

Emperor 5391

Chapter 5391 – All Present

Five-sun Dao Lord's intent was not to threaten All-things and others. After all, they had experienced numerous tribulations and trials to get here. Threats were relatively useless.

Five-sun was merely remarking on the potential risk of having everyone gathered in one place.

"What can possibly deal with us all at once?" Skysword asked with a smile.

"Does Divine Alliance have a dream order?" All-things got straight to the point.

Under normal circumstances, it would be virtually impossible to capture or kill all of them. One possibility included the usage of an immortal dream order.

Illumination had tried prior in order to deal with Supreme, Swordsea, and even Li Qiye.

"I'll be honest, Brother All-things. We do not." Five-sun answered.

"Then there won't be a problem." All-things said.

"What about your Dao Alliance?" Five-sun asked.

All-things only smiled in response.

“So you do.” Five-sun smiled back.

A total of five dream orders existed. Rumor has it that the alliances had some of them but the actual details were unknown. The final one was recently sold by Boss Tang.

Two have been used thus far - Illumination’s and Supreme’s. Alchemy Dao also had one. Now, Dao Alliance most likely had one as well and the fifth could still be in Divine Alliance’s possession despite Five-sun Dao Lord’s denial.

This was the reason why All-things didn’t worry despite having the upper echelons of Dao Alliance in one place.

“If you do not wish to release our disciple, I’m afraid we’ll have to resort to force. It will no longer be up to me.” Five-sun shook his head.

“We appreciate your kind intention.” All-things smiled.

“Clank!” Sword energy engulfed the palace, seemingly wanting to cut it into two halves.

“Brother Swordsea is here too.” Everyone knew who it was since the aura of an apex dao lord was rather suffocating.

“Let’s have a drink if you’re here already.” A different sword energy pierced the world, creating a special state of balance and harmony. It lifted others up instead of suppressing them.

This made the group breathe easy despite Swordsea Dao Lord releasing his pressure.

Xiao Hu and Ferocity exchanged glances since they had heard this voice before.

“Brother Darkfrost is here too? Very well, let’s have a drink.” The two sword energies rushed into the air and intertwined together.

Swordsea tried to intimidate the group with his immense power. However, Darkfrost came as well.

Both had cultivated one of the nine heavenly sword dao. A battle between them would take quite a long time to conclude.

Slashes split the world down into primordial chaos. A fight at their level needed to take place far away from civilization or everything would be destroyed.

Fortunately, the palace of Blessed Dao Lord had an automatic dao barrier capable of withstanding the remnant shockwaves.

“No wonder you’re so confident, you definitely came prepared.” Five-sun Dao Lord laughed.

Dao Alliance had two apex dao lords present right now - truly a difficult bunch to take down.

“Hahaha!” A burst of laughter interrupted them and the ground started shaking.

An old man appeared in front of the palace; the world seemed to be rotating around his radiance.

“Illumination Conqueror.” Everyone became serious after seeing him.

He seemed to be alone, not bringing any followers into the den of enemies. His domineering confidence remained untouched, causing others to remember his once-glorious past.

“Gentlemen, long time no see. The years feel like they were just yesterday.” Illumination said.

The others didn’t respond. Some had joined Dao Alliance before the start of Emperors War. They fought together with the trio and were unbeatable. Now, allies have become enemies.

“Long time no see, Brother Illumination.” All-things activated his life aura.

Illumination possessed an awe-inspiring dominance while All-things seemed as untouchable as an impervious abyss.

Chapter 5392 – Ancient Art

They once worked together and were unstoppable, especially with the addition of Swordsea Dao Lord. Today, their goal was each other’s demise.

“Brother All-things.” Illumination gazed at All-things, having a good idea of his power: “I am here for one simple reason, to take this young lady away. Please take it easy on me.”

“Brother, you know that this is an impossible request.” All-things shook his head.

“Why do you need her? To hold back Divine Alliance?” Illumination asked.

“I should be asking you that question.” All-things responded.

“My Azure School had lost numerous cultivators so an answer is required. Brother, I will commence a ceremony to appease their souls in heaven.” Illumination said.

“A living sacrifice?” All-things narrowed his eyes.

“Why not?” Illumination laughed: “Now you know the reason. Leave her to me and I will owe you a debt.”

The group exchanged glances, thinking that it wasn’t so simple. Illumination might be arrogant and ruthless but he was no fool.

