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Chapter 5461: Despair

Although spectators and the combatants were prepared mentally for something like this to happen, they still became astounded.

The four apex cultivators should have been unstoppable in the upper continents.

Supreme swapped his void thrust into one filled with emotions and compassion, targeting beyond the physical realms. Immortal Pagoda unleashed his strongest attack with the help of his primordial fruit. Swordsea's dao was omnipresent and unblockable. Eternal had complete mastery over the temporal affinity.

The four in combination could kill All-things or Sword Queen. Alas, Li Qiye easily sent them flying; they couldn't damage a hair of his. It seemed that he was merely swatting four mosquitoes, nothing more.

The dragon lords and emperors felt despair while watching this, let alone regular cultivators.

The latter viewed apex cultivators as the peak of this world. They could try for a lifetime and never reach this level. Only a few chosen ones had the privilege to even attempt this feat.

Now, their power and prestige only served as decorations for Li Qiye's frightening ability. What kind of existence was he, to defy reasons and logic?

At the very least, there was a sliver of hope in catching up to Supreme. It might require an immense time but luck but not impossible.

As for Li Qiye, they didn't even have a grasp on his true power. Even if they were at the apex, they still couldn't catch up to him.

Nonetheless, some maintained an optimistic viewpoint. They were witnessing a being above the apex meaning that a path was actually possible. Being a top conqueror was not the end of the road.

"Hahaha!" The wounded Swordsea laughed heartily and said: "There is no end to the dao, it can fulfill all ambitions."

He was proud of his Oceanic Slash but was swiftly defeated by Heart Blade. He thought that he wouldn't be able to surpass this achievement nor could anyone else.

Although Sword Queen and Supreme were incredible cultivators, they could only match him at best with regard to the sword dao.

Alas, the moment he saw Li Qiye's Heart Blade, he knew that he had lost. He finally caught a glimpse of the endless possibilities.

His dao came from Finality, a legendary and peerless scripture. He couldn't surpass it, hence his sadness in feeling the limitation of his dao.

Today, Heart Blade shattered his understanding of the sword dao and enlightened him. The previous duels with Supreme and Sword Queen did not have this effect since they were evenly matched.

"Sir, please accept my gratitude for the lesson." The wounded Swordsea lowered his head, unable to contain his excitement.

Spectators became sentimental while watching the aftermath of the battle. Bottlenecks existed in all cultivation realms. Apex cultivators had an even harder time breaking through. They normally needed a supreme fortune or an opportunity.

This applied to Swordsea as well. Today, seeing Li Qiye's Heart Blade was his godsent opportunity.

"An eternity is still ephemeral in your eyes." Eternal Conqueror sighed and said: "I was displaying my slight skills before an expert and made a fool out of myself."

With that, he turned toward the last-gen members of Divine Alliance and said: "I have tried my best earlier, my debt is now repaid. Gentlemen, goodbye now, I hope we will be able to meet again."

He then bowed in Li Qiye's direction before disappearing from sight, not caring about anyone else's opinion. Of course, no one outside of Li Qiye could stop him anyway.

He only worked for Divine Alliance to repay a debt. With that done, there was nothing keeping him here.

Divine Alliance suffered heavy losses today, losing both Swordsea and Eternal Conqueror.

Chapter 5462: The Dao Is Endless

Silence took over the battlefield after the defeat of four apex cultivators. Eternal departed; Swordsea had no intention of continuing the fight.

The Race suffered a devastating blow, perhaps losing half of its firepower. If four couldn't beat Li Qiye, how could two ever hope to do so?

"Sir, I have nothing but admiration for your power." Supreme bowed and said.

"The dao is endless, certainly worthy of our pursuit." Immortal Pagoda showed no loss of morale after losing.

Nothing seemed capable of breaking their spirit. As long as they were around, they would serve as pillars for The Race.

"The two of you must have entered Celestial Court and saw those geezers." Li Qiye said with a smile.

The two exchanged glances and took a deep breath. This was the highest of secrets, how did he know?

Leaking certain secrets relating to Celestial Court was punishable by death. Some twelve-fruit members weren't privy to them either.

No wonder why Supreme and Immortal Pagoda held such pivotal positions in the upper continents. This was especially true for Supreme.

