

Emperor 5331

Chapter 5331: God of Wealth

Duality Master left after opening Duality World and made it open for everyone. Only one place was personally created by him, a city with the same name.

Using the same analogy of the white paper, he left a mark by a tiny corner while leaving the rest for others.

Many top cultivators chose to stay in Duality City, turning it into the largest city in this region. Later on, average cultivators visited as well.

The majority of cultivators lacked the qualification and power to open their own grotto in Duality World. Thus, the city became an ideal choice.

Its prosperous and lively nature made it a popular destination for both weak and strong cultivators. It became a meeting place for the stronger cultivators who had their own grotto. Moreover, most put aside racial grievances and previous feuds during their stay.

It gave people a chance to broaden their horizons. For example, top cultivators were everywhere.

A conqueror soared in the air while being surrounded by chaos energy and dao laws. Another dao lord rode a carriage and didn't reveal his aura. Nonetheless, the carriage was made from ancient wood and was pulled by a goldhorn thunder ox.

In fact, some of them even dressed humbly so any old man here could turn out to be an emperor or dao lord.

Li Qiye's group entered and Li Zhitian found himself to be rather ordinary in this rich city. Geniuses like him didn't stand out as much.

"Have to see Duality City to know the vastness of the world." Zhitian said after seeing so many big shots.

One could throw a random stone and hit three conquerors here - a phrase often used to describe Duality City.

Li Qiye seemed to be in a good mood and took a deep breath to enjoy the air. He then led the group inside a shop named Duality.

The characters above the entrance were written casually and looked rather unique.

"One of Duality Master's few properties." The old servant said.

"Is Duality Master here right now?" Li Zhitian asked.

"Unfortunately, he is not." The old servant shook his head.

The shop was rather small but was filled with merchandise on the shelves and on the ground.

Li Zhitian was amazed by what he saw - precious metals and ores were just laying randomly, the same for imperial weapons and merit laws.

An old shopkeeper stood in front of a small shrine and offered three incense sticks while mumbling something.

The statue inside the shrine surprised everyone because it was none other than Li Qiye. It depicted him holding a golden ingot in one hand and a ruyi scepter in the other. It looked a bit comical but this was unmistakably Li Qiye.

This was their second time seeing his statue in just one day. The circumstances were just as strange this time around.

“Venerable God of Wealth, please bless us with prosperous business on this new day.” The old shopkeeper held the incense sticks with both hands and bowed several times before placing them into the incense burner in front of the shrine.

Zhitian was at a loss for words. This shop was really worshipping Li Qiye as a deity of fortune.

As for Li Qiye, he smiled with amusement while watching this.

After finishing the opening rite, the old shopkeeper turned around and saw Li Qiye. He immediately smiled and said: “Wow, today’s a good one, the god of wealth is paying us a visit right after opening.”

This only astounded Li Zhitian even more. The guy worshipped Li Qiye as a god but didn’t have a big reaction after encountering Li Qiye in the flesh.

“What a weird shop.” He murmured.

“Where’s Duality?” Li Qiye asked.

“The boss is still traveling.” The shopkeeper calmly responded.

“You have a statue here that I want.” Li Qiye didn’t inquire further on this subject.

“Give me a second.” The shopkeeper said before taking a statue out from a corner of the shop: “This must be it.”

Zhitian took a look and saw that it was another Heaven’s Allure statue.

“Yes, I want it.” Li Qiye said.

“I would sell this to regular guests for three million conqueror refined jades but since you’re here, it’ll be ten million.” The shopkeeper wiped the dust off the statue.

“Wait, that doesn’t make any sense. Shouldn’t you be treating your God of Wealth better?” Zhitian protested.

“Listen, I’m just following the boss’ orders.” The shopkeeper presented the clean statue to Li Qiye.

“That’s fine. Tell me, who sold it to you?” Li Qiye smiled.

“It will cost another ten million for information.” The shopkeeper stared intensely at Li Qiye.

“Again?” Zhitian thought that this shop was ripping off its customers.

“The boss said that this is no big deal for the God of Wealth.” The shopkeeper said.

Zhitian thought that Duality Master was purposely trying to annoy Li Qiye with these rules. The whole thing just didn’t make sense.

“Sigh, how petty.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“Do you want it? If so, this lowly one will wrap it up for you.” The shopkeeper said.

“Of course. I suppose I can give your petty boss a little allowance.” Li Qiye said.

The old servant immediately presented twenty million refined jades without being told by Li Qiye.

Chapter 5332: Is It Possible?

After receiving the payment, the shopkeeper wrapped up the statue and handed it to Li Qiye while speaking: "Goldsheep Conqueror sold it to us."

Li Qiye derived the dao and the statue emitted an evil sound. Thick black liquid also seeped outward - clearly a sign of the primal darkness.

"It's here?" Zhitian murmured.

"Where is Goldsheep Conqueror?" Li Qiye tossed the statue, no longer needing it.

The shopkeeper stared at him without responding. The old servant understood and paid another ten million.

Surprisingly, the shopkeeper didn't accept the sum and said: "For free this time. Goldsheep is at Boundless Sea, they're betting their life."

Li Qiye nodded and started leaving.

"My venerable god, do you wish to leave a message?" The shopkeeper asked once Li Qiye reached the door.

Li Qiye halted and turned back to respond with a smile: "A message? Sure, tell him to prepare to be disciplined."

With that, the group left the shop.

“Are we going to Boundless Sea now?” Zhitian asked.

“It’s right here in Duality World.” The old servant said.

“So it was Goldsheep Conqueror who did this? All the statues were left behind by him.” Zhitian brought this up.

Goldsheep Conqueror came from Untethered, a famous cultivator who didn’t join The Race or The People.

Li Qiye smiled and said: “We’re going to Boundless Sea.”

The moment they left Duality City, a familiar face came up to the group - Ye Fantian.

“Young Noble.” The genius respectfully bowed.

