

## Emperor 5551

### Chapter 5551: The Immortal Gates Are Closed

"I don't know the answer since I've only heard news of it from the general of West Bank." Guo Cheng said: "Everyone is staying in Immortal Dao City including Immortal Emperor Bu Zhan and Immortal Emperor Fei Yang. Luminous Conqueror is in charge of Dao City now."

"I wonder if something is happening there." Baifeng took a deep breath.

Immortal Dao City was The People's bastion, allowing them to fight against Celestial Court. Its strongest members resided there including the legendary Puresun Dao Lord. They were the only ones capable of fighting against Light-dragon and Heaven Burial Conqueror.

Alas, they have closed their gates recently.

"Can others still enter even if the emperors choose to not come out?" Baifeng asked.

"I have no way of knowing, perhaps only Luminous Conqueror or someone of a similar stature can answer." Guo Cheng said.

"Hmm, why are the old geezers acting like turtles hiding in their shells? It's not like a supreme existence is out to scare them, and plus, they're no cowards." Niu Fen said.

Guo Cheng became startled after hearing this and clenched his lips, not daring to say anything improper regarding the invincible cultivators, unlike this arrogant person.

"Doesn't have to be an enemy, could be a fortune instead so they're wary of greedy eyes." Li Qiye said.

"If the emperors won't come out, what is the response to an attack from Celestial Court?" Baifeng worried.

"Celestial Court cannot take down the gates of Immortal Dao City." Niu Fen shook his head.

"But Dao Domain is exposed, Celestial Court can gain territories." She said.

"It depends on the others then, whether they want to fully support Dao City. This depends on Imperial Field's attitude." Niu Fen smiled.

He didn't have that much loyalty toward The People on the six continents. He merely fought against Heaven Alliance because he disliked Celestial Court. It had nothing to do with a sense of justice or comradery.

"!" Baifeng's expression soured because Momentous Frontier could be dragged into this mess as well.

"Young Noble, would the deities of Momentous Frontier be able to stop an assault from Celestial Court?" She asked Li Qiye.

"I'm afraid they have their problems right now. Stopping Celestial Court will be difficult." Li Qiye shook his head.

"I'm sure Celestial Court will take advantage of this." Despite being treated as an immortal in her homeland, she was nothing before the behemoth known as Celestial Court.

"Mobilization would be a good thing, it's more troublesome if they close their gates as well." Li Qiye smiled.

"Haha, I agree." Niu Fen said excitedly: "Celestial Court is boundless, imagine having to find those old turtles in their caves, one by one. If they just swarm like bees, it'll be easier, catching all in one go."

Guo Cheng and Baifeng didn't dare to comment because this matter was far above their station.

"Fairy and Immortals, Scholar Tree City is ahead, it is suffering the most from the disasters." Guo Cheng said.

They couldn't make it into the city before being stopped by a powerful group of cultivators. Their auras made mortals tremble in horror from miles and miles away. All had the same silver armor with a glow capable of illuminating the sky.

It consisted of Heavenly Sovereigns and dragon lords. Mortals would view them as an army from heaven.

It was surprising to see a cultivation army inside Momentous Frontier. Under normal circumstances, the deities would never allow this.

"Guo Cheng, I've been waiting for you." The leader was a youth with an impressive aura, looking like the heaven's favorite. His dragon lord aura could sweep through an entire region.

His presence resembled a great dragon descending into a river and causing a tsunami.

"Fairy Qin?" He saw Guo Cheng first before seeing the others standing behind him.

"Fellow Daoist Wang Chong." Baifeng responded: "Why is your army here?"

The youth was a genius from the imperial clan of West Bank. He currently served as a heavenly general.

"I heard news of Momentous Frontier's trouble and came to offer our assistance. The army will do everything it can to help the people here." Wang Chong said proudly.

"Momentous Frontier does not need your assistance. The deities will take care of this." Baifeng said.

"I don't think so." Wang Chong shook his head and said: "I don't think the deities are here anymore. Otherwise, why would the land be ravaged by disasters?"

"The deities have their plan, your imperial clan needs not to concern yourself with this." Baifeng said seriously.

