

Emperor 5121

Chapter 5121: Dark Samsara

A visitor came to Eight-stallion Dynasty during Li Qiye's stay.

"Uncle Xiang." Li Qiye smiled and said.

It was none other than Phenomena Conqueror - still coughing and looking feeble. His lungs seemed to be on the verge of being coughed out of his body. If he didn't reveal himself, no one would think that he was a conqueror.

Thus, the members of Eight-stallion treated him with nothing but respect this time around. They didn't realize it and thought that he was just a sickly old man. This was a case of being unable to see Mount Tai although it wasn't quite their fault.

After all, Phenomena Conqueror was known as a supreme genius who was even more talented than Conceal Conqueror. Most thought that he would have no problem reaching twelve dao fruits.

Now, his cultivation had stagnated due to the ambush and Conceal had surpassed him.

"Young Noble." He bowed slightly and said: "I apologize for hiding my identity during our first meeting."

"It is not your fault given the circumstances. Anyone could be an enemy." Li Qiye shook his head.

“Yes, ten thousand years wasted just like that.” Phenomena sighed. He had no choice but to hide at the start because the ambusher was clearly stronger than the other conquerors around. Conceal couldn’t have protected him.

“You’re not only here to chat, right?” Li Qiye asked.

“I am indeed here with an ulterior motive. I beseech your help, Young Noble, in curing my injuries.” Phenomena smiled wryly.

He should have died from the fatal wounds if it wasn’t for his incredible gifts. Although he managed to remain relatively stable, the internal injuries kept on resurfacing.

This time, he appeared again only to be sent flying. If it wasn’t for his master, he would have met his end. Now, stability could no longer be maintained, hence his visit.

He had no other option because Li Qiye might be the only one in the lower continents capable of saving him. Li Qiye was simply too strong - an existence exceeding anyone with twelve fruits.

Without help, the best-case scenario would be losing his cultivation and becoming a mortal.

“Relatively easy.” Li Qiye smiled: “The technique is known as Dark Samsara.”

“You have a method?” Phenomena became excited since Li Qiye knew of the technique.

“This is no big deal. Now if it was inflicted by the old geezer himself, it would be a different story. Greenmountain only learned the bare minimum.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Please cure me, Young Noble.” Phenomena lowered his head - something he would never do but this was the only option: “I will be of service whenever you need me in the future.”

Conquerors took their promise rather seriously. In this case, Phenomena knew that only sincerity would move Li Qiye. Treasures and merit laws were meaningless.

Li Qiye smiled and raised his hand, piercing through the myriad dao and affinities along with the conqueror’s body.

The latter trembled, feeling as if something within him had been grasped by Li Qiye. Next came an unbearable pain.

Given his history and experience, he had tasted all types of pain before. Alas, this one made him break out in sweats.

“Ah!” He finally screamed when Li Qiye pulled his hand back and fell to the ground.

This was a samsara affinity infused with darkness. It seemed to be alive and morphed continuously in Li Qiye’s hand. This was the thing torturing him for generations now.

He took a deep breath after seeing it. No wonder why he couldn’t fully get rid of it - this was something far beyond his current level. The cycle never stopped in the last ten thousand years regardless of his effort.

However, Li Qiye easily severed the cycle without leaving any mark on his body.

“Poof!” Li Qiye then used a special daoflame capable of burning the affinity into nothingness.

“Still the same boring play after so many years. If they want to join the darkness, why not come up with something new?” Li Qiye shook his head and complained.

Meanwhile, Phenomena stood there in a daze wondering how Li Qiye could get rid of this affliction so easily. His wounds were completely healed now.

Chapter 5122: Just Legends

Phenomena calmed down and bowed again. He sincerely said: “As I’ve said before, just say the word whenever you need me and I shall be there.”

“It is no big deal, just a matter of fate.” Li Qiye waved his hand.

“How so, Young Noble?” Phenomena stared strangely at Li Qiye.

“You cultivate one of the Hallowed Three Forms, world. Your lineage has ties with me.” Li Qiye smiled and said. [1]

“Yes, I trained with it until I created my own dao later.” Phenomena didn’t hide it.

Rumor has it that Lunar was in possession of one of the nine scriptures - Hallowed Three Forms.

Phenomena cultivated the world version and after reaching a high level with it, he created his own dao. His title referred to having numerous phenomena in a single world.

"It must have been difficult recording it." Li Qiye said sentimentally.

"You've seen the real thing, Young Noble." Phenomena realized something.

In reality, Lunar didn't have the actual scripture, only the merit laws. They never had access to the actual content since these merit laws were passed down by their progenitor. Phenomena then understood the connection brought up by Li Qiye.

"Who passed the merit laws down to your lineage?" Li Qiye asked.

"Our progenitor." Phenomena honestly answered.

"Who is your progenitor?" Li Qiye inquired again.

"Hmm... I do not know." Phenomena's eyes flashed for a split second before he answered.

The progenitor of Lunar was mysterious and unknown even to its members. Some believed that the big shots such as the conquerors of Lunar were privy to this information. However, they kept it a secret.

A popular speculation included Nightmoon being the progenitor of Lunar. This was widely accepted as the truth despite existing evidence of Lunar being far older.

“Lunar was started by Nightmoon Conqueror.” Phenomena answered.

“Nightmoon?” Li Qiye smirked: “Your true origin does not start with Nightmoon.”

“There are records of this in Lunar, all of them point to Nightmoon Progenitor.” Phenomena insisted.

