

## **Emperor 5071**

### **Chapter 5071: Reason For Destruction**

The two immediately refused before Li Qiye could speak. They knew that once the conversation started, they wouldn't be able to refuse. More importantly, they had their own mission and didn't want further trouble.

Alas, Li Qiye never took no for an answer.

"I see, then maybe we should talk about the little dragon. What's its name?" Li Qiye asked.

The two exchanged glances. This was the topic they wanted to avoid the most. Alas, the guy was here in person now so this was inevitable, not to mention the potential consequences.

The dark hand behind the curtains was now the lord of this epoch. Things only got harder for those who wish to oppose him.

"Cosmic Ancestral Dragon." The golden dragon sighed and said.

"I congratulate you two on bringing back a life from the previous epoch, it is time for this remnant epoch to return to its original state." Li Qiye smiled and said.

"We do owe it to you for figuring out the essential mysteries in order for the child to be born here. This is the right path for remnant epochs."

They certainly worked hard rebuilding the divine nest but there was still a long way to go before reaching their ultimate goal. However, the only reason why they even picked the right path in the first place was due to Li Qiye's guidance.

"Just tell us what you want already." The tiger became impatient.

"How far do you think you can go on this path? What more improvements and derivation can be done for this remnant epoch?" Li Qiye answered with a question.

"You don't need to worry about it. We will try our best until it reaches the desired state." The tiger said.

"And you?" Li Qiye smiled at the golden dragon.

"Do we have a choice at all when it comes down to this path?" The dragon smiled wryly.

"No, but also yes." Li Qiye responded.

"Hmph." The tiger became dissatisfied and said: "Dark Crow, don't push us because we have a limit like everyone else."

"Remember that I am no longer just the crow, and haven't I shown myself to be rather reasonable and easy to deal with?" Li Qiye replied.

The tiger scowled again. They were already strong in the past and after reaching atavism, they were above the apex of this world now.

Alas, this wasn't the time to fight because Li Qiye was the lord of this epoch. In fact, he was already frightening enough as the Dark Crow; they needed to heed his warnings then too.

"We're listening if you have any advice, Young Noble." Golden Dragon was wiser and more farsighted.

"How are you seeing this past epoch?" Li Qiye asked.

"We can't pry since it was too long ago, not to mention its destroyed status. But in terms of bloodline, we have made it." The dragon said after exchanging glances with the tiger.

"What will you call this epoch? Divine Beast or Demon Beast?" Li Qiye smiled.

"Of course Divine Beast! Divine beasts ruled the epoch, true dragons, phoenixes, gluttonous kings, and many more. They were both supreme and wise." The tiger said.

"The last line applies to all the top beings in each epoch." Li Qiye said.

The two agreed with this statement.

"Strong and wise, sure, no epoch managed to survive or left anything meaningful behind." Li Qiye said.

“Even if they were destroyed, this epoch has a chance of rebirth as long as hope remains.” The tiger said.

“Hmm, I agree with that.” Li Qiye went on: “Do you know that there are two types of destruction, one inflicted by the villainous heaven and the other is being devoured.”

The two were stirred after hearing this.

“Please elaborate, Young Noble.” The dragon said.

“Since you toiled for eras to fix these fragmented lands, what do you think happened?” Li Qiye smiled.

They have certainly thought of this before and it weighed on them.

“Devourment.” The dragon admitted.

After checking the battlefields and taking care of the corpses, they had a good idea of what brought this epoch down.

This was horrifying because even with their current strength, they would have been powerless to stop it.

“Are you two strong enough to face the hunters?” Li Qiye finally asked the key question.

In reality, this fear has been buried deep in their mind. How many existences in the river of time have been able to stop the predators? This was certainly beyond their ability.

“As long as we have enough time, the ancestral dragon will be able to do it.” The tiger said.

This was the reason why they chose to stay here. With enough time for the dragon to mature, everything would change.

“So confident. How much time is needed for this plan? Will it actually work?” Li Qiye asked.

“I’m not quite sure.” The dragon contemplated for a while before answering: “This is unprecedented so we only have an estimate.

“Do you know what kind of predators you will be facing?” Li Qiye’s expression became serious.

#### **Chapter 5072: A Snake In The Legends**

Of course, the two have pondered this issue extensively. Alas, they lacked information and access to certain secrets.

“Let’s assume that you will have enough time and chances to let your Cosmic Ancestral Dragon reach full maturity and enter its prime state, how strong will it be?”

The tiger confidently declared: “The lord of an epoch, strong enough to be everlasting.”

“Quite strong, huh?” Li Qiye smiled.

The two beings nodded. They agreed that this prime state was virtually matchless. No Immortal Emperors or anyone else could reach this level.

This dragon would definitely become a supreme overlord and not just an average one. It might be among the strongest of overlords.

“Well, tell me how strong this remnant epoch used to be then during its peak.” Li Qiye said.