“What is it?” Li Qiye asked.

“I wish to speak to you, Young Noble.” She glanced at the others who were courteous enough to leave and give them space.

The remaining two then walked outside the city, enjoying the visual phenomena everywhere.

"I will be breaking through and obtaining my dao fruits soon." Fantian said.

"Twelve in one go." Li Qiye smiled.

"Indeed, Young Noble. I want to try despite the odds." She said.

"You already have a plan, it will be successful." Li Qiye said confidently.

Outsiders would be shocked to hear this. Ye Fantian was one of the three Tians in the upper continents. Of course, there were only two now since Xiao Qingtian had been killed by Li Qiye.

Fantian's cultivation stagnated, unable to become a conqueror or a dragon lord while her peers both had twelve sacred fruits. This simply didn't make sense.

Thus, this ambitious feat would surprise all six continents. The previous cultivator to do this was none other than Light-dragon Conqueror - a notable figure in history.

Fantian shared the same goal, wanting to obtain twelve dao fruits in one go. If she were to be successful, she would become an apex cultivator in due time.

"Thank you for your blessing, Young Noble." She bowed again.

"You didn't come here just to tell me the good news, right?" Li Qiye smiled.

She stared at him and said sincerely: "I'm overestimating my ability and wish to open a window."

"A sky window?" Li Qiye didn't expect this.

"Yes, I must attempt to do so." She said.

"Are you doing it for yourself or just reminding me?" He said with a smile.

"My cultivation is low yet my ambition is higher than the sky, I view you as a role model, Young Noble."
She said: "I have my own stance but do not wish to oppose you."

"It's hard to hate clever people like you. Since you came to deliver this message to me, I won't steal your limelight. I'll just watch from the sidelines then." Li Qiye said.

"I truly appreciate it, Young Noble." She bowed again.

"You're rather bold, daring to come and speak to me despite being from Divine Alliance." Li Qiye said.

"I am but an insect before you, this is only an attempt at self-preservation." She said.

"That's not an unreasonable ask. I value talent so you may have a spot next to me." Li Qiye smiled.

She was surprised to hear this and took a second to calm down. She shook her head and respectfully said: "I am grateful for your generous consideration. It's not that I am a fool but I grew up in Divine Alliance. The seniors showed me nothing but kindness and I do not dare to forget. If I were to not pay them back, I will be no different from a beast."

"Well said. I will not make you leave Divine Alliance against your wish." Li Qiye smiled.

"Thank you for empathizing with me, Young Noble." She said.

"You are smart and know what should be done." He said.

"I know my own limitation and just wish to protect my region, not daring to compete with the heaven. I'm sure you will take it easy on me, Young Noble." She responded.

"No need to flatter me first." He said.

"I am speaking from the heart. Otherwise, Brother Li would not be following you despite his prestigious background and talent." She responded.

"I'll take it easy on you as long you do not court death." He smiled.

"I will keep our conversation today to heart." She said respectfully.

"I hope that you will be successful with obtaining twelve dao fruits." He added.

"I will try my best to not let you down, Young Noble." She lowered her head and said softly: "Afterward, please teach me how to open the window."

"You already know what to do." He smiled.

"I just hope that my results won't be laugh-worthy." She said humbly.

"It's not overly difficult since you already know the process. The problem is being able to endure it. Just keep it simple, maintain your dao heart. As long as it is still around, you can rebuild anything including total destruction. That's essentially the fundamental of cultivation." He said.

"I appreciate your guidance, Young Noble." She bowed again before leaving.

The others returned after her departure.

"Fellow Daoist Fantian is always so composed, I don't think I can compete with her in the future." Li Zhantian said sentimentally.

"No need to be unduly humble." Li Qiye said: "You might have been too hasty at the start but slowly down in the future, everything is still possible as long as you are determined."

"Thank you, Young Noble." Zhitian was glad to hear this, thinking that he still had a shot of being competitive.

Chapter 5333: The Three Illusory Realms

Boundless was the largest ocean in Duality World. Rumor has it that it was created by several conquerors and dao lords working together.

Another account stated that only Apricot Dao Lord alone was the creator since the dao lord's grotto was also there. However, this was highly contested by another side stating that this was only the entrance to the grotto. Thus, the dao lord wasn't the one who created it.

Once the group entered the ocean, they also saw Apricot Grotto from afar - a crescent gulf with white sand. It was as if a moon had fallen into this ocean.

There existed an apricot tree in the center with flowers in full bloom. It had grown for so many years so its barks resembled dragon scales.

As the sea breezes blew by, petals scattered to the white sand and the blue water - a truly magnificent scene straight out of an eternal painting.

"Apricot Grotto is absolutely one of the most beautiful places in the world. The flowers here never wither." Li Zhitian commented.

"If they wither, it would mean that she has passed away." The old servant said.

"I've heard that Apricot Dao Lord is seriously injured, is it true?" Zhitian asked.

“Yes.” The old servant responded.

“The dao lord tried to infiltrate the depth of Dream Paradise and was repelled, right?” Zhitian asked again but garnered no response this time.

Apricot Dao Lord was an apex cultivator. Some even said that she was stronger than All-things and Swordsea Dao Lord.

She has been absent for a long time because back during her prime, she tried to invade the deepest region of Dream Paradise. This resulted in her being grievously wounded, or so people said.

Despite these rumors, no one dared to disrespect Apricot Grotto, not even other apex cultivators.

“If she is still alive, Dream Paradise exercised mercy.” Li Qiye commented.

“It’s that strong?” Zhitian became startled.

The world didn’t know much about the three illusory realms. Only those living back during the great calamity saw their emergence.

“It can contain worlds, killing a conqueror or dao lord is too easy.” Li Qiye stared at him and said.

He pondered for a moment before asking again, this time in a hushed voice: “I heard they came from above. Is it the same place as the guest in Celestial Court?”

