator lord's eyes. However, the glimmers coming from them belonged to death.

Staring at these eyes was akin to being sentenced to the last moment of life. Because of this, the auraless figure scared the wits out of everyone.

His presence could turn Eight Desolaces into hell and the inhabitants into lost souls. He fixated on Li Qiye and so did the supreme aura of death.

"Death is the final destination. It beckons for you." The existence spoke softly.

The ancient language controlled the aura of death. It tried to corrode Li Qiye but was blocked by an automatic barrier.

"Undying Lord." A different overlord said.

In the current Eight Desolaces were numerous supreme existences. They have been hiding for a long time now. Some have awakened when necessary.

Undying Lord was one exception since he never showed himself. Only a few knew about his existence.

“Master, my mission is complete.” Cosmic Lord looked fulfilled as if seeing death rule the world was his wish.

“Is that so?” Undying Lord uttered coldly.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The wound on Cosmic Lord’s chest exploded repeatedly.

“Crack!” It became overfilled out of his control, expanding into weird shapes.

“Master, what is happening?!” He bellowed but it was too late.

“Nooo!” He couldn’t react before exploding into pieces, leaving behind the mark of death.

With that, the lord turned the mark into a gigantic portal. A colossal entity flew out and tore apart the sky vault.

This resembled an evil planet with pulsing dark flames. It seemed to be made from hardened lava. Thick cracks on the surface were ignited, looking like blood veins.

Those strong enough could see through the planet and see something akin to a giant. Could this planet be a coffin?

“Brother Da.” Undying Lord spoke.

“Crack!” The planet’s cracks became larger until it collapsed to release the thing within.

It landed on an ocean and the water instantly evaporated. All the aquatic creatures in this ocean were reduced to ashes.

Strangely enough, it wasn’t that scary in terms of appearance and reminded everyone of egg yolk.

It then gathered together into an upright form. Next came the broken pieces of the planet. They landed and attached themselves to the “egg yolk”, revealing the true form of the creature.

This thing wasn’t close to being as large as the alligator lord. Nonetheless, its height could rival the tallest peak in Eight Desolaces.

Spectators had a hard time describing this creature. It had a large beak resembling that of a duck. Its round eyes seemed to be all white. However, upon closer inspection, its pupils were as tiny as mung beans.

They were dull and lifeless as if the creature had a mental deficiency. Its body was made from the same hardened lava, looking cumbersome and slow. It had short legs and big feet - a close comparison would be duck webs.

Compared to the other invaders so far, this one didn’t look threatening in the slightest.

"Is, is this a supreme overlord too?" Someone from Eight Desolaces asked.

"Lord Da!" One supreme overlord residing inside a mine became serious: "It owes us many lives."

Strangely enough, this supreme overlord didn't do anything and only stood there like a fool.

"Death, descend!" Meanwhile, Undying Lord gave the command. His stench of death immediately invaded Eight Desolaces.

Chapter 4823: Silly Da

This aura of death could be construed as life for the dark affinity - something rather contradictory.

It engulfed Eight Desolaces and gathered at cemeteries, tombs, and ancient battlefields. Nether winds blew through these places and suddenly, corpses climbed out of their resting place.

On the battlefield, souls appeared and hovered around until they took on a humanoid shape once more.

"Ancestors?!" This happened in many clans and sects.

"The ancestors are coming back!" This scared the hell out of cultivators.

This also occurred in the ancestral halls of clans and kingdoms. Yin energy manifested in the statues and memorial tablets. They turned into specters and came out to the horror of their descendants.

Normally, ancestors manifesting in spiritual form was something worth celebrating. The descendants would prostrate and show their love. This didn't apply to this particular scenario.

"Eight-sun Divine Monarch, Skysoar Ancestor, Six-blade God, Earthbreaker Bull..."

Corpses and specters appeared all over Eight Desolaces. Worst of all, they were once famous cultivators that have dominated their generation.

The moment they came out, they launched an attack on those nearby.

"Ahh!" Screams could be heard everywhere.

Eight-sun Divine Monarch released eight rampaging suns and turned his own sect into ashes.

Skysoar Ancestor leaped upward before descending to destroy ten schools nearby. The people in the territory wailed in agony.

Six-blade God destroyed the celestials with a vertical slash, unleashing absolute carnage across a kingdom...

"Run!" Some top cultivators' first reaction after seeing their ancestors was to get the hell away.

