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Chapter 4961: All Present

Releasing the three was obviously the best choice for Li Qiye's future. There was no need to dwell on this decision.

He has already become famous after defeating them. Now, the feud between them could be resolved as well.

"I don't think I will." Li Qiye smiled and said.

"Then it will be your last day in this world." Arrow Saint answered menacingly.

"There are countless in line to say such words to me. In fact, you're not even qualified to line up." Li Qiye stunned the crowd with this response.

Arrow Saint might not be the strongest in the lower continents but could still dominate. He was far beyond the level of any young genius regardless of their potential.

His expression darkened. How could a prestigious dragon lord let a junior speak to him in this manner?

"You court death." A murderous determination flashed in his eyes as he released the arrow.

"Whoosh!" Students felt as if their throat had just been struck by this lightning-fast arrow with no chance to scream.

This didn't matter to Li Qiye; he reacted quickly by waving the dao controller in front of him.

The world spun in tumultuous disarray, causing Arrow Saint to falter and lose his footing. He stumbled backward, desperately trying to regain his balance as he took a dozen unsteady steps.

The students, meanwhile, were thrown off their feet, tumbling to the ground with ashen faces as they struggled to stand once more. It was one thing for the young monarch to fail; they could eventually accept this outcome.

Alas, even this powerful ancestor couldn't beat the artifact? The power of this artifact was unreal, causing their eyes to turn red with jealousy.

"Skyquake..." Arrow Saint couldn't believe it. He observed the fight earlier and assumed that the geniuses were still too weak and inaccurate.

Unfortunately, his three sacred fruits failed to stop him from being affected by the dao controller. He realized how terrifying it was after the personal experience.

"Buzz." While everyone was lost in thought, a spatial ripple appeared above Bai Shaojin.

A hand came out of nowhere and caught him. In this split second, Li Qiye turned the dao controller and sent out a single strand of law.

"Boom!" This forced the kidnapper out as he was forced to use a cyclical dao wave to stop the strand.

“Bam!” This didn’t work because the delicate law crushed his dao and sent him flying with broken bones.

“A sect master acting like a thief, how shameful for Reincarnation.” Li Qiye said without looking at him.

This was none other than Reincarnation City Lord. Alas, the dao controller grievously wounded him.

He got up and tumbled backward, vomiting blood and turning pale. He had never seen such a formidable artifact before.

Students were stunned once more. That was a sneak attack yet the dao controller still dealt with it swiftly.

“If only I have it...” One student murmured, thinking about how to grab it from Li Qiye.

“Benevolence is unnecessary, there is no way it can compare to the dao controller.” Another boldly speculated.

Many agreed with this. Although they didn’t know the content of the treasury, they believed that these treasures couldn’t touch the dao controller. The choice was obvious to them.

Arrow Saint and Reincarnation City Lord stared at the treasure intensely. They also gave up on Benevolence and changed the target.

Dragon lords such as them couldn't beat the dao controller. This meant that it was far superior to dao lord weapons. No one could resist the temptation after seeing it in action.

"Ancestor, save me!" The broken Swordgrasp yelled.

The three of them were still being crushed by the laws. If this didn't cease, their dao foundation and true fate would be obliterated soon enough.boxnovelfull.com

"Let them go or you will regret your decision until death." Reincarnation City Lord threatened.

He had thrown away his reputation recently due to the ambushes. Even his sect's prestige was affected by his decision. However, this was not an empty threat since Li Qiye would be facing two great lineages.

"I hate being threatened the most." Li Qiye smiled.

"This is not a threat!" A tsunami of demonic energy suddenly ravaged the area.

"Boom!" Stone Lion God's return horrified the students.

It appeared that after they were defeated by the old man, they returned and stuck around near the academy, waiting for the right chance.

"Still one more rat, come out." Li Qiye wasn't surprised at his appearance at all.

“Pop!” Magnificent feathers appeared above, letting everyone know this cultivator’s identity.

“Oblivion Monarch.” The students expected it this time around.

Chapter 4962: So What If I Kill Them?

Four dragon lords have shown up; their mere presence immobilized all students on the divine mountain.

Furthermore, they represented Deity and Reincarnation while on the other side was Li Qiye, all alone.

“Release them now, this is not a negotiation.” Stone Lion God roared furiously, causing everyone to tremble in fear. No ants could resist the might of a god.

Could Li Qiye handle all four at the same time even with the help of the dao controller?

“Unfortunately, I prefer flowery words over hard fists. Looks like I will have to kill them then, and all of you as well. No one is leaving this place today.” Li Qiye smiled.

Students took a deep breath; some thought that they have misheard him.

Even the most talented genius wouldn’t dare to fight a dragon lord, let alone four of them together. Thus, he appeared arrogant to the point of being ignorant.

The four dragon lords couldn't believe what they were hearing. Stone Lion God and Oblivion Monarch, in particular, were ready to kill.

They have dominated for a long time and were used to being respected and feared, not to mention their fierce and ruthless nature.

"Don't blame us for being merciless." Oblivion Monarch said menacingly.