“Of course, have to make it believable.” Li Qiye smiled: “In reality, you already knew, that’s why you guarded the cemetery here.”

Phenomena’s expression changed after this. This was kept a secret by Nightmoon Conqueror and the rest of them.

They chose to popularize the rumor of Nightmoon Conqueror being the progenitor. Alas, Lunar had existed way before that as a reclusive sect. It only rose to popularity when Nightmoon debuted and fought against Celestial Court.

The cemetery in Eight-stallion Dynasty seemed to have nothing to do with Lunar. After all, one was in Chaos while the other was in Fragmentation.

Phenomena was one of the few privy to this information. Of course, Li Qiye was another to his astonishment.

“Don’t worry, I’m not from Celestial Court. Plus, I am connected to your progenitor.” Li Qiye said.

Phenomena took a deep breath and bowed: “I see, I should address you as Ancestor instead of Young Noble.”

“No need for that, I am still young.” Li Qiye waved his hand and stared at the horizon: “Lunar, it’s been a long time since I’ve talked about it.”

“There are very few records left.” Phenomena said.

“It is to avoid unnecessary problems, Nightmoon had to change her cultivation from a Heavenly Emperor to a conqueror.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I’ve heard of this but never saw any evidence.” Phenomena wasn’t surprised.

Anyone else would be shocked - Nightmoon was a supreme conqueror on the same level as Luminous and Heaven Burial. She was once a Heavenly Emperor as well?

“Suyun.” Li Qiye said softly: “Heavenly Emperor Suyun.” [2]

Phenomena became emotional after hearing this; everything became clearer to him.

It was hard to see a connection between Heavenly Emperor Suyun and Nightmoon Conqueror. The former was from the distant past while the latter had made her mark in this epoch.

For Li Qiye, the name “Suyun” had tremendous significance to him. The same applied to the heavenly emperor since it represented remorse and yearning.

She wanted to kill him back then because he was the main culprit. She held a grudge against him for a long time.

Eventually, the heavenly emperor disappeared in the river of time, forgotten. She then appeared again as Nightmoon Conqueror.

Despite lacking information, Li Qiye could imagine the tears and sadness behind her story. After all, she had eight heaven’s wills once but had to throw it away to cultivate again.

Of course, this was not in vain. As a conqueror, she became strong enough to fight Celestial Court because she possessed a primordial dao fruit. Due to her strength, Lunar became one of the twelve dao lineages in the lower continents.

Phenomena himself knew very little about this, only that their sect’s origin traced back to the Immemorial War.

“The emperors paid a heavy price.” Li Qiye said.

“Why did they oppose Celestial Court?” He asked.

“Well, it pertains to the origin of the three races. You don’t need to worry about this since it is not your responsibility.” Li Qiye smiled.

“It is only a matter of time due to my bloodline.” He said.

“If that is your wish, then seek everlasting life and the tree of anima. If you can’t reach this goal, then stay back and protect your lineage, that’s still good enough.” Li Qiye said.

“I will remember your guidance, Young Noble.” He bowed again.

Chapter 5123: A Meal

Li Qiye spent his time in the courtyard relaxing since the departure date drew near. Nothing was more comforting than the warm sun.

Demoness kneeled near him, serving him tea and fruits. She wore a black dress that was as thin as a cicada’s wing. The barely visible curves were full of temptation, making it hard for people to not take another glance.

“You are definitely the best at recognizing the situation in Eight-stallion Dynasty.” He said.

“Serving you is an honor, Young Noble.” Her soft and tender voice made people feel a little fuzzy inside.

In reality, Li Qiye didn’t ask for anyone to serve him. She came of her own volition.

“How will you serve me?” Li Qiye closed his eyes and joked.

“I am willing to be your ox and horse.” She responded.

“Did Eight-stallion Dao Lord know about your true cultivation?” Li Qiye chuckled.

“We had an agreement and my cultivation doesn’t matter. I simply didn’t reveal it.” She said.

“Sure thing.” He smiled.

“The same can’t be said for your impeccable insight, Young Noble. You noticed after the first glance.” She said.

“You’re rather interesting, the inheritor of several imperial lineages yet still rather flexible in conduct. Many can’t do the same.” Li Qiye said.

“It’s a tough world out there, I’m not the only one looking for a meal.” She winked charmingly at him.

Unfortunately, this didn’t work on Li Qiye.

“Don’t make it sound so pitiful.” He said: “If you can’t find a meal with the treasures on your ship, the rest of the lower continents are facing a real famine then. Don’t worry, I’m not interested in those treasures.”

"If you desire it, Young Noble, all of Ceaseless can be yours." She knew what to say to please people.

"You're smart, aware that I can take whatever I want but now, I would seem like a jerk for doing so." He said.

"It is an honor to be of service, Young Noble." She repeated.

"Forget it, don't try to be seductive because I already appreciate your craftiness and propriety." He said.

"I am elated to be praised by you." She said excitedly.

"Sigh, a dragon lord should act properly or people will spurn you." He said.

"Doesn't matter to me for I have been praised by you." She responded.

"Let's get to the point. I have given out many fortunes here but you didn't get one. Tell me, I will grant you a fortune." He waved his hand.

Although she lacked loyalty compared to the others, he appreciated her vision and awareness.

"I wish to stay by your side, Young Noble, is that possible?" She asked eagerly.