This scene was repeated throughout the land. As the corpses and specters destroy kingdoms and clans, the blood and flesh of the victims were reaped and sent back to Undying Lord. His armor flashed brightly while receiving the delicious meals.

“It’s been a long time since I’ve tasted this.” Undying Lord savored the moment.

However, his feast was stopped short. Bronze spears descended and pierced the corpses and specters, crucifying and killing them.

Massive bronze statues landed next and exuded an ancient light. They roared and joined the various battlefields while attempting to negate the death aura.

They were fueled by a supreme power, evident by the primordial light sweeping away the death energy.

“This legion is insane.” Peerless cultivators became intimidated by the sheer efficiency of this mysterious legion.

“I’ve heard about them in the legends, they’re actually here to save us now.” An ancient patriarch was moved to tears.

He had a particular scroll describing this legion and now, they were here during this moment of crisis.

Undying Lord didn’t react to the legion suppressing his death aura. He only glanced around for a moment. After all, his target was Li Qiye, not Eight Desolaces.

“Brother Da, shall we?” He told the supreme overlord with the duck beak. Alas, the latter didn’t react at all as if its brains didn’t work.

“It’s good that Silly Da is inactive. Otherwise, this epoch is finished.” A supreme overlord deep in space commented.

Silly Da was also known as Dark Star Lord. All of its names and titles were given to it by others; its true name was a mystery.

Rumor has it that it was born in a cosmic epoch as a star at the very beginning. The epoch moved to its rhythm and heartbeat. In fact, some believed that the powers of the epoch all originated from Da.

Apex existences appeared during the golden age of this epoch. Once a new height was reached, Da suddenly woke up.

“Da.” It let out a single sound before starting to swallow up everything around it. Apex existences and cultivators fought back, wanting to kill this world devourer. Alas, all of them were eaten. Eventually, the entire epoch became its food. The only thing that managed to stop Da was a heavenly tribulation, forcing it back to a dormant state.

It had no lineage or grand dao. Other supreme lords preferred for it to stay inactive.

Undying Lord couldn’t do anything about Da and moved onward. He appeared in front of Li Qiye and reached for his chest.

He could reap the universe with this seemingly ordinary action. Spectators let out a groan and couldn’t move an inch.

Anything performed by a supreme overlord was extraordinary. This was enough to take the true fate and the grand dao from an emperor or dao lord.

A hush fell over since everyone paid attention to this attack. They were about to see the answer - whether Li Qiye still had enough strength to fight back in spite of his heavenly injuries.

Chapter 4824: Immortal Emperor Tian Tu

“Boom!” The devastating reach was easily blocked by Li Qiye who didn’t even open his eyes.

Though it resembled a palm block, the overlords could see the profundity within and became startled.

Prior to this, some assumed that Li Qiye wouldn’t be able to move. Now, it seemed that he could still defend himself. This made the overlords more cautious than before.

Undying Lord’s expression soured. As an actual combatant, he gained insight into Li Qiye’s current condition. This naturally left him in an undesirable situation.

“Brother Da!” The palms remained locked while Undying Lord shouted at the creature again.

Unfortunately, there was still no reaction from those white eyes.

Undying Lord thought that Lord Da would be a capable ally. Alas, this plan was rather ineffective.

“Rebirth.” He chanted softly.

“Rumble!” His death aura intensified and gained ground again.

“Boom!” A seal of death appeared above and suddenly drilled into the ground. A pure and boundless death energy gushed out like the spring, bringing with it an amazing life force.

The essences of this affinity erupted with loud explosions. Suddenly, an all-but-gone presence returned to the world.

Auras of emperors of the Ancient Ming Dynasty resurfaced. These emperors climbed out of the ground, led by a peerless leader - Immortal Emperor Tian Tu.

Their imperial auras twisted together and became unstoppable storms.

“What the hell?!” Cultivators who were still conscious at this point were at a loss.

“Another test.” An overlord commented.

Undying Lord used his death seal to summon the souls of these Immortal Emperors. First, they could be useful soldiers but most importantly, this was another way to test Li Qiye. The appearance of his old enemies might enrage him, prompting him to stand up and fight.

However, the intensified death aura also woke up Silly Da. The moment it opened its eyes, it started pecking and crushed one mountain after another.

It moved forward and started eating both kingdoms and citizens. It only took a few seconds before it devoured millions.

