

Emperor 5301

Chapter 5301: Face Smash

Inside the tavern, Li Qiye raised an eyebrow while the old man seemed to have remembered something.

"I..." He slammed the table and immediately stood up.

He appeared before Jue Xian'er and startled everyone including the Immortal Emperors.

"This is mine." He snatched the armor away from the chains and hugged it as if it was his own child.

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" Something miraculous happened - the armor set actually attached to his body.

A magnificent visual phenomenon appeared before everyone - the appearance of an ocean large enough to drown the entire six continents. The waves could reach high enough to immediately extinguish the sun.

A moon floated above the ocean and added a silvery glow to the water, occasionally embraced by the high waves.

The middle-aged man became a paragon capable of shouldering the high heaven despite not possessing any aura.

"This is..." Guan Feng and Ming Du observed this transformation and became emotional.

All the emperors recalled a particular figure at the same time.

"Shit, shit..." In a distant place, Firmament Godchild saw this and cursed: "He got tricked by that damned crow again. Fuck, I will not fuse together again and work like an ox for the crow, not in this lifetime, pah."

He gritted his teeth and stomped the ground, wanting to leave. After all, he was living a great life. There was no need to work so hard again. Moreover, nothing good would come from being together with the crow, only repression and frustration.

"Hand it over!" Jue Xian'er demanded the artifact and attacked with Immortal Piercer.

The chain could seal anything, even the strongest known cultivator. It had never failed her before since it possessed the ability to seal more than just physical entities.

"Clank!" Someone appeared in the direction of the chain and somehow grabbed it.

Keep in mind that the chain had a special property of traveling through everything before locking the target. It would trap the soul for eternity if necessary.

However, when this hand touched it, it became softer and immobilized like a caught snake.

Everyone looked over and saw that the person grabbing the chain was none other than Li Qiye.

“Ah?!” Ming Du staggered backward after taking a good look at Li Qiye.

Yang Sheng and Guan Feng’s eyes became wide open, wondering what the hell they were looking at.

“You!” Jue Xian’er became murderous after seeing him.

“A little girl shouldn’t be so violent.” Li Qiye glanced at her before pulling hard on the chain and swinging it.

This slammed her to the ground and made her see stars. However, she still didn’t let go of the chain.

“You.” Li Qiye ignored her and stared at Immortal Emperor Ming Du.

“Yeah, me.” Ming Du let out a dry laugh before assuming a stance: “Watch my move!”

He stood on one foot and executed a “white crane spreading its wings”. This ordinary martial art move had quite an imposing presence when done by him.

“Scram!” Li Qiye strongly swung the chain in the direction of the “white crane”.

“Bam!” This move couldn’t stop the legendary chain from smashing Ming Du in the face, causing blood and flesh to splash.

The emperor who got sent flying didn’t dare to linger behind and used the momentum to escape into the horizon.

Spectators couldn’t believe it - a famous and supreme emperor from Heaven Alliance lost after one move and decided to run?

However, they were shocked at Li Qiye’s power too. Easily stopping Immortal Piercer and defeating Immortal Emperor Ming Du?

Meanwhile, Lesser Firmament shook violently. The fog inside seemed to be furious, on the verge of escaping refinement.

It headed straight in the direction of the middle-aged man who was wearing Moon Embrace.

The latter didn’t care for anything. He glared at the fog and shouted: “What are you looking at?! This is mine, don’t even dream about it!”

“Boom!” The fog became livid and unleashed a force capable of crushing everything.

“Crash!” The crystal walls crumbled and the fog turned into a dragon claw aiming straight at the man.

Li Qiye focused up and ran into the fog, disappearing from sight.

The top cultivators nearby couldn't believe what they saw next - the rampaging fog suddenly receded like the tides and retreated back to Lesser Firmament.

"What?!" Most had a serious expression after seeing this

Ferocity was one exception. He didn't care about the sinners and the fog, only Moon Embrace.

"Hand it over!" He shouted.

"Heaven Alliance should be in charge of it." Lantern Conqueror's eyes lit up.

"Nonsense!" Heaven Hammer raised his titular weapon, causing the battleground to shake.

"Hmph, it's about time to fight." Immortal Emperor Yang Sheng stood up and released his imperial aura.

Chapter 5302: Paragon

The black fog resembled an endless ocean - a world of eternal darkness and damnation.

Inside were flashing lightning bolts - not the ones seen in heavenly tribulations. They seemed to be the marks of this dark world, leaving indelible scars behind. Since there was nothing but darkness, the spatial scars were the only way to tell direction.

The dark force could turn anyone into its slave including the most magnificent gods. However, a balance existed at the very core of the darkness - another supreme power preventing it from spreading.

This second force could bring peace to myriad worlds, completely unshakable. Not even time itself could erase it.

Alas, the darkness continued to erode this power, wanting to release its wrath against the entire cosmos fully. Utter damnation seemed inevitable.