"I've been to many places and never saw the deities taking action. In my opinion, they have abandoned Momentous Frontier. It seems like we need to take charge now." Wang Chong said.

"You need to choose your words carefully, Fellow Daoist." Baifeng's eyes narrowed.

The imperial clan might be strong but this Wang Chong only had four fruits, certainly not her opponent.

"I'm not being unreasonable here. Look at the disasters, in this city alone is a plague or an incurable curse. I plan on burning it down to stop the spread." Wang Chong said.

"What?! There are millions of people living here!" Guo Cheng became startled.

"This is necessary to stop the curse." Wang Chong said: "If the deities no longer care about the land, we shall assume responsibility."

"You mustn't! Think of the inhabitants!" Guo Cheng shouted.

"Mere insects, no big deal to burn them all." Wang Chong repeated.

## **Chapter 5552: Deities Of Cleansing**

Baifeng and Guo Cheng couldn't believe what they were hearing - how could he plan to burn down an entire city?

"All of West Bank, no big deal to exterminate them all." Someone broke the silence. Who else could this be but Li Qiye?

The members of West Bank glared murderously at him upon hearing this.

"What did you say? I dare you to repeat." Wang Chong said menacingly.

"Haha, dogs don't know when to stop barking nowadays." Niu Fen pulled up his sleeves and smiled: "Young Master, how do you want him done? Marinated or salted?"

Wang Chong was furious; his murderous intent billowed toward the duo. Unfortunately for him, he didn't notice anything due to Niu Fen's concealing technique.

"Ignorant fools, I will make examples out of you two today!" Wang Chong's aura seemed like a million swords all pointing at Li Qiye and Niu Fen.

"Enough, Wang Chong." Baifeng stood in his way.

"Miss Qin, the wise thing to do now is to take care of yourself first." He glared at her and said, changing his address from "Fairy Qin" to "Miss Qin".

The disparity between the two of them was insurmountable. Treasures and weapons weren't enough to cover the gap.

Normally, a four-fruit dragon lord would address a six-fruit dragon lord as "Dao Brother". Even "Fellow Daoist" could be viewed as an insult. In this case, calling her "Miss Qin" was indicative of his confidence. His clan was the strongest in Dao Domain so he feared her not. He reminded her of their background and for her to be smart.

Her expression darkened as two rays flew out from her eyes.

"Wang Chong, your clan has no power here. Watch your words or you won't be leaving this place alive." She channeled her energy and directly warned him.

This wasn't an empty threat since her sword energies were ready to massacre everyone from West Bank.

"Miss Qin, you are the one who needs to mind your words." Wang Chong didn't expect such a strong reaction from her. He had a hard time withstanding her pressure, let alone his men.

"And?" She coldly uttered: "West Bank has no right to act wantonly in Momentous Frontier. If you insist on causing trouble, you should ask yourself first whether anyone from your clan can save you from my blade at this moment."

Logic told him that she wouldn't dare to do anything. Alas, it seemed that she was willing to go all out and kill him. The fame of his clan alone wouldn't save him in this situation.

"Haha, I see..." He laughed from being too angry. The problem was that she had the upper hand in terms of cultivation.

"I will remember this, Miss Qin. We shall meet again." He snorted before leaving with his men.

He endured this humiliation for now. His clan just needed to send more powerful dragon lords next time and with time, they would be able to capture all of Momentous Frontier.

Guo Cheng had a terrible feeling about this. A fight between dragon lords could accidentally wipe out weaker cultivators and mortals. Millions of mortals could die from a single uncontained explosion.

Once Wang Chong was gone, he heaved a sigh of relief and said: "Please take a look, Fairy and Immortals."

Once they were inside Scholar Tree, they found that the streets were abandoned. It gave off the vibe of being a haunted city; no visitors would want to linger.

"Could you elaborate on the situation?" Baifeng noticed mortals secretly peeking out from the doors and windows.

Their complexion was terrible - as pale as can be with a black curse on their forehead.

"Only a few were infected at the start, now the entire city is like this. They are just sick with so many illnesses." Guo Cheng said.