“Boom!” Dao lord lineages and ancient imperial clans immediately retaliated with barriers and destructive beams. Patriarchs and monarchs rushed to the sky, swinging with swords and sabers.

Unfortunately, it seemed to be impervious to any attack.

It didn’t take long before the sects nearby became mere food. Monarchs and ancient cultivators were as feeble as worms before the creature’s beak.

Meanwhile, the Ancient Ming emperors gathered power and traveled through the realms to reach Li Qiye.

“Bam!” However, they didn’t even make it to Li Qiye before they saw a beak coming from above, crushing them down to the ground.

The heroic Tian Tu and the other ferocious emperors fought back but they didn’t last long before being crushed and then swallowed by Silly Da.

“Brother Da!” Undying Lord didn’t know what to do and could only blame himself for bringing a terrible ally.

“No one can predict this stupid duck.” Another overlord found this hilarious.

The overlords told themselves to never invite this guy in the future for anything. Maybe it would go stupid like this time and start attacking them. They didn't want to lose an eye from being pecked.

This time around, the creature reacted to the call. It stopped pecking the ground and stared at Undying Lord without blinking.

"Boom!" Undying Lord chose to give up the exchange and retreated. The full brunt of the energy from the exchange hit him, causing him to vomit a mouthful of blood.

He gasped for breath while staring at Li Qiye. Due to the instability stemming from the distraction, lightning flashed inside Li Qiye. It felt as if he could explode at any moment.

"Grievous injuries but still quite strong." An overlord in space concluded.

Undying Lord didn't expect his plan to go sour like this. His eyes shifted back and forth between Li Qiye and Lord Da. It became abundantly clear that his ally was unreliable.

"Very well, let's try this." Undying Lord summoned his weapons - a shield in his left hand and a lance in his right.

The sky turned dark right away as he gathered all the energy of death to his weapons.

Whether it be the recently deceased or those who have passed away eras ago, they always exuded death energy. Now, this affinity in all of Eight Desolaces was being summoned. The exposed auras crept everyone out.

Currently, the life affinity couldn't compare to the death affinity. After all, the latter had accumulated while the former had a limit from just the living beings.

Instead of reviving the dead, Undying Lord harvested this energy for himself. He recovered from the previous exchange and was eager to deliver judgment.

The shield was the final destination while the lance was the origination of death. The lance killed while the shield collected - an endless cycle.

Chapter 4825: Eternal Death

The pair of weapons had names - Undying Shield and Eternal Death Lance. This overlord represented death despite wanting to be everlasting.

The spectating overlords looked rather serious. Some of them have experienced the might of these weapons previously.

Undying could block all offenses, even curses. Eternal Death, on the other hand, delivered death. Even non-living things would be subjected to death.

"That lance can kill epoch weapons." One of them whispered.

This combo was extraordinary. The shield prevented all damage and death; the lance instilled curses into the opponents.

The former was made with the toughest metal known to the respective epoch, empowering the lance by refining and channeling the received damage into an offensive form. With this, the lance could actually take down enemies not through sheer force but only the power of death via a curse.

“Bam!” He raised his shield forward. As long as it remained intact, no attack - not even the curse of death - would be able to hurt him. This was a prime example of being unkillable.

“Whoosh!” He thrust his lance toward Li Qiye’s throat.

A thrust from someone of this level should obliterate everything in between. However, external explosions didn’t occur despite its fatal potential. Only the death affinity corroded everything, leaving behind scars in both time and space.

Li Qiye didn’t get up and raised one hand to create a heavenly seal, blocking the thrust.

“Zzz...” It couldn’t pierce Li Qiye’s palm, only leaving a small cut on the skin.

This damage was nothing for a cultivator, let alone someone like Li Qiye. However, the problem was that this lance was different.

If it was another epoch weapon dealing this damage, it wouldn’t change anything. The lance, on the other hand, infected him with death. Miasma started oozing from the small wound.

His primordial energy immediately suppressed the power of death. Nonetheless, it didn’t completely halt the growth.

Undying Lord was pleased to see the attack being effective. The judgment of death has been delivered.

He immediately thrust another ten thousand times in the blink of an eye - swift yet precise. He didn't aim for penetration and physical damage, only to accelerate the corrosive infection. Once enough death energy accumulated, Li Qiye would surely die.

Overlords took note of how terrifying Li Qiye was, having to deal with the heavenly injuries yet still being capable of stopping Undying Lord. They could only imagine his full power.