In fact, they somewhat preferred this development. Li Qiye's arrogance could be used as an excuse to be punished. They would be able to kill him and seize his treasure; Benevolence was no longer the goal.

"Save me!" The young monarch found his dao foundation to be cracking so he cried for help. The other two have already fainted.

"You do not wish to know what is in store for you if you hurt them." Stone Lion God shouted.

"Is that so, come then." Li Qiye smirked and increased the intensity of the dao laws.

"Ahh!" The young monarch screamed in pain; the other two also woke up due to the unbearable agony.
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"Crack!" Their dao foundation was being crushed.

"Ancestor, save me!" The young monarch became afraid during these last moments. Losing the dao foundation meant being crippled if they were fortunate enough to survive.

"Enough!" The Stone Lion God let out a deafening roar, and his claw was enveloped in a dazzling golden aura. It was larger than the tallest of mountains and sharpest than the mightiest blade.

"Boom!" The massive claw descended with destructive force, tearing the very fabric of the sky in two as it slammed down upon Li Qiye.

Spatial storms raged in the aftermath of the destruction, but Li Qiye remained calm and relied on the power of the dao controller, which sent out another minuscule law to confront the massive claw.

The two forces collided with a thunderous explosion, and a black hole formed in the center of the destruction.

Li Qiye was perfectly fine while Stone Lion God seemed to be struck by lightning. He faltered backward and felt his vitality churning until he vomited blood. He looked down and saw that his claw has been pulverized by the law.

The students watched in disbelief as their eyes bulged out of their sockets, strained to their limits by the sheer spectacle before them.

"Ahh!" Meanwhile, the laws unleashed by the dao controller reduced the three geniuses to nothing more than bloody mists, which dissipated into the wind without a trace.

The four dragon lords' auras intensified and froze the atmosphere. Students felt a chill biting down to their bones.

They tried to save the juniors but couldn't. Li Qiye gave them no face and executed the trio in public - a true slap to the face. The only way to salvage their reputation and honor was to kill Li Qiye.

"Bastard!" Oblivion Monarch's words were like knife stabs to the heart.

"I will flay you to rid myself of this unquenchable anger!" Stone Lion God bellowed with murderous rage.

He made students at the sovereign level feel like ants, let alone the weaker ones.

"Accept your fate and surrender now for a swift death." Reincarnation City Lord said.

"Boom!" A fiery figure appeared in the air and interrupted their battle.

Chapter 4963: Can't Even Handle One Move

Everyone felt as if they were standing next to a volcano's mouth - one on the verge of erupting and turning them into ashes.

"Maddened God is here too." Some students commented and expected this.

The villain gazed intensely at Li Qiye's dao controller, not hiding the greed in his eyes in the slightest.

"I've heard of this artifact long ago and finally got to see its power today." Maddened God sneered at the other dragon gods: "All of you consider yourselves to be righteous and have to come up with excuses. Pathetic hypocrites, just be frank about desiring the treasure instead of spewing this crap about revenge."

The four snorted after hearing this. Arrow Saint and Reincarnation City Lord were weaker so they couldn't do anything. As for Stone Lion God and Oblivion Monarch, they would have barked back any other day.

Alas, they were focusing on the dao controller and didn't want to stir any trouble. Provoking this madman would only be more of a headache.boxnovelfull.com

Maddened God felt the same way, only caring about the artifact in Li Qiye's hand.

"Brat, give that to me and I will make you my disciple and teach you the way of the maddened flames."

Li Qiye laughed in response and said: "Are you an idiot? I have the dao controller and who knows who will win in the end?"

"Brat, you are the idiot here." Maddened God acted seriously for once: "With our flames, you have a chance of becoming a dragon lord and in the future when I die, all of my possession shall be yours as well. Thus, you will be a dragon lord with the dao controller, who will be able to stop you then? Not to mention these three continents, you can even roam untethered in the upper continents. Your current cultivation can't exert the treasure to its full potential."

Students exchanged glances and actually agreed with him. The dao controller was strong so if Li Qiye could become a dragon lord, he could use it far better. This would only be amplified by the number of his sacred fruits.

For example, if Maddened God were to have the dao controller, no one would be able to stop him here.

"This makes a lot of sense. Think back to Eight-stallion Dao Lord and his immortal shield, he could have done anything he wanted in the upper continents too." A student from Chaos murmured.

"Sounds enticing but the first thing you'll do after receiving it is killing me." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Brat! I am a murderer, not a liar like these hypocrites." Maddened God shouted back: "If I take you in as a disciple, I will pass everything down to you and help you become a dragon lord. I shall conquer the land with the dao controller and they shall be yours after my death. I am a man of my word."

Students thought about it and agreed. Though he was a brutal murderer, he had never lied before.

"Maddened, watch your words." Stone Lion God uttered coldly.

"Why should I? The world calls me a madman but at least I am not like you all, spewing flowery words while brewing poison inside." Maddened God laughed.

The dragon gods were infuriated but remained calm, not wanting to deal with another enemy.

"Brat, as I've said, handing the dao controller to me is the best path for you." Maddened God said.

"I shall return a piece of sound advice to you, run far away and live a reclusive life, never show yourself again and you may live." Li Qiye smiled.