Putting strength aside, only those who have contributed and gained the trust of Celestial Court could gain insight into certain secrets.

"There must be mighty monsters in Celestial Court." A neutral dao lord said. In the past, his group had attempted to learn more information to no avail.

"We were well-liked, that's all." Supreme said.

"I'm actually interested to see what they have given you, to have such confidence." Li Qiye smiled: "If you two leave now, I will spare you. Otherwise, only death awaits."

His declaration suffocated the listeners since no one doubted him right now. This could be Supreme and Immortal Pagoda's last day in this world.

They themselves knew that Li Qiye was not merely boasting. Nonetheless, Supreme maintained his initial stance: "I will not abandon my duty. My apologies, Sir."

"Very well, I will give you the chance to show me your true ace cards given by Celestial Court. This is not the time to hold back." Li Qiye said.

"Sir, if you are willing, we can have a formal discussion..." Immortal Pagoda was many things - prideful, arrogant, imperious...

However, he was no idiot and understood that fighting Li Qiye was rather unwise.

"You two are not qualified to negotiate with me, I am being awfully merciful and patient right now." Li Qiye shook his head. It was either his way or death.

This was already his being polite and patient as well. Supreme and Immortal Pagoda were unreachable for many others but unqualified when speaking to Li Qiye.

The current situation instilled despair into the members of Heaven and Divine Alliance. How could they ever hope to beat Li Qiye?

"Sir, killing us changes nothing in the grand scheme of things." Supreme took a deep breath and said.

"Indeed, it changes nothing but there is a start to everything. Since the two of you wish to toil for Celestial Court, I will start with you two and it won't be longer until I finish off Celestial Court as well. At that point, The Race and The People will only exist in the past." Li Qiye said nonchalantly.

Li Qiye had mentioned this goal before but now, it seemed to be concrete and coming along soon.

Could he actually destroy Celestial Court? The duck egg buyer and many others have failed.

"Seems like we must fight." Supreme said solemnly.

"This won't be much of a fight. The destruction of Celestial Court shall start with your death." Li Qiye smiled.

"I know we are overestimating ourselves but let us witness your invincibility again, Sir." Immortal Pagoda laughed.

"Show me what Celestial Court had invested for the two of you." Li Qiye remarked.

Chapter 5463: Scrap Metals From Celestial Court

"Sir, we are ready for another lesson." Supreme and Immortal Pagoda exchanged glances before preparing for battle.

Supreme stood with Heaven Alliance and Immortal Pagoda was with Divine Alliance.

"Gentlemen, are we as one?" Supreme glanced at his fellow members.

"To the death!" They shouted in unison.

"Yes, to the death!" Supreme roared back in high morale.

"Please lend me a hand." Immortal Pagoda told the remnants of Divine Alliance.

"We shall do our best, Divine Alliance will never falter!" Their morale seemed high as well after becoming a part of Celestial Court.

"Very well." Immortal Pagoda always looked magnificent whether in victory or defeat. His aura and presence didn't wane in the slightest.

They once again focused on controlling the tower and the hook, shifting them away from the prisoners.

All-things and the others heaved a sigh of relief. They moved away from the battlefield instead of helping Li Qiye since he didn't need them. Doing so might only annoy him.

"Sir, I'm afraid we will have to offend you. I hope you understand since this is a fight to the death." Supreme entered the formation controlling Celestial Tower.

"No need for apologies, I don't mind sending all of you to the next journey." Li Qiye smiled.

"We'll get started then." Supreme understood how precarious this would be but they were determined to continue.

"Kill!" Immortal Pagoda controlled the hook with all of his power.

"Kill!" The members from both alliances let out a rallying cry as well.

"Boom!" The eruption of their power and vitality was a sight to behold.

Just a single conqueror alone could leave everyone breathless. All of them channeling at the same time stretched out the fabrics of space and reality.

The tower became resplendent; its mere presence alone became unbearable for anyone beneath. No cultivators could stay alive while being targeted.

The hook, on the other hand, lacked flashiness but made up for this in sharpness. Its glint alone could reap the lives of conquerors and dao lords.

The two artifacts reached their strongest state, capable of blowing through stars as if they were straw boats.