Few talked about the “guest” in Celestial Court because this was a taboo matter. However, Zhitian couldn’t help but ask Li Qiye due to his curiosity. Li Qiye might actually know the answer.

“Not from the same place.” Li Qiye shook his head: “Above, yes, but here with different goals.”

“What kind of existence is this guest?” Zhitian was far more curious about this being than the illusory realms.

After all, his clan was a pillar of Celestial Court and knew more about it than most powers and big shots. Alas, this issue was a forbidden topic.

“From a place that shouldn’t exist.” Li Qiye stroked his chin and said: “The very frontier.”

“The very frontier?” Zhitian hasn’t heard anything like this before.

“Came with a goal indeed.” The old servant remarked.

“What kind of goal?” Zhitian asked again only to smile wryly at a lack of answer.

“Of course there was a goal, hence the reckless journey to this place.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Do you know why?” Zhitian asked.

Li Qiye shook his head and gazed into the distance. The mysterious guest didn't belong to this world or this epoch. What was worth taking the potentially fatal journey?

"Already killed by the empress and the alliance, no one will know the answer now." The old servant said.

Li Qiye chuckled and didn't discuss this matter.

They walked on top of the waves and eventually found Goldsheep Conqueror sitting on top of a large reef.

The current here was violent, on the verge of forming a whirlpool. The conqueror was with three peers; the group was drinking and chatting. They saw and welcomed Li Qiye's group.

These four conquerors had unique characteristics. One had a pair of golden curved horns, needing no introduction - Goldsheep Conqueror.

Another had sounds of waves emanating from him as if there was an ocean within.

"This is Waterwalk Conqueror from Hundred Dao." Goldsheep introduced.

The third had a verdant energy, looking young and brimming with energy.

"Greenvine Conqueror, from Deity Dao."

The fourth had an ethereal presence, seemingly made from mist and clouds.

“Godmist Conqueror of Heaven Burial Dao.”

Godmist laughed and said: “I don’t think Heaven Burial Dao exists anymore, I am alone now.”

“Are you not going to Celestial Court to find your progenitor, Heaven Burial Conqueror?” Waterwalk Conqueror asked.

“No, I might be a heavener but I don’t care about these bothersome matters.” Godmist shook his head.

“We came from the lower continents and have problems with each other. But, this has nothing to do with our races.” Greenvine said.

“Problems? We were just young and hated each other, that’s all.” Goldsheep laughed.

“Well, we’re done drinking, let’s get the life betting going. Fellow Daoists, it’s nice that you all are here to witness it, unlike the last time.” Waterwalk smiled.

Chapter 5334: I’ll Be Back!

“Seniors, why are you doing this?” Zhitian couldn’t help but ask.

“Waterwalk and I come from The People, Godmist and Greenvine are part of The Race. We’ll leave our life to the heaven and see who is lucky.” Goldsheep said.

“...” Zhitian didn’t know what to say, thinking that these four might have been too bored and leisurely.

“Whhshh.” Godmist whistled and the waves surged even more. This was due to a massive creature splitting the sea part.

Everyone looked over and saw a ferocious fish with bone spurs gleaming like metal. Its tail and two fins were sharp like blades.

“Rumble!” Loud noises came from the creature’s mouth. It had countless teeth that were always moving and grinding, capable of crushing anything unlucky enough to fall in.

“Devil-gear Whale!” Zhitian immediately recognized this legendary fish right away.

It was immensely rare and could devour dragon lords and conquerors. However, this whale seemed to be familiar with the group and floated above the surface with its mouth open, ready for someone to jump in.

Greenvine drew a white line in the middle and took out a weathercock as well.

Greenvine and Godmist then stood on one side of the white line with Goldsheep and Waterwalk standing opposite of them.

“We did it ourselves before but we have guests now. Brat, sorry for the trouble but place it in the middle when the wind starts in a bit.” Greenvine handed the weathercock to Zhitian.

“Me?” Zhitian became anxious. This meant that the lives of these four conquerors were in his hand now.

“Don’t be in a hurry to die, I have a question regarding a statue.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Talking about that Heaven’s Allure statue? I sold it to Duality Shop.” Goldsheep laughed.

“Where did it come from?” Li Qiye asked.

“That bastard Timewatcher.” Goldsheep answered.

“Timewatcher Conqueror.” Zhitian murmured the title of a famous conqueror who enjoyed fighting and feared no one.

“Sigh, don’t bring him up anymore. We had a great time before and he even participated in our life bets but after seeing Heaven’s Allure, he stopped hanging out with us.” Godmist shook his head: “He used to brag about his romantic exploits back then but now, he’s completely lost his mind.” Godmist shook his head.

“I looked for him a long time back, wanting him to join the bet again but he kept on avoiding me, didn’t even open the gate. That annoyed me so I stole this statue from his home and sold it to Duality Shop.” Goldsheep revealed.

Zhitian and the others exchanged glances, thinking that these conquerors were rather interesting.

“Where is Timewatcher now?” The old servant asked in Li Qiye’s stead.

“Don’t worry, we are close to Timewatcher. Although we want to kill each other, we are still good friends. Once the bet is finished, the survivors will bring you to him.” Greenvine said.

“I don’t know if he will meet you guys since he only cares about these statues now.” Goldsheep said.

“That’s fine, just bring me to him. It won’t be up to him then.” Li Qiye said.

“Good. Brat, the winds are blowing, place it in the very center.” Greenvine looked up and told Zhitian.

The nervous Zhitian listened and placed the weathercock in the center.

“Whoosh!” The winds started blowing and changed the weathercock’s arrow direction.

Eventually, it stopped and the weathercock pointed in the direction of Goldsheep and Waterwalk Conqueror.

“Hahaha! Not so lucky this time, go die now.” Godmist Conqueror laughed after seeing this.

“Sigh, we’ve won three rounds before, why not another?” Goldsheep sighed frustratingly.

"It's fine, we already won three, it's not a big loss." Waterwalk said.