Li Qiye activated his primordial light while walking through the darkness. This affinity had existed since the start of the world, dating back to the primordial chaos.

It spanned from the past to the future, acting like a guiding lamp through this darkness. Therefore, the corrosive force couldn't get close to him.

He made his way through one dimension after another, surpassing the chaotic darkness and eventually reaching the source.

He saw a man whose back alone was larger than the worlds themselves. The man suddenly turned around and revealed a pair of eyes engulfed in darkness. The dark rays coming from them could devour all existence.

“Stop, return to your former self.” Li Qiye spoke and sent out runic words, attempting to stabilize the man and clear his mind.

“Boom!” The runes floated around him and an immortal light erupted. The all-devouring darkness was instantly suppressed, giving time for the man to regain his sanity and true self.

His original form showed itself once more - the very center of the universe. The celestial bodies trembled in submission. Emperors and gods from all realms bowed in reverence.

With a mere raise of his hand, he could change the course of history. The word “invincible” was created solely for him.

This was no stranger to Li Qiye. However, there was an eye-catching difference - a palmprint deep on the man’s chest, seemingly having shattered it previously.

It was so dark that it appeared translucent, containing the purest dark essences. Staring at it was no different than staring at a bottomless abyss; the souls would be pulled in instantly. This was the source of darkness and the fog.

Dark strands from the deep wound oozed out, intending on corroding and devouring the man’s flesh and blood.

Upon closer inspection, there were certain dao marks embedded into the dark palmprint. They belonged to supreme emperors and monarchs, intending to seal the darkness to stop the devouring process.

Li Qiye scowled after seeing the injury. The two then fixed gazes and Li Qiye entered his mind. The divine intents and his original power remained. However, there was only one soul left.

“Two souls are gone, you must recall them in order to become yourself again. That is the only way to heal this injury.” Li Qiye said.

The man sat down, causing worlds to move in the same direction. Li Qiye sat down as well.

“They’ve made their choices. Leave them be, they will return if they wish to.” The man spoke calmly despite the constant struggle with the darkness.

“The souls separating is an abnormal occurrence.” Li Qiye shook his head.

The man chuckled and raised his hand, summoning the best fragrant tea for the two.

“I was ambushed and only managed to suppress it with everyone’s help.” The man took a sip and continued: “Later on, the girl destroyed her own dao and started over again, coming up with a better method of suppression. Unfortunately, it wasn’t at the everlasting level so my souls scattered. We managed to seal the hand still but not my souls.” The man said.

“She was too hasty. Even with anima and the innate primordial dao fruit, the dao heart needs to be firm as well before removing this technique.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“Yes, she did lack patience and restraint. Nonetheless, everyone else remained and continued to suppress the seal.” The man said.

“Just need the two souls back and you can do it yourself.” Li Qiye said.

The man chuckled in response. His charismatic smile would outmatch even the most handsome man in the world.

“They’re me. If they don’t want to return, it means that I am unwilling.” He said.

“That’s right, you’ve endured so much already so they do not want to return.” Li Qiye nodded.

“And it will continue.” The two were satisfied to be able to sit here and drink together after such a long period.

“I might be able to remove it so that the souls will return.” Li Qiye stared at the palmprint.

“It’s not that simple, and no rush. The situation looks fine with you here.” The man shook his head.

“I don’t want to take the blame for this any longer.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Eras have passed in the blink of an eye yet I still endure with this broken body. It is still of use so what’s a little longer?” He said.

“They kept on scolding me for putting you in this situation. Now, I don’t know if it was my fault or if you made me the scapegoat.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but laugh.

Chapter 5303: Uncontrollable Pieces

"It's no big deal, just another boulder on top of many." The man poured another cup for Li Qiye.

"Your suffering continues." Li Qiye sighed.

"One wrong move and that's it, all the planning after many eras will be for naught. Can you wait that long again?" He asked.

"I'm afraid my patience is running out." The gleam in Li Qiye's eyes could destroy all realms.

"Only one step left, and we're here to help." He said.

"Indeed." Li Qiye sipped the tea and said softly: "Everything is going well?"

"The bait has been taken by most." He said with a serious expression: "Not quite perfect yet though, Primogenitor hasn't swallowed the bait fully."

"So a little more nudging." Li Qiye said.

"What about Evolution?" He paused for a bit before asking.

"That's the interesting part. If all the fish have swallowed the bait, Evolution is not far." Li Qiye said.

"Don't forget that this is one of the smartest beings." He said sincerely.

"Yes, but also crazy." Li Qiye said: "Crazy people love crazy events, and once they're caught in their own frenzy, they'll become overconfident."

"We still have to be sure that the baits are irresistible." He remained cautious.

Li Qiye nodded in agreement: "Just have to help them bite a bit harder and then we can pull the net."