Mortals and cultivators in the upper continents were paralyzed on the ground, lacking the strength and courage to face this terrifying disaster. They felt as if an apocalypse was incoming.

"Go!" Supreme and Immortal Pagoda attacked Li Qiye in unison.

The tower was the first to fly toward his position. The space around him didn't just collapse but melted into nothingness. Being reduced to ashes and pieces still meant existing in some ways. This was a complete erasure of everything around him.

The hook appeared at the same time, resembling the scythe of a death god - sharp enough to cut down top cultivators like tofu.

"Boom!" Time came to a stop as Li Qiye did the impossible - raising the tower with one hand and holding the hook with the other.

Spectators couldn't help but gasp in astonishment. He was using his bare hands to stop the empowered artifacts!

Anyone else could have been obliterated and sliced to pieces by them, not Li Qiye. Of course, they all knew how terrifying Li Qiye was but their jaw still dropped to the ground.

All-things and Sword Queen couldn't have done this, not even the mighty Calamity Dao Lord. His shell couldn't have endured the onslaught.

"These pieces of scrap metals could have been effective in the past but now, completely worthless in my eyes." Li Qiye smiled and stunned his opponents.

They were already giving their all yet their ace cards meant nothing to Li Qiye.

Chapter 5464: Can't Even Be An Appetizer

Li Qiye then raised one leg up; the stars and the world itself moved to his rhythm. It became the only thing that mattered in the universe; nothing else had the same grip.

Myriad laws and mysteries of the dao became mere specks of dust before his foot, being lifted up as well. Spectators had the illusion that this was the foot of heaven and earth.

"Boom!" He stomped at the suppressive momentum of the tower and hook.

They were made from incredible metals and treasures, currently empowered by numerous capable cultivators. Their momentum empowered by the formations couldn't be underestimated; no single soul could muster this level of power. This was the pinnacle of teamwork and resources - the highest achievement of cultivation in the upper continents.

A multi-colored radiance erupted as all of the power in the artifacts tried to stop him. The combined effort through many generations of Heaven and Divine Alliance broke down in the blink of an eye.

Everyone else in charge of the formation was smashed down to the ground as well, resulting in broken bones and heavy loss of blood.

They felt as if they were ants being stomped down by a merciless human, unable to resist. They groaned in pain while enduring the pressure.

Spectators from a distance trembled in horror. Although they were fortunate enough to not be the target of this cosmic force, they still ached all over and had a hard time breathing. Their legs buckled as they witnessed this spectacle.

The momentums of the artifacts collapsed first and so did their physical frame. The materials gifted by Celestial Court were all destroyed today.

Celestial Tower allowed Heaven Alliance to dominate for eras. This only stopped when The People managed to build Haven Bulwark. Today, Li Qiye brought an end to the tower.

Supreme and the others eventually got up. The shift in pose caused them to vomit blood but putting physical injuries aside, their confidence was shattered by the stomp as well.

Everyone could tell that he would have no problem killing all of them in just a second. The disparity in power was insurmountable.

How many alliance members still had the courage to face him? Death didn't deter them at first. However, their dao heart was crushed now, leaving them with nothing but despair.

Struggling was useless. Their lifelong achievements with the dao were not worth mentioning; all of their hard work became meaningless.

Supreme and Immortal Pagoda turned pale. The two of them have dominated for so long and had entered Celestial Court before.

Nonetheless, they were certain that Li Qiye was the strongest existence they had seen thus far.

"Is this it? Not enough to be an appetizer." Li Qiye said, pouring salt on the wounds of his opponents.

Chapter 5465: Destined For Greatness

Supreme and Immortal Pagoda felt their legs shaking, not out of fear but out of injuries from the stomp earlier. Their immortal shell was nearly destroyed despite possessing the full forces of the alliances.

They exchanged glances and took a deep breath, gathering their vitality and confidence once more. They regained their proud stance but the same couldn't be said about their allies.

Some harbored wishes to retreat because this was a suicidal mission. They had dominated their entire life and never feared anyone.

Fear was an emotion they once felt during their youth and cultivation journey. Eventually, they overcame it and reached the top of the world.

Although they weren't as strong as Supreme and other apex cultivators, they believed that this was only temporary. As long as they could stay alive and maintain this road, they could be the last ones smiling.