Xiao Hu shuddered after hearing about the sacrificial ceremony. It would be quite pitiful for a twelve-fruit conqueror to go down in this humiliating manner.

All-things would never do such a thing but the same couldn't be said for Illumination. He would broadcast it to the rest of the world in order to remind everyone of his reputation.

"I'm afraid I cannot oblige to your request." All-things refused.

"Then what do you wish for? We were friends once, allies against The Race. We should be walking together once more against The Race." Illumination laughed.

Cultivators from The People would certainly prefer this development - their apex cultivators teaming together again. They needed to throw past grievances aside and deal with the common enemy.

Of course, the ones inside the palace didn't buy it. They had experienced Emperors War before and understood the danger of following Illumination Conqueror.

"If you work for the betterment of The People, you should obey the Pact of Blessed instead of breaking it. Ever since it became effective, both sides have been prospering and fewer cultivators have to die in battle." All-things said.

"It is not up to us. If we don't take the initiative, Supreme will. Heaven Alliance will not stop before we are destroyed. The only way for us to survive is to destroy Heaven Alliance and The Race." Illumination disagreed.

"Brother, your way is contrarian to our belief. If you agree to change, then we may continue talking about cooperation. When we start wars between dao lords and conquerors, the real victims are the mortals and weaker cultivators. Peace is the right choice if we look back at the recent eras." All-things shook his head.

“Well, there is another path.” Illumination stared at All-things and smiled suggestively.

“I am listening.” All-things responded.

“I will tell you the truth, I have access to an ancient art capable of destroying The Race in one go.” Illumination said in a dignified manner.

“An ancient art?” Listeners shuddered and exchanged glances.

“Is he lying?” Xiao Hu whispered.

Li Qiye smiled while Ferocity answered: “Someone like Illumination doesn’t need to lie.”

“What kind of art is it then?” Xiao Hu remained skeptical.

“So you’ve found it.” All-things’ expression became serious.

“I was not idle during my forced retirement.” Illumination laughed and said: “Did you really think that I would return while being empty-handed?”

“It is only a legend.” Skysword remarked.

“Brother, I’m sure you know about it, the same with the brothers from Eight Desolaces. It is a legend from an old epoch about an evil race.” Illumination said confidently.

Those originating from Eight Desolaces listened attentively.

“The Ancient Ming was long gone even during our epoch.” All-things said.

“But they have truly existed, it’s just that they have faced extinction.” Illumination smiled and said: “Do you know how?”

The group had heard of the Ancient Ming’s legends. It’s just that this race was from the previous epoch and they didn’t know much about it.

The tales of the nine worlds were destroyed during the great calamity. They only had access to bits and pieces.

“As far as I know, they went extinct due to an ancient art.” All-things spoke.

“So you have thought about it and even searched for it then, a way to destroy The Race all at once.” Illumination laughed.

All-things shook his head: “You misunderstood, I have never thought about eradicating The Race since that is only a broad generalization. Some of us have family members and lovers from The Race.”

“We will only be strictly dealing with the diviners, heaveners, and devils. As long as we destroy them, the other races will not amount to anything, that will be the end of The Race.” Illumination said.

Listeners weren’t strangers to this particular rhetoric since he had been spouting it from the very start.

Chapter 5393 – Right Before Us

Illumination’s hellbent obsession with eradicating The Race was no secret. Though this alienated the majority of cultivators, it also gained him many diehard followers.

For example, Wild Conqueror’s sect was destroyed by The Race, hence his vengeance. Another was Devil Conqueror whose sect suffered a similar fate.

However, many dao lords in the palace came from Eight Desolaces. After ascending to the upper continents, they had ties with The People or other relationships but didn’t share the same hatred toward The Race.

This was the reason for Dao Alliance’s decline - neutrality versus vengeance.

“We do not wish to destroy The Race.” All-things said.

“If you have access to this ancient art, why haven’t you used it?” Five-sun Dao Lord chimed in.

“I need a catalyst.” Illumination said with a dark expression: “I require the ancestral blood of the three races.”

“!” Everyone became emotional after hearing this because this was something capable of causing a war in the immortal continent.

“The ancestral blood types are no more.” One conqueror shook her head.

“Not necessarily.” Illumination laughed and said: “What did Eight Stallion come here to do? Brother All-things, you know better than anyone.”

Eight-stallion Dao Lord had indeed visited the upper continents and come to Dao Alliance before.