Nonetheless, Undying Lord still impressed them with this particular plan. It actually had a chance of success.

This enemy was an unchewable bone in their eyes - impossible to kill with the shield while being rather dangerous with Eternal Death.

"Li Qiye will die for sure at this rate." An overlord said what was on everyone's mind.

"Rumble!" Meanwhile, lightning kept on flashing inside Li Qiye. He had to spend all of his primordial energy to stop the spread, leaving him exposed to the accumulation of death energy.

He knew that he didn't have time to mess around with Undying Lord. He waved the other hand and summoned Corporeal Zone.

"Boom!" It turned into the strongest wall the world has ever seen and protected him. This was the reason why the Ancient Ming survived for eras after their defeat. Primordial runes pulsed on the wall, showing just how unbreakable Corporeal Zone was.

Undying Lord sent another barrage of thrust against the wall. Alas, it left zero damage this time. The judgment of death simply didn't work against Corporeal Zone.

This was a phenomenon that could eventually break an epoch weapon after enough accumulation.

Alas, countless thrusts have occurred and Corporeal Zone remained untouched.

"Given Li Qiye's power, this is impossible." One overlord commented.

The stronger the user, the mightier Corporeal Zone was. This left Undying Lord in quite a predicament.

Suddenly, Silly Da started moving again. It ran for Li Qiye, seemingly wanting to finally devour him. It crushed one peak after another. Those who ran away fast enough survived; the slower ones became mincemeat.

Chapter 4826: Ace Card

"Rumble!" The massive creature running with its short legs seemed rather comedic. However, its speed was anything but.

It crossed through one domain after another and appeared in front of Li Qiye for a peck. Unlike Undying Lord's lance where each thrust was virtually silent, Da's beak encompassed immense physical strength.

This was as simple as a chicken trying hard to eat grain. It had no reliance on the grand dao - only pure strength and toughness. This beak could be considered an ultimate weapon on the same level as an epoch paragon artifact.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Each peck caused fiery sparks to go everywhere. They fell and turned the ground or mountains into a lake of lava. Terrible gales also emanated from the impact point, strong enough to blow peaks away.

This was an utterly different method from Undying Lord’s attack. Shockingly enough, the peck managed to leave behind a shallow mark on Corporeal Zone. This, at least, made success seem possible.

This was a testament to Silly Da’s destructive power. No wonder why it demolished an entire epoch by just pecking and swallowing.

Unfortunately, the shallow marks didn’t last for long. The dao runes on the wall pulsed brightly and washed away the marks immediately.

Undying Lord shuddered after seeing this.

“The nine Heavenly Treasures live up to their fame.” An overlord commented.

Nonetheless, this was still a product of Li Qiye’s power. The nine treasures were obviously incredible but the user mattered just as much for the overall efficiency.

“Brother Da, your beak is second to none. You have to go all out in order to break Corporeal Zone.” Undying Lord said. He thought that the only way to get through this wall was with Silly Da attacking in a frenzy. Eventually, this should leave a hole before recovery.

Alas, Silly Da stopped pecking afterward and stood still again.

“Brother Da!” Undying Lord urged but the creature has fallen into a dazed state again.

He regretted praising his ally and thought that he should have kept his mouth shut. The situation became difficult since Li Qiye was still recovering. Once the heavenly injuries were gone, Li Qiye would come to settle the score with them.

“Brothers, this is the decisive moment.” He had to urge the three other overlords.

Alas, they were held back by Primeval Old Ghost, Triune Immortal, Tantai Ruonan, and Supreme Monarch.

“Brother Dead Immortal, why are you still holding back? It is time for you to turn the tides.” He repeated.

Though they were fighting fiercely, Triune Alligator Lord and Lord of the Deeps still glanced over at Dead Immortal.

“I’m not holding back.” Dead Immortal responded while still fighting.

“Your death incantation can settle this.” Undying Lord revealed.

“You’ve been waiting long enough.” The abyssal lord didn’t hold back either.

They weren’t friends and didn’t trust each other. Therefore, they all kept their secret moves just in case.

Alas, they have made their move and needed to take down Li Qiye. This became an existential crisis.

“The death incantation requires an exorbitant price, I shouldn’t be the only one paying, correct?” Dead Immortal no longer hid it.

“It’s time to be honest and reveal our cards.” The alligator lord shouted back.