“No wonder why those geezers are willing to let you be in charge of Ceaseless, you can indeed shoulder the responsibility.” He smiled at her.

“I am merely speaking from the heart. Staying by your side is the best possible outcome.” She said.

“Yes, it is a supreme fortune. One that can spare you from all disasters.” He nodded.

“Will you take me in, Young Noble?” She winked again.

“Will you be able to leave Ceaseless?” He answered with a question.

“I can let go of everything if I get to be by your side.” She paused for a moment before responding.

“You are someone who can achieve great things.” He couldn’t help but praise.

“You don’t need an idiot and I will try my best to not be one.” She said.

“Yes, and that’s rather hard to find recently.” Li Qiye nodded and thought about it.

After a short moment, he said: “You should still stay here since this world needs you. When the old geezers left behind Ceaseless, they had something in mind. You know this too.”

“I shall follow your order.” She said submissively, looking rather pitiful.

"Okay, don't be so sad." He said: "I will bless your Ceaseless."

She immediately got on the ground and bowed after hearing this: "We will never forget your kindness, Young Noble." This was her goal in the first place.

"They've gone to great lengths to prepare for a calamity." He said.

"Is it possible to escape, Young Noble?" She looked up and asked.

"Depends on the scale. That's why Ceaseless needs someone like you to lead it." He said.

"I understand, it's just that I wanted to see explore beyond the limits of this world." She said.

"Then let us see what you can do in the future. Alas, everyone has a limit, it depends on your own effort." He said.

"Yes." She understood that following him was impossible.

"What should I do when another calamity comes?" She then asked.

"There is no perfect solution under such dire circumstances. A minor one can be dealt with Ceaseless but as for a serious one? Just run as far away as possible." He guided.

“Will you come back, Young Noble?” She asked.

“I am heading to the final battle.” Li Qiye said.

“Sometimes, I imagine the places that can be reached with the dao. I feel powerless that I cannot help you on your journey.” She sighed and said.

“Some accept their fate, others don’t.” He elaborated: “If you do, then you’ll be able to live and die at home, that’s not a bad ending. If you do not accept, then prepare for the worst, a death without a burial, far, far away from home.”

“I understand.” She bowed again before staring at him.

“I don’t have flowers on my face.” He smiled.

“Young Noble, what do you think is the hardest thing in the world?” She asked.

“You have an answer?” He responded.

“To see someone away.” She said: “Although our relationship is shallow and short, you are a unique existence in this world, a shimmer of light flashing ephemerally in my life. I won’t be able to see you again after this, the world will no longer see your light.”

“Mmm, it’s even harder being the one leaving.” Li Qiye stared at the horizon and said.

“That’s you, Young Noble.” She murmured.

“Right, you will, at least, still be staying near home.” He said.

“You won’t since you will not stop.” She understood.

“You’re smart, I would have taken you with me in the past.” He smiled.

“It’s not too late to accept me now.” She said.

“Times have changed, I must go alone this time.” He shook his head.

“Sounds rather lonely.” She said softly.

“People didn’t lie when they talked about the loneliness of the dao.” He calmly said: “You who must pretend to be holy and superior, it’s rather cold at the top too. Everyone else are mere ants in comparison, would you feel lonely then?”

She took her time thinking before answering: “That’s why people can’t leave home.”

“It’s difficult and requires resolution, forging a path forward unceasingly until you are the only one left. Any wavering can result in compromises.” He said.

“This is why some can’t make it and fall into the darkness.” She understood.

Chapter 5124: How Laughable

Many big shots came to see Li Qiye’s departure since the news have spread across the lower continents.

“It is time to leave.” Li Qiye glanced at this world and there was nothing else keeping him here.

The members of Eight-stallion Dynasty were on their knees including A’zhui and the leaders.

Truth Conqueror, Thousand-faced Sovereign, Phenomena Conqueror, and many others were present.

“Young Noble, please visit the Ten Great Mountains when you return later.” Goldcrest Young Noble lowered his head.

He was rather emotional to see Li Qiye leave because his current achievements today were given to him by Li Qiye.

“I won’t be returning once gone.” Li Qiye smiled. [1]

“Farewell, Young Noble.” Goldcrest understood and bowed, aware that he won’t be seeing Li Qiye again.

“Young Noble.” Jian Yunyun was sentimental as well. So much had changed after their first meeting. Now, she was the ruler of all of Primal.

“This world is worthy of your watch.” He tapped her shoulder and said: “You will be capable enough to do so one day.”

“I understand.” She nodded.

“We really won’t meet again?” The one who didn’t want to say goodbye the most was Princess Ming Shi.

He wiped her tears and said: “Well, as long as you continue forward bravely, maybe that day will come.”

Li Qiye clearly had a higher evaluation of Ming Shi’s future. Her fate and Yunyun’s were different.

A’zhui and Yunyun had a mission for their world, a responsibility. Princess Ming Shi was meant for something different.

“I will take this to heart.” She clenched her fist and nodded solemnly.

Conceal Conqueror whom everyone thought was dead also showed up.

“I’ll see you again later, Young Noble.” She bowed.

She was different from everyone else because she was already qualified to enter the upper continents. It was just a matter of choice to her.

“Keep up with learning.” He said.

She nodded and didn’t say anything else - true to her cold style.

“Alright, I’m going.” He smiled and took one step forward.

“Boom!” Thousands of dimensions suddenly opened up in front of him. It just took one step for him to leave the cycles of the lower continents and disappeared from sight.