“Hahaha!” Maddened God looked up into the air and let out a boisterous burst of laughter: “Impressive, you are the first to say these words to me, not even Eight-stallion Dao Lord had the audacity. Fine, I assure you that you are not unbeatable with the dao controller.”

“Enough to kill you.” Li Qiye said.boxnovelfull.com

“Brat, take this then!” Maddened God became furious and summoned meteors.

When the crowd realized what was going on, the meteors already landed around Li Qiye.

They embedded themselves into the fabric of space and fully surrounded him.

“Obliteration!” Maddened God roared.

“Boom!” The meteors suddenly exploded at the same time with the sole target being Li Qiye. No power was being wasted in terms of radius - this was a concentrated barrage.

This was akin to trapping him into an unbreakable fortress and throwing a thousand suns at him, not relenting until not a single piece was left.

The area around him should have been obliterated, whether it be space and time or any cycles of reality. Even someone with an indestructible body would die from this attack.

Alas, the same effect happened. Only countless ripples happened around Li Qiye due to the controller’s effect. The eruption of a thousand suns was instantly nullified.

“Boom!” At the same time, Maddened God became subjected to its quaking property and rolled on the ground.

“How can this be?!” He got up, astounded.

He was confident in his own power, believing that not even Eight-stallion Dao Lord could defeat or make him roll on the ground.

“You won’t be leaving this place alive.” Li Qiye nonchalantly said.

Maddened God’s expression changed continuously, becoming afraid of the dao controller.

“You alone cannot handle the dao controller.” Oblivion Monarch concluded.

Chapter 4964: The Eye Of Oblivion

The dragon lords have tried and realized that they alone could not touch the dao controller. The only option left to team up, hoping that Li Qiye’s weak personal cultivation would allow them to win.

Alas, they were prestigious ancient ancestors who have dominated for generations. They had never worked together before, let alone doing so against a junior. This wasn’t a flattering story in the slightest.

“Is it still time to care about reputation?” Maddened God didn’t care for this issue: “If we don’t team up now, there is no chance of seizing the dao controller. We have to kill the brat right away before his wings are grown.”

“There is no need to wait that long, I assure you.” Li Qiye smirked.

“Brat, don’t be so sure.” Reincarnation City Lord snorted: “You’re not doing a damn thing to five dragon lords.”boxnovelfull.com

“No need to come up with an excuse, just come together so I can save time not chasing each worm.” Li Qiye said.

The taunt infuriated the dragon gods. Teaming up against a junior was shameful indeed. Nonetheless, he was giving them the perfect opportunity.

“Don’t blame us for this since you’re feeling suicidal.” Oblivion Monarch stepped forward and blocked Li Qiye’s escape route.

“You will pay for your audacity.” Stone Lion God said.

“My arrow shall send you to hell.” Arrow Saint was ready to fire another shot.

“Hahaha, I can’t believe how shameless all of you are, so eager to pull this off.” Maddened God laughed and then said: “Don’t be angry now, I don’t mind at all. We villains need to learn from you in this aspect.”

He turned toward Li Qiye and said: “Brat, you have given up a great opportunity, I’m afraid today will be your last day alive.”

“Make your move first so that it won’t be an utter loss to my dao controller.” Li Qiye shook his head.

His opponents were livid but still managed to keep their composure.

“How can we face the world if we don’t kill you today?” Oblivion Monarch said.

“Come, come.” Li Qiye waved his hand, not taking this seriously at all.

Students were at a loss for words since no other youth in the lower continents would dare to do something like this. Thus, it didn’t matter whether he had the power to back it up; they respected his domineering attitude.

After all, they would be cowering in fear while facing five dragon lords, let alone being able to act haughtily.

The group of four didn’t take long before reaching an understanding without needing to talk.

“I’ll go first, watch my back.” Stone Lion God roared.boxnovelfull.com

“Raa!” The world trembled before him as he gathered the stars. His dao of his four fruits intertwined together to create a radiant cosmic seal. Countless starlights poured down on the battlefield.

“Boom!” A lion eventually manifested into reality and embraced the cosmic seal.

“Cosmic Lion Seal!” A student from Deity had heard of this technique before: “That’s the technique he used to prove his dao!”

“Activate!” Maddened God utilized his heavenly eye and forced a crack to appear in space. Out came a gigantic mouth with four fiery sacred fruits inside.

“Maddened Flames of Calamity!” He roared and sent it down. A single ember could turn a region. If the entire thing came down, ten million miles of land would be reduced to an ocean of lava.

“Buzz.” Arrow Saint activated his three dao fruits and imbued them with a blood affinity.

He whispered an unknown curse and frightened the students. They felt as if there were maggots squirming inside their bones.

The curse combined with the power of the fruits culminated into an ominous arrow.

“Bloodcurse Shot!” Students cried out the name of the technique.

Before he even shot out, everything in its future trajectory began to be devoured by its cursed nature. According to the rumor, it had a massive range capability and would follow the target until death.

“Reincarnation Dao!” Though his allies have shown their cards, the first to attack was actually Reincarnation City lord.