“So be it, let’s go all out.” The abyssal lord agreed since they had no other choice.

“We need Brother Dead Immortal to hold them back.” Undying Lord said.

“Possible, but I need epoch true blood to support it.” Dead Immortal named the price.

“I have no problem with that.” Undying Lord got straight to the point. Priceless true blood of the epoch level soared out of his forehead.

A primal power assaulted the nine firmaments instantly. It came together to form a bloody ruby. It flew and embedded itself into Dead Immortal’s body.

"It's settled then, we're starting." The other two lords also offered their epoch true blood.

This represented longevity so they were giving up a part of their lifespan to Dead Immortal.

"We have to kill him now!" Old Ghost shouted and used his strongest attack to kill Dead Immortal. Alas, it was stopped by the others.

"Obey my call!" Dead Immortal roared and turned into a death incantation.

"Not good!" The hidden overlords trembled in astonishment and immediately backed off.

"Boom!" A coffin made from ancient death runes flew out of Inner Wild and exuded a terrible curse.

Curses and merit laws were different forces. The latter had a hard time blocking the former.

"Death Incantation!" Dead Immortal roared.

"Creak!" The coffin slowly opened.

The triangle of temporal flows suddenly crumbled. All three overlords returned and the duplicates disappeared.

Triune Immortal, Supreme Monarch, and Tantai Ruonan immediately gave chase.

“Don’t!” Old Ghost yelled at them before raising his hatchet in front of him for a defensive seal:
“Guard!”

“Boom!” His temporal flow turned into a barrier to protect the three women who realized the gravity of the situation.

Chapter 4827: Death Incantation

The Supreme Monarch shouted and returned under the Primordial Tree. Its light poured down and protected her.

Triune Immortal also activated her radiant barrier while Tantai Ruonan and her gods gathered the power of the World Tree.

The curse finally activated. Though it wasn’t aimed at the living beings in Eight Desolaces, they still felt its presence.

Just one strand of this curse fell down into the world, one as gentle as a gust of wind. However, it instantly propagated at an insane pace.

“Ahh!” Mortals touched even by one particle of the curse immediately had black thorns growing from them. They pierced through the internal organs and naturally killed the victims.

As for cultivators, their body immediately turned black after being infected. Their grand dao and chaos true energy couldn’t do anything to stop the process. Black thorns still grew from inside and killed them. This curse was absolutely top-rate and impossible to stop.

The coffin was finally open at this point. Inside was a corpse - the source of the terrible curse. Its targets were the main combatants - Old Ghost and the three women.

"It's that corpse!" Old Ghost warned and used the power of his epoch again. Alas, time itself had thorns shooting from it in no time at all.

He and the three gathered together to combine their might, hoping to stop the curse.

The Supreme Monarch's vitality became one with the Primordial Tree. Its primordial affinity engulfed all of them, granting protection. Triune Immortal summoned a special spring with gushing power from her epoch. This washed their body and true fate, immensely improving both. Tantai Ruonan relied on the power of Void Zone and the World Tree.

These empowerments took them to the next level. Alas, the curse still fully surrounded them. Their skin started becoming black, meaning that the curse was still effective.

Nonetheless, the various powers purified the initial infection right away before it grew into thorns. Just a single mistake and opening would mean the end for them.

"Death Incantation..." Other overlords became frightened. Curses were awfully hard to dodge, unlike techniques and merit laws.

"Dead Immortal used that corpse to gestate the curse, that's why it's so strong now." One of them said.

He had seen the incantation before but it wasn't strong enough to kill overlords back then. Using the heavenly corpse as a vessel for the curse was clearly an attempt to hunt overlords later.

Of course, opening the coffin and activating the incantation made him pay a heavy price. He could only keep this up after receiving his allies' true blood.

Meanwhile, screams echoed across Eight Desolaces. Even ancient ancestors fell once infected, let alone mortals.

Remember, only a single strand made it down there yet the casualty has reached an incalculable number. If it had targeted Eight Desolaces, everyone would have died in the blink of an eye.

As the incantation continued to spread, a light flashed inside Bodhisattva City. The survivors suddenly felt a touch of warmth. From this tender feeling came mercy and compassion, and with that, enlightenment was inevitable...

Wisdom, knowledge, and compassion were encouraged as all living beings pulsed brightly with a white glow. This new affinity started chasing away the dark curse, reducing it to smoke.