"We cannot afford to make a single mistake." He realized how important the mission was.

"You'll have to keep enduring then." Li Qiye said.

"Someone has to take up the hard jobs and plus, I don't have the worst one. The brat is the one suffering the most." The man said with a wry smile.

"Yes, it's a noble sacrifice." Li Qiye contemplated for a bit before nodding.

"He willingly chose to do so and must endure the consequences. It will be justified in the end." He said.

"Don't worry, this won't be for nothing once we pull the net." Li Qiye said confidently.

“Trinity is dealt with, what about everyone else?” He wasn’t as optimistic.

“It is indeed a problem. I do have an idea, it just needs further polishing. Voracious Leviathan and Epoch’s End must be dragged into this as well.” Li Qiye said.

“What if they know better? Then all of our efforts would have been in vain.” He remained worried.

“Once we make it that far, it won’t be up to them.” Li Qiye said confidently.

“We must destroy all of them in one go.” He nodded.

“We need a big bait for all the big fish, and Trinity will do.” Li Qiye said.

“Any other potential complication?” He asked.

Li Qiye gazed deep into space and said: “Twilight Hunter.”

He became tense after hearing this name and murmured: “The supreme hunter...”

“It will be fine, I’ll be able to handle anyone. I’m just afraid that they won’t come.” Li Qiye said.

“He hasn’t appeared in a long time, there are no trails left. Who knows if he is still around?” He responded.

“Others might have disappeared for a multitude of reasons, but not Twilight Hunter. The question is, is this worth his time and effort?” Li Qiye said.

“It’s been so long since the matter of Divine Ancestor. I don’t think the patient Twilight Hunter will take the risk.” He shook his head.

“We will just have to make it impossible to resist.” Li Qiye said.

“This won’t work, you will not be able to lure him out. The problem is that in this epoch, you are the absolute master, not to mention you are a returner from above. It doesn’t matter how delicious you are, Twilight Hunter will just wait for you to leave. Other meals might not be as delightful but still enough to satiate his appetite.” He disagreed.

“That’s the crux of the problem.” Li Qiye smiled: “The best of feasts is too obvious, he will wonder if it’s a trap.”

“What can we do then? Even if we get rid of everyone else, Twilight Hunter will always be there.” He said.

“We’ll kill them all, Leviathan, Epoch’s End, and Twilight Hunter. I won’t allow these insects to linger in my epoch.” Li Qiye said with murderous intent and conviction before pausing for a bit.

“Well, I do have a plan.” Li Qiye stroked his chin and said: “We already have incredible baits, it’s about the execution.”

“He will not do anything with you around.” He said.

“Don’t be so sure, the baits from beyond the heaven are just too enticing. Be ready for some surprises.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“Perhaps.” He didn’t wish to be pessimistic any longer.

The two of them drank the tea quietly for a while before the man asked: “So what happened? Who is this unknown guest? This wasn’t part of your plan.”

Li Qiye sighed and shook his head: “Even the most perfect plan will have some flaws revealed with due time. I’m not sure if I would have done anything differently.”

“You know now, and you have made a deal.” He speculated.

“Not yet, but time waits for no one.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“The end of one game is the start of another, when will it end?” He asked.

Li Qiye took his time thinking before replying: “It is getting closer. Maybe the answer will be there after two more games.”

“And this epoch?” He asked.

"I planted the tree not for the fruits. If there are fruits, they belong to the tree, not me." Li Qiye shrugged.

"Who will guard this tree and its fruits then?" He asked with a solemn expression.

"The tree is fully grown and the fruits are ripe, the insects will be removed as well. I don't want to be a gardener or a savior forever." Li Qiye smiled.

He pondered for a bit before staring at Li Qiye: "You are willing to do so?"

"That's the difference between you and me. You wish to shoulder the heaven while I am only passing by, anything else is a byproduct of my goal." Li Qiye responded.

"This is your home." He said.

"It is, but I won't be here forever." Li Qiye nodded.

"What about her?" He asked.

"I have done what I should and carried out my promise. The future will be as she desires." Li Qiye said softly.

"She is no longer around now." His tone became aggressive.

"If she is still alive, I will make sure that she'll be around." Li Qiye took a sip of tea.

"You're a bastard." He scolded.

"Not the first time I've heard this from you, I don't mind." Li Qiye smiled wryly.

"Hmph." He was clearly dissatisfied with Li Qiye.

"I'm just a passerby, it doesn't matter who they are." Li Qiye earnestly said.

Chapter 5304: Who May You Be?

"Boom!" Meanwhile, a devastating battle raged on outside of Lesser Firmament.

Xiao Qingtian, Heaven Hammer Conqueror, and their legion wanted to seize Moon Embrace from the man. They were promptly stopped by the old servant who resembled an unbreakable fortress.

Everyone gasped after seeing this, wondering about his actual identity. He was fighting against some impressive foes yet he had no problem stopping them.