However, he didn’t garner much attention because he was only a six-fruit dao lord. The most noteworthy thing about him was his immortal shield.

All-things sighed and shook his head, not saying anything else.

“What does Eight-stallion Dao Lord have to do with the ancestral blood?” A dragon lord asked.

Illumination laughed and said: “He came to Dao Alliance specifically to give us information regarding the blood.”

“Are you saying that you know where it is?” Five-sun was interested too.

“You’re asking the right person. It is right before us yet is as unreachable as the heaven.” Illumination said.

“Where?” Five-sun’s curiosity grew.

Everyone thought if they had to pick someone to be in possession of the blood, it would be All-things Dao Lord.

“Sir.” Illumination stared at Li Qiye who was sitting there with a smile, completely ignoring him.

“Sir, if I guess correctly, you are in possession of the ancient blood.” Illumination pressed on.

The group clamored after hearing this due to the significance of the situation. Ye Fantian opened her eyes as well.

Li Qiye immediately became the center of attention.

“So what if I am?” Li Qiye smiled.

“The ancestral blood is of utmost importance to The People’s survival. If you have it, Sir...”

“You want me to give it to you so that you can use it to destroy the three races.” Li Qiye chuckled and interrupted him.

“That is correct, Sir.” Illumination didn’t hide his plan: “My ancient art can utilize the ancestral blood to trace all the deviating branches. Through it, I will be able to destroy all of them in the six continents.”

Everyone shuddered upon hearing this.

“This will be a ruthless extermination, even the mortals won’t be spared.” One dao lord raised his voice.

“So what?” Illumination looked up at the sky and laughed heartily: “With the destruction of the three races, the world shall belong to The People alone!”

“The People has heaveners, diviners, and devils as well! Look around you, we have dao lords and dragons from the three races right now!” Worldraiser Dao Lord shouted.

“Fine, The People will be no more afterward. After the three races are gone, Celestial Court will fall as well, and the same for Heaven and Divine Alliance. Our hundred races shall be safe then.” Illumination said.

The ones from the three races had a darkened expression after hearing this. Despite their background, they chose to join The People.

After all, the two classifications had more to do with allegiance than race itself. If Illumination were to carry out this ancient art, The People would also suffer devastating losses.

“Even if we have this ancient art and the ancestral blood, we shall not use it. It is injustice to do this to innocent mortals.” All-things shook his head.

“You’ve gone insane.” Members of the three races were eager to take down Illumination.

“Sir, don’t you think that by destroying the three races and Celestial Court, the hundred races will finally live without worries?” Illumination asked Li Qiye.

Everyone stopped and listened with bated breath. Some among them were actually interested in the possibility of ending Celestial Court despite the loss of lives.

Chapter 5394 – Celestial Court’s Destruction For The People’s Prosperity

“What happens afterward?” Li Qiye smiled and asked.

“The hundred races shall rise out of Celestial Court’s ashes.” Illumination answered without needing to think twice.

“Will that bring peace to the six continents? Nine Worlds and Eight Desolaces didn’t have heaveners, diviners, and devils, I didn’t see peace there.” Li Qiye responded.

Others pondered the question. War and conflicts never ceased in history. Humans fought demons and golems; sects were destroyed on a daily basis in Eight Desolaces. Mortals were caught in the conflict, meeting their demise without knowing why.

“If you insist on doing something so extreme, don’t just destroy the three races. Eradicate all cultivators, hundred races included. After all, mortals can’t be that destructive. Their wars are limited to blades and arrows, the area of effect is contained while any of you can destroy a continent with a single hand wave. Billions and billions have died because of cultivators so if we have to talk about those who deserve death, it would be you all.”

None could deny this because they had fought numerous battles to survive and make it this far. Moreover, Emperors War was particularly devastating with incalculable casualties.

“And you, Sir?” Illumination didn’t back down.

“My hands are stained with blood and I deserve to die a hundred times over, but I never claimed to care about the world.” Li Qiye smiled: “That’s why you are pitiful and unworthy of being called a conqueror. Although you have proven your dao and reached the top, you never faced your heart and desire. You claimed to be a savior while merely trying to carry out your own personal vendetta, resulting in countless deaths for The People.”

“If it wasn’t for me stopping Heaven Alliance, more would have been killed.” Illumination defended himself.

“You’re closer to being a clown than a savior. The People survived without you in the past while fighting Celestial Court and other mighty enemies. As for you, you lack the courage to fight Celestial Court, choosing to prance around in the upper continents, how sad, just a frog under the well.” Li Qiye criticized.