His heavenly disk appeared above Li Qiye and served as an immobilizer. Time started reversing around Li Qiye.

The goal was to prevent Li Qiye from using the dao controller, hoping to wrest it out of his hand.

“Buzz.” The second in line was Oblivion Monarch who revealed a third eye. This was akin to an abyss capable of pulling everyone within.

“The Eye of Oblivion!” He bellowed and tried to suck Li Qiye into the abyss.

“Ahhh!” Some students stared at the eye for too long and were incinerated by its power.

“Protect your mind.” The old schoolmaster appeared in order to protect the students.

Two different affinities were at work - reincarnation and oblivion. Geniuses or even dragon lords would find it impossible to escape once trapped inside.

Chapter 4965: Meat Skewer

Li Qiye became trapped in the dual-affinity attack, seemingly dropping his dao controller.

“No!” One student who saw the development clearly shouted.

“Go!” Stone Lion God and the others waited for this exact moment.

“Whoosh!” Arrow Saint released his cursed shot instantly.

Students heard the wind-breaking sound after the arrow appeared in front of Li Qiye’s throat, nearly piercing his skin.

“Boom!” Stone Lion God released his cosmic seal from above, turning everything along the way to dust.

“Poof!” Maddened God gathered all of his flames into a single beam. This alone was enough since it surpassed the mysteries of yin and yang. In fact, it could burn both dao fruits and sacred fruits.

Keep in mind that these cultivated fruits were the toughest things in the world. It required something unimaginable to destroy them. This fiery beam was one of them.

Some believed that if immortals were real, the maddened flames could still burn them down.

Darkness enveloped the scene since lights have been destroyed by the various attacks.

“He’s finished.” Everyone felt despair for Li Qiye. In fact, they worried for their own safety.

The schoolmaster couldn’t do anything since he wasn’t strong enough to fight five dragon lords.

In this crucial moment, Li Qiye somehow managed to grab the dao controller firmly. This astounded the five dragon lords since Reincarnation City Lord used his dao to change the flow of time while Oblivion Monarch pulled Li Qiye in with his special eye.freewebnovel.com

They also witnessed the plan unraveling successfully with Li Qiye losing his grip. How did this happen when Li Qiye was so weak?

“Skyquake, control.” Li Qiye’s soft words could be heard by everyone.

“Boom!” The artifact rotated and so did the world. The myriad laws and time became affected by its flow.

The cosmic seal, fiery beam, and cursed arrow along with everything else collapsed in the blink of an eye.

“Ahhhh!” An unstoppable centrifugal force sent them flying, grievously injured.

Alas, they didn’t have time to get up, let alone dodge the incoming laws.

Their next screams echoed as the laws pierced their body and raised them up into the air. Their blood dripped downward and painted the five laws red.

“...” The students were overwhelmed with a mixture of emotions as they watched the once mighty dragon lords being skewed into the air like roast meat. The scene was one that would be ingrained in their memories forever. Some students involuntarily voiding their bladder from sheer terror.

The schoolmaster himself was visibly shaken and pale. He witnessed the power of the old sweeper previously. However, that was a proper power gained from dao mastery and exuded a feeling of safety.

The same couldn't be said about the violence dished out by the dao controller. He thought that he might have nightmares tonight about sharing the same fate.

"Impossible!" Stone Lion God bellowed.

They didn't know how the laws pierced their body so easily, given its toughness.

Such a mighty weapon couldn't possibly exist. The strongest conqueror weapon didn't have the ability to defeat them in this manner.

The issue was that they inaccurately attributed their defeat to the dao controller instead of Li Qiye's actual ability.

Maddened God screamed and struggled to break free. Alas, the law rendered this impossible.

"Crack!" Cracks appeared on his body as he gave up his physical shell, wanting to escape with his true fate.

The other dragon gods saw this and did the same. Their true fate flew away with incredible speed.

Unfortunately, the laws were even faster and instantly pierced their true fate and scared fruits.

“Not like this!”

“No!”

They bellowed in despair because there was no reversing this any longer.

“Didn’t I say that today is your last?” Li Qiye smiled and shook the dao controller again.

The power of the artifact coursed through them and destroyed their true fate and sacred fruits as they screamed in agony.

Their cultivation and toughness no longer mattered. Eventually, the bloodied laws receded from the corpse, signaling the end of the battle.

Students became statues after seeing this, unable to regain their wits. Five dragon lords have been taken down like ants.

Chapter 4966: Casually Tossed It Away

“Not a bad weapon.” Li Qiye glanced at the controller and said: “But let’s leave it for the fateful ones.”

He tossed the dao controller back to its original location. The frozen students’ jaw dropped to the ground.

The value of the dao controller was one thing but now, everyone had just witnessed its power. They absolutely believed that it was the strongest artifact on this mountain.

Maybe that one unknown lantern was an exception. On the other hand, Heaven Suppression Shawl and Immortal Beasts seemed inferior.

Plus, Li Qiye himself had just enjoyed the feeling of invincibility. How could he actually give it up?

Anyone else would consider it their most precious possession, wanting to keep it forever. On the other hand, Li Qiye tossed it back to the mountain as if it was a piece of trash.