The list included a twelve-fruit dragon lord and an eight-fruit conqueror. This was utterly inconceivable.

As for the middle-aged man, he happily rubbed the armor just like a young master receiving a new robe for the New Year celebration - one beautiful and made from the softest silk.

He laughed heartily like a child without knowing why he was so excited. All in all, it felt that the armor was just right when attached to his body.

Of course, others expected this out of him. After all, they would be acting the same way after wearing an immortal armament. In fact, some might be even crazier.

"Who may you be?" Heaven Hammer, on the other hand, focused on the old servant - the person preventing everyone from getting close to Moon Embrace.

"I am my lord's servant." The old servant didn't state his name.

Everyone thought that he must be someone with twelve dao fruits, either a conqueror or dao lord. Of course, he could be an emperor or monarch with twelve wills as well.

Why would such an invincible master subject himself to being someone else's servant?

"Boom!" On the other side, Immortal Emperor Yang Sheng utilized the power of his Heaven's Wills to fight against Godcloud and Lantern's group.

"That's all you can do?" He said domineeringly.

Members of the crowd admired him, not only for his power but also for his hotheaded youthfulness. It was nice to “be” young” despite being from the previous epoch.

In reality, he should have one foot in the grave while Lantern and Godcloud were the young ones.

The young geniuses observed him and hoped that they could be the same way during their last years.

“Rumble!” The fog suddenly returned and invaded Lesser Firmament again, wanting to break down the crystal walls.

“Seal!” The masters inside initiated their sealing formation once more.

However, the fog surged upward and broke through the containment.

“Shit!” Yang Sheng and Guan Feng retreated and joined the fray, channeling the power of their Heaven’s Wills.

Unfortunately, this proved to be insufficient. The emperors were sent flying as something seemed to be awakening - an unstoppable giant capable of toppling the world.

It destroyed the wall before its path and finally escaped. The sky turned dark afterward; no power under heaven could stop it now.

“What the hell is it?!” Everyone became frightened after seeing this seemingly-alive fog. It finally escaped its prison in Lesser Firmament.

“Boom!” It opened a majestic portal with pulsing waves capable of destroying the upper continents.

Dragon lords and conquerors became frozen after sensing its might. They saw an ashen world beyond with nothing but the grand dao in their initial forms.

Dao rivers flowed toward the unknown. There were no concepts of time and space here, no distance and coordinates either. Common sense and worldly rules didn’t apply here.

“Ultimate!” Spectators recognized it - one of the four broken realms.

This fog was something else - capable of opening a portal to this forbidden zone.

Back in Imperial Attendant City, Suppression Conqueror had opened a portal to Redflood World. However, it required a specific method, unlike the fog. The disparity in power was rather obvious.

Lightning bolts from illusory stars descended from space, traveling through time itself. They bombarded the fog and caused it to bellow in pain.

However, despite being pinned by the lightning bolts, it still leaped up and entered the portal.

Chapter 5305: Leaving So Soon?

The fog entered the portal and became part of its chaotic dao, suddenly disappearing from sight.

"That was Illumination Conqueror." Meanwhile, a crowd member talked about the attack prior from the stars.

Everyone wondered if those lighting bolts were enough to injure and potentially kill the fog. However, this seemed rather unlikely since it had enough power to escape the seal from numerous ancient emperors and monarchs.

Nonetheless, he did leave an intimidating impression on everyone since they saw how impressive that attack was earlier. Among the current generation, only a few beings could actually take him on.

"The dregs have been taken care of, withdraw." Illumination Conqueror's voice echoed across the battlefield, clearly not intending on dragging out this mess with Lesser Firmament.

"Clank!" A gong could be heard from Heaven Alliance.

"We're withdrawing." Lantern obeyed the command and told the others.

It seemed that the sinner had entered Ultimate, there was no need for them to fight Lesser Firmament now.

"Why is everyone leaving so soon?" Someone spoke as the forces were on the verge of withdrawing.

Everyone looked back and saw Li Qiye walking out of Lesser Firmament with a chilling expression - that he was in a bad mood and was about to take it out on them.

The forces stopped in their track, staring at Li Qiye.

“Sir.” Immortal Emperor Guan Feng and Immortal Emperor Yang Sheng came over and bowed. However, this didn’t improve Li Qiye’s mood.

“Commit suicide and spare yourself from a worse fate.” Li Qiye glared at Xiao Qingtian and the others.

The crowd gasped upon hearing this. The observers exchanged glances of confusion.

Guan Feng and Yang Sheng didn’t dare to say anything, quietly backing off. Unfortunately, the others didn’t possess the same knowledge regarding Li Qiye.

“Are you telling us to commit suicide?” Lantern’s eyes became ablaze.

His group had never experienced something like this before given their personal power and influence. In fact, even Illumination Conqueror couldn’t tell them to do so because the killing would require considerable effort.