This shocked all the spectators. When conquerors and dragon lords ascended, they either had a special pathway or were supported by the upper alliances.

As for Li Qiye, he directly broke through all the barriers including the world boundary. This seemed rather unprecedented.

“He’s the strongest...” A crowd member murmured.

Li Qiye left a deep impression on everyone since he was a level above the strongest cultivators.

“Goodbye.” Some of the crowd said quietly.

Although they didn't know him or Li Qiye didn't know them, they still felt relatively sad about him leaving.

They understood that the only reason they were still alive was due to him. Otherwise, Greenmountain Conqueror would have made meals out of them. Thus, the warm sun reminded them to remember his name - Li Qiye.

Li Qiye crossed through the dimensions and boundaries to reach a realm of chaos. There were numerous strange phenomena and windows here.

The windows displayed strange images - some reaching back to the past and broken places. He also saw battles between emperors and monarchs...

These were the visions from the previous wars. They were devastating enough to leave permanent memories in this place.

Li Qiye crossed through them and entered a particular dimension. This one caught his attention.

He walked up a winding path, seemingly reaching the heaven. The paved stones seemed to be from Time Immemorial - each served as an entire era.

Stepping on them meant shouldering the innate temporal immensity and memories. They were all worth watching and pondering.

The magnificent scenes inspired admiration, sorrow, and many more emotions...

Of course, not just anyone could withstand it. This power could instantly crush someone or make them lost in time forever.

Li Qiye was able to escape from the cycles, hence his ability to travel untethered. He himself wasn't interested in these remnant memories - only the wooden gate above.

The construction was simple - being made from three pieces of timber tied together. In fact, even the timber used could be found in any forest. How did they withstand the test of time?

This was due to the person who assembled them into this shape, allowing them to be eternal by infusing them with incredible divinity.

Li Qiye focused on a couplet with ten characters written on a side piece. It was unclear whether the asymmetry was due to a lack of time or intentional.

The calligraphy style was free and unrestrained, flowing like clouds and waters while giving off a domineering feeling.

'Only three gates for me? Laughable indeed.'

Li Qiyue's smile was distinctive. Even those who knew him best had never seen him wear this expression before - one tinged with a sense of fondness and adoration.

Chapter 5125: Ignoring The Family's Ways, The Disobedient Child Needs To Pay

The couplet exuded arrogance and painted the picture of a soul who looked down on the rest of the world.

However, Li Qiye interpreted it differently; he was the only one who could make the connection.

His eyes narrowed as he scouted across time and space. At a distant point in time, he saw a young man acting with absolute freedom, not conforming to any boundary and restriction.

His position was the dao itself. His thoughts were the dao. There was no need for him to cultivate. He was born with the dao or rather, the dao was birthed by him. To put it simply - freedom.

Unrestrained and unbound, all forms could be created on a whim and shaped into reality. This youth was the one who left the couplet with his brush and in a single, seamless flow. The characters created an eternal grand dao in this spot.

Gods and immortals were envious of the youth, one untainted by the myriad affinities. He alone was unique, especially with the way he made Li Qiye smile.

Li Qiye's gaze extended beyond the youth, piercing through the distant time. After piercing through the light, he saw the source of the grand dao. The primordial chaos seemed to be manifesting from this place guarded by three gates.

They resembled the foundation of all things in nature. The roots of heaven and earth were there. There was no need for cultivation and merit laws, only the heart and mind to obtain freedom.

Li Qiye chuckled and decided to add a couplet to the other piece of timber. It matched and fused with the existing couplet.

'Ignoring the family's ways, the disobedient child needs to pay.'

"Hahaha..." Suddenly, a burst of laughter could be heard from afar.

"I'm outta here!" The voice was filled with infectious joy, capable of affecting others with no spatio-temporal limit.

Li Qiye himself was affected and chuckled as well.

"Boom!" Visions and phenomena became chaotic and started rolling. All of them were morphed together with an image of a youth rolling like a ball. [1]

He rolled from one temporal sphere to another, could be many million years from the past to the present or vice versa...

The youth was still happy and smiling despite rolling in an embarrassing manner. The two managed to communicate across time and space through the couplets despite having never conversed before in the past.

He eventually rolled into the river of time and the chaotic phenomena dispersed. Li Qiye left the area and returned to the chaos filled with magnificent spectacles.

The memories of an epoch. Though time itself never stopped flowing, these temporal vestiges couldn't be fully erased.

After a while, he eventually stepped into another one. Nothing existed here outside of the ultimate transformations of the grand dao. The various affinities had their original and final appearance.

One dao mystery flowed like a river toward an unknown destination. Due to a lack of worldly orders, direction and distance became unclear.

What should be just the void and constant dao derivation was disrupted by this strange river. Li Qiye noticed something peculiar - a man being one with this area. His body was ethereal and virtually undetectable.

However, Li Qiye's focused gaze still separated him from the dimension. He could be going anywhere - the past or the future.

Due to his ethereal nature, no one could recognize him. Nonetheless, Li Qiye had a decent idea.

He turned his gaze toward the imperceivable direction of the river. Others couldn't do this but it was his epoch, allowing him to perform special feats.

What he found were an ultimate concealment and a barrier at the destination. Nothing could ever get inside but the man still kept on trying.

Li Qiye snorted and the ethereal man could sense his existence. He glanced in the direction of Li Qiye but didn't stop the unceasing flow.