The two didn’t answer right away. Judging from the remnant battlefields, they could tell that despite their current cultivation, they were still only minor characters at best if they were living in that epoch.

“Since you called it Divine Beast, there were mature true dragons and phoenixes... they were certainly the lords of that epoch.” Li Qiye continued.

This epoch didn’t have humans and other races, only primarily demons and beasts.

“Alas, this mighty epoch still suffered the same fate as many others, becoming a hunting ground.” Li Qiye said after a brief pause.

The two took a deep breath after receiving confirmation from Li Qiye.

“Long, long ago, it hunted true dragons and ate phoenixes Li Qiye’s voice echoed across the temporal sphere and went back in time.

Sentient spirits seemed to be waking up in the maelstrom and were brought back to a dark period.

“In the end, only ruins remained of your beloved epoch.” Li Qiye concluded.

“Young Noble, how do you know all of this?” The dragon said solemnly after hearing the terrible stories.

“I didn’t see it with my own eyes but I’ve excavated a few things and know more than you two.” Li Qiye said.

“So which existence did all of this?” The tiger asked.

Li Qiye had a serious expression for once as he uttered the culprit’s name: “Voracious Leviathan.”

“Voracious Leviathan!” The two shouted after hearing this title.

“Pop!” A bubble came out of the maelstrom. Just this tiny thing alone could destroy the six continents.

The two saw the reaction from the maelstrom and knew that Li Qiye was telling the truth. They became overwhelmed with emotion.

“So you have heard of it.” Li Qiye said: “Do you find it hard to believe? It actually happened all the time, just a normal state of affairs.”

“It can’t be They murmured despite knowing the answer deep down.

“Who else then?” Li Qiye asked.

The two harbored such thoughts before due to the circumstantial evidence. Alas, they didn’t want to speculate wildly. Now, it turned out that they were right.

“Saviors don’t exist. Do the two of you consider yourselves saviors too? When you wield the strength to do so for this epoch, will you continue to save it or pick an entirely different path?” Li Qiye said.

“Moreover, Voracious Leviathan is frightening indeed but comparatively, it is rather amateurish. Every hunt there are some mistakes left over, hence these fragmentations. Otherwise, you would have nothing here to be waiting for your ancestral dragon.” Li Qiye said: Samsara, that geezer during his prime, what a work of art, a true master. If you two ever have the chance, go take a look, it is perfect.”

“Didn’t you kill him?” The tiger said.

“I do have to thank the villainous heaven for that. If it wasn’t for the existing wound, the guy wouldn’t have fallen to such a miserable state.” Li Qiye smiled.

The two didn’t say anything for a bit while contemplating the new information.

After a while, the dragon asked: “Is Voracious Leviathan there?”



While asking this question, they felt as if there was something watching them from the shadows.

“Yes, and I have been searching.” Li Qiye smiled: “It lacks finesse but makes up for it with a natural instinct, not to mention its hibernation capability. Otherwise, it would have become hunted as well.”

The two thought that this matter was more complicated than their previous assessment.

“It’ll keep an eye out for you.” The tiger said.

“That’s a good thing, it would be more problematic if I wasn’t a potential target.” Li Qiye shrugged.

The two took a deep breath after realizing Li Qiye’s goal.

#### **Chapter 5073: Kind-hearted And Respectful**

“Young Noble, can you tell us what you want?” The dragon knew that Li Qiye wouldn’t leave so easily.

“From my perspective or yours first?” Li Qiye said.

“Ours first, of course.” They exchanged glances and the tiger spoke.

“Okay, then let’s start with what you two want, what is the final state?” Li Qiye smiled.

“We aren’t sure. For now, we wish to make this land and epoch more fertile.” The dragon responded.

“Keep in mind that this is a destroyed epoch, a vestige of the past. What you’re doing is just wishful thinking, to be perfectly blunt.” Li Qiye said.

“Wishful thinking? We have divine eggs and even an ancestral dragon. The epoch will rise again with enough time.” The tiger disagreed.

The two desired to see a world filled with divine beasts just like how it used to be.

“Is that so? I recognize your ambition and the divine eggs here, also the power and potential of your ancestral dragon.” Li Qiye said: “But don’t forget, this is my epoch. What will happen if your epoch also wishes to grow? Once there are enough divine beasts and your ancestral dragon is an adult, will you two still be in control?”

He stared at them and continued: “When you lose control, which direction will this epoch go? Will it be prosperous just like its golden age?”

The two beasts listened in silence.

“You already know the answer, that you will lose control eventually. Otherwise, you wouldn’t want more people to come here such as the Immortal Emperors or creating the deity branches. You wish to create a coalition force strong enough to steer the epoch in your desired direction, this ship is too large for you two alone.”