A sovereign could become the greatest doctor in history for mortals. Anything was healable even without needing alchemy. Just chaos true energy could remove any ailment.

"I tried using chaos true energy to heal them but it was completely useless." Alas, it didn't work for Guo Cheng.

"Did anything strange happen before this?" Baifeng asked.

"The Deities of Cleansing stopped protecting us, the medicine horse disappeared as well." He said.

"The medicine horse went missing?" Baifeng's expression darkened: "Young Noble, what now?"

"To the temple first." Li Qiye glanced around before suggesting.

Guo Cheng led the way and brought them to the main temple of the city. Despite the current desolate state of the city, some mortals still dragged their afflicted selves out of bed and came to pray.

This temple belonged to the Deities of Cleansing. The two were responsible for warding off diseases and illnesses.

The mortals of the region enjoyed a wonderful life, virtually free from any serious complications outside of aging. Although the temple was still here along with the statues, the mysterious plague ravaged the city and its inhabitants, teaching them the meaning of despair.

## **Chapter 5553: Zombie**

One statue was entirely black and depicted a young man with blurry features, looking rather enigmatic. The second statue was more realistic but more frightening. It wore a black robe embroidered with white threads in the image of a skeleton.

However, despite their appearance, the mortals still revered them due to their health blessings. Their temples and shrines never lacked offerings and incense sticks.

“Why did the geezers pick such scary statues? Should have made them more normal.” Niu Fen said.

He recognized them - Immortal Emperor Bu Si and Bones Dao Lord. They chose to share the same deity spot after forming Momentous Frontier - something rather unexpected. [1]

“No reunion without an old grudge.” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head.

“Right, rumor has it that they were mortal enemies back then.” Niu Fen chuckled.

“The deities aren’t fellow sect members?” Baifeng was surprised to hear this since she had access to some of the deities’ history.

“Sect members? They tried to kill each other upon sight.” Niu Fen laughed.

“It’s just a feud.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “In a sense, they do have the same origin so it’s not completely wrong to consider them as fellow sect members. From the look of this, it seems like they have made up.”

“I suppose feuds don’t matter when they have died several times after fighting each other.” Niu Fen shrugged and said: “Bones got killed back in Eight Desolaces too and still crawled back out.”

Baifeng didn’t know anything about this legend since she didn’t come from Eight Desolaces. According to the tales, Bones Dao Lord was considered unkillable - always capable of getting up.

However, he eventually came across a ferocious cultivator - Thirteenth. This swordsman’s ultimate slash was monstrous and managed to kill Bones. Of course, Bones still survived and perfected his merit law - Golden Cycle of Death. Future generations didn’t know about his survival and ascension to the six continents.

After learning about the past, Baifeng commented on something else: “The medicine horse is missing.”

There was an empty space near the two statues. There should have been a horse there - a symbol just like the divine stalk.

"There's no divinity to the statues either." Niu Fen shook his head.

"This isn't the reason for the plague and illness." Li Qiye said: "Mortals don't get sick just by not having protection."

"Right, there's interference again." Baifeng said.

Mortals in Momentous Frontier could live to a hundred without suffering serious illness due to the deities' protection. Mortals in the outside world still lived relatively well, not suffering in agony constantly.

There must be something malicious and evil going on. Alas, this was beyond Baifeng's ability.

"Buzz." Li Qiye raised his hand and illuminated the empty area, revealing a gray aura.

The others recognized it - the same culprit as before.

Li Qiye instantly pinched the aura with two fingers and immobilized it. It seemed to be screaming ferociously, attempting to break free.

"This thing again?" Not to mention Baifeng, even Niu Fen didn't fully understand the gray aura. It didn't seem like a force of darkness or evil. Niu Fen only knew that it didn't belong to this world.

"A bit interesting." Li Qiye examined it and said: "It's undergoing metamorphosis."

After he finished pulling all of the aura near the statues, it released a slash out of nowhere, wanting to kill him.

He raised his hand, easily nullifying the energy slash before burning the remnant aura to ashes.

"In theory, mortals shouldn't be able to endure having this thing inside them." Li Qiye shook his head and said.

"Young Noble, are you saying that this is the thing causing the widespread plague?" Baifeng's expression soured.