"This is how you do a life bet?" Zhitian didn't know what to say.

"Isn't this preferable to fighting to the death?" Goldsheep said.

Zhitian wondered if this was true - four powerful conquerors with incredible abilities leaving it up to the wind instead of utilizing their cultivation.

They could have made the contest more interesting by actively changing the winds but they didn't do so either.

Not to mention a prestigious conqueror, even regular people wouldn't treat their life so trivially.

"Okay, I'll go first. You're in for a tough time with us gone, gonna have no one to play with." Waterwalk laughed and said.

"Please, watching you two suffer brings us more joy than anything." Greenvine responded.

"Suffering can be rather interesting at times, I'm about to die from these boring days anyway." Waterwalk laughed.

"Old whale, I'm coming!" He leaped forward and landed inside the whale's jaws.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” He didn’t try to stop the gear-like teeth from grinding on his body.

Nonetheless, it felt as if they were grinding an unbreakable block of metal. After all, he was still an invincible conqueror.

“Oh my god! This hurts so much, Godmist didn’t put on an act at all!” Flesh and blood sprayed as his body was ground to pieces.

Zhitian and True Bear felt their heart pounding in shock while witnessing the suicidal act. The pain must be intolerable because he couldn’t die that easily given his physical prowess.

“Ahhh!” Eventually, even his dao fruits were crushed.

“I’ll be back!” They turned into dao particles and flew toward the horizon.

Chapter 5335: Death Is Fine Too

“Alright, it’s my turn.” Goldsheep Conqueror happily stepped forward.

“Any last words, old man?” Godmist laughed.

“I have no regrets in life, we’ll see what happens.” Goldsheep responded with a smile.

He leaped into the whale's jaws, shouting: "See ya, old geezers, don't miss us too much and try to enjoy life."

"Creak!" The teeth started grinding against him and blood splashed instantly.

"Fuck, this pain!" Goldsheep bellowed in agony.

"I told you this before and you laughed at me." Greenvine laughed after seeing this.

"Ahh!" Goldsheep let out one last scream before only the golden horns and the dao fruits were left intact.

"Boom!" Eventually, even the dao fruits were crushed and everything was swallowed by the whale.

"If I don't die, I guess I'll make a lair inside its stomach." Goldsheep's voice came from within the whale.

"Now he's going to be miserable for a while." Godmist shrugged, seemingly amused.

As for the whale, it let out a loud cry as if satisfied after the feast. After all, it devoured two conquerors just now. Their flesh and blood were priceless, enough to keep it nourished for another million years.

It made whistling noises, seemingly conversing with Godmist and Greenvine Conqueror.

“Splash!” After saying goodbye, it returned to the ocean floor.

“Look at how nice it is now, it wasn’t like this when it ate me.” Greenvine smiled wryly and shook his head.

Li Zhitian didn’t know what to say. These conquerors were clearly exceptional since despite coming from the lower continents, they still dominated afterward.

Now, although the two victims were still alive, the recovery process would take an absurdly long period.

Top cultivators always cherished their body and dao fruits while these four just casually left their fate to luck.

This simply didn’t make sense, not even if it was the only chance to avenge their father or some other irreconcilable feud. Throwing away a lifetime of cultivation was unthinkable.

“It’s over?” Zhitian murmured.

“Obviously, not like we’re gonna give them a funeral.” Godmist laughed.

“Seems a bit rushed.” Zhitian said.

“Brat, you’re probably thinking that we’re ridiculous?” Greenvine asked.

“Well...” Zhitian had an awkward smile.

“No one escapes death.” Godmist said with a smile.

“But one can live a meaningful life before death.” Zhitian said.

“Not necessarily since the world is full of the meaningless.” Greenvine said: “You are immensely talented. I’m sure you believe in having a bright future, that the world needs your radiance.”

“I do not think that highly of myself.” Zhitian said.

“Let’s not deny the truth, I felt the same way when I was younger, that the world needed me or the night would be too long.” Greenvine said.

“It’s just a bunch of bullshit.” Godmist said: “Will the world come to an end if someone stomps you to death? Will all the ants in the colony die after losing one member?”

“Of course not.” Zhitian said.

It’s just that he was born in a prestigious clan, destined for greatness. He was different from everyone else and seemingly had a mission in life. Alas, the recent days made him feel as if he was closer to an ant than a hero.

“Disasters are often caused by talented people.” Godmist came over and tapped his shoulder: “Greenvine and I are from The Race. If I care about it that much, I could take the side of The Race and

condemn The People as inferior scums. Since I wield incredible power as a conqueror, should I start getting rid of those scums?"

"Well..." Zhitian couldn't answer right away.

"That's why don't worry about missions or destiny or anything, there are dirty secrets hidden behind these missions." Greenvine smiled.

"Then why did you four do the life bet here?" Zhitian asked.

"The racial conflict is just an excuse. Cultivators such as ourselves have been fighting and will always be fighting. Destruction and killing, what's the point? So we picked a different method instead, leaving it to the villainous heaven." Godmist said.

"I see..." Zhitian contemplated.

Top cultivators normally spewed out speeches about how their fate was their own, not the heaven's. On the contrary, these powerful cultivators picked the most unreliable method - leaving it to luck - when they had full control over their destiny.

"We just aren't afraid of death. How about you, would you participate?" Godmist said.

Zhitian thought that he was not ready to face death. After all, a genius such as himself had so much to live for.

“Not being afraid of death is courageous and noble.” Li Qiye finally joined the conversation: “One needs to be prepared for this test. Otherwise, when death comes knocking, fear will come as well. Running to avoid death will result in a pathetic life and eventually, depravity.”

“You are right, Sir. We had similar sentiments but just didn’t put it as succinctly.” Godmist said.

“Although you four have yet to obtain anima, I can see that you have one foot in the door. The path toward everlasting life will open soon enough.” Li Qiye praised.