Such things happened repeatedly in history - the weak eventually catching up and surpassing stronger cultivators. Thus, fear wouldn't be the right word, only temporary apprehension.

Unfortunately, this emotion resurfaced in their heart after being stomped by Li Qiye. It crushed their confidence and dao heart.

They looked up and saw the immeasurable gap. They couldn't see the end of the dao path while Li Qiye was already standing there. This was a hopeless fight.

Therefore, some among them wavered and wanted to escape. The solidarity had been shattered.

Not long ago, they were willing to throw their lives away for their belief and mission. Now, the absolute zero chance of success made them abandon their conviction.

This was the prelude to the collapse of the dao heart and the start of their downfall. They understood the frightening consequences of this. They attempted to strengthen their dao heart, summoning the courage to face Li Qiye.

Events flashed in their eyes in this split second, harking the early days of cultivation. When they were weak, they felt the same fear toward stronger cultivators.

In the end, they eventually defeated these powerful foes and went farther and farther. This was a similar situation and they couldn't yield now.

The first to stabilize were naturally Supreme and Immortal Pagoda. The former remained calm and collected while the latter was still the heaven's favorite.

Conquerors and dragon lords couldn't afford to yield. Giving up meant weakening their dao heart - something unbecoming of their status.

"Your perseverance is commendable." Li Qiye praised the courageous foes.

"You have helped me understand my dao heart more, Sir." Supreme took a deep breath.

"You should be proud of your comprehension ability." Li Qiye said.

"Well, I am certainly ready to die today for the sake of learning more about the dao heart." Immortal Pagoda laughed and interjected.

All-things and the others had respect for their mortal foes. These two regained their composure and courage in such a short time despite facing Li Qiye.

Nonetheless, not all agreed with their readiness to die. What was the point of gaining a stronger dao heart if it meant dying in battle today?

However, Supreme and Immortal Pagoda appreciated maintaining their dao heart. If they could somehow survive, they would be able to go farther than ever before.

Plus, they had no regrets if they were to die during a battle. They didn't let down their past self by running away like a coward. This was absolutely the correct path for cultivators.

"Yes, cultivation is an internal journey, not for the sake of fame and authority nor incredible techniques." Li Qiye nodded.

"Born in this world and destined for greatness, it's a shame that my mission collides with yours, Sir." Immortal Pagoda laughed.

"Let us finish this, Sir." Supreme said.

They have chased fear away and readied themselves for the second round.

Chapter 5466: Primordial Dao Fruit

Everyone watched with bated breath including the members of Divine and Heaven Alliance. They could no longer join this battle since this was beyond their level.

Their ace cards included the tower and the hook from Celestial Court. Li Qiye swiftly put an end to their artifacts. How could Supreme and Immortal Pagoda stop Li Qiye?

It didn't matter what they had hiding up their sleeves. Everything seemed rather futile now; this was the last struggle before death.

Of course, their fearless determination earned them the respect of the spectators, friends and foes alike.

This was especially true for the latter who had experienced the nightmarish defeat just now. Li Qiye left a shadow of despair in their mind. Overcoming this in such a short time was far from easy.

"Have it your way." Li Qiye said with a smile.

"Very well, it concludes today." Supreme smiled and said.

"Let us fight to the very last breath!" Immortal Pagoda laughed and resumed his imperious demeanor.

"Start." Li Qiye said, still looking like a mortal. Alas, everyone had to look up at him now as if he was a colossal giant - the ultimate existence of their world. He held the cosmo in his grasp and all living beings should be prostrating before him.

"I shall embarrass myself first." Immortal Pagoda soared upward after saying this, looking like a true dragon with an imperial aura.

Others couldn't help but cheer for him. In a sense, his strong display was saving the face of conquerors.

Everyone trembled before Li Qiye earlier, feeling nothing but despair. They couldn't keep their head up while facing him, looking like stray dogs. This completely ruined the image of conquerors and dragon lords.

However, Immortal Pagoda was still as proud as before, not looking dejected after losing. He was the embodiment of how a conqueror should be.

"Boom!" He showed his twelve palaces again and the anima tree. Their power engulfed and illuminated the battlefield.