Illumination’s expression changed after hearing this humiliating criticism.

“Hahaha, Young Noble, you are so right.” Ferocity laughed and started clapping: “The People did live pretty well after Emperors War thanks to the Pact of Blessed. And even without you around, there’s still All-things, Darkfrost, and many others. To be blunt, your absence means nothing to the world. In fact, the world is a better place without you and Supreme, the two biggest pieces of shit.”

Others started laughing as well, signaling to Illumination that he no longer had the same grip over Dao Alliance as before. Moreover, he couldn't refute the fact that prosperity had risen in recent times.

"There were many heroes during Immemorial Epoch, Skysplitter, and Grand Dao War." All-things said sentimentally: "So many emperors lost their lives while the survivors chose to live reclusively."

Several great wars had occurred in the past. It didn't matter which side started the conflict; emperors and monarchs paid a heavy price. Nonetheless, the survivors didn't claim to be heroes and saviors afterward.

"Brother Illumination, you're far from being the only one to stand up against The Race and Heaven Alliance." Skysword Dao Lord said.

Illumination had a tough time arguing against the crowd. He no longer had any supporters in the current version of Dao Alliance.

"Hahaha." Illumination laughed and said: "It seems like we are not on the same path at all. I will not force anyone to join me."

Having said that, he stared at Li Qiye and said: "Sir, I still stress the importance of the ancestral blood in changing the..."

Li Qiye waved his hand and said: "Since when do you get to tell me what to do with my things? If I hear another thing out of you, it won't be just a slap, I'll crush your head."

Illumination staggered backward after hearing this. Even All-things trembled in fear after hearing the casual threat.

Illumination was furious but still feared Li Qiye, not daring to attack.

“So you stand on the side of Brother All-things, Sir?” He took a deep breath and asked.

“I’m not interested in joining this dog fight. You all will deal with it yourselves.” Li Qiye said: “Of course, if you think you have grown strong enough to provoke or scheme against me, I’ll be glad to show how sorely mistaken you are.”

Everyone froze after hearing this. Although Li Qiye didn’t release his aura, they felt as if their fate was within his grasp.

Chapter 5395 – Who Will Stop Me?

Illumination was glad to hear Li Qiye’s neutrality and bowed in his direction: “I am rest assured after hearing confirmation from you, Sir. I am only here to take Miss Ye and have no intention of opposing you.”

He tried to use Li Qiye’s words against him, preventing the feared cultivator from interfering with the conflict between him and All-things Dao Lord. He has been attempting to get these words out of Li Qiye for a while now.

“Your little scheme is not clever, only unbecoming of a so-called apex conqueror. I do what I want and am shackled by nothing.” Li Qiye chuckled.

Although he didn't support Illumination's choice, he also didn't wish to support Dao Alliance. If Illumination were foolish enough to offend him again, he would have no problem killing him. This applied to the members of Dao Alliance as well.

Thus, everyone viewed him as the blade of an executioner looming above them, always ready to chop their head off.

"I will keep that to heart, Sir." Illumination bowed and was just glad to see Li Qiye sitting on the sideline. He had enough self-restraint to swallow his pride, something that couldn't be said about many others with a similar status. His goal was more important than anything.

With that, he asked All-things: "Brother, I must take Miss Ye with me, will you acquiesce?"

"You are putting me in a tough position. Even if I were to agree, others will not." All-things shook his head.

"Who will stop me then?" Illumination released his aura and caused explosions in the palace.

The indomitable fortress built by Blessed Dao Lord was quaking violently, seemingly unable to withstand his power.

Among the crowd, only All-things Dao Lord could stop him. Thus, the dao lord stepped forward and said: "A duel it is, Brother Illumination."

"Let me witness your All-things Mantra again then." Illumination had to take Ye Fantian with him.

“Very well.” All-things channeled his mantra and became resplendent.

From one to three and three to myriad creations. His life particles multiplied and created a boundless world with him in the center.

Instead of being an imperious lord, he served as a benevolent creator. Each thought could give birth to a new creation. The day and night changed to his whim.

“All-things World!” The group was in awe of the technique. Those from Eight Desolaces understood its prestigious history.

This was due to All-things Mantra - one of the seven grand arts from Eight Desolaces.

Normally, whenever dao lords proved their dao, they would create their own mantras and merit laws, focusing on the new ones and abandoning their previous cultivation methods.