“Hmm, we aren’t trying to force anything. It’s fine to die joyously without regrets and animosity.” Greenvine shook his head.

“A dao path with death as the final destination, that’s fine too.” Li Qiye nodded approvingly.

“We understand.” Godmist and Greenvine bowed in response.

Zhitian listened attentively and pondered his own purpose for cultivating.

Chapter 5336: High-level Taste

“Brother Greenvine, help Sir find Timewatcher.” Godmist said: “I will let the old geezers’ descendants know about their fate.”

He disappeared from sight after saying this.

“The idiot is still obsessed with Heaven’s Allure.” Greenvine told Li Qiye: “He won’t want to meet anyone, I will just take you to his home and you can take it from there, Sir.”

“Perfect.” Li Qiye smiled.

Coincidentally enough, Timewatcher also had his own grotto in Duality World.

Greenvine led the group to a place with a broken tree on the ground, looking rather inconspicuous.

“Open!” He shouted and a green wheel of the temporal affinity appeared.

“Buzz.” He continued to rotate it until its gears latched at the right place.

“Creak...” It then opened and formed a door.

“This is Timewatcher’s grotto, I will be taking my leave now.” Greenvine had no intention of entering and bowed deeply toward Li Qiye before disappearing from sight.

Li Qiye smiled and entered; the group followed right behind him.

They found themselves standing in the blue sky engraved with white clouds. Inside one of them was a magnificent and dazzling palace.

They came closer and saw a familiar statue - Heaven's Allure.

"This looks to be the right place." Zhitian commented.

The hall and rooms were filled with resplendent gold and jade. Treasures piled up casually, exuding an incomparable grandeur.

In one of the rooms was a tassel-adorned bed with a naked man. He was as handsome as can be and exuded charisma - especially his arrogant and confident smirk.

Countless women would fall for him at first sight, loving him with utmost devotion. He had a robust physique with bulging muscles. There seemed to be a dragon within, always ready to rush out.

Each inch of his skin had a radiant glow and brimmed with divinity. He was certainly a god among men.

The half-naked woman laying beside him was just as exceptional. Words wouldn't do her beauty justice.

He held her by the waist and was clearly infatuated by her appearance.

"Just like this!" He shouted.

She touched his muscular chest and could see that he was lost in the moment. Her immaculate hands suddenly turned into numerous thorns, wanting to pierce him.

Temporal lightning waves coursed around him automatically and retaliated.

“Crackle!” They invaded the woman and caused her to bellow in pain.

The overwhelming lightning surge changed her into something else - a mass of black liquid with sharp teeth and a pair of eyes with numerous pupils.

This dreadful form stood in stark contrast to the previous beauty. Seeing it might cause one to scream.

“You have to break my dao first before devouring me.” The man smiled charmingly and recalled his lightning current.

The creature immediately turned back into the beauty and spoke seductively: “You’re too much for me, Master.” [1]

“Good!” The man shouted and became more energetic, causing her to scream in pleasure.

The two of them fell into a passionate affair. She took advantage of this and tried to pierce him with countless thorns again.

Alas, it seemed impossible for her to break through his automatic barrier infused with time and lightning.

“I told you, you have to break my dao first.” He didn’t seem to mind.

“Wow, this is some high-level taste, to actually incorporate lightning so masterfully. I have nothing but admiration for you too.” Someone suddenly interrupted their session.

They looked over and saw that it was none other than Li Qiye and his group.

Li Qiye had a smirk on his face while the old servant had a cold expression, seemingly expecting this scene.

Li Zhitian, on the other hand, became startled after seeing the black liquid’s transformation. Moreover, a majestic conqueror was actually doing something so unsavory with the creature. No one would believe this story since they held conquerors in such high esteem.

“Who are you?” The man sighed and said.

On the other hand, the creature had a fierce reaction and gazed intensely at Li Qiye.

“You’re the primal darkness.” Li Qiye said.

“Raa!” It roared and lunged for him.

“Stop!” Timewatcher shouted but it was too late.

The thing turned back to its liquid form and wrapped around Li Qiye, wanting to devour him.

“Boom!” Li Qiye became resplendent and erupted with power.

The liquid exploded and splashed everywhere - the wall and the ground.

Each of them squirmed and wiggled in the form of tentacles before gathering into one being again.

“Run!” Timewatcher shouted.

Alas, the primal darkness didn’t listen and furiously initiated another attack against Li Qiye.

Chapter 5337: Void Obliteration

The primal darkness was ferocious and powerful, utilizing its sharp teeth capable of devouring an entire region.

Unfortunately, its opponent was Li Qiye who simply raised his hand to lock the creature.

It became helpless and unable to move an inch. Nonetheless, it roared and seemingly despised Li Qiye - ready to fight to the death.

“I wonder if I should kill you.” Li Qiye said.

“Sir, it had never done anything sinful.” Timewatcher begged.

“Is that so?” Li Qiye smiled at him before focusing on the primal darkness: “Unfortunately, it is still something that shouldn’t exist. Death is inevitable.’

“Pop!” Having said that, he slowly made a fist and the primal darkness started breaking down into pieces.

It seemed to understand the futility of the situation so it morphed back into Heaven’s Allure.

“Don’t look.” The old servant protected his mind while warning Li Zhitian. The latter immediately sealed all of his senses and protected his dao heart.

The primal darkness looked gorgeous now; all men would want to embrace and feel its warm and tender figure.

“You’re hurting me.” Its voice could melt the coldest heart.

Of course, this couldn’t affect Li Qiye in the slightest.

“I’m not an evil man and will give you a chance. If you somehow have a sliver of light left when I’m done, I will spare you.” Li Qiye said before channeling dao light into his palm.

This dao light appeared to be the purest form of this affinity. The concentration in his palm alone surpassed all the other lights in the world combined.

It marked the primal darkness, causing it to bellow in pain. It reverted back to its ferocious form while twisting in agony.

Smoke oozed from it due to the purification process. It became smaller and smaller as a result.