“Or, perhaps I’m wrong, that you two never had any intention of ruling. Once the Cosmic Ancestral Dragon becomes strong enough, it will lead the old epoch to great prosperity and potentially replace the current.” Li Qiye’s smile became wider as he said this.

“That is not our goal!” The alarmed dragon immediately responded: “We never thought about replacing your epoch with Divine Beast and are only trying to help the divine eggs. This place is large enough to accommodate all of us without needing to go outside.”

“Is that so? How will you stop the cosmic dragon and the other divine beasts from leaving?” Li Qiye asked.

The two had no answer because this was impossible.

“We will try our best.” The dragon answered.

“Good, now we can talk about it from my perspective.” Li Qiye said.

The two sighed since they knew what was coming.

“This is my epoch, understood?” He went on: “There is an old saying that has been proven true for millions of years, don’t let someone else sleep in your bed. A mountain cannot accommodate two tigers.”

“We understand.” The two beasts said.

"I am the lord of this epoch now and the future, I will not allow the existence of Divine Beast or any other epoch." Li Qiye said: "Now, excuse me for being impolite."

With that, his tone became dominant and aggressive: "Divine Beast is nothing in my eyes, the same for you two. I have slaughtered epoch lords, exterminated pseudo-immortals, and battled the high heaven. You all are just mortals in comparison, mere worms in my epoch. If I am willing, you may live in peace. Otherwise, you will turn into dust. My epoch, my rules."

With that, he smiled and said: "I apologize for the harsh words. It did feel a bit pretentious."

The two didn't answer but still understood his point. He was right - don't let someone else sleep in your bed. Why would he allow the existence of Divine Beast?

Any other epoch lord would try to eradicate the remnant epochs after seeing a hint of threat.

"We understand." This was all they could say. Though they were strong, they stood no chance against him. This applied to an adult cosmic dragon as well.

He had crushed supreme overlords before and didn't mind playing the role of a dragonslayer. Opposing Li Qiye during his prime was extremely unwise and suicidal.

Not to mention the remnant epoch of Divine Beast, he could obliterate all divine bloodlines if he became annoyed enough.

"What do you want us to do then?" The tiger had no choice but to submit. There was no other option due to the disparity of power. Their very existence depended on his whim.

"I have always been kind-hearted and respect towards the elder and the young, possessing nothing but love for all life." He smiled.

The two beasts exchanged glances.

"Don't look doubtful now, I am speaking from the heart. My visit is to guide you to a better path, to protect you and your cosmic dragon." He went on.

"A cat shedding tears while catching a mouse." The tiger was not convinced.

"I'm sure that you two take great pride in raising a cosmic dragon and the other divine beasts. Watching them grow up to become dominant existences must be satisfying." He said.

"Hmph, obviously." The tiger remarked.

"But in my opinion, you're not raising divine beasts, only a flock of helpless fat sheep. Your wonderful future does not exist, it is a mere fantasy." Li Qiye said.

"How dare you disrespect our dream!" The tiger became angry.

#### **Chapter 5074: No Other Choice**

"I'm not trying to be disrespectful. Reality is often harsh, especially for the fat sheep. They'll only become meals, this is their fate, their final destination." Li Qiye shook his head and said.

“Young Noble, do you wish to consume us all?” The dragon blurted out.

“Seems like you’re the one being disrespectful. If I had any intention of doing so, I wouldn’t have helped you two find this ancestral nest. I could have roasted all the eggs too and filled my stomach. Today it’ll be dragon eggs, tomorrow it’ll be phoenix eggs, you guys won’t have any egg to incubate at all.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I misspoke, my apology.” The dragon sighed.

“But even if I don’t eat, it doesn’t mean that others won’t. Remember that this is a work of art, they don’t wish to eat little babies, the food has to grow up and be fat first. Most importantly, they also prefer to do nothing and just wait until the delicious pot is ready and full of ingredients.” Li Qiye stared at the two and said: “A pot with divine beasts will surely be coveted.”

“Is Voracious Leviathan aware of our presence?” The dragon had to ask.

“You’re lacking knowledge and foresight for asking that question. Sure, be afraid of Voracious Leviathan but keep in mind that it is only a little brother compared to the others, a newbie at best.” Li Qiye said.

The two shuddered after hearing this.

“Why do you think I’m still here needing to chat with the villainous heaven instead of embarking on the journey?” Li Qiye said.

“My epoch is a great tree while these existences are nothing more than some bugs. Sure, I’m trying to get rid of them but I also don’t mind if they eat a few leaves in the process. In this case, it’s even better for me if your epoch is eaten. It can be used as bait once it is strong enough.” He shrugged while speaking.

The two haven’t thought of Li Qiye using them in this manner. Yes, this remnant epoch was indeed delicious, especially the cosmic dragon and the divine beasts at full maturity.

“This is why I keep telling people about how nice I am yet they continue to misunderstand me.” He went on: “I traveled so far to come to offer you two some advice, only to be treated like a villain.”