The only ones who didn’t do this had access to the heavenly scriptures. This included Swordsea and Darkfrost Dao Lord. They had created their own dao but knew that these dao wouldn’t be superior to the heavenly scriptures.

As for All-things Dao Lord, he kept using the common mantra available to everyone. Only disciples from tiny sects would bother learning the seven mantras.

Nonetheless, he still used it as the main foundation for his cultivation - something unimaginable to those from Eight Desolaces.

The ones here were talented and had a firm dao heart. However, they still abandoned the seven mantras for their own dao.

All-things was an exception and moreover, he managed to reach the apex with it. He derived the mantra to the limit and created his own world.

“Forming a world using a basic mantra, I cannot do this.” Illumination admitted.

“Let’s begin, Brother.” All-things gestured while standing inside his world.

“Very well. If I lose, I will leave without saying another word but if I win, I will take Miss Ye.” Illumination said.

“It’s a deal.” All-things’ voice became majestic and in tune with the dao.

“Boom!” Illumination confidently entered the created world and was immediately met by torrents of power.

It only had one ruler and didn’t welcome Illumination.

Chapter 5396 – Illumination

All-things had complete control in his world. Entering it as an enemy was a risky endeavor since they would be subjected to immense pressure.

Nonetheless, Illumination showed no sign of hesitation before entering.

“Buzz.” A river of time suddenly manifested into reality and also infiltrated All-things World.

Illumination jumped up and stood on the resplendent river, assuming a form no less dominant than All-things Dao Lord.

“My light is eternal!” He roared and faced the pressure of this world directly. The temporal river of light illuminated everything.

This was his grand dao and strongest merit law - the reason for his domination.

Although many disagreed with his conduct or even despised him, they had to agree that this dao was brilliant.

He turned into a giant and stomped on the river, creating a tsunami of time rushing straight for All-things Dao Lord.

“Together, untouchable.” All-things chanted in response, causing his entire world to be sealed.

A stagnating effect started and caused Illumination’s river of time to slow by a century, a millennium, ten thousand years, one hundred thousand years...

The temporal stagnation eventually froze the river of time itself and aimed for Illumination.

“Activate!” Illumination roared a split second before a complete sealing.

He summoned his peerless treasure - an antique cauldron. Time couldn’t wear it down and only strengthened it.

“Illumination Thurable!” Those who saw this for the first time became startled.

It released three strands of smoke that resemble three paths of reincarnation and karma. One of them coiled around All-things Dao Lord and released a karmic fruit.

Karma was something to be feared in the cultivation world. Now, one has attached itself to All-things.

“Detach.” All-things whispered while having to pull off his seal. His body became ethereal, seemingly returning to emptiness.

In this transcended state, he flicked his finger and vanquished the strand of smoke, causing Illumination to stumble several steps backward as if struck by lightning.

Illumination roared and retaliated by igniting the flames inside his cauldron, creating another world inside All-things’ own domain.

It immediately expanded and tried to break All-things World via violent explosions.

The two apex cultivators utilized the mysteries of the dao, capable of creating a world and its various affinities with a single thought. Each hand wave was destructive and awed the audience.

The cultivators in the palace observed the spectacle carefully. They had their own grand dao already but were still learning about utilizing one's own domain in battle.

The two combatants were evenly matched and had a good understanding of each other's battle style and techniques. It would take a while for one to come out ahead.

"Boom!" Suddenly, a figure darted into the palace straight for Ye Fantian's cage and interrupted their observation.

"Excuse me, gentlemen." He said as he made it to the cage as if this was an empty hall.

"Stop!" Ruminant Dao Lord and the others shouted.

"Supreme!" Some shouted after getting a clear look at the uninvited guest.

He had the presence of a silvery dragon due to his shining robe, looking unstoppable and peerless. Even his enemies couldn't find flaws to criticize his appearance and aura.

Although there were numerous dao lords and conquerors present, he still managed to evade all of them.

Nonetheless, the others reacted in time and started attacking him before he could take Ye Fantian away.

Chapter 5397 – Supreme's Heartless Sword

“Rumble!” Ruminaton, Heavenwheel, and the others released their power.

The fortified palace finally crumbled, unable to handle so many cultivators activating their dao at once.

“Clang!” A shining slash of exquisite mastery radiated throughout eternity, penetrating the dao heart and eliciting gasps.

The technique was heartless but not in the sense of being brutal and merciless, forsaking all emotions.