“Hmm? Shouldn’t be this weak.” Li Qiye’s brows furrowed.

The longer the process went on, the less area it needed to purify. Thus, it actually hastened in the end so Li Qiye had to stop.

He left behind some liquid the size of a fingernail. Nonetheless, thorns were still growing from it, seemingly eager to become bigger again.

This was the primal darkness’ terrifying nature. It couldn’t die even when there was only a single strand left.

As for Li Qiye, he found that something was off because it was unexpectedly weak.

“I shouldn’t be so extreme, but perhaps this warrants it.” Li Qiye sighed and said: “As I’ve said, I would have shown mercy if there was some light left in you.”

Having said that, he raised one finger and summoned three thousand worlds. This incoming attack could reduce everything down to the smallest particles.

The old servant became emotional after seeing this. The finger strike immobilized and made him feel helpless. Li Zhitian naturally was in an even worse state.

“Void Obliteration!” Timewatcher shouted. [1]

“Oh? Impressive knowledge.” Li Qiye glanced at him.

“I’ve researched it before.” Timewatcher smiled wryly, aware of this attack.

The black liquid could sense the power stemming from Li Qiye’s finger, feeling the threat of demise. Alas, it couldn’t move an inch.

“Let’s try this.” This was rather difficult for Li Qiye since he had to limit the destruction of this technique.

If he were to not hold back given his current power with this move, he would erase a race from the river of time.

Thus, he manipulated the technique down to its subtlest variation, aiming to search all aspects of this primal darkness.

“Pop!” The screaming primal darkness was instantly reduced to nothingness after the first contact.

Right at this exact moment in a distant realm, a beauty vomited blood and turned pale.

"It's coming." She murmured in a daze.

By destroying the primal darkness down to nothingness, he also gained more understanding of its origin.

"I see. A remarkable achievement." He frowned and said.

Meanwhile, the others were shaken by Li Qiye's technique - not because of his destructive potential but rather the precision.

That technique somehow surpassed time and space - capable of erasing creatures with the same origin regardless of their location.

"Sigh, hundreds of thousands of years, all down the drain." Timewatcher lamented: "Only saw a bit of success too... how am I going to live now?"

"You should put on some clothes first." Li Qiye stared at him.

The conqueror chuckled and didn't mind being naked at all. Nonetheless, he obliged with the request.

After tidying up, he prepared a place for the group to sit and have tea beneath an old pine tree.

“Reincarnation Dao is full of perverts like you?” Li Qiye took a sip and asked.

The others also gave Timewatcher Conqueror gazes of disapproval.

Chapter 5338: Pursuit?

Reincarnation Dao in the lower continents had Greenmountain Conqueror - a cannibal. Now, Timewatcher Conqueror was also a sexual deviant.

Its progenitor, Blazing Conqueror, was also eccentric. Were all the conquerors from there strange as well?

“Sigh, what can I do? I long for her.” Timewatcher shrugged and wasn’t embarrassed.

“Longing was the reason why you lured the primal darkness?” Li Qiye chuckled.

“There doesn’t seem to be a better path.” Timewatcher said: “I want to have another option but there’s nothing. Isn’t this a good thing though? In the case of success, I would have purified that primal darkness and added another good inhabitant for this world.”

“Such a noble goal, I see, not because you want another Heaven’s Allure to yourself at all.” Li Qiye said.

“Intent aside, the result could have been a great deed.” Timewatcher said: “I would have made myself happy and contributed to the overall brightness of the world.”

“To try and romanticize your perversion, it’s rather impressive.” Li Qiye gave him a thumbs-up.

The old servant and Li Zhitian didn’t know what to say either. What Timewatcher did was shameful and disgusting. However, he didn’t seem to mind at all as if nothing in this world could fluster him.

“Is Heaven’s Allure really that irresistible?” Zhitian asked.

Timewatcher was clearly not the righteous type of conqueror. This meant that he had been with more than his fair share of the ladies. Alas, he still became smitten with Heaven’s Allure and tried something so reckless. It would have been only a matter of time before he would be consumed by the primal darkness.

“Sigh, brat, meeting her means a lifetime of obsession.” Timewatcher shook his head: “Of course, I do not blame her for it, only myself for being arrogant and prideful. I wanted to seduce her and didn’t expect to be the one falling into the pit instead.”

“You ignored all the rumors?” Li Qiye smiled.

“I thought that they were mere exaggerations and had to give it a shot.” Timewatcher smiled wryly.

Zhitian understood the past right away. Timewatcher was extremely handsome and charismatic, having great success with the ladies ever since his dao debut.

He had been with saintess and noble queens before. Heaven's Allure was no different - or so he thought.

After meeting Heaven's Allure and spending a short time together, he completely lost his composure and mind.

Despite being a virtually perfect man, he failed in winning her love. She was more than just a gorgeous bag of flesh, possessing both intelligence and charisma.

He couldn't help obsessing about her after the failed courting attempts. Thus, he came up with another plan - using a mythical creature known as the primal darkness to create his own Heaven's Allure.

He spent immense effort and time, eventually successful in luring the primal darkness out of Evil Reborn.

He had a special technique to control the primal darkness, forcing it to turn into a copy of Heaven's Allure.

It took untold effort before the ferocious creature willingly morphed into Heaven's Allure. This was enough for sexual relations but far from his ambitious goal. The creature's destructive instinct couldn't be changed.

Nonetheless, he understood its weakness and special characteristics, allowing him to have control over the situation. Unfortunately, it was all over now with Li Qiye's appearance.

"If you play with fire, you'll get burned." Li Qiye smiled.

"I don't really regret it." Timewatcher smiled and said: "Heaven's Allure is peerless enough to make me waste my entire life, not a big deal. I like the feeling of having an unreachable pursuit." He said.

"Really?" Zhitian didn't agree with this point of view, thinking that the conqueror's actions were improper and disgraceful.