With that, he laughed and said: “Just imagine this scenario, when doomsday comes, you two can cry and beg me for help, why should I help then? What do you have on the table that I care about?”

The two knew that in the worst-case scenario, they would have to ask him for help.

“Nothing.” Both admitted.

“Now do you see that I am being merciful and kind? Will you still refuse my help?” Li Qiye asked.

“What should we do?” The dragon gave up and decided to listen to him. This was a losing game from the very start.

If they didn’t listen to him, their fate would be worse. All of them and this entire epoch would be eaten by the overlords. The only real option was to listen to Li Qiye.

“Just tell us already, we have no other choice.” The tiger accepted his fate.

“It’s simple, I will give you a chance to fuse with my epoch, a display of my generosity and friendship.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“How does the fusion work?” The dragon asked, aware that Li Qiye was only doing this out of past sentiments.

If Li Qiye didn’t care about them, it wouldn’t be difficult for him to destroy this remnant epoch. The whole conversation was just a formality and a showing of friendship.

Being stubborn now instead of accommodating him would only have one result - destruction. At that point, the sentiments of the past would no longer be enough to save them, the same with surrendering after starting a fight.

“I will infuse my mantras into the bloodlines. From then on, the branch of the divine beasts shall be a race of my epoch.” Li Qiye said.

“Isn’t this the same as shackling us?” The tiger couldn’t help but say.

“That depends on how you look at it.” Li Qiye waved: “Of course, you and the ancestral dragon can refuse, I’ll be kind enough not to kill you. However, it just happens that I am lacking bait right now. All I need to do is to stir the water a bit and those who enjoy fried dragon meat will come to play.”

“We accept.” The dragon accepted this was the best possible outcome. The alternative was a replay of Divine Beast’s destruction.



Although having Li Qiye's mantra in their bloodline meant being shackled by him, there was no other choice.

At the very least, they could still live freely and join an even bigger world. Endless possibilities still awaited them.

"We accept." The tiger said as well.

### **Chapter 5075: Instant Invincibility**

The dragon sighed and asked something: "Tell me, did you already plan this when you guided us to the ancestral nest?"

The tiger froze after hearing this since he couldn't have come up with this suspicion.

"Of course not, I can't plan that long ahead, it was a whole epoch." Li Qiye waved his hand.

"I don't believe your bullshit." Even the gentle dragon couldn't help but curse.

"Dark Crow!! You played us!" The tiger gritted his teeth.

If seemed that Li Qiye had baited them even when they were being suppressed. This was all part of his plan - leading them to the ancestral nest and letting them grow the remnant epoch.

Li Qiye waved his hand and said: "You're overthinking it. Let's put it this way, if we hadn't come to an agreement, would you two have reached atavism and become this strong? No, You two would have been dead."

The two agreed with this logic. If they had refused, they would have been suppressed in the same place all this time. Someone else might have come and destroyed them.

"That's why you need to maintain an optimistic mindset, don't be so cynical. It's rare to find someone as kind as me nowadays." Li Qiye said.

The two cursed him in their head - if the Dark Crow was kind, then everyone else in the world were saints.

"Okay, I think we're done talking here. Let's get started already, everyone got the point and my time is precious." He stood up and said, walking closer to the maelstrom.

He stared at it with a serious expression. The maelstrom clearly sensed him as well.

Its size was unimaginable. Perhaps the lower continents could only compare to a single particle here.

"Will you submit or do I have to make you?" Li Qiye asked.

The dragon and the tiger got far away. Despite disliking the situation, they understood that this was the best outcome.

Cosmic Ancestral Dragon - this was a beast stronger than true dragons and phoenixes - the only one left of its kind. They incubated the egg and witnessed the entire process, planning to turn this dragon into an epoch lord.

Alas, they had to watch Li Qiye subdue the dragon now and imprint his mantra. This was rather unbearable but this was the only way to survive. At the very least, they would at least get to live freely in Li Qiye's epoch.

"Come out, I will give you a chance to attack so that you will understand." Li Qiye said.

Galaxy bubbles emerged from the maelstrom. Each could destroy a continent once bursted.

"Boom!" A large figure slowly came out from the center of the maelstrom - a dragon that could take up an entire cosmo. Its body was made from the stars, everything from the scales to the claws.

This was still a child yet it had enough power to devour the lower continents. It was virtually unbeatable already; one could only imagine an adult version.

Golden Dragon and Tyrant Tiger watched with bated breath, albeit unwillingly.

"Raa!" The child roared and caused extensive damage to the void. Time and space crumbled before the sonic waves.

This thing was strong enough to devour Immortal Emperors and dao lords already. It could appear right now in the immortal continent and be unbeatable.

“Boom!” The young dragon immediately unleashed a devastating inferno. A mighty conqueror would still be reduced to ashes in the blink of an eye.