The dao fruits were virtually indestructible. This was especially true for those with ten fruits and up.

“My patience is limited.” Li Qiye responded.

“He’s even crazier than I am! Men, destroy him!” Ferocity commanded.

The soldiers from the tower behind him rushed forward - giants, demons, river beasts...

Their march caused the ground to quake violently.

"Give it here." Li Qiye reached for Jue Xian'er.

She became startled and let out a battle cry. Given her current cultivation, her voice alone could destroy stars.

However, he easily caught her as if she was a helpless chicken and took the chain away.

"Clank!" He extended it fully with both hands and glanced at the incoming dragon lords and demons.

"Whoosh!" He swung the chain and dismembered them from the waist horizontally.

"Ahh!" Blood splashed everywhere.

Their true fate and sacred fruits flew into the sky and activated their power. However, the chain grew longer and pierced through all of them, looking like a meat skewer.

He then slammed it vertically against the legion of Heaven Alliance.

“Prepare for battle!” Godcloud shouted.

“Kill, kill, kill!” The legion members roared thunderously and formed a grand formation.

It assumed the image of an endless land with countless dao and murderous potential. Alas, this meant nothing because the now-gigantic chain obliterated them.

“Ahh!” These dragon lords and sovereigns were reduced to a field of smashed berries. Having the number advantage didn’t help them here.

The massacre horrified the crowd but the chain didn’t stop there. It headed for the thirteen famous dragon lords under Heaven Hammer Conqueror.

They were courageous veterans and didn’t run from battle. Their sacred fruits appeared and formed a line in order to stop the chain.

The fruits exploded upon contact and the chain went on to destroy the dragon lords in their avatar form.

Chapter 5306: Lantern Tribulation

The magical artifact known as Immortal Piercer was used as a simple iron chain, pulverizing three different forces as if they were as fragile as chicken eggs.

The legion of Heaven Alliance, the thirteen dragon lords under Heaven Hammer, and the soldiers of the tower were all battle-hardened warriors. Alas, they stood no chance against Li Qiye's brutality. The number of eggs didn't matter when they were being thrown at a rock.

Big shots and famous dragon lords trembled uncontrollably while staring at the carnage. Weaker cultivators lost control of their body. Some ancestors fell butt-first to the ground, traumatized.

"Die!" Xiao Qingtian summoned his twelve sacred fruits, granting him the power to connect with heaven and borrow its power.

He became a god as he channeled the dao to attack Li Qiye. The sky behind him turned into a seal with an unstoppable momentum.

"Immovable Azure!" He roared as he unleashed an attack fully empowered by his sacred fruits.

This was enough to obliterate a country in the blink of an eye. On the opposing side, the chain simply made a slight arc to isolate Li Qiye from all other domains.

The seal scared the hell out of spectators but couldn't make it through the chain before dispersing.

"Whoosh!" After stopping the seal, the pointed tip at the other end of the chain pierced Qingtian's chest in an instant.

He didn't realize what had happened until he looked down due to a sharp pain. He then saw the chain piercing through him, swaying back and forth like a spirit snake.

He decided to abandon his body and attempted a self-implosion so that the true fate along with the sacred fruits could escape.

Unfortunately, this plan didn't work because the chain prevented the implosion and trapped everything from running away.

"How dare you?!" Heaven Hammer Conqueror leaped forward for a vertical swing.

Space was smashed into nothingness. Chasms appeared on the ground from the sheer pressure. Everything within its area of effect turned to ashes. This was a worthy technique - he didn't shame his master, Illumination Conqueror.

"Bam!" Sparks splattered everywhere as Li Qiye blocked the hammer with a swing of the chain.

The result was akin to thousands of volcanoes erupting at the same time. The sparks illuminated the sky and temporarily blinded the audience.

The chain somehow destroyed the conqueror's renowned weapon that had slain numerous dragon lords and armies in the past.

Although it appeared to be a physical contact, the chain sent out enormous energy waves a split second before the actual impact. These waves made short work of the hammer.

"How can this be?!" The crowd bellowed in astonishment.

This hammer was crafted by the conqueror himself using rare metals from outer space. The tempering process included numerous sessions of lightning augmentation, resulting in impressive offensive and defensive potential.

Heaven Hammer had a terrible feeling before joining the fight and reacted quickly by fleeing. Alas, his impeccable speed wasn't as fast as the chain.

Though he was incalculably far away after a single step, the chain still impaled him by the chest.

"Lantern Tribulation!" Lantern Conqueror no longer considered him an enemy and decided to help.

"Buzz." He turned into a lantern and appeared above Li Qiye, moving too quickly for the crowd to see his actual transformation.

The lantern tilted and poured oil downward. The candle ignited flames along the pathway, resulting in a fiery torrent.

The intense heat melted time and space around Li Qiye. Everything became distorted and visibility was gone.