"What?" The supreme overlords didn't expect this development.

Though the curse's landing was accidental, it still should be unstoppable by anyone in Eight Desolaces. Therefore, another force capable of repelling this surprised them.

"It's part of the overarching plans." One overlord deep in Inner Wild murmured to himself.

“Bam!” Meanwhile, Triune Alligator Lord returned to Eight Desolaces and seemed greedy to eat once more.

As for Lord of the Deeps and Dead Immortal, they pressed onward against the other opponents, wanting to take advantage of the curse’s suppression to kill them.

“Time’s running out, we just need to devour Li Qiye and the world is ours.” Undying Lord uttered coldly.

Triune Alligator Lord focused back on Li Qiye. The other two also decided to come instead since this was more important.

“How do we break Corporeal Zone?” The alligator lord asked.

They knew that it was easier said than done to take down a heavenly treasure.

“I shall try.” Dead Immortal said and summoned a special immortal flame.

Despite not exuding a hot temperature, its gentle pulse still somehow melted a thousand-mile radius.

Chapter 4828: My Turn

“Poof!” Dead Immortal refined this flame using the ten greatest immortal flames from his epoch. He named it “Immortal’s Demise”.

He sent it towards the Corporeal Zone and managed to make that section turn red. Alas, despite his continuous channeling, it didn’t gain any ground.

This flame could have ended an entire epoch but breaking through Corporeal Zone seemed more difficult.

“Activate!” The abyssal lord grew tentacles from all over his body with hands at the end. They attached themselves to Corporeal Zone and began sucking its power.

As he went all out, time and space in Eight Desolaces became chaotic. Everything became trapped and had to follow his momentum. Alas, this ultimate refinement still couldn’t do anything outside of sucking just a little of its power. It was far from being able to take down this defense.

They exchanged glances again and realized that they have miscalculated Corporeal Zone’s endurance.

“How do we force him out?” The alligator lord became impatient.

“Well, there is a simpler way.” Undying Lord said and the others understood instantly.

“Raa!” The alligator lord opened his gigantic mouth and took a deep breath. Clouds in the sky disappeared with haste.

“Rumble!” An oceanic tsunami emerged since the ocean nearby was being sucked dry by him.

“Boom!” Undying Lord released his death energy and turned it into a maelstrom. It was large enough to be seen anywhere on Eight Desolaces.

Dead Immortal suddenly became a liquid and spread out at an insane speed, ready to engulf this realm.

As for Lord of the Deeps, he also turned into an ocean and terrified all living beings.

“They’re starting.” The neutral overlords knew what they were going to do - force Li Qiye out by destroying Eight Desolaces. There was no way the creator would just watch his epoch being devoured.

Poor ancient ancestors and divine monarchs who once thought that they were standing at the apex felt so helpless. The four overlords were overwhelming so they could only tremble in fear.

“Boom!” A thunderous blast detonated at this crucial moment. It sounded as if a heavenly tribulation was descending.

This astounded the four attacking overlords along with the hidden ones. The former immediately pulled back and retreated.

“Clank!” They then saw Li Qiye walking out of Corporeal Zone. The blast earlier came from his body.

It seemed that their plan was a resounding success. Li Qiye didn’t wish to see the destruction of Eight Desolaces.

“Boom!” Lightning bolts started leaving Li Qiye and rushed for the heavenly corpse, reducing it to ashes along with the curse.

That corpse and the Death Incantation were frightening but the power of the high heaven was simply on another level.

“Poof!” The last lightning bolt left Li Qiye and his wounds disappeared.

“He’s recovered...” The overlord hiding in space could see that Li Qiye was now back in full strength.

The group of four saw that the situation has deteriorated. They thought that they still had a little more time.

“Looks like this is it.” Li Qiye sighed since he couldn’t wait any longer. He stared at the four and smiled: “Preferring hell over heaven, I see.”

“We are hell, haha!” Triune Alligator Lord laughed thunderously.

These overlords have experienced countless hardships and trials before. They regained their composure right away despite facing a healthy Li Qiye.

“Is that so? Looks like one of my meals tonight will be alligator meat.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“That depends on your ability.” The alligator lord scowled.

“Trident.” Li Qiye commanded and the great trident answered his call.

“Die!” He threw the trident at the alligator lord, twisting the fabrics of reality and the laws of the world along the path.

“Bam!” The alligator lord caught the trident with both hands and staggered several steps backward. The tip was only one foot away from piercing his chest.