“Not bad.” Li Qiye leaped into the air and used his Heaven Suppression Fist.

“Boom!” The sheer pressure from the punch suppressed Golden Dragon and Tyrant Tiger, forcing them down to the ground. He was the sole lord and didn’t allow a fragmented epoch to challenge his authority.

Even Immortal Emperor Jin She in a different zone felt this power and couldn’t move an inch.

“Already invincible with the first move.” He couldn’t help but praise.

## **Chapter 5076: You Rule**

This galaxy remained relatively untouched. Alas, the massive cosmic dragon was now laying beneath Li Qiye’s foot.

The punch obliterated its flames and showed that resistance was futile. It had enough power to obliterate the dragon on top of the entire fragmented epoch.

At this point, Ming Shi also stood on top of the dragon. She was smaller than a speck of dust compared to this colossal creature.

She finally got to see a divine beast and not just any divine beast - a cosmic dragon.

“You may enter a pact with it.” Li Qiye told her.

“W-what?” Ming Shi didn’t understand.

“You and this cosmic dragon, and all the other divine beasts too, will co-exist together.” Li Qiye smiled.

In other words, she’ll be in charge of this remnant epoch.

“I... I can’t, I’m just an insignificant speck of dust.” It took her awhile before she could answer.

Her reaction was understandable. She was only a regular disciple from Untethered.

Although she was a genius, she came to understand just how insignificant she was after seeing so many top masters recently. The difference between her and them was insurmountable.

In order to be considered an insect, one should at least be as strong as her Senior Aunt. She herself believed that she was only the level of a speck of dust.

Now, he wanted her to control this peerless cosmic dragon? This was more absurd than putting Goldcrest Young Noble in charge of a deity branch.

"I am not worthy." She concluded.

He tapped her shoulder and said: "You are virtuous, and that is the only requirement. I could have found someone strong but they wouldn't have a heart like yours. Your kindness paves the way for peaceful coexistence."

"I can't! I'm just a little rabbit, no, we can't do this. Even if I cultivate for another trillion years, I still won't be as strong as this ancestral dragon." She became afraid.

"Trust me, if I say you can do it, you can." He smiled and stared at her.

She calmed down after looking into his eyes and began to think.

"Can I refuse?" She eventually asked.

"No." He shook his head.

Ming Shi understood Li Qiye by this point and that his words were final.

She grabbed his hand and complained: "If I had known about this, I would have agreed to roam the plains with the old monkey, or maybe taking care of the unicorns wouldn't be so bad either. Do you know how much responsibility you are placing on me?"

"If you had chosen either of the first fortunes, you would have ended up here eventually, the same with taking up this responsibility." He argued.

“Why was I born to suffer this heavy burden?” She was dissatisfied.

“It’s because of your heart, that’s why you will accept it. You could have been a free rabbit or a shepherd and eventually, you still have sought me out in the future.”

“Why would I try to find you?” She grumbled.

“Because this is destined. If the result is the same, then why not take a shortcut and avoid having you beg me for help later?” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hmph.” She snorted and her nose twitched.

Li Qiye then turned toward Golden Dragon and Tyrant Tiger: “This girl will live with you henceforth. You might consider this as a shackle on the divine beasts’ bloodline but I have made my intention clear. She will absolutely treat them well.”

The two stared at Ming Shi and realized that the situation has been decided. Plus, designating Ming Shi was a much better outcome than their expectation. After all, they were not going to be enslaved.

In reality, no one would miss having such a powerful force but Li Qiye gave them freedom.

“Thank you, Young Noble.” The dragon bowed sincerely. Li Qiye had indeed given them a more-than-fair deal.

The tiger who was annoyed with Li Qiye also bowed.

"I am done here, so I'll be leaving." Li Qiye said.

Ming Shi stared at him, feeling reluctant to part. Alas, this was inevitable.

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The battle between Conceal Conqueror and Li Qiye was known by everyone on the lower continents.

Conceal Conqueror showing up again was surprising enough but this time, it was another challenge.

Her opponent was renowned for his previous feats in battle. At first, those who didn't know him wondered who he was to be worthy of this challenge.

Alas, after hearing about his exploits, they gasped and thought that it would be an amazing battle.

"Is he really this strong?" A listener remained skeptical.

His friend who had seen Li Qiye in action said: "Yes, he killed dragon lords and demon gods like nothing. I think he might even kill Conceal Conqueror."



“She managed to kill Eight-stallion Dao Lord last time, who will come out ahead now?” People started speculating on the outcome.

The might of Conceal Conqueror had permeated the heart of the inhabitants in the lower continents. Most thought that she would once again be the victor. However, those who had seen Li Qiye in action before completely disagreed.

As for the ancient ancestors, they wondered about her goal. She fought Eight-stallion Dao Lord for something. It seemed to be the same case for this next challenge.