Chapter 5307: Barbecue

The conqueror was originally a lantern. He utilized his best technique and used his grand dao to summon a special flame.

Not to mention regular dragon lords and sovereigns, even conquerors and dao lords might not be able to endure it directly.

It could burn through the reincarnation cycle and even imperial treasures, reducing them to molten liquid. His peers were aware of this move and found it rather dreadful.

The distortion of space and time made escape virtually impossible. Thus, the target became trapped and burned alive.

However, as people activated their heavenly gaze to observe the flame ravaging Li Qiye, they unexpectedly found that he was perfectly fine.

Not even his clothes were burning. He looked to be enjoying himself as if embraced by pleasant sunlight.

“Impossible!” Lantern shouted in horror.

He has dominated for such a long time now. In fact, during Emperor War, he killed several dao lords and conquerors through this technique. This simply didn’t make sense to him.

However, his astonishment was replaced by a sense of danger. He stopped thinking and tried to run. Unfortunately, outrunning the chain was impossible so he became another meat on the skewer.

As for Godcloud, he had been gathering power and finally unleashed a wave of lightning straight at Li Qiye. The moment they made contact, they exploded and multiplied into more bolts, fully drowning him.

The explosions affected all of the upper continents, not just the battlefield. At first, the wave of lightning didn’t seem impressive until the chain reaction.

However, once the dust settled, Li Qiye still stood there - unharmed.

Godcloud couldn't believe what he was seeing. He reacted by summoning countless auspicious clouds.

"Again?" Spectators thought that if all of these clouds were to explode, the continent would suffer devastating damage.

Thus, the dragon lords standing nearby and even the conquerors and dao lords from a distance immediately retreated, not wanting to be dragged into this mess.

However, blood splashed first before the explosions from the clouds. Godcloud looked down and saw the chain piercing through his chest.

"Ahh!" He bellowed in pain before being dragged in the air by the chain just like the rest.

"Flaying your skin and removing your tendons is too much work, too gruesome as well. I'll just roast you then." Li Qiye said calmly.

The flame tribulation that was engulfing him suddenly traveled through the chain and started burning the four.

"Ahh!" Their screams echoed across the battlefield.

Even when they were at their peak state, they couldn't have stopped this unique flame. Now, due to their weakened condition from being impaled, they had no chance of stopping it.

No other option existed - not self-implosion or any escaping technique - since the chain had firmly pierced their true fate and fruits.

Lantern couldn't believe that after burning so many to death, he would be subjected to the same fate one day.

During the sizzles and cries, many also smelled the stench of roasted meat. This was quite a frightening delicacy - a skewer made of dragon lords and conquerors.

Eventually, the four muttered their last breath before being reduced to ashes in public.

Chapter 5308: Anyone Else Wishes To Entertain Me?

The victims were once dominating existences. Their death caused spectators to tremble in fear.

Although they weren't at the apex, they weren't far from it either. Alas, their final outcome was one of helplessness and despair.

Anyone who witnessed this in person would be traumatized forever. Even the big shots such as conquerors and dragon lords would have nightmares about it.

Worst of all, Li Qiye didn't use his own merit law from start to finish. He utilized Immortal Piercer like an iron chain before roasting everyone with Lantern's flames.

Three separate forces surrounded Lesser Firmament for an inquisition. Unfortunately, it ended so rapidly without Lesser Firmament getting involved.

Silence took over - Illumination Conqueror, Swordsea Dao Lord, and Supreme had no response. They clearly had qualms about participating in the battle.

There were only two lucky survivors - Immortal Emperor Ming Du who ran at the start and surprisingly enough, Ferocity who ran right after commanding his men to march forward.

Everyone always brought up his arrogance and love for battle. This didn't seem to be the case.

"Is anything true about Ferocity's reputation?" Many wondered. They heard about how he would always fight regardless of who the opponent was. Now, he seemed more like a coward who would run at the first sign of trouble.

They had more sympathy for Immortal Emperor Ming Du who did the same. After all, despite being an Immortal Emperor, he remained humble and polite throughout the conflict.

In fact, there was one other survivor - Jue Xian'er. She didn't actively antagonize Li Qiye and even stood on the sideline after her Immortal Piercer was taken away from her.

Her merciless reputation couldn't be questioned for she had proven it many times in the past. However, she didn't try to seize her weapon back and remained a neutral observer.

The truth was that she really wanted to teach Li Qiye a lesson. Alas, she was suppressed from the very start.

Immortal Piercer had never failed her before, always capable of sealing the fruits and the true fate. This allowed her to kill conquerors and dao lords. The issue was the difficulty in controlling it.

Ever since her dao debut, Immortal Piercer has been her primary weapon. Despite training with it for so long, sealing an opponent at the start remained challenging.