His aura still left others breathless. He was weaker than Li Qiye but stronger than virtually anyone else.

His single dao fruit emitted primordial rays that could only be seen at the start of the world. Primordial dao laws mirroring the time of creation also descended.

Space sank downward from the weight of his fruit, seemingly unable to accommodate its existence.

For most cultivators, their anima tree garnered more attention due to its size and power. However, his impressive tree stood second to the unique fruit hanging on the tip of the tree. The primordial affinity of the fruit seemed to be one step above the anima affinity of the tree.

"Rumble!" A maelstrom eventually formed around the primordial fruit, causing the crowd to gasp in astonishment.

This legendary fruit deserved all of its wondrous tales.

Chapter 5467: Immortal From Above

As the rotation of the spatial maelstrom intensified, it started pulling everything inside. The primordial fruit latched onto several things and pulled them out.

"Rumble!" Loud detonations hurt the ear drums. Space and time crumbled as a result.

After one final bang, four portals appeared behind Immortal Pagoda Conqueror. Unlike regular portals with small openings, they connected the four worlds to the battlefield.

The first was a decrepit red sky engulfed by nefarious forces. Another had nothing but molten liquid surging chaotically along devastating flames. The third was inscrutable with runes and mysteries. The fourth was an empty expanse of the void.

"The broken realms!" Everyone immediately recognized them - Evil Reborn, Redflood, Ultimate, and Perish.

"Rumble!" Loud explosions emanated from them as if certain things were awakening.

They turned out to be pagodas instead of colossal monsters. A total of four appeared; one in each realm.

Mark of the primordial fruit manifested onto the surface, activating the pagodas. Violent forces erupted in the four worlds as the pagodas turned into maelstroms as well, absorbing the powers around them.

"Is he trying to control the four broken realms?" Spectators became startled and shuddered.

Of course, they could also see that this was a premeditated plan, not something concocted out of thin air.

The four pagodas inside the realms were made from priceless metals. Ordinary conquerors and dao lords couldn't muster this many resources. Moreover, he imbued the mark of his primordial fruit on them as well.

His fruit served as the very foundation for the pagodas to borrow the power of these broken realms, seemingly impossible to duplicate.

"This is above what Illumination Conqueror did." Someone commented.

Illumination borrowed the power of the illusory realms, albeit only a small portion. Most crucially, he didn't do it alone, needing to rely on a sacrificial ceremony performed by his men. Therefore, Immortal Pagoda Conqueror was clearly one step higher in this regard.

"Can any other conqueror or dao lord do something like this?" Another couldn't help but praise.

Depending on his mastery of this method, he could be virtually unbeatable among his peers. Several apex cultivators would need to band together against him. Thus, putting Li Qiye aside, would he be the strongest cultivator right now in the upper continents?

"So he was holding back." One spectator commented. It was clear as day that Immortal Pagoda was still keeping this a secret until the last moment.

"Immortal from above." Supreme murmured.

"Boom!" The sky shattered, leaving behind a massive hole with power oozing down like an ocean.

The ocean of light immediately engulfed everyone, capable of reducing the battlefield to pieces. A majestic figure descended from the hole, looking like it was made from the purest stars. Its power was proportional to its gigantic frame.

"What is this thing?" Everyone could tell that this wasn't a living being.

"Is it a metal giant?" They thought about the giants back in Imperial Attendant City.

Chapter 5468: Matchless Momentum

However, the metal giants back in Imperial Attendant weren't this big in size. Thus, they thought about the combined transformation summoned by Li Qiye.

Upon closer inspection, they weren't the same metal giants. The ones back in Imperial Attendant were clearly built by men. Of course, they had no other information about the method or actual material.

On the other hand, this giant was made from the power of stars, not metals.

"It's a supreme momentum manifesting into a physical frame." A powerful dragon lord said.

"I see..." Others nearby responded.

"The question is, what is the source of this momentum?" All-things Dao Lord carefully analyzed the giant.

Others activated their heavenly gaze and couldn't find any energy channel empowering the giant.

A while ago, they saw two formidable momentums from the tower and the hook. Their source came from a foundation embedded in Heaven and Divine Alliance on top of the precious metals.

However, the giant seemed different, whether it be its source or material composition.