Anyone could tell that she was willing to pay any price necessary for it. Curiosity aside, they had enough awareness to not interfere because this was most likely the command of Celestial Court. None wanted to mess with a hungry tiger’s food.

Next full moon, Heaven Summit - this was the time and place of the battle.

Numerous cultivators and ancestors have arrived before the chosen date. Some have traveled a considerable distance to get here. Everyone knew to keep a safe distance from the peak itself.

In fact, the crowd seemed far bigger than during her previous battle with Eight-stallion Dao Lord.

### **Chapter 5077: Heaven Summit**

Some ancient ancestors that have been reclusive for eras actually showed up to watch this battle.

After all, this was a once-in-a-lifetime battle. Everyone tried to grab the best spot in order to observe the fight.

“Rumble!” A capable battalion appeared on the horizon and took up a vast area.

“Eight Stallion Dynasty’s here.” This prompted whispers among the spectators.

The battalion included big shots such as Venerable Dragon God, Northern Monarch, and even the new king.

This was surprising to some because they didn’t bring this many people to their previous king’s battle. Today, they brought virtually all the top masters of their dynasty to boost Li Qiye’s morale.

“The current Eight-stallion no longer has internal and external threats.” The big shots understood the reason.

Though Eight-stallion Dao Lord was no longer around, the dynasty was actually in a better position.

First, the Ten Monsters have nearly been wiped out by Li Qiye, not to mention the numerous ancient ancestors from the other great powers.

Skystomper God, Guardian Pagoda, Swordgrasp Venerable, Radiant Monarch... All of these five and six-fruit dragon lords have been slain.

Therefore, not many great powers currently could compete with Eight-stallion. The rest maintained neutrality and didn't have an existing feud with Eight-stallion.

Seeing them made people sentimental. Not long ago, everyone thought that the dynasty was doomed after their king's death but now, it was stronger than ever.

The reflective atmosphere was interrupted by a large figure manifesting into reality in the air.

Everyone shuddered and bowed in that direction while muttering: "Thousand-faced Sovereign."

Few were as strong as him now in the present. One known figure was Stone Ox but that was about it.

Surprisingly enough, he wasn't the strongest spectator because another aura permeated the scene and shocked everyone.

"Truth Dao Lord!" Many kneeled after her arrival to show respect.

Though she wasn't as peerless as Conceal Conqueror, she was the only remaining conqueror in the lower continents. Thus, she loomed above everyone else.

She had hidden her aura in order to not alarm others. Alas, it still oozed out and alarmed everyone.

Silence took over after their appearance. A while ago, a few great powers might have had ulterior motives for the battle but this was no longer the case due to these mighty spectators.

The night of the full moon was finally here and the silence still remained.

Right at this second, a chilling presence crossed through the region and affected everyone down to their soul.

Venerable Dragon God and Thousand-faced Venerable trembled as well - this was something beyond their current level.

Truth Conqueror let out a sigh of admiration since she knew she was weaker after sensing the aura.

Once people calmed down, they noticed someone standing on top of the pinnacle - Conceal Conqueror.

Most kneeled from the sheer pressure even though she has yet to release her murderous intent. The top dragon lords also bowed their head to show respect; this included Truth Conqueror even though she didn't need to.

Heaven Summit immediately became the greatest peak in the lower continents due to Conceal Conqueror's presence.

Alas, as time passed, Li Qiye still didn't show up. After a long while, some started complaining.

"He's late, so arrogant!" One spectator mumbled.

As soon as these words were spoken, he felt gazes piercing him and immediately shut his mouth.

The top cultivators had no problem waiting, let alone a junior like him. Complaining now was idiotic.

“Seems like I’m a little late.” Eventually, a lazy voice could be heard.

“Li Qiye’s here.” For some reason, everyone heaved a sigh of relief after seeing him.

They felt the pressure lifted from Conceal Conqueror. The air was no longer as suffocating as before.

He took his time walking up the peak and captured everyone’s attention. Conceal Conqueror didn’t seem to mind his tardiness.

#### **Chapter 5078: This Is My Weapon**

The wind itself stopped blowing in anticipation of this battle. A drop of a needle could be heard within a ten million miles radius of Heaven Summit. Time finally got a needed break.

The world became small as if there were only two living beings left - Li Qiye and Conceal Conqueror. Everyone else was reduced to insignificant dust specks.

Spectators looked up and found themselves to be tiny ants looking at two dragons. Some thought that Li Qiye would win due to the precedence set by him. Others believed that Conceal Conqueror was still the undisputed champion of the lower continents.

Of course, they would get an answer soon enough.

Contrary to the tense crowd, Li Qiye appeared relaxed as he stretched his waist while looking around in all directions.

This confused Conceal Conqueror because stealth and ambush were her main skills. She believed that she was actually the best assassin in the lower continents. His action made her think that he was looking for people.