Timewatcher could see the disdain and responded: "There is no problem here, I love women and am smitten with one. I am following my heart while not causing trouble to anyone else."

"Well..." Zhitian had no response since he thought that cultivation was a noble path toward everlasting life. This was the way of his clan and many other experts.

"It's true that anima and everlasting life aren't the only answers to cultivation. Following one's original pursuit is important as well." Li Qiye said with a smile.

"Ah, you do have an open mind, Sir." Timewatcher laughed.

"You have no intention of pursuing everlasting life, Senior?" Zhitian asked.

"I have lived plenty already, everlasting life doesn't change anything. Plus, so what if I were to gain anima? I won't be stronger than everyone else. There are too many even when not counting the ancient emperors and monarchs. Recently, Heaven Burial, Light-dragon, Immensity, Demon, Blessed, and on and on. They're all brilliant." Timewatcher finished and glanced at the old servant.

"Too many powerful cultivators out there." The old servant sighed and said.

"Thus, since I have limited time, I must pursue what I enjoy even if it means dying because of women." Timewatcher happily concluded.

Chapter 5339: Visitors

Zhitian listened and thought that Timewatcher had a point. Why must anima and everlasting life be the end goals of cultivation? This path had no end in sight.

"Everyone's dao is different. Having a stopping point is fine." Li Qiye said.

"Indeed, Sir." Timewatcher had a wide smile, looking more like a playboy than a conqueror.

"So what makes you like Heaven's Allure so much?" Zhitian remained curious.

"Hmm..." Timewatcher recalled the time spent with his crush and was visibly happy: "She is certainly gorgeous but there's an intrinsic quality that makes her unforgettable. Spending time with her makes a man forget his ways. She is the ultimate prize in life, I'm sure, yet no one will claim it."

"What will you do now?" Li Qiye asked with a smile.

"What can I do is the question." Timewatcher smiled wryly and said: "I have no pursuit in life now since you destroyed the primal darkness. I don't want to do anything now."

"Not even cultivation? Zhitian asked.

"I've done that all my life and not much else. My time is limited now and I don't share the same optimism as you for the future." Timewatcher smiled.

Zhitian hadn't thought about the future much but he knew that he was meant for great things.

"You're old with one foot in the grave, Zhitian is a blooming genius, of course his future is limitless." Li Qiye said.

"Indeed, which is why I need to make good use of the little time I have left." Timewatcher said: "Well, given your bright future, perhaps you will be able to enter Celestial Court and see Heaven's Allure one day."

"How come you didn't join Celestial Court to see her more often, Senior?" Zhitian was curious.

Although this question was rather personal, it was indeed logical. Timewatcher should have joined Celestial Court to spend more time with Celestial Court. Perhaps the close distance would make him more successful.

"Two entirely different matters." Timewatcher said: "Can't have it all in life. I like Heaven's Allure but don't want to lick Celestial Court's stinky feet. I am willing to die for her but not bark like a hound for Celestial Court. Men have lines that they can't cross and plus, if I had become a dog, she wouldn't have respected me anyway."

Zhitian had no response.

Timewatcher playfully patted his shoulder and said: "Well, a great genius like you need not lick anyone."

The young and proper Zhitian turned red after hearing this. He truly had it all since birth - prestige and talent. Numerous saintesses and princesses were more than willing to be with him.

"However, allow me to give you one piece of advice." Timewatcher said in a friendly manner: "Since you're ambitious enough to seek anima, don't ever get overconfident if you have the chance to see Heaven's Allure. You best protect your dao heart or you will follow in my footsteps."

"I appreciate the guidance, Senior." Zhitian could tell that the guy was being sincere.

"Bang! Bang!" A visitor smacked the portal loudly and shouted: "Timewatcher, come out!"

The voice was imposing and powerful, clearly coming from a mighty cultivator.

Li Qiye was surprised because he recognized the voice.

"Big Bro, is all this commotion necessary?" Timewatcher laughed in response and opened the portal.

He had two visitors - an old man wearing a white robe and a clever-looking youth.

The former was surprised to see Li Qiye and bowed his head: "So you're here too, Sir."

"It's been a while since our last meal." Li Qiye smiled.

He was the owner of a noodle shop visited by Li Qiye and Jun Landu. The youth had worked there as a waiter.

"You must have done something and got captured." The old man stared at Timewatcher and said.

"Haha, what are you saying? I've always been a good person and never broke any rules." Timewatcher said.

"Is that so? Why did I have to save you back at the lower continents then?" The old man retorted.

"Okay, okay, you got me, no need to say more." Timewatcher gave up.

Back in the days before his ascension, Timewatcher had made a lot of enemies due to his carefree attitude and penchant for romance. Thus, he antagonized several dragon lords and emperors, eventually becoming surrounded. The old man had to show up and save him.

The happy Timewatcher brought out more teacups for the master-disciple duo.

"Big Bro, what happened? Who managed to injure the great Hallowed?" Timewatcher finally noticed something.

This old man was none other than Hallowed Dao Lord - a renowned cultivator in Eight Desolaces.

He preferred to keep it low-key in the upper continents so only a few knew of his illustrious past.

“No big deal, I went to fight Supreme and lost.” Hallowed responded.

“That’s still pretty impressive, going toe to toe against Supreme.” Timewatcher said with admiration.

“No need to flatter me in the presence of Sir and this dao brother.” Hallowed said while glancing at the old servant.

“I’m just another ant here.” The old servant smiled.

“I suppose we’re all ants in his presence.” Timewatcher praised Li Qiye again.

“So what did you do? There’s a reason why you’re being so polite.” Hallowed asked his close friend.

Timewatcher turned red and said: “What are you talking about? Haven’t I been pretty good recently?”

“Well, I suppose you haven’t poked any beehive recently or bothered the ladies.” Hallowed said.

“Is that really your impression of me?” Hallowed complained.

“Yes.” Hallowed’s expression suddenly became serious: “Is it because of Heaven’s Allure? I heard some rumors.”