"It's purposely hidden, not something that can be done in a day or two." A member of Divine Alliance said.

For example, if they had wanted to hide the source of their hook, they could have done so. However, since building the momentum for the hook required numerous cultivators, there was no point in trying to hide an open secret.

"I didn't know we had something like this still." Another said.

Members of Divine and Heaven Alliance were confused about this giant's existence. They should have caught some information about it prior. Supreme couldn't have been the only one working on this due to its scale.

"Celestial Court." All-things and his allies understood what was going on.

"They prepared many things on the upper continents and now, they trust Supreme enough with them." Principle Conqueror understood.

"Is this how they have absolute control over Heaven Alliance?" A dragon lord shuddered.

Celestial Court had hidden a grand momentum in the upper continent unbeknown to anyone. Only the loyal Supreme had access to it.

Was it a way to prevent problems from Heaven Alliance in case of having traitors? Or was it to keep it an absolute secret from anyone - an ace card to be used during an existential crisis?

The upper echelon from Heaven Alliance didn't feel great about it. They had been supporting Celestial Court and The Race for so long. How could this be viewed as anything but a lack of trust?

It was one thing to be skeptical of Divine Alliance. After all, they didn't necessarily support Celestial Court. Alas, Heaven Alliance had proven its loyalty over the eras.

"I think only Supreme and Immortal Pagoda knew about this." An emperor said: "And only Supreme has control over it."

"The rumor is true." All-things gazed at the giant and said: "They have so much confidence in Supreme."

'What can we do? He is actually from Celestial Court.' This notion ran through the minds of Heaven Alliance's members.

Supreme actually came from Celestial Court while others joined later; his background was as prestigious as can be. Of course, he became the leader of Heaven Alliance due to his own charisma and power.

Nonetheless, some loyalists felt betrayed by this revelation. Celestial Court still viewed them as outsiders despite their contributions. Risking their lives in the past meant nothing.

"Boom!" Meanwhile, Supreme leaped into the sky and entered the giant, assuming control.

Chapter 5469: Skeletal Sword

"Boom!" Supreme took control of the mysterious momentum's power and channeled it into his body, making it his own. His new majestic force drowned the nine heavens and ten earths.

This left the crowd speechless because this was one step above the tower and the hook. The latter required power stemming from a formation to reach their peak state.

However, this momentum was powering Supreme instead, shrouding him with an ultimate armor set.

Normally, armors were still external items with limitations. In this case, it became a part of his body; its power could be used with full mastery.

This was beyond the ability of anyone in the upper continent. All of the best cultivators could have worked together and still wouldn't be able to duplicate this momentum. It allowed the user to gain its full power without any backlash or complications.

"Boom!" Spectators couldn't find words to describe the empowered Supreme.

Perfection was the only thing on their mind, whether it be his appearance, aura, or dao power. He was already an immaculate entity standing at the apex before this. This fusion boosted his power considerably, allowing him to wield the power of the entire upper continents. He became one with heaven and earth just like a true immortal.

A while back, Eternal Conqueror displayed a timeworn aura. Supreme possessed something even greater at the moment.

"No wonder why Celestial Court didn't let anyone else know about this, one man alone can wield it." A spectator said. This giant momentum was entirely different from the tower and the hook.

In fact, Supreme might have enough power right now to attack any location in the immortal content, Celestial Court included. This was the reason why they kept it a secret and only gave it to a trustworthy member.

"Sword, heed my call." Supreme uttered.

Another sword came from above and all other swords suddenly lost their hum.

"What?!" Swordsea, Sword Queen, and Darkfrost trembled after sensing this.

Their swords became silent even before that sword could be seen clearly. Keep in mind that given their mastery of this dao, their swords were also wondrous artifacts.

They have been gestated by their owner's sword dao so being suppressed was an entirely new thing for them. Since even these apex swords were affected, no other blade in the entire world could make a sound now.

Sword users could no longer unsheathe their blades. Even if someone was strong enough to force the issue, their sword had lost the will to fight, becoming utterly useless.

This was a testament to the might of the descending sword - something superior to the rest.

Everyone took a closer look at the blade wielded by Supreme - a skeletal sword. Just looking at it froze spectators, leaving them breathless.