Ambushers wanting to take advantage of them? Or did he have allies?

However, the latter didn't make sense because this wasn't Li Qiye's style. Moreover, she knew that he was clearly stronger and she was the underdog in this case.

This felt rather ominous so she became cautious. Her intuition also told her the same thing. Perhaps someone was indeed watching but she couldn't spot them - this was virtually impossible in the lower continents.

"Is there a problem?" She asked; each word could pierce the soul.

"Nothing, if you want to fight, let's get started and get this over with, I need to take a nap." Li Qiye shrugged.

Listeners exchanged glances - only Li Qiye would dare to speak to Conceal Conqueror in this manner.

“Hand over the item and I will leave right away. Celestial Court will be kind to you in the future as well.” She was a straightforward person.

Listeners were stirred upon hearing this, even the top masters. It confirmed their speculation about her reason for staying here - a mission given by Celestial Court.

Li Qiye had obtained Eight-stallion Dao Lord’s item and now, he was the next target.

Winning Celestial Court’s favor was a serious matter. Even conquerors would think about it carefully. After all, they would always have a smooth passage in the upper continents and even the immortal continent.

Moreover, Li Qiye had always maintained relative neutrality, not standing on the side of The People or purposely antagonizing Celestial Court. With Celestial Court on his side, he would be equal to the great emperors and dao lords up there.

“I’m afraid you are misunderstanding something.” Li Qiye stretched and said: “I don’t give a shit about Celestial Court. Well, that’s not true, I do think about flattening them.”

This caused an explosion in everyone’s mind. Some wanted to scream in astonishment. “Domineering” was not enough to describe his statement.

Demon Conqueror and Luminous Conqueror - two brilliant cultivators - couldn’t flatten Celestial Court.

Someone as crazy as Maddened couldn’t do so either, only managing to leave a perpetual burning void there. Thus, Li Qiye’s claim was insane.

Nonetheless, no one openly criticized him for his declaration. Truth and Thousand-faced took a deep breath.

They actually had a good grasp on Celestial Court's power, unlike the rest of the crowd who only knew it by its reputation. Was Li Qiye actually strong enough to do so?

Conceal Conqueror's eyes narrowed and the chilling aura became increasingly unbearable. Everyone felt as if there was a layer of ice trapping them. The truth was that her gaze alone could kill the majority of the crowd if she so desired.

"Take out your weapon." She didn't comment on the absurdity of the claim and focused on the battle.

"I see that you have an invisible sword technique." Li Qiye chuckled: "I suppose I need a weapon in order to block your attacks."

Having said that, he casually picked up a dried branch and stripped off the dead leaves: "This is my weapon."

The crowd was stunned after seeing his choice.

### **Chapter 5079: Invisible**

Was he going to fight a top conqueror with a dried branch? All the spectators were left speechless.



Even Li Qiye's biggest fans thought that he was being too careless. Of course, this was rather expected out of Li Qiye.

Conceal only gazed at Li Qiye and didn't bother expressing her displeasure.

"Don't mind it, I don't have a suitable weapon so I'm using this." Li Qiye said.

"Good, we shall begin then." She coldly uttered and released her murderous intent.

The crowd felt as if the murderous strands of energy could pierce through and deliver them to the next life.

"Go." Li Qiye lazily waved the branch, looking casually as if she was only an ordinary opponent.

She took one step forward and disappeared from sight, leaving no trace behind.

Thousand-eyed Sovereign immediately focused up. He had a heaven-defying ability to observe everything nearby. Alas, he couldn't spot her.

Powerful ancestors activated their heavenly gaze and couldn't find her either.

"Her stealth dao is unmatched." Thousand-faced said, thinking that other conquerors and dao lords wouldn't be able to find her either.

It seemed that her dao had improved to the next level after fighting Eight-stallion, nearly reaching a state of apogee. She would put Shadowrider to shame if she had chosen the path of assassination.

“Not bad.” Li Qiye said before casually thrusting the branch randomly forward.

“Pop!” It pierced through time and space and forced an ethereal figure out in the open.

She instantly disappeared again; only top masters saw her clearly. Other cultivators only saw a flashing shadow or nothing at all.

“Interesting.” Li Qiye chuckled and thrust his branch again at an unexpected angle, piercing through several dimensions and making curved changes repeatedly.

This backhand thrust’s trajectory and curve defied conventional wisdom. This just wasn’t something cultivators normally practiced. This resembled threading a needle through different dimensions, moving between them effortlessly.

“Pop!” She was forced out again and became startled.

She wasn’t arrogant enough to think that she was the best and that no one could break her stealth dao.

Due to her mastery, mightier conquerors could force her out but this was a gradual process. In this case, Li Qiye did it with each thrust as if he had a full view of her movements.

A hum could be heard as her dao crisscrossed and intersected with slashes around Li Qiye. This was another focus of her dao, using enlightenment as blades capable of slicing through heaven and earth.