“That’s all in the past, Big Bro, don’t worry, I know better than to cause any trouble.” Timewatcher laughed.

The two seemed to be close like brothers despite the considerable age gap.

Chapter 5340: How To Kill Him?

“Well, I certainly hope so since I’m leaving Xiao Hu with you.” Hallowed smiled and said.

“Huh?” Timewatcher nearly choked after hearing this: “Big Bro, what are you saying? I can’t train your disciple given my meager skills.”

He shook his head repeatedly, seemingly panicking: “Big Bro, you stand tall as our role model with your Hallowed Sword Dao. No man can be your equal so no one can replace you as his master...”

“Yes or no?” Hallowed interrupted him.

“... Can I say no?” Timewatcher had a pained expression.

“No.” Hallowed uttered coldly: “Xiao Hu is smart and won’t be a burden.”

“Uncle, I will take care of you.” Xiao Hu immediately went to work cleaning the palace.

“No need, no need.” Timewatcher felt as if he had been pushed into a pit: “Big Bro, you know how I am, a playboy such as myself will be surrounded by women. This is a terrible influence on Xiao Hu.”

“Then become a good uncle then.” Hallowed said: “You were proper once while building Reincarnation City.”

Timewatcher seemed to be on the verge of tears, unable to refuse.

“Well, what are you trying to do? Why are you entrusting him to me?” He thought about something else.

“Just going to grab a few friends to go make mincemeat out of Supreme.” Hallowed said casually.

The others exchanged glances. Hallowed seemed to be a friendly old man but once angered, he did not hold back.

“Let’s not be so hasty. Sir and his friends are here, let’s just have a chat for a bit.” Timewatcher said, wanting to drag the others into the mud.

“I am not qualified to invite Sir. As for this dao brother, I’m afraid we have different views.” Hallowed bowed in the direction of Li Qiye first before staring at the old servant.

“I’m just a servant who will listen to the master’s command.” The old servant pretended not to understand.

"I'm afraid you're no match for Supreme." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

"Yes, hence my current injuries. He is indeed exceptional, the pinnacle of the dragon lords." Hallowed praised.

"Your vitality is broken because of the shackles from the bloodline. Fixing them means that there is a path for you toward anima." Li Qiye said.

"You are right, Sir, but I'm afraid I won't accomplish this in my lifetime." Hallowed said sentimentally.

Hallowed was a sea demon with a curse on his bloodline. Through sheer effort and time, he managed to break the curse, albeit not entirely.

Suppressing a forbidden zone for years and years expended his vitality, resulting in him being in a permanently weakened state. This also prevented him from reaching anima.

"Start over again." Li Qiye said.

"Maybe but time is not on my side, not to mention the risks." Hallowed was surprised to hear the risky approach.

"Big Bro, this is not the time to risk it all against Supreme. We can still live for a long time to wait for the right moment." Timewatcher interjected.

"No rush." The old servant said.

As for Li Zhitian, he couldn't comment because he came from Heaven Alliance. Even if he wasn't on the side of Supreme, he shouldn't be running his mouth.

"His provocation will not go unchallenged." Hallowed said with a smile.

"Seems like the Pact of Blessed is in name only." Timewatcher reflected.

"With the existence of beings such as Supreme and Illumination who take pride in their race and lineage, the pact will be nullified soon enough. A full-scale war is inevitable." Hallowed sneered.

"I agree." Timewatcher nodded: "Supreme's ambition is to unite the upper continents under the rule of The Race. Illumination is just as bad, embarking on a mission of eradicating The Race, no different from Celestial Court back then. It's a good thing he was chased out back then or the situation would be far worse now."

"Supreme is bound by his ambition but Illumination is twisted by his desire for vengeance. The farther he goes on this path, the more alienated he is from us." Hallowed said.

"But there are many who still believe in his approach." Timewatcher chuckled.

Illumination garnered many supporters from The People due to his strong stance against The Race. However, he had become an extremist in recent years, going as far as branding neutral cultivators as sinners of The People.

Later on, Puresun Dao Lord and the others managed to force Illumination Conqueror out of Dao Alliance since they were aware of his downward trajectory.

The Pact of Blessed came afterward, heralding a peaceful period for both sides. After all, the world was aware of how destructive it was to have a full-scale war between apex cultivators.

“There will be no peace when Supreme and Illumination are around.” The old servant said.

“That’s why you’re thinking about killing Supreme, Big Bro.” Timewatcher said: “But in order to do that, we have to get help from All-things’ group.”

“We can’t, All-things is having enough trouble right now due to Illumination’s influence.” Hallowed shook his head and sighed.

“Illumination had waited long enough now?” Timewatcher had a serious expression.

“I believe so, he is intending on retaking Dao Alliance in order to start another war.” Hallowed nodded.

“Ridiculous.” Li Qiye smiled and said.

“Unfortunately, Illumination will do so because he’s a madman.” Hallowed said.

“Seems like Dao Alliance is unstable with Illumination around, it will split eventually and this instability might spread to Imperial Alliance too. The People might go down from internal conflicts first.”
Timewatcher analyzed.

“That’s why All-things is preoccupied with enemies on all sides. If we want his help, Illumination has to be eliminated first.” Hallowed said with a wry smile.

“Ethics and optics prevent it.” The old servant commented.

“Right.” Hallowed said: “If All-things were to mobilize against Illumination now, he’ll alienate others and disrupt the overall unity of The People. Supreme will definitely take advantage of that.”

“Convince Supreme to kill Illumination, let the tigers fight it out.” Li Qiye smiled.

“It is a good plan but both of them are smart. They know better than to antagonize each other right now unless there is a clear advantage. Supreme also knows that Illumination might be the downfall of Dao Alliance, he will not interfere.”

“Seems like this depends on your determination. Otherwise, it’s a situation of being unable to get off the tiger once mounted.” Li Qiye said.