“This is Triune Trident! How can my own creation kill...” The alligator lord roared proudly.

“Raa!” Alas, he couldn’t finish his sentence because a kun peng suddenly appeared and helped pushed the trident farther.

“Pluff!” It finally pierced the overlord’s chest.

Chapter 4829: Triune Alligator Lord’s Death

“Ahh!” The alligator lord fell backward after being pierced by his own trident, smashing a large continent in the process.

Spectators were astounded. Why did the yin kun peng attack its own master?

Everyone could see that when the overlord devoured the kun peng in the past, he had refined its true fate into the yin kun peng. It became a part of his body, also serving as a puppet when necessary.

No one expected that it would help Li Qiye by delivering the fatal blow. Moreover, after the lord fell down, it didn't stop and continued to use its innate gift to gather the power of the world into its hands.

"Bam!" This crucified the great beast down to the ground, immobilizing it.

"How dare you?!" He was still alive and roared.

After a bright flash, his true fate left his gigantic frame and soared into the air. Unfortunately for him, explosions detonated and his own grand dao also escaped. These dao rays turned into majestic figures.

"The sea gods!" Seven Martial Goddess exclaimed.

Yes, they were once invincible sea gods that could match the emperors. Instead of ascending to the tenth world like their peers, they returned to the origin. Since their dao started from Triune Alligator Lord, they returned to him. To be blunt, they were eaten by him.

Bloody laws appeared on the trident, eventually turning into runic chains. The chains wrapped around the sea gods, returning their intelligence and memories to them.

"Boom!" These sea gods immediately knew what to do. They leaped upward and grabbed the lord's true soul, dragging it back to the body.

Triune Alligator Lord was able to live for so long thanks to the nourishment of these sea gods. They became a part of his true fate but now, the trident had special runes capable of waking them up once more.

“Nooo!” The lord bellowed, realizing the dire situation.

“Vengeance is mine!” The yin kun peng roared and its true fate also wrapped around the lord’s soul.

The dozen sea gods and the great divine beast managed to stop the alligator lord from escaping his body.

“Break!” Since death was so close, he became desperate and detonated his true fate, hoping to break free regardless of the resulting injuries.

It was too late. The runic chains from the trident wrapped the massive lord and destroyed his true blood.

“Rumble!” His body exploded, whether it be an inch of flesh or a drop of blood. The continental frame was swiftly reduced to a bloody mist.

“Ahh!” His true fate and soul couldn’t escape either. The yin kun peng and the other sea gods also detonated their true fate in order to make sure that he was dead. The lord’s true fate crumbled into pieces and disappeared from the world.

Not to mention regular cultivators, even overlords were astounded after witnessing this. Killing a supreme overlord was extremely difficult. He just needed one strand of his soul to stay alive, not the entire true fate.

Alas, not even a drop of blood was left after all the sea gods and the yin kun peng exploded. In a sense, he had just killed himself since they were parts of him.

The remnants of his essence immediately nourished the land. One area with a high concentration immediately became a paradise. Trees grew at a rapid rate and worms turned into earth dragons. Carps gained a golden glow while regular humans obtained an incredible body...

His dao power and essence could nourish a realm for eras to come.

“What a shame...” His allies found this wasteful. If only they had time to devour him...

“Your turn now.” Li Qiye smiled and stared at the trio: “From death comes countless lives. You will serve to nourish this world and its incoming golden age.”

The remaining trio had an ugly expression since the situation has deteriorated beyond repair. This certainly didn’t go the way they envisioned.

The hidden overlords also felt fear because they have been put in a passive situation. Li Qiye had all the momentum right now.

Though there was no official announcement, they had declared war on Li Qiye since he was the current epoch lord. Alas, they knew that the odds were against them. Greed was the motive leading to this unwanted result.

“It’s time to end this.” Li Qiye smiled and raised his hand, changing Corporeal Zone into a sword.

“Bam!” However, he didn’t even make a move yet and Silly Da already fell to the ground as if it was struck. It lay there helplessly, seemingly giving up.

This astounded spectators. It was still an epoch lord that had ruled for ages. It had enough power to fight anyone as well.

Now, it chose to surrender right away? There couldn't be a more spineless overlord since they were prideful.

The remaining three exchanged glances and gritted their teeth. First, running was not an option because their hiding places have been exposed. Li Qiye could easily pursue them now.