"Indeed." Li Qiye said.

"So like a parasite?" She asked.

"Not quite, they're just scattered powers that attach to living beings." Li Qiye said.

"Scattered power? What if the source actually tries to invade actively?" Niu Fen became serious.

"You can't contend with it either, looks like the deities of Momentous Dao are being suppressed by the metamorphosis." Li Qiye said.

"So what should we do, Young Noble?" Baifeng became nervous: "Will everyone in the city die? And if this power continues to disperse, Momentous Dao will fall next."

"They might become something like puppets?" Li Qiye said.

“Or zombies, right?” Niu Fen said.

“Pretty much, a transformation between Momentous Dao and this force.” Li Qiye said.

“What a strange thing...” Niu Fen murmured.

“Please save us, Young Noble.” Baifeng prostrated, aware that Li Qiye might be the only one capable of stopping this unknown force.

## **Chapter 5554: Blessed Once More**

Li Qiye sighed and said again: “Fate again.”

Having said that, the yin and yang rotated between his palms, forming pulsing dao runes that wouldn’t stop changing.

“Pop!” He took one step forward and caused dao runes to light up beneath his foot. It expanded to the rest of the city and could be seen by all inhabitants.

Ancient runes multiplied and spread beneath their feet, eventually becoming a supreme chapter. Its page supported the city, and the light flowed upward from the ground.

“Zzz...” Once the dao light permeated every inch of ground and space, they began entering the body of the mortals.

“What’s going on?!” They became confused after sensing something flowing within their flesh and bones.

“Ahh!” A wave of pain caused them to bellow in agony and roll on their bed or ground. Mortals had a hard time enduring since this was akin to having hooks latching onto their internal organs and pulling them out.

Eventually, the light exited their body, bringing gray strands with them. The pain immediately dissipated and their diseases disappeared. They found themselves in great health again.

As for the countless strands of gray, they had nowhere to hide. Those acting as parasites in mortals or other creatures or even just the land were dragged out by the supreme chapter.

“Boom!” The gray strands came together as if fully cognizant of the danger. The amalgamation leaped into the air, wanting to flee.

Unfortunately, the entire city was covered by a barrier formed by the supreme chapter. It smashed into the runic barrier and couldn’t break through.

“Clank!” It exploded into sharp rays, wanting to cut an opening.

Li Qiye snorted and raised his hand, forming an overwhelming palm of power. It successfully contained the blast without any difficulty.

He then used his dao flame to burn the gray amalgamation before dispelling the barrier. Bright particles scattered downward.

"The deities, they didn't abandon us!" Mortals became emotional after seeing this.

They only had one explanation for this - the deities have returned to protect them.

"The Deities of Cleansing are still here to protect us!" They had no idea that someone else had destroyed the gray monster and removed their ailments.

Nonetheless, this supernatural phenomenon wasn't strange to the inhabitants of Momentous Frontier for they were devout believers.

This was considered a divine miracle from the Deities of Cleansing.

"We are blessed once more, there is nothing to fear." They prostrated in the direction of the temples, offering prayers and worship to the deities.

"Neigh!" A black horse could be seen back in the main temple. The statues glowed once more with divinity.

The prayers of the mortals only increased their divinity, eventually channeling into the horse.

"We meet again." Li Qiye smiled, having seen the real horse back in the nine worlds.

"This is Immortal Emperor Bu Si's mount." Niu Fen stared at the horse statue and said.

"Thank you for your help, Young Noble. You are our savior." Qin Baifeng regained her wits and prostrated, displaying gratitude in everyone's stead.

"I am just a passerby who is here at the right time. The real savior is Momentous Dao created by the deities, all I did was activate it." Li Qiye said with a smile.

Guo Cheng was overwhelmed emotionally, thinking that Li Qiye's method just now was immortal-like.

"Protector! The general from West Bank wants to kill the divine ox!" A cultivator from Momentous Dao ran in and shouted anxiously.

## **Chapter 5555: Slap**

"What did you say?! Why does their heavenly general want to kill the divine ox?!" Guo Cheng panicked as well.