Though this was inexplicable, they thought about the previous occurrence - Jun Landu. He obtained the dao controller from the pawnshop yet chose to gift it to the academy.

The difference was that he was at least a student who loved the academy. On the contrary, Li Qiye had never received the academy's grace before since he gained the dao controller due to his own fortune.

In fact, students thought that even during the last moment before death, they still wouldn't let go of the artifact.

"I couldn't have done this." A genius from a prestigious sect with plenty of treasures shook his head. Many others felt the same way.

This boiled down to whether Li Qiye was an idiot or possess incomparable generosity. He certainly didn't look like a fool.

“Didn’t you want to gift something to the academy?” He stared at Bai Shaojin and said.

The youth regained his wings and said: “Ri-right.”

With that, he took out Benevolence. The vessel’s current form resembled a ring with a blinding glow.

“A gift for the academy.” He held it with both hands and said respectfully before pushing it down into the mountain.

“Boom!” Runes manifested and various phenomena appeared - towering pagodas and temples, divine artifacts and weapons...

“Benevolence contains the resources and foundation of a timeworn lineage. One can start a great sect with it.” A genius murmured.

Benevolence’s own power didn’t matter; the treasury within was the real prize. This became another highly-coveted treasure because obtaining it meant becoming absurdly wealthy overnight.
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“Another great fortune.” Li Qiye glanced at Benevolence and then turned his attention back to the youth: “The War Monarch chose to fight to the very end back then, a fateful choice indeed. This shall pass on to you now.”

He pointed at the youth’s forehead, causing him to tremble.

Others only saw Bai Shaojin shaking, not the tsunami occurring in his mind. Incredible dao laws flowed within and turned into a supreme dao chapter - a gift from Li Qiye.

“Thank you for your dao guidance, Young Noble. I am Jin Shaobai of the War Monarch.” The youth got on his knees and said: “We will never forget your grace today.”

“?!” Students became emotional after hearing this.

“He... he’s from the War Monarch? Maybe a descendant of Warspear Heavenly Emperor?” A knowledgeable peer took a deep breath.

The War Monarch was nearly forgotten at this point, but not in Chaos. It was still one of the strongest lineages despite rarely showing up in public.

Details about the clan remained vague due to its age. Nonetheless, people knew that the members were heaveners.

They were an influential part of Celestial Court. Alas, during the immemorial epoch war, the Qian betrayed Celestial Court and the War Monarch supported them.

The brutal war spared no one. The mighty Qian eventually crumbled and so did the War Monarch.

The survivors relied on an immortal corpse to escape to the frontier - Chaos. The exact location remained unknown but most believed they were staying in Hundred Dao and that some emperors were still around.

After all, the clan at its prime had a total of six emperors - enough to threaten anyone.

No one expected to see an actual member of the War Monarch today - Jin Shaobai.

Jian Yunyun recalled their first meeting and realized that Li Qiye saw through the youth right away.

The eyes staring at Jin Shaobai were no longer the same. This was a member of an ancient clan. No wonder why he dared to steal Benevolence and wasn't that afraid of the ancestors from Deity.

Descendants of the emperors were rarely incapable cowards.

"Alright, everyone, get off, I gotta go." Li Qiye smiled and said.

Students didn't get it but the mountain started shaking violently. They lost control of their cultivation and rolled down.

"Rumble!" Once everyone was off, the mountain started floating up and flew into the horizon.

Chapter 4967: To Outer Space

Its destination was none other than the boundless radiance deeper into the academy.

"Wait, is the ceremony over?" One student watched the mountain fly away, confused.

“Obviously, the mountain isn’t even here anymore. Sigh, I didn’t get a damn thing.” Another lamented.

“No, at least we got to watch a nice show.” A third disagreed, thinking that witnessing the power of the dao controller was beneficial enough.

“But where is the mountain going? We couldn’t have tagged along?” Someone else asked.

“The end of the ceremony is the end, it’ll leave.” An experienced senior said.

“But Li Qiye just left with it.” His friend said.

“That just shows he’s lucky or the chosen one. It’s the reason why he got the dao controller and didn’t get kicked off.” A student from The People said.

No one disagreed with this after seeing the previous battle.

“Schoolmaster, where is it flying off to?” One student asked respectfully.

The old man followed the direction of the mountain, looking rather profound. He eventually looked back down and said: “Where it should be going.”

“What is up there?” Another asked. The light hanging above the sky of the academy seemed to be a strange phenomenon.

Everyone wanted to know more but no student in history has been able to travel there.

“It is for the fateful ones, they will get to see the truth.” The schoolmaster answered vaguely.

Listeners exchanged glances after hearing this and didn’t know what to say.

In reality, he didn’t know the answer either. His knowledge of the academy was second to none but some secrets still eluded him.

For example, the radiance deep in the academy was beyond his limit. He has never been there before and didn’t know what loomed within.

According to the historical scrolls, only Harmony Immortal Monarchs have been there. However, he knew that there was a supreme existence there - the one who sent the great palm down to kill the emperors of Celestial Court.