Cultivators exclaimed in horror. Merit laws and treasures couldn't stop the overwhelming energy blades. Running away didn't work because they could sever dimensions as well.

Ancient ancestors felt a chill coursing down their necks, getting the feeling of blood splashing out after decapitation.

"Rumble!" Li Qiye's body withstood the slashes like nothing. Not even a single mark was left behind.

Conceal's expression changed after seeing this. She had only seen this once before - Eight-stallion Dao Lord with his immortal shield. Her slicing dao couldn't get through that defense. Alas, could Li Qiye's body be just as tough as that immortal shield?

"Die!" She resorted to using her murderous dao - Seven-step Death.

She took seven steps in the blink of an eye and gathered momentum for a perfect slash. The world seemed to be flipped over, unable to withstand this attack.

"Boom!" Spectators were thrown flying before tumbling to the ground, unable to move. They screamed since they were experiencing the illusion of being dismembered.

This move could kill dozens of dragon lords in an instant, even the more impressive ones. Venerable Dragon God touched his neck and looked down to see his fingers covered in blood.

“Clank!” Li Qiye lifted his branch and stopped the slash, shocking his opponent.

“It’s a decent move, but observe, this is the real dao of assassination.” He smiled and thrust the withered branch forward from a weird angle.

### **Chapter 5080: Crooked Thrust**

This thrust seemed to have nothing to do with assassination since even a three-year-old could perform it.

It shouldn’t ever be muttered in the same breath as Conceal Conqueror’s Seven-step Death.

Ordinary cultivators and ancestors noticed nothing peculiar. Only those at the upper echelon such as Thousand-faced Sovereign reacted properly.

First came astonishment, then they took a deep breath and still couldn’t calm down.

As for Conceal herself, she immediately entered a parry posture. She understood that the thrust itself didn’t matter, only the killing intent.

His was incomparably sharp and overwhelming - capable of piercing through time and the domains of the immortals...

“Clank!” She created three thousand worlds and a myriad dao with her sword while continuing to retreat.

This was enough to survive any attack from a conqueror but unfortunately, Li Qiye's murderous intent didn't care for any of this.

"Boom!" The branch pierced through her defensive lines and reached her.

Blood spilled to the ground; spectators' jaw nearly dropped to the ground. A dried branch managing to injure Conceal Conqueror?

Even the top masters couldn't speak at the moment because they felt a sharp pain in their throat. How could that simple thrust be so effective?

"Killing with the dao heart Conceal gasped before murmuring.

"Exceptional talent indeed, a great seed to be an assassin." Li Qiye had to praise her.

The majority of the crowd only saw the simplicity of the thrust. Only Conceal noticed right away that the thrust represented his dao heart.

Of course, regular people didn't know the mysteries and profundity behind using the dao heart offensively. Nonetheless, they understood that it was rather frightening.

Truth and Thousand-faced wondered about stopping that attack earlier. It seemed impossible because Li Qiye's dao heart had reached an immeasurable state.

Conceal stared intensely at Li Qiye in order to find some clues. Alas, he didn't look like a practitioner of the assassination dao.

"No need to look, I haven't cultivated that dao." Li Qiye shrugged and said: "I only wanted to show you what it can be since you have the talent for it."

She had no time to be pleased by the compliment. If he didn't cultivate this dao, how did he perform the dao-heart kill so easily? She herself wasn't close to this level.

From her perspective, attacking with the dao heart was the highest level of the murderous dao. Everything originated from the dao heart.

"Still want to play? It's rare to see a genius nowadays." Li Qiye smiled.

The crowd exchanged glances in astonishment. He made it sound as if he was a teacher talking to his student, not a dangerous opponent.

Who in the lower continents was qualified to educate Conceal Conqueror? Li Qiye could be the only exception.

"Again." She uttered coldly. Just her voice alone instilled an indelible fear into the listeners.

"She's going all out." Venerable Dragon God commented.

"I don't think any of us has a chance against her, only Li Qiye." Another ancestor murmured, feeling fully intimidated and unable to channel any power.

"Come." Li Qiye pointed his branch at her.

Just this alone prevented her from doing anything. She thought that any of her moves would be instantly nullified by his branch.

"Buzz." Nonetheless, she didn't relent and utilized something else.

A Buddhist light enveloped her - one that has been refined by countless tribulations and polishment. Her power and divinity infused themselves into this light.

An avatar with an identical appearance appeared behind her but had the glow of a sacred Buddha.

This was her golden avatar - something only available to the conquerors. It exuded bright halos pulsing outward and made everyone think that this was the culmination of her cultivation.

It was too much for the lower continents to take. Something this powerful shouldn't exist here. The ground started sinking downward to everyone's horror.

"Buddhist Sever!" Thousand-faced Sovereign shouted the name of the technique.