It simply existed above the realms of reality - a supreme force not attached to any other existence. This special affinity wasn’t forced but had existed with Supreme.

Many cultivators became emotionless due to the path of the dao, viewing others as inferior in due time.

Supreme’s slash was one level above that, possessing an innate sense of superiority and detachment. This nature made it flawless and gasp-worthy. Despite its fatal potential, it also had an artistic value.

Li Xian’er was known for her ruthlessness but she couldn’t help but be in awe of the slash. Her attacks filled others with fear while Supreme’s slash overwhelmed them with marvel.

Even a victim would comment on how wondrous it was while being cut down by it - making them understand the possibilities of the dao.

“Boom!” Supreme didn’t bother looking back after delivering the slash, focusing on unsealing the cage.

He wounded several conquerors and dao lords. Alas, despite his prowess, he couldn’t stop all the attacks and suffered several bleeding wounds.

“Brother, stop right there.” All-things left his world to deal with Illumination while creating a containment made of life around Supreme. His life-controlling ability allowed him to create boundless containment in the blink of an eye.

“Let’s go!” Supreme unleashed another transcending slash. Three thousand worlds and their reincarnation cycles couldn’t block it.

Meanwhile, Illumination also broke out of the world and unleashed his temporal river of life on the others.

They had to stop and work together to form a dao barrier in order to stop him.

“Break!” Illumination’s twelve dao fruits became blindingly bright. Inside the radiance was his anima tree unleashing an attack on a whole new level.

It crushed the dao barrier, allowing him to get past them. Nonetheless, he still vomited a mouthful of blood after being struck by their combined effort.

He grabbed the cage, opened a spatial rift, and jumped through.

“Where do you think you’re going?!” The dao lords and conquerors shouted in unison and sealed off all the available dimensions.

Supreme pulled back his sword and disappeared from sight. All-things didn’t have time to worry about him and had to run after Illumination Conqueror.

“Rumble!” Suddenly, mighty figures landed on what was left of the palace and broke through all the seals, allowing Illumination to escape.

Two figures stood out in particular due to their dazzling auras - clearly having possessed an immortal shell and potentially anima.

One had shadowy devils posing behind him as if he were the lord of an ancient world. All of them obeyed and channeled their power into him.

“Devil Conqueror!” The members of Dao Alliance became serious.

“Still alive?” Ferocity was surprised to see him.

This was a legendary conqueror who was as prestigious as Illumination during his prime. His sect was wiped out by heaveners, leaving him as one of the few survivors.

While struggling to stay alive, he fell into a dangerous marsh and coincidentally obtained a fortune, allowing him to dominate with just one fruit.

Although Genesis Dao Lord had started this path, future conquerors found it to be virtually impossible - perhaps no less than obtaining twelve dao fruits in one shot.

Nonetheless, whatever Devil Conqueror found in the marsh made it possible. He became friends with Illumination Conqueror and chose to follow him later on despite being older and just as strong. He stood with Illumination even during Emperors War despite the criticism.

The other radiant conqueror wore a raincoat made of straw, looking like a poor villager living near a river. Alas, everyone felt as if they were fish in the river, just waiting to be caught by him.

“Riverwalker Conqueror!” The crowd wasn’t surprised to see him as well.

Chapter 5398 – One Thought, All Obey

In the upper continents, there was a saying stating that wherever Illumination Conqueror was, Riverwalker Conqueror was also around. Of course, this was an exaggeration but it was close to reality enough.

Riverwalker was Illumination’s junior brother. They have been together through many trials and rarely separated.

Although they no longer needed to rely on each other to survive, they still maintained the same close relationship as before.

“The true fighting force of Azure School.” Skysword Dao Lord had a serious expression.

It seemed that Illumination Conqueror was determined to capture Yi Fantian at all costs today.

“Shall we fight to the death today, gentlemen?” Riverwalker Conqueror shouted.

The two sides glared at each other - a scene that was often seen back in Emperors War between the fighting force of Eight Desolaces and Azure School.

While Illumination had lost the war, he still had many powerful followers such as Devil and Riverwalker Conqueror.

If it wasn't for All-things Dao Lord leading the way, Illumination would have been able to maintain control over Dao Alliance.

Some among The People thought that All-things Dao Lord stole Illumination's crowning achievement - Dao Alliance. In reality, those from Eight Desolaces played a big part in its founding. It's just that Illumination Conqueror got the majority of the credit.