Li Qiye didn't stop him either and continued to focus on the ever-unchanging destination. This place most likely detected Li Qiye as well but didn't react.

"One day." He let out an eternal mantra that would imprint itself into reality.

This resonated with a particular lineage known as Ultimate in the four broken realms of the upper continents and left the same mark there. [2]

Of course, this change was unknown to the rest of the world. Li Qiye didn't pursue this matter because it was only one of the final destinations. In fact, it could even be a bait.

He chuckled because regardless of the truth, he did gain information from it - those in the past were still around, unable to give up.

They continued to search for the truth or hide in the darkness. This ethereal man was one of them.

Chapter 5126: Undying Seal

He crossed through the expanse to reach another phenomenon - a world torn asunder and its dao buried. There was no beginning nor end in sight. Perhaps above the deepest location was the high heaven itself.

Li Qiye suddenly saw something - a skeleton that has been twisted. He looked at the ribcage and saw a unique seal made from ancient runes with the shape of a crow. It was essentially golden but time had painted it gray.

Nonetheless, it still had a feeble glow - a representation of life itself. As long as there was a single particle left, life still flowed even in the weakest of states.

"This..." His expression changed since he knew who it was.

He raised the skeleton to take a closer look: "But why here?"

This shouldn't be possible because she was no longer in this world. Yet here she was, dead. Something drastic and unexpected must have occurred without his knowledge.

"Undying Seal." He sighed and said.

He recognized it because he was the one who imprinted the seal in the first place.

"What happened?" He touched the seal and said softly.

Unfortunately, skeletons couldn't speak to answer him.

"Can't be undying forever, I suppose." He didn't expect this development during this epoch.

“Villainous heaven, watch me take this life back!” He then glanced upward and became serious.

“Boom!” He raised his hands and stole the fortunes of the heaven, delving deeper into the mysteries above.

“Rumble!” Tribulation lightning bolts descended and struck him.

These heavenly bolts were immensely thick. Just a single one could obliterate an Immortal Emperor or conqueror. An entire ocean was unstoppable regardless of the defensive method employed.

“Go!” Li Qiye roared and relied on his dao heart to close the eyes of the heaven. Though the barrage of lightning bolts struck him, his dao heart remained indomitable.

“Pop!” He eventually lasted long enough to obtain a few drops of life water from the high heaven.

He dripped them on top of the skeleton and they were immediately absorbed. The dead skeleton started showing signs of life again like a withered tree enjoying a strong rain.

“Buzz.” The Undying Seal exuded golden rays once more.

A true rebirth was impossible. In this case, there was still life left in the seal and the skeleton. Thus, he used a heaven-defying method for the revival purpose.

Of course, the heavy price required him to meditate. The light of his dao source and primordial energy flowed around him, using the purest form of healing possible to mend the wounds.

In spite of his current ability and being the strongest cultivator in the mortal world, the tribulation still left serious injuries.

After a long while, he opened his eyes and observed the corpse. Flesh could be seen on some parts but this process required time.

He reached forward and used his dao source to create ultimate laws.

“Clank!” He sent laws capable of healing coursing through the skeletons, creating the veins and muscles again. Everything moved at a snail’s pace on top of requiring a tremendous amount of primordial energy.

A conqueror with an anima tree couldn’t support the process. Only existences with a dao source such as Li Qiye had this capability.

He heard thunderous explosions from above as if something monstrous was cursing Li Qiye for doing this.

“This is life prolongment, she is still alive so this isn’t a rebirth, don’t be so mad.” Li Qiye glanced up and said.

A tribulation still loomed above but didn’t descend. The bolts earlier were merely punishment.

“Now!” After creating the external frames, he used his anima power and pointed at the skull.

“Pop!” This was the ultimate truth of the epoch and now, it was embedded into the skeleton.

Using this truth required total comprehension from the start of time to the future. It required a perfect memory and Li Qiye still couldn’t keep up with the reconstruction.

“Boom!” An apocalyptic force erupted and sent him flying.

His expression soured as he got up to take a look at the skeleton. There was no sign of the soul returning even though life was flowing.

“More time.” He knew that gathering the soul was arduous: “More accumulation too.”

The skeleton has turned into a corpse with life. Now, it became a matter of time despite Li Qiye’s anima.

The corpse had suffered terrible destruction and was nearly reduced to ashes. However, the Undying Seal prevented this.

During the last moment, a feeble life force was placed into the seal, avoiding a complete death. Otherwise, not even Li Qiye could do anything about it.

This became a matter of gestation and accumulation. Some immortal items might be required as well.

“Why risk it all coming here?” Li Qiye said softly.

The death was one thing but her presence here surprised Li Qiye more.

Chapter 5127: Blessed Dao Lord

“Hmm, Yin Sever Aqua.” Li Qiye sighed and thought about the requirements.

Reviving the corpse required more than just this liquid. A supreme vein as energy was needed as well on top of a supreme coffin.

The problem was finding this liquid in the mortal world was nearly impossible. He only saw it once during his life.

“Let me see again.” He activated his heavenly gaze in order to calculate all the ages.

“Boom!” The power of time and karma didn’t let him off easily, instantly pouring into him.

Billions of years with the accumulation of karmic ties tried to cut him down. He utilized the primordial power for self-protection and focused on the search.

Smoke surrounded him as if he was being boiled.

“Yin Sever Liquid first.” He said softly: “You gave up your life for something and I shall drag it back to find out.”