Therefore, she exercised caution despite possessing this unbeatable weapon. Using it meant expending a considerable amount of energy and vitality. Moreover, she lacked true expertise, unable to focus on both offense and defense.

If she could master it just like Li Qiye, she would be able to fight apex cultivators such as Supreme and All-things Dao Lord.

After witnessing Li Qiye in action, she started wondering whether he was the original master of the weapon while she had only picked it up on the street afterward. Thus, she knew better than to attack him carelessly lest risk dying to her own weapon.

This was proven to be the correct choice since he had no interest in Immortal Piercer and tossed it back to her.

She stood there in a daze after catching her beloved treasure. Everyone in this world desired Immortal Piercer due to its frightening offensive ability. Nonetheless, fear prevented most from maneuvering against her.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, didn't give a damn and tossed it away like a piece of scrap metal.

She didn't know how to feel about the situation, whether to feel insulted or merely astounded.

The remaining members of the crowd couldn't believe this outrageous act of generosity.

"Hmm, I feel a bit better. Anyone else wishes to entertain me?" Li Qiye looked around and asked.

No one dared to answer. Is this a joke? You killed conquerors and dragon lords just because your mood was foul? Do we have to send you our entire sect to kill for entertainment?

The losses suffered just now were serious even for the behemoths such as Heaven, Divine, and Azure. They didn't want to send anyone else to their death.

Chapter 5309: Blood-sucking Entity

Silence ensued since no one dared to provoke Li Qiye. Neutral spectators and hidden masters only observed in silence.

"Pop!" In a distant space, a barely audible noise sounded. This was akin to something opening their eyes or shifting their body ever so slightly.

The negligible change in sound and space couldn't be heard by anyone except Li Qiye. He turned in that direction and focused his gaze, piercing through the dimensions.

The unknown entity became afraid and immediately stopped moving, seemingly evaporating from thin air.

Li Qiye continued to scan for a bit before speaking: "We're leaving."

"I'm not going." The middle-aged man said.

"Where do you want to go then?" Li Qiye didn't expect this.

"I'm going home." The man happily patted Moon Embrace and his shrunken tavern before heading into Lesser Firmament.

"How come?" Li Qiye asked because the guy didn't wish to go to Lesser Firmament before.

"I'm in a great mood since First Brother is gone." The man responded, looking like an excited young master during the new year celebration.

Of course, everyone stared at him enviously. Who wouldn't want to be wearing Moon Embrace? There was nothing bad about being an idiot young master if it meant having one of the five immortal armaments.

"I'm not following you anymore." The man added without bothering to look at Li Qiye, acting as if he was no longer in need of money.

"Idiot, you fell into his trap again. You're screwed now." Firmament Godchild still sensed the man's movement despite being extremely far away. He decided to keep on traveling far away from Lesser Firmament.

"Enjoy your stay then." Li Qiye didn't stop him.

The man happily entered the portal with his Moon Embrace, seemingly tired of working so hard outside. It was time for the young master to inherit his wealth.

Everyone was curious about him - why did he get to return to Lesser Firmament? What was his actual identity?

As for the immortal emperors, they wanted to keep Li Qiye and came over to bow. Alas, he had no intention of lingering here.

Li Zhitian and the others immediately caught up to him.

"Where are we going now, Young Noble?" Li Zhitian asked, thinking that Li Qiye was searching for something.

"Just taking a look at something." Li Qiye leaped up into the air and opened a portal.

"Buzz." The group entered and found themselves in a rather bizarre world.

Blood seemed to be pouring down from the red sky along with a foul evil energy. Even the vegetation appeared strange and had twisted grimaces.

Every inch of the land had been cursed and inflicted with malice, destined to be abandoned. The inhabitants of the land have been rejected by the high heaven itself. Thus, they could only stay here.

“Evil Reborn!” The old servant had a serious expression.

“That’s where we are?” Li Zhitian shuddered.

Evil Reborn, another of the four broken realms, was the home to many evil creatures.

According to the legends, existences who had fallen into the darkness would reincarnate here.

“Is this really a land of reincarnations?” Li Zhitian found this place to be different from the other three.

“Of course not, the so-called broken realms are just abandoned lands with a tragic story.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Tragic story? I haven’t heard of this before.” Li Zhitian said.

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t elaborate. He moved on and took a look around.

The group could tell that he was searching for something.

“My Lord, what are you searching for?” The old servant asked.

“Just checking on a particular creature.” Li Qiye said.

“What’s so special about it?” Zhitian was curious.

“It belongs to a race that shouldn’t exist.” Li Qiye said.

“A race that shouldn’t exist?” Zhitian murmured.

Li Qiye gazed into the horizon before answering: “A madman was cursed, taking everything else down with him.”

“The race that was created.” The old servant had more information regarding the elusive tales.

“Creation is not the right word here.” Li Qiye shook his head: “Only a derivation at best.”

“What’s the difference?” Zhitian asked.