Chapter 4830: Finality Swords

Triune Alligator Lord has fallen and Silly Da chose to surrender. Only Lord of the Deeps, Undying Lord, and Dead Immortal were left.

They knew that this could only end in one of two ways - devouring Li Qiye or dying in battle.

"Let's see your epoch then." The abyssal lord stepped forward.

They had no other choice but to fight him together. First, he was the current epoch lord and had plenty of vitality left. On the other hand, their vitality withered, not to mention the heavenly injuries.

"Enough to kill you all." Li Qiye smiled and waved his hand, issuing wonderful sword hymns.

Nine Grand Sword Dao emerged in Eight Desolaces. The sword dao blossomed beautifully in the air.

Sword intent became omnipresent, whether it be around living beings, the highest peaks, or even the stars above.

Corporeal Zone turned into nine swords in order to harmonize with the nine paths of Finality Swords.

The swords floated behind Li Qiye, representing the pinnacle of the sword dao - Terra, Abyss, Flamedao, War God, Myriad Era, Hallowed, Mad Sun, Tribulation, and Vastsea.

The swords and sword dao fused together to create something unbeatable. Li Qiye immediately became the greatest swordmaster in history.

Back in Sword Continent, the sword users could feel this omnipotent presence more than everyone.

The scripture when used in conjunction with the corresponding treasure resulted in perfection. His opponent became serious right away after seeing this.

“Now!” The abyssal lord reverted to his original form - an incredible ocean consisting of dancing laws and profound derivations. Dao could turn into whales, turtles, or radiant clams with pearls...

This was a world made of dao laws and wondrous affinities. However, the lord himself turned into an abyss and started devouring everything. This was how he had devoured his own epoch.

“Dao Reversion.” Dead Immortal spoke softly before summoning various lightning bolts. They had different forms - tribulation type, earth bolts, life bolts...

Its body then melted into a liquid with the consistency of mercury. The next transformation surprised everyone - the liquid pooled together to form a second Li Qiye.

Though they were identical, keen eyes could still see a difference in the aura and that the eyes were silver.

The next development shocked spectators even more. "Li Qiye" waved his hand and summoned the same nine heavenly swords and their respective dao. They fused together to create a supreme sword dao just like Li Qiye.

The other overlords were caught off guard as well, having no idea of Dead Immortal's duplication ability. It became rather difficult to discern the real one when just staring at their sword dao.

"Perish!" Undying Lord attacked right away without any preparation. Eternal Death thrust forward with a speed a million times faster than lightning. Time seemed slow in comparison.

The limit of speed created an opposite illusion - that time was flowing slowly; even a single breath took years.

Spectators were frozen and stuck in this temporal phenomenon. Grand dao and laws became useless.

This thrust was also imbued with the death affinity. This judgment occurred faster than the lance. Death was something above time and space.

“Zzz...” Li Qiye’s flesh became black after the judgment. If he couldn’t stop this, he would die before the lance could reach him.

Of course, speed was not a problem for Li Qiye. As the current epoch lord, he wasn’t constrained by the fabrics of reality.

“Clank!” A sword hymn resonated across Eight Desolaces. Everyone felt their heart being filled to the brim by this affinity. Only the sword existed in their world now.

He chose Hallowed for the slash. Holy light illuminated and protected the world, chasing away darkness and death.

Mortals and cultivators forgot all about fear while bathing in this light. This was the effect of Hallowed Sword Dao.

Li Qiye parried the lance successfully while shock waves blasted outward. The judgment of death was stopped by the ultimate holy affinity.

In the next second, the light caused Eternal Death to gradually disperse into smoke.

Undying Lord became alarmed and pushed his shield forward, releasing the death affinity that has been accumulating in there for eras. The dead obeyed the summon and started climbing out of the ground again as a side effect.

“Bam!” Eventually, Eternal Death disappeared from sight and Hallowed struck Undying Shield.

The holy light erupted upon impact and illuminated the mortal realm. The remnant aura of death and the corpses turned into smoke after being touched by the light.

Anything not part of the holy affinity could be purified by Hallowed. This included death and “indestructibility”.

Therefore, the shield itself started becoming transparent. Undying Lord reacted swiftly by retreating just before the destruction of the shield.

“Die!” The abyssal lord also joined the battle after gathering enough power. His ocean and its endless cycles engulfed Li Qiye in the blink of an eye.