“Kill them!” Devil Conqueror didn't waste time and unleashed the power of the devils behind him.

“Bring it!” Skysword Dao Lord released an expanse of sword dao to meet him directly.

“Go!” Heavenwheel and Saberlearned led the others into battle.

Stars were obliterated in the region as they were fighting. The auras from these combatants actually emanated across Dream Abyss.

Cultivators in this region felt their monstrous powers but didn't dare to come close. They trembled in horror, aware that any greedy attempt to watch would result in death.

"Not another Emperors War..." Not a single soul could stay calm.

Ancestor-level characters trembled in fear while dragon lords and conquerors' expressions soured.

Ancestors were normally unbeatable characters in the eyes of the juniors. Ancient ancestors were even beyond that.

However, they were nothing compared to conquerors and dao lords. On an actual battlefield involving the latter, they would be crushed like insects.

Therefore, these imperious cultivators were utterly frightened, no longer maintaining their calm and collected image. A single shockwave from this battlefield could reduce them to dust.

Cultivators desired to watch battles between top cultivators in order to get a deeper insight into the dao. However, a grand war would benefit no one.

Meanwhile, Devil and Riverwalker Conqueror led Azure School to stop Swordskey and the others, vying for time so that Illumination could escape Dream Abyss.

However, All-things Dao Lord was right behind him, capable of detecting his temporal river after having been allies once. Their familiarity with each other made it difficult for one to emerge victoriously.

“Clang!” An anima thrust suddenly tried to pierce All-things’ dao heart. Supreme had joined the fight as well with a fatal technique.

“One thought, all obey!” All-things had to stop the case and chanted to activate his anima power, creating an infinite expanse to stop the thrust.

Although Supreme’s technique was emotionless, it would start becoming sentient and hopeful in this massive expanse. The moment it had emotions, it would lose its sharpness - unable to break out of the mortal coil.

Chapter 5399 – Anima World

The moment the thrust gained emotions, it lost its initial edge.

Supreme decisively tossed his sword away and used the dao as a sword - another emotionless style straight for All-things’ forehead.

Its transcending nature could make targets scream in joy, seemingly happy to be put to rest by the technique. Of course, All-things didn’t succumb to its marvelous beauty.

Since his affinity was based on life, it also bred emotions to once again stop the sword dao. This was far from being their first fight.

The previous ones had no real conclusion since they both had advantages and disadvantages when facing each other.

A battle between emotions and the almighty void - truly an epic and poetic duel.

"Buzz." A dao beam suddenly came from the flick of a finger, capable of controlling the cosmo.

"Boom!" All-things Dao Lord's life expanse couldn't stop the beam since it was actually superior to Supreme's emotionless slashes.

He turned around and saw a cultivator capable of suppressing all existences. His expression darkened as he uttered the opponent's title: "Eternal."

The power of Eternal's bloodline engulfed the battlefield. All-things didn't have an immortal bloodline so he couldn't contend in this aspect.

"A favor must be repaid." Eternal said, blocking All-things from leaving by just standing there.

"You wish to help him?" All-things remained calm.

"Brother, we have no choice since it has escalated to this point." Supreme answered instead.

There existed a stark contrast between Supreme and Illumination. Supreme's actions have earned him infamy and curses.

However, when one stood before Supreme and fought him, they couldn't help being affected by his charisma, thinking he was a respectable foe. The same couldn't be said about Illumination Conqueror.

While not being in his presence, they would want to slap him once or twice. Once actually staring at him, it became tough to actually hate him.

At the very least, Supreme never tried to hide his ambition by spewing noble rhetoric as if he were a savior. Illumination, on the other hand, always shielded his actions as if he was killing only for the betterment of The People.

"Brother Supreme, you must have been waiting a long time for this day." All-things said.

"Not quite, but this is a rather good opportunity. If I don't kill you today, I'll still gift you a serious injury." Supreme admitted.

"You want to take care of me first and then Illumination." All-things understood.

"Isn't that exactly what you want? For me to kill Illumination?" Supreme said, possessing a unique elegance and charisma.

"I'm ashamed to say that you are correct." All-things let out a sigh.

After all, the best outcome would be for Supreme to kill Illumination Conqueror and even destroy Azure School.

He had no reason to hide this because Illumination was a true threat to Dao Alliance and The People. Peace was not possible as long as he was still alive.

Alas, All-things couldn't be the one to deal the finishing blow. In a sense, that would actually aid Illumination's goal.