Despite her immense power, she still lost her life here. No, she deliberately did so in order to tell Li Qiye something.

With that, he sealed the corpse and entered a great realm blessed by the fortunes of the world.

It looked like an immortal paradise with incredible cities. The sounds of the dao could be heard everywhere, allowing its inhabitants to accomplish magnificent feats.

Heavenly flowers and laws hovered in the air. Comprehension was extremely easy here, making this the pinnacle of all treasure lands.

“Boom!” A supreme god immediately stopped Li Qiye from entering.

“The Realm of Blessed lies before you, Fellow Daoist. A disaster approaches for His Venerable, please leave.” The god had a resonating voice.

“I am not interested in Blessed or his disaster, I will leave after getting one thing.” Li Qiye smiled in response.

“What is it?” The god stared intensely at Li Qiye.

“Yin Sever Aqua, I know that he has a bottle.” Li Qiye smiled.

The god's expression changed as he raised his voice: "This water separates life and death, it is not for you. Leave!"

"I'm not asking." Li Qiye said.

"Boom!" The god activated his power and trapped the area into an endless cycle.

"Stop!" Someone arrived on the scene and raised a badge: "Blessed has given the order for you to stop!"

The god glanced at the badge and then at Li Qiye before disappearing from sight.

The newcomer smiled at Li Qiye and bowed: "I thought I would be able to see you again, but not this soon."

She normally had a stoic expression but was happy to see him. She was none other than Lin Mo - an ancient ancestor of True Immortal and Blessed Dao Lord's younger sister.

"You found your older brother." Li Qiye smiled.

"I owe it to you, Young Noble." She responded and led him inside the city.

There were many top cultivators along the way but Li Qiye was not interested. He always wore a natural and calm expression regardless of time and place.

“My older brother will not be able to leave his isolated training due to the impending disaster.” She said.

“I’m not here to see him, I want his bottle of Yin Sever Aqua.” Li Qiye said.

The top cultivators became annoyed after hearing this. They were the lords of this region yet Li Qiye showed them zero respect.

In fact, even the representatives of Celestial Court and Immortal City wouldn’t dare to be arrogant here.

As for Li Qiye, he was sitting on the throne itself while making unreasonable demands.

“Young Noble, we shall give it to you.” Lin Mo agreed since she understood her brother very well.

“Good.” Li Qiye didn’t hold back since he wanted the bottle regardless of the method.

This was a priceless treasure capable of separating life and death. Numerous cultivators in the six continents wanted it but Blessed was the only one. Of course, it took untold effort as well.

“My brother only has this bottle.” Lin Mo returned and handed it to Li Qiye.

“I’ll take it.” Li Qiye nodded.

Anyone else would have needed to pay an immeasurable price for the bottle regardless of their power and status. Alas, Li Qiye was an exception.

“Where will you go next, Young Noble?” She asked.

“Need a few more items to save someone.” He smiled.

“It must be someone special to warrant your involvement.” Despite her short time with Li Qiye, she knew that he always finished his mission.

Therefore, she agreed to the matter right away to avoid any complications. Moreover, she also witnessed him killing the overlords. It would be foolish to go against him.

“Staying here is not a bad choice for you.” He said.

“Yes, I’ve made some progress and might start over.” She nodded.

“It’ll be a long road.” He became interested.

Due to her impressive cultivation, breaking the foundation and starting over again would be far from easy. Moreover, there was a high chance of failure so most would never take the risk.

“I must in order to go even farther. Otherwise, my disaster will come soon.” She said.

“Commendable determination.” He said: “Very well, I won’t take your bottle for nothing, I will bestow a fortune in return.”

“Buzz.” His eyes became piercing as he gathered power to deliver a supreme law into her body, paying back the favor.

Chapter 5128: True Bear Peak

He arrived at the upper two continents next, entering a remote region with endless mountains and bestial auras.

He looked around and noticed the tallest peak out of them all, looking rather imposing and magnificent.

“Extraordinary.” He said with a smile while sensing the aura of this land.

“Mmm, not bad, decent enlightenment.” He commented.

He came searching for a coffin. Just the Yin Sever Aqua from Lin Mo alone was not enough. This particular coffin was famous and already had a master who was versed in hiding.

Along the way, a group with an impressive aura blocked his path. Given their appearance, they were no ordinary robbers.

“Heavenly Sword has business here, scram.” A heavenser shouted at Li Qiye.

“Is this Heavenly Sword’s territory?” Li Qiye asked with a smile.

“It will be soon enough. We are taking True Bear for the Heaven Alliance!” Another shouted.

“Be quiet.” The leader of the group told them.

“Leave, now!” The first repeated.

“Kill him, it’s about to start.” The leader ordered.

“Die, brat!” A member of the group unsheathed his saber and slashed powerfully, releasing gales along the path.

Li Qiye didn’t bat an eye and flicked the attacker into a bloody mist.

“Who are you?!” The leader and the others became alarmed, immediately readying their weapon.

“Just a passerby who will be sending you all on a journey as well.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Kill him!” The leader made a seal with both hands and attacked. The others did the same.

Li Qiye flicked his finger again, killing all of them before they could scream.

A few seconds after, horns could be heard from the highest peaks along with constant drumming.

“Who dares to invade our mountain?!” Great demons appeared on the ridges and hills - a winged serpent flew to the air, another tiger rode the winds, and an ape smashed its chest...