Nothing was known about this cultivator, not even the gender. He naturally wanted to meet this existence. Alas, he was unqualified despite having four sacred fruits.

“Such an amazing opportunity.” He murmured enviously.

Li Qiye had gotten the recognition of the dao controller and a chance to meet the supreme existence. This was unprecedented.

“Schoolmaster, may I repeat a year? I don’t want to graduate yet.” A student asked.

"It's fine, the academy doesn't force students to graduate. You can keep staying in Abroad." The schoolmaster said.

"Me too!" Many others shouted.

Virtually everyone wanted to delay their graduation, whether it be students from Abroad or Hundred Halls.

"They just want to test their luck again for the dao controller." Princess Ming Shi said after seeing this.

She was perfectly right. The majority of them wanted to wait for another ceremony with the divine mountain.

The power of the dao controller changed their perspective in life. They knew that this artifact alone was enough to make them famous, not needing to pursue anything else.

Moreover, Abroad had no restrictions either. As long as their skin was thick enough to linger around, they could stay here for a thousand years without being kicked out.

Some had done this before, treating Abroad as their home. They became the oldest students with no intention of graduating.

This homely atmosphere in Abroad helped solidify a strong foundation for the academy.

The divine mountain soared through the radiance like a shooting star, akin to a massive battleship splitting the ocean.

It entered a new world with countless planets and stars. Li Qiye lazily sat down and enjoyed the peace.

After a while, he glanced at Heaven Suppression Shawl and sighed: "Silly girl, it must have been tough. You even changed your title."

This cloth was left behind by Nightmoon Conqueror - a being who had fought Celestial Court before.

Everyone knew about her tales but Li Qiye noticed something else the moment he touched the shawl.

She was already unbeatable a long time ago. Alas, she chose to change her dao and became Nightmoon Conqueror later.

"What the hell happened, old man? How did such a great clan go down?" Li Qiye asked the stars.

Certain events occurred outside of his expectation in the six continents.

"A debt must be repaid, and by me." Li Qiye said softly: "I must depart soon, there's not much time left."

After a brief silence, he locked eyes with the sky and declared: "Villainous heaven, heed my words - my time is coming."

The hidden currents never stopped following. Unknown changes occurred, unbeknown to even the dark overlords. Alas, there was no reversing this for even the strongest beings were as feeble as ants.

In spite of this, this was his epoch and his opportunity to embark on the journey for a proper answer.

"Boom!" The divine mountain leaped into another dimension again.

An ethereal world materialized with pavilions enshrouded in starlight, resembling the dwellings of immortals.

Chapter 4968: Supreme Woman In Space

Dao laws constantly evolved in this place in an eternal cycle. This seemed to be the center of heaven and earth - the origin of the grand dao.

The pavilions here had an ancient architectural style. No one could pinpoint it to a particular epoch. The walls were engraved with strange beasts with no resemblance to known species.

Each building emitted a timeworn aura, perhaps representing a unique golden age. They have witnessed the passage of time. An era in the outside world was but the blink of an eye here.

Such was the resplendence of this place that no amount of embellishment would do it justice. Calling it a home of immortals was not unreasonable.

Living beings felt the urge to prostrate regardless of how powerful they were. This included conquerors and dragon lords.

“Whoosh!” The divine mountain entered the ethereal region and slowed down, akin to a ship slowly making its way to the port, finally back home after a long journey.

“Commendable exploration ability, to actually find this again after so many epochs.” Li Qiye stared at the palace nearby and smiled.

“Young man, state your purpose and affiliation.” Once the mountain stopped, a voice came from above.

It seemed to be the core of the entire dimension. All the powers and affinities in this place originated from it.

Anyone who heard this voice would immediately kneel and assume the role of a junior. It was both dignified and commanding.

Its profound nature made it impossible to determine the speaker’s sex. It also didn’t seem to be coming from the present but rather, an extinguished epoch or the unknown future.

“Little girl, don’t you recognize me? Come out already.” Li Qiye smiled and said. His hushed words could be heard clearly.

“Who are you?!” The voice was startled.

A heavenly eye seemed to be manifesting into reality from above. Nothing changed visibly; only powerful cultivators could see a gaze descending upon Li Qiye.

“It’s you!” The voice suddenly changed into that of a pleasant girl, no longer as intimidating as before.

Her words had a dao harmonization that brightened heaven and earth.

“Buzz.” Particles poured down and coalesced into a woman. Using words to describe her beauty was offensive since she was blessed by all that the heaven could offer.

She resembled an immortal from an upper realm. All women would feel ashamed in her presence. Even the proudest would need to lower their head.

There was something transcending and peerless about her presence. Only surviving numerous epochs could culminate in this unique aura.

“I’m happy for you, you’ve not only escaped but re-created yourself. Not only that, you even comprehended your own epoch. You are fully healed now.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I owe it to you.” Her smile came from the heart; her mood affected the world itself.

“It’s been a while.” He said.

"We've met before but that was only a remnant avatar, not the current me." She said.

"I know." He nodded.

She sat down next to Li Qiye and observed the stars with him.