They suddenly saw a terrible scene - the blade floating in an ancient epoch while consuming all the bones of that period's inhabitants.

Billions and billions of creatures including true dragons, phoenixes, gods, and cultivators... They once were the lords of the epoch only to be reaped in the end. Their true bones, blood, and lives were all devoured for the creation of this skeletal sword.

After all the living beings were gone, the land itself was refined and robbed of its essences - all for the sake of creating an epoch-level weapon.

Chapter 5470: Sir, Can You Stop The Force Of An Epoch?

Holding the sword in his grasp was akin to holding an entire epoch. The world trembled before its emergence, let alone its inhabitants.

Apex cultivators couldn't hold the sword but Supreme was able to do so due to his current empowered state. The mysterious momentum seemingly possessed endless power. Perhaps it was blessed by a supreme existence previously.

Everyone gasped at this sight. All-things and his peers understood that their current selves wouldn't be able to control this sword.

If they were to forcefully hold this sword, their body would instantly crumble despite possessing an immortal shell.

"The rumor is true, Celestial Court does have this sword, a paragon artifact from an old epoch." An emperor from Heaven Alliance murmured.

"I can't believe it, they left a paragon artifact down here?" A monarch didn't understand the reason why.

Some of the top cultivators have heard rumors of Celestial Court possessing a paragon artifact. However, no one could actually wield it, hence its disappearance in history.

In theory, it should be well-guarded in Celestial Court. Just how much trust did Celestial Court have in Supreme?

"It's to kill an overlord." An ancient emperor speculated.

"Wait, the existence of this sword is a sin, that's why it couldn't be left behind in Celestial Court or it would have been taken away." A conqueror heard something like this before.

"Not necessarily, maybe Supreme is granted the sword for a battle, he'll have to return it later." Another came up with a different theory.

Regardless of the actual answer, this showed just how much trust Celestial Court had in Supreme. Heaven Burial Conqueror and the lords during Time Immemorial might not had this privilege.

After all, a paragon artifact was an actual threat to Celestial Court. Its power could cut through the barriers and formations.

Sword Emperor who had toiled for Celestial Court for eras didn't have access to it either. Perhaps only Light-dragon Conqueror was equal to Supreme in this regard.

Now, everyone understood the reason for the supreme momentum hidden in the upper continents. It was so that someone could obtain this incredible shell for the sake of controlling the paragon sword.

The user would be able to easily dominate the upper continents, hence Celestial Court's careful selection of Supreme.

If Supreme harbored any intention of betraying them, they would lose control over the upper continents since anyone sent down would be swiftly killed. This was similar to what Eternal Conqueror did in the lower continents.

"What do you two think? Can you wield the sword?" Swordsea asked Darkfrost and Sword Queen.

Sword Queen didn't respond while Darkfrost put on a serious expression before replying: "If I muster all of my strength, maybe I can swing it twice, but most likely once."

"Same for me, holding it alone will destroy my body." Swordsea agreed after assessing the power within the skeletal sword.

"Sir, please give me pointers." Supreme looked invincible at this moment since he could defeat all the apex cultivators together.

Li Qiye seemed amused to see the sword and said: "True Bones, finally showing up again. Looks like your Celestial Court has a capable ally, to be able to come up with this wielding method. They didn't forge it and must have needed to use a borrowed shell in the past."

"Incredible insight, so you are familiar with it, Sir." Supreme praised.

"True Bones?" Everyone repeated the name of this paragon artifact.

It was forged by a monstrous overlord after sacrificing their epoch - a truly dreadful tale. Celestial Court eventually found it but no one there could actually use it.

Their ultimate masters couldn't show their faces to the world. Thus, they had to take over a mighty cultivator's body to wield the sword temporarily. Of course, this had serious consequences for the unlucky cultivator chosen to be taken over.

Because of this, they rarely used it in history until an unknown guest came along. This person had vast knowledge of True Bones and came up with the current method to wield it.

"Do you think that this is enough to kill me?" Li Qiye smiled.

Sir, can you stop an attack with the force of an epoch?" Supreme asked with a serious expression.

The crowd wondered as well. No apex cultivator would be able to survive a swing from this sword, but what about Li Qiye? He might be the only one capable of this feat.