Majestic demon auras engulfed the region right away since True Bear was a demon lineage. To its east was Dao Alliance and to the west was Heaven Alliance.

Its name came from a mighty bear demon who became the lord of this area. He was exceptional enough to become a conqueror later.

Initially, this wilderness didn't have a name and served as a buffer zone between the two opposing alliances. Once it became an actual lineage, it was left in a difficult situation.

“Boom!” A blinding light came from above due to the emergence of a battleship.

“Heaven Alliance's hounds!” Many demons leaped into the air to attack the intruders.

“Commence the assault!” Well-equipped experts from the ship jumped down to face them. All were at least at the sovereign level.

Elders and ancestors unleashed their treasures and burned the demons.

“Ahhh!” Fire seemed to be the right affinity to deal with demons.

“Clank!” A gigantic sword decapitated three powerful demon monarchs with haste.

A divine seal descended and despite the effort of the demons pushing upward, it still crashed down and exploded. Heavy casualties came from this move alone.

“You’re dead, dogs!” The upper echelon of True Bear fought back.

The ape smashed numerous disciples on the other side to a pulp. The serpent spewed out miasma, reducing the enemies into rotten liquid. The tiger traveled with incredible speed, decapitating Heavenly Sword’s disciples in the blink of an eye.

Alas, they were eventually surrounded by the sovereigns from the other side. The latter possessed the finest weapons and treasures, allowing them to take down demons easily.

Li Qiye stood on a peak and observed the fierce battle, aware that Heavenly Sword was gaining ground. The demons eventually retreated to the highest peak.

“Boom!” A maelstrom appeared with the force of a conqueror.

It pulsed outward and traveled ten thousand miles in the blink of an eye, obliterating the weaker attackers.

The powerful sovereigns roared, pinning their sword into the ground for stability.

“Heavenly Sword!” A voice wielding the power of a conqueror scared the hell out of them.

A bear claw stretched out of the maelstrom and was accompanied by torrents of dao laws. Their targets were the sovereigns.

“Take it down!” The ancestors summoned a gigantic sword again to slash the claw. Despite its power, they couldn’t stop a conqueror.

“Ahh!” The shockwaves from the claw alone killed one sovereign after another.

The number advantage didn’t matter here since the disparity between the two realms was insurmountable. Next came the elders and ancestors falling under the sheer pressure.

Thousands of members died just like that once a conqueror joined the battlefield.

“Clank! Clank! Clank!” Up above, a sword of ocean formed on top of the battleship. Energy swords rained down and massacred countless demons.

Chapter 5129: Slaughter Blade

The aftermath consisted of demons being crucified on the peaks.

“Break!” The conqueror sent his energy waves toward the ocean of swords.

“Clank!” The swords came together for another ultimate slash, capable of splitting an ocean into two.

“Boom!” This obliterated the maelstrom, revealing a bloody figure.

“True Bear Conqueror!” Both sides became emotional to see a conqueror.

Alas, the demons were alarmed due to the visible wounds.

On the other side, the swords disappeared and were replaced by an old man. He stroked his white beard while everyone avoided looking at his domineering eyes.

“Soaring Sword Monarch!” True Bear Conqueror’s expression changed after seeing the opponent.

He then reverted to his original form - a colossal black bear. His black fur draped down like waterfalls.

Alas, his aura was clearly weaker than the old man’s sword energy. The strands rampaged like true dragons as he stood there.

Soaring Sword Monarch was an ancient ancestor of Heavenly Sword with six sacred fruits.

“Why are you attacking our mountain?!” True Bear roared furiously, causing all listeners to tremble in fear.

Only the powerful sovereigns could withstand his aura, albeit barely.

“Isn’t it rather obvious?” The monarch responded: “You refused the recruitment call, so we shall not show mercy.”

“Members of True Bear will not be controlled by anyone.” The conqueror’s eyes exuded incredible flames.

“Hence our current situation.” The monarch was not affected by his aura.

“Die then!” The conqueror realized that there was nothing else to discuss and immediately swung his claw forward.

The sheer destruction obliterated the peaks nearby along with the weaker attackers.

“Hmph.” The monarch stopped the devastating claw with a slash and added more power to it.

“Clank!” It severed all affinities in its path, forcing True Bear to use his weapon - a staff as large as a mountain range.

“Rumble!” The latter parried the slash but staggered several steps backward.

“Skysmasher!” The conqueror spun his staff wildly and caused serious damage to the terrain, ready for another attack.

“Slaughter Blade!” The monarch utilized a rain of swords to combat the staff before delivering the main swing.

“Bam!” It cut the conqueror, forcing him down to the ground while vomiting blood.

“Clank!” The monarch pointed his blade at the fallen combatant.

“Conqueror, being smart is a virtue.” He declared his victory.

“You wish to recruit me?” The conqueror showed no sign of submission despite losing.

“Heaven Alliance is always recruiting capable cultivators. If you join us, your future will be limitless. You will gain more dao fruits in just a short time.” The monarch said.

Heaven was one of the four major alliances in the upper continents. It represented Celestial Court and had many conquerors and dao lords on its side.

“I’m not interested.” The conqueror proudly refused.

“I know you are close to Windchaser Conqueror and Divine Alliance but they will not be able to help you. Times are changing there.” The monarch snorted.

“What are you saying?” The conqueror’s eyes narrowed.

He was a bear demon who took several hundred thousand years of cultivation before becoming a conqueror. He only had one dao fruit at the start and has yet to gain another.