“Combining certain things.” Li Qiye said.

“Like the blood race?” The old servant had fear deep in his eyes.

“Now this I have heard of, an ancient race from the nine worlds. Their ancestors were evil creatures.” Zhitian said.

“Half of their bloodline is evil. The pure-blooded ones are extinct now.” Li Qiye said.

“From what I know, their progenitor and a blood-sucking entity gave birth to descendants. Strangely enough, the latter branch was wiped out while the blood race continues.” The old servant said.

“I don’t think this type of origin story is limited to the blood race. The ghost race has something similar too, their progenitor sleeping with a ghost or a dead corpse, eventually giving birth to the ghost race. It’s a bit ridiculous.” Li Zhitian thought that this fetish was too much.

Even True Bear let out a roar after hearing the necrophilia story.

Chapter 5310: A Madman

The ghost and blood race remained to the present. However, their origin consisted of numerous tales and speculations.

No one could verify the truth at this point so they were used for the sake of gossiping and storytelling in tea houses.

As a member of Imperial, Li Zhitian enjoyed a rich education. He had read many stories regarding these two races.

“Is there any truth to these stories?” Li Zhitian took advantage of this opportunity and asked Li Qiye.

“Have you ever thought that they might share the same progenitor?” Li Qiye said casually.

“The same progenitor?” Zhitian was surprised: “Young Noble, are you saying that someone... someone chose to copulate with blood-sucking creatures and corpses...?”

He thought that this person’s perversion was out of control, going as far as sleeping with nasty creatures and potentially corpses.

Although cultivators at the apex were unbound by trivial matters and conventional perspectives, this was still a bit too much to accept. After thinking about it for a bit, Zhitian felt slightly nauseous.

“Mad is the right adjective here.” Li Qiyhe said.

“Is it all true, not fabricated at all?” Zhitian remained skeptical.

“How did those two races come into being then? No one else can create races outside of the high heaven.” Li Qiye said.

“How long did it take for a new race to populate?” Li Zhitian thought about it and the reproduction process must have been lengthy.

“Think about why the purest ones and the evil creatures no longer exist.” Li Qiye responded.

Zhitian shuddered, thinking that something terrible must have happened.

“The population kept on expanding until they became a new race.” The old servant murmured and glossed Zhitian out.

“The person who started this is something else. Seems like there’s nothing they won’t do.” Zhitian smiled wryly.

“Do you think this is limited to just the ghost and blood race?” Li Qiye said.

“There are more?” Zhitian stared at Li Qiye in disbelief.

“There were previous experiments, albeit failed experiments. Some can be considered predecessors to the aforementioned races. For example, the forsaken blood or in short, the forsaken.” Li Qiye said.

“The forsaken.” Zhitian said: “This mythical race existed too?”

He had heard stories about them as well - physically repulsive creatures that should only belong in nightmares.

“Yes, another derivation. Have a look at this world.” Li Qiye said.

“It has something to do with the derivation process?” He asked.

“Yes, an utterly evil and foul process happened here.” Li Qiye said.

“Young Noble, are you saying that these races were all derived here?” He speculated.

“Think about the four broken realms. Redflood is broken due to a refinement attempt, it is worse for Reborn.” Li Qiye said.

“What did they try to refine?” He asked.

“A supreme weapon.” Li Qiye revealed.

“A supreme weapon?” He thought about it and everything made sense.

Redflood contained countless broken weapons and blacksmithing materials, not to mention the most obvious hint - the molten liquid.

“The five immortal armaments, right?” The old servant said softly.

“You know a lot.” Li Qiye smiled at him.

“Just a little bit.” He bowed humbly.

“The five armor sets came from Redflood? Who created them then?” Zhitian took a deep breath after learning a new secret regarding the distant past.

“The pioneer of a new treasure system.” Li Qiye paused and stared at them for emphasis: “The majority of treasures you see now were refined with this system.”

“That’s incredible.” He murmured, aware of the significance.

Such a pioneer of the current treasure system must have been a peerless paragon - a being to be respected by even apex emperors and dao lords. After all, everyone was walking on the path built by this pioneer.

“How should we properly address this pioneer?” The old servant bowed and asked.

“Stonesplitter Patriarch.” Li Qiye said slowly. [1]

“Stonesplitter Patriarch.” The old servant and Li Zhitian exchanged glances, having heard this title for the first time.

“What a cultivator, blessing the world and future descendants with a new prosperous path.” Zhitian murmured.

“I wouldn’t be so sure about that. Have you heard of epoch paragon artifacts?” Li Qiye seemed amused by this praise.

“Yes, the strongest artifact of an epoch. As far as I know, Celestial Court has one.” The old servant became emotional.

“Do you know how to craft one?” Li Qiye asked Zhitian.

“How? With the pioneer’s system?” Zhitian didn’t feel like this was a positive matter.