He would become a martyr while All-things would be viewed as a despicable backstabber. This would only increase the current tension in Dao Alliance. Conversely, his death at the hands of Supreme would improve The People's solidarity.

"Your wish is definitely the best plan." Supreme said.

"Your best plan includes my head as well." All-things smiled in response.

"Will you grant me my wish then?" Supreme asked.

"Make your move then, it'll be an honor if I can play a part in fulfilling your wish." All-things summoned his world again.

"Born from all things, create all things, I can see it now, my eternal anima..." All-things chanted and revealed his immortal shell.

His anima tree appeared and released bright particles, granting him its power.

His entire world returned to its origin - every blade of grass and living creature saw their true selves and obtained anima.

“From life to anima, from anima to manifestation...” He continued chanting.

Meanwhile, Supreme and Eternal gave him time to channel his power.

“Incredible, a world created from anima.” Eternal said with respect.

Chapter 5400 – All-things Mantra

All-things Dao Lord assumed his peak state - the reward of cultivating All-things Mantra to the highest level.

“Our dao isn’t as fleshed out as yours.” Eternal continued.

All-things focused on the mantra alone, not needing any other dao or merit law. The so-called common method of cultivation was fully derived, granting him endless possibilities.

Few could resist the temptation of stronger merit laws. After all, growing stronger was a key goal of cultivation. Nonetheless, All-things remained steadfast from the very start, not changing his mind even after becoming a dao lord.

His achievement was rather unique - a testament to why he was an apex cultivator.

“Clank!” Supreme entered this world with his sword drawn, capable of withstanding the pressure.

He felt the power of All-things’ anima everywhere. It resembled an invisible hand gripping his throat.

“Boom!” He released his twelve sacred fruits as well on top of activating his immortal shell. The twelve palaces rotated and released an expanse of energy in the form of a tree.

It swayed gracefully and sprinkled particles downward. Upon touching the ground, they rippled like waves of light and started dissolving.

Supreme stood in this vast expanse of sacred energy, becoming a being equal to All-things Dao Lord. His sacred tree seemingly wanted to take over All-things World.

“All-things Vision!” All-things’ anima energy started scorching the dao in order to dissolve the sacred tree.

“Heartless Slash!” Supreme thrust his sword, this time in a slow and feeble manner. Everyone could finally take a good look at his rusted iron sword.

Nonetheless, it had a heavenly property. Gods, immortals, and all living beings were susceptible all the same - no different from straw dogs meant to be sacrificed.

Both techniques were at the apex of this world. All-things Vision could reduce the dao to nothingness and the same for the destructive thrust. They did not hold back and wanted to end this in one move.

“Boom!” Eternal Conqueror joined the fight as well, fully activating his bloodline.

The temporal affinity contained in his blood derived the mysteries of the dao to the fullest. It displayed one simple truth - life was bestowed by the high heaven. This was undeniable and served as one of the foundational basis of the dao.

“My will, eternal. Dao, everlasting. World, unbreakable...” Eternal chanted as well and summoned anima flowers inside All-things World.

This conflicted with All-things’ own anima and prevented it from stopping Supreme’s thrust.

“Pluff!” The rusted sword pierced All-things chest, causing him to stagger backward with a pale expression.

His opponents were two apex cultivators; two hands couldn’t stop four fists. In reality, no one in the upper continents could stop Supreme and Eternal, not Sword Queen or Immortal Pagoda Conqueror either.

“My apologies, Brother. Everything will end today.” Eternal said.

This was an honorless fight for Eternal and Supreme but it must be done.

“If this is the extent of your power, Brother, this shall be your resting place.” Supreme said.

"It is indeed." All-things smiled wryly and shook his head.

His defeat was guaranteed. Of course, who knows if this was truly the extent of his ability but it didn't matter at this point.

He had no reinforcement because the others were fighting their own battle. Darkfrost was held back by Swordsea - an evenly matched fight as well.

Only someone such as Sword Queen could help him. Alas, Dao Alliance did not communicate with Imperial Alliance for the meeting today.

"The next move includes the destruction of Dao Alliance." Supreme said while still exercising caution.

He didn't understand why Dao Alliance chose to gather in this area. Was it to capture Illumination Conqueror or bait them into taking action?

It seemed that this was a miscalculation. Although All-things was strong, he didn't have enough forces to deal with Illumination while preparing for other threats from Heaven and Divine Alliance.