Some conquerors and dao lords could seize twelve dao fruits at the same while others were stuck with one for their whole life.

As for True Bear, he was not from a powerful lineage and lacked resources. There was a long way to go for him before becoming competitive with the high number of conquerors found in the upper continents.

“Principle Conqueror has abdicated. The guardian of Divine Alliance is now Sword Sea Dao Lord.” The monarch revealed.

“Brother Principle abdicated?” The conqueror didn’t expect this.

Since he had cultivated for a long time, he had met many important figures - one of them being Principle Conqueror.

The guardian role was only second to the alliance leader, so Principle was rather famous and prestigious.

He was certainly one of the strongest conquerors right now, hence his position. The legend regarding him stated that he was only a regular disciple of Dao Alliance.

He trained and trained to only be at the elementary level at the age of eighty. Even his descendants surpassed him. Three thousand years later, his sons were dragon lords already. However, the slowest one in the family didn't give up and eventually became a conqueror.

This achievement didn't slow down his ambition and determination. Twelve fruits and prestige became his rewards.

In terms of time, True Bear actually spent more time cultivating than Principle. Of course, his circumstances were even tougher.

The two of them met by chance in the past. Since they shared similar struggles, they became close to one another.

This played a large part in why True Bear Mountain remained standing despite being located in a perilous situation. Moreover, he was also friends with Windchaser Conqueror.

Alas, they were finally under attack today by Heaven Alliance since their backer has abdicated.

Of course, True Bear was shaken not because of this. True conquerors didn't rely on anyone; it's just that this had serious implications.

Principle has been in charge for a long time now. This abdication signaled a storm rising on the horizon.

True Bear understood why Heavenly Sword picked this moment to attack them.

Chapter 5130: Swift

“Conqueror, join us, we shall build something great together.” The monarch asked again.

“I have no interest in your alliance and definitely no love for your guardian. Come back later when there is someone else in charge.” True Bear laughed.

“I’m afraid you won’t be able to wait until then. If you refuse, True Bear Mountain shall be no more.” The monarch’s tone became threatening.

“Rise and fall are inevitable.” True Bear said: “I will not join Heaven Alliance.”

“So be it, I will send you on your way then.” The monarch uttered coldly.

With that, a sword ray shot into the sky and illuminated the region. From then, it split into numerous strands of sword energy and began striking the mountain range.

“Ahh!” The demon survivors were no longer as lucky.

They tried everything and couldn’t survive the slashes. Gigantic demons were decapitated and dismembered. Blood gushed into the air before raining down and forming rivers.

Though many of these demon monarchs were powerful, they still couldn’t touch a dragon lord and met their demise.

“Raa!” True Bear Conqueror roared and grew larger in size, releasing all of his power. His laws turned into a great barrier in order to stop the rampant sword energies.

Alas, his full power still couldn’t protect his followers from being slaughtered. In fact, due to his larger frame, he was struck the most. Deep gashes could be seen all over his body.

“Activate!” True Bear spewed out a moon. It floated up into the air and became resplendent.

His dao fruit activated like a blossoming lotus to empower the moon, causing it to become several times stronger. The stars in the sky paled in comparison.

“Lunar Salutation!” He utilized his supreme grand dao in order to slow his enemy down.

As the rays of the moon descended, anyone caught would become petrified. Some tried to run; others used their defensive treasures. Alas, no one could stop the petrification process. They turned into statues first before crumbling into pieces.

The sword rays from the monarch were also petrified. However, its master was a six-fruit dragon lord so he wasn’t afraid.

“Soaring Immortal Slash!” The monarch roared and pierced through the conqueror’s laws instantly.

The moonlight capable of slowing down time receded from the battlefield, unable to withstand the trajectory of the sword thrust.

“Boom!” Even the moon itself was pierced through completely. Next was the conqueror’s chest.

The pale conqueror fell to the ground. This was the monarch’s strongest move and he couldn’t stop it.

Nonetheless, he still survived due to his dao fruit - damaged yet still around.

The monarch looked down at the dying demon and said: “It is not too late to surrender.”

“Ha...haha...” The conqueror struggled and got back on his feet. He shouted: “I, True Bear, would rather die than become a hound for Heaven Alliance!”

The monarch’s eyes flashed coldly as he didn’t show any mercy. He tossed his sword in the air and it automatically performed the finishing move.

“Clank!” This was enough to split the conqueror’s dao fruit and body into two halves.

In this crucial moment, Li Qiye smiled and flicked his finger.

“Clank!” The divine sword in the air was repelled by an ultimate force. Soaring Sword Monarch was sent flying as well.

This gave True Bear enough time to run toward the mountain range and disappear from sight.

“We’re leaving!” Soaring Sword Monarch spat out blood and decided to flee instead of pursuing his target.

The survivors from Heavenly Sword flew back to their battleship for a full retreat.

It didn’t take long for peace to return to True Bear Mountain. Alas, the stench of blood remained.

Broken peaks, dismembered corpses, rivers of blood...the magnificent sect was no more.

The surviving demons also ran from their home. Only insignificant and young demons lingered around. They wouldn’t be able to revitalize the sect.

Li Qiye observed the destruction while shaking his head. As he was leaving, a middle-aged swordsman appeared above the region.

“I’m too late, True Bear is finished. Heaven Alliance was swift this time.” He wore a cowl, only revealing his jade-like skin and exceedingly bright eyes.