"I thought that we wouldn't meet again." She said softly.

"You probably didn't even want to see me in the past, why the excitement today?" He joked.

"It's because you were a bastard." She pouted at him and said.

"That's not new at all, if I were nicer, I wouldn't have survived long enough to meet you right now." He said.

"Only you can justify your shamelessness." She nodded in agreement.

Li Qiye had helped her re-create herself in the past. Not only was she successful, she even managed to trace back time and create her own era again.

In the past, she was a supreme existence but was crucified in an ambush, nearly turning to ashes. Now, she became the ultimate existence at the academy.

"I thought that you were dead but then again, bastards have no problem surviving this long." She said.

"You don't even know, I nearly died a few times but fortune has my back." He shook his head.

"A lucky crow? Is that even possible?" She laughed. It has been a long time since she had met an old friend so she was in a great mood.

"I can't deny that." He waved his hand and said.

"Are you here only to visit me?" She stared at him. Her eyes seemed to contain all the spiritual energy in the world.

"You speak as if I'm here to seek a favor. No, I only want to meet a close friend and I've traveled so far too." He responded.

"As if. You're the type to never get out of bed to visit anyone unless there is something in it for you." She smiled: "The dao is emotionless, and so are you."

"That's hurtful." Li Qiye rubbed his chest and said: "I always thought of myself as a caring person who loves this world and its inhabitants."

"A butcher talking about loving his victims?" She said.

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He only smiled and didn't respond. The two of them fixed gazes and time seemed to be coming to a halt. This communication didn't require speaking, only a harmonization of the souls.

"You have grown old." She stroked his hair and said. The word "beautiful" when used to describe her smile was an insult.

"Yes, just turned eighteen." He smiled.

"Is that so?" She chuckled: "You're not standing that straight anymore. It's different."

"What are you saying?" He said.

"Because your responsibilities are getting heavier, an entire epoch is pushing down on you." She responded: "Since it is your epoch, no one will share the burden with you."

"Right." He said sentimentally: "The path is long and my burden is heavy."

"It's precisely why you aged so much. You alone must shoulder this world." She said, becoming a bit emotional.

"Did your personality change too? This isn't like you." He smiled.

The woman glared at him, looking a bit amused. Her mood continued to affect the dao around her.

“Just a bit sentimental, I’ve been thinking about my father in recent years and you remind me of him.” She said.

“Don’t, I am not your father or your senior. If anything, you are older and I should be calling you grand aunt or ancestor.” He shook his head and stopped her.

“Don’t you dare!” She glared at him again. Even though her fierce eyes were still as attractive as ever.

Li Qiye shrugged and lay down, enjoying himself.

She lay down next to him on the divine mountain and stared at the flashing stars.

“I do miss him sometimes.” She said.

“It’s good that you still care enough about someone to miss them.” He said: “Though he is no longer around, the feelings alone attach you to this world.”

“What about you?” She asked.

He took his time thinking before responding: “I don’t know. Maybe I’ve forgotten or I just don’t have the capability to care, or perhaps I purposely avoid it. Everything, hmm, is simultaneously gone with the wind while still being carved in my heart.”

“Poor old man.” She gently patted his cheek.

“Don’t view me as a substitute for your father. I’m not old enough to have a daughter like you.” He gave her the side eye.

“You wish you have a daughter like me.” Her happy laughter warmed his heart.

“You have really changed. The previous you were always on guard and fierce.” He stroked her hair back.

“This is how I really am, I merely changed back to my original self.” She leaned closer to rest her face on his shoulder.

“I see, your childhood must have been good.” He said.

“It was great.” She nodded: “I grew up with my father and always held his arm. He stood at the apex and did everything so I did whatever I wanted.”

“How enviable.” He smiled.

“It’s jealousy for you, jealous that I had such a good life while you spent your time toiling in agony.” She laughed.

“No one wants to suffer. It’s just that I’m on the path and I refuse to turn back, that’s the only thing that is keeping me as myself.” He said.

"You even sound old." She rubbed his temples and said: "My father said familiar stuff but I didn't really understand back then. Now, although I'm not on the same level yet, I can sympathize."

She let out a sigh of sadness and disappointment - something that has been accumulating over the years.

"It's a shame that he's no longer around." She grabbed his arm and said.

He patted her shoulder and let her have a moment of silence.

"You're still around, I'm sure he's happy that you still remember him." He eventually spoke.

She enjoyed being in someone else's presence after a long time. After a while, she asked: "Is this world that precious to you?"

"Not quite." He smiled.

"If that's the case, why are you still protecting it?" She lifted her head and stared straight at him.

"Because this is a path of no return. I have chosen to walk forward so why would I falter? The moment I do, that's the end of me and my dao heart. I cannot forget my original pursuit."

"Trying your best to be untethered, I see. How lonely." She said.

"I chose loneliness, not the other way around. Plus, there is no point in regretting my choice." He smiled.

"So pitiful." She felt sorry for him.

"Others call me the dark hand or a butcher, they rarely pitied me. I like where you're going with this." He laughed.

"My father's path is similar to yours, but he wasn't as pitiful. The things that drove him were emotions and love." She said.

"I can only say that he was lucky, although this might not be the case if more time had passed. After all, many have taken this path, they were also motivated by emotions." He paused for a moment and stared at her perfect features. "But I'm sure you know of their final choice."

She shuddered for a split second but due to her cultivation, she calmed down right away.

"Would be nice if we could go back in time." He said.

"I agree." She said.

"Why must people search for immortality? This is the source of it all." He sighed.

She didn't answer and stared at the stars.

“Thank you.” She broke the silence a long while later.

“For what?” He smiled.

“I wouldn’t have been able to see the sun again if it wasn’t for you. Even if I could somehow come out, I would not be me anymore. I am only myself because of your kindness.” She said.

He smiled and accepted her words of gratitude.

The two of them lay there together for who knows how long? Time continued to pass in this special dimension.

“I can keep laying here, can you?” She eventually asked.

“I can’t.” He smiled wryly.

“What a tough life.” She concluded.

“Is this my unlucky day or something? Don’t pity me so much.” He said.

“Because it’s the truth.” She chuckled.

Chapter 4970: Twilight Hunter

"Little girl, you might not like what will happen next, it might even affect you. I still need you to face it though."

She stared at him for a bit before nodding: "I already mentally prepared for this. I knew you wouldn't come to visit for no reason."

"You make it sound like I'm an unlucky star." He smiled wryly.

"Pretty much. A crow is not an auspicious beast. Wherever one appears, only bad things happen." She burst into a fit of giggles - a melody so delightful, it echoed through the starry night and drifted far, far away.

He smiled and looked up at the stars. They seemed to be laughing with her as well.

"I want to ask about someone." After a while, he finally got to the point.

Her smile disappeared after this. The stars also dimmed down.

"I have a pretty good idea." Her expression became serious.

"Not a stranger to you." He said.

Her eyes flashed with rage, pain, sorrow, and many other emotions...

"You want to ask about my killer." She sighed.

"Yes, I have only heard of this person but never saw him or caught any real clues. I'm sure you have a better idea." He nodded.

She sighed again while thinking about the past. Eventually, she shuddered while uttering the name:
"Twilight Hunter." [1]

He grabbed her hand and intertwined their fingers. She clenched her fingers tightly and was still scared of the past. Although it has been so long, it still felt like yesterday.

Everything crumbled in the blink of an eye. The thing that frightened her was not death but rather, an attempt to destroy her everything.

She was subjected to a fate of darkness - an eternal seal. Alas, the thing that hurt her the most was losing her trust.

She was once a carefree goddess living with her father, not worrying about anything while possessing countless dreams. The world was beautiful and opened many doors for her.

Alas, the strike killed her and her heart, hope, and dreams. She could endure the eternal torment but recalling that moment was difficult, hence her shaking fingers.

Tears streamed down her cheeks despite her current cultivation.

"I am here for him, I know he is still around." He wiped her tears and said.

"Are you sure?" She asked.

"You tell me. Aren't you here, all alone, because of him?" He stared straight at her eyes.

"Right, I don't think he can die that easily." She nodded her head and agreed.

"I have searched countless scrolls and paintings that can trace back to past epochs." He said: "My intuition tells me that he is around. I am the lord of this epoch and I can sense all three thousand worlds. I was unsure before but now, I know that he is still alive."

"Then that's correct, he is alive. Yes, he can't die that easily." She agreed: "If you know, he also knows and is hiding, that's his style."

"Hence my visit. We both know that you are in this dimension to not be found." Li Qiye said.

"No one will think that I'm alive, including him. They all believed that the epoch was fully buried." She was sure of this.

"Your father saved you." Li Qiye sighed.

“Yes... Even as the sky was falling down and he was preoccupied with keeping everything intact, he still made sure that I would have a chance to live. That’s why only reason I’m still here.” She became emotional.

That last moment was horrifying. All the worlds were being destroyed. She witnessed her father meeting his end. All living beings were obliterated subsequently.

Li Qiye held her hands tighter.

“My trust killed everyone.” She was heartbroken.

“It was not your fault.” He said: “You are the sun, the culmination of all that is good and beautiful. You were born under the bright sun and should get to enjoy its warm rays. Even if it wasn’t for you, he would have picked someone else to start the hunt. He was responsible, not you.”

“My father had created an ultimate defense so I thought that everything would be fine.” She lamented.

“It wasn’t your fault. The same result would have happened eventually, just a different process. He slumbered in the darkness and planned for a long hunt.” he said.

She calmed down and wiped the tears from her eyes: “I will tell you everything you want to know.”

“I suspect that he has appeared recently, maybe not right now but at least after Trinity. He must have done something.” He said.

"I'm not quite sure but if you are right, I'm certain that there was one death caused by him." She pondered for a bit and said.

"Supreme Primogenitor." Li Qiye said.

"That's the one." She said: "It has to be something tempting enough to make him lose patience and appear. Very few things are worthy of his attention even when we're talking about epochs."

"In this case, a bloodline." He said: "I know that this Supreme Primogenitor had inherited a matchless bloodline - Dao Origin. This is tempting enough." [2]