"I'm told that the divine ox went insane and started a rampage. They are trying to kill it now!" The cultivator said.

"Fairy, Immortal, I don't know what to do." Guo Cheng said nervously: "If the divine ox is killed, the Deity of Livestock won't be able to bless the land any longer."

The divine ox served a similar role as the divine stalk and medicine horse - the medium to contain divinity and faith.

"Let's take a look." Li Qiye said.



"I know where it is, I will lead the way, Immortal." Guo Cheng couldn't wait any longer since his responsibility was protecting the people of Momentous Frontier.

After arriving at the scene, they saw a herd of wild oxen consisting of thousands and thousands charging like a tsunami. The rumbling engulfed heaven and earth.

Though this was a frightening sight, the oxen were the ones scared and panicking - running frantically in an attempt to escape while trampling trees along the way.

Loud explosions came from a peak in the distance - a battle between Wang Chong's forces and a divine ox the size of a peak.

Its mane cascading downward resembled countless waterfalls. It possessed a mighty frame with bulging muscles. It looked like it was carved from granite, brimming with strength.

Its eyes were spirited and resembled two lanterns, capable of illuminating the surroundings for ten miles.

Its pair of horns glowed golden and were filled with divinity. Alas, the creature was infected with gray strands that squirmed around like maggots.

It was also filled with wounds, looking weak and on the verge of defeat. On the other hand, Wang Chong's army had high morale. He roared vigorously, looking full of confidence.

"Stop! What are you doing, Wang Chong!?" Baifeng was livid.

"This ox is possessed by evil, look at its decaying body, we must kill it before a full transformation and prevent further disasters!" Wang Chong shouted and continued the assault.

"Nonsense, the divine ox is the intermediary for the Deity of Livestock!" Baifeng entered the battlefield.

"Stop her until I kill it!" Wang Chong's hair fluttered to the wind as he gathered more energy.

The soldiers of West Bank initiated a grand formation to stop her.

"Die!" Wang Chong utilized the lighting affinity for an explosive spear. Space caved in from the attack.

"Boom!" It pierced the ox, causing it to fall to the ground and bellow in pain.

"You want to die?" Li Qiye entered the battlefield as well and glanced at Wang Chong.

"Pompous junior, state your name, I do not kill nobodies." Wang Chong's pride reached an all-time high after taking down the ox, fearing no one - especially not this ordinary man.

"So be it, death is your choice." Li Qiye smiled.

"Hmph, ignorant fool, I'll be the one doing the killing!" Wang Chong said furiously, ready to kill anyone standing in his way. The guy might be an insect but he didn't mind stomping one today.

His lightning spear crackled thunderously and shot a beam straight at Li Qiye. The latter didn't bat an eye and stood still.

"Boom!" The lightning beam struck Li Qiye and dispersed, not leaving any injury.

As a four-fruit dragon lord, Wang Chong was smart enough to realize that he had misread the situation. His expression soured but it was too late.

Li Qiye casually waved his palm downward and a slap appeared from above. It was as if the entire sky was pressing down upon Wang Chong.

“Activate!” Wang Chong roared and his four sacred fruits became resplendent. He pushed up with both hands and tried to seal the area around him to stop the palm.

“Bam!” The slap still struck him, sending him flying like a meteor and smashing into the ground, leaving a deep pit.

He spat out blood repeatedly; his body was crushed. He hurriedly healed and tried to get back out.

Alas, Li Qiye was there and stomped down on him, fully immobilizing him. Rage and fear overwhelmed him as he vomited more blood. He had never tasted such humiliation since his dao debut.

Li Qiye ignored him and glanced over at the dying ox. The lightning beam had pierced its body earlier so it was lying in a pool of blood.

Its eyes bulged outward while its divinity gradually dispersed. This caused the gray strands to become stronger. Without the divinity’s protection, they drilled into the ox with the intent of taking over.

Li Qiye raised his fingers again and extracted the strands, one by one. This caused the remaining ones to hurry their invasive process, aiming to hide inside the ox.

This didn’t work as Li Qiye hastened the extracting process. Some changed their method and decided to gather together, shooting a powerful beam at his head. He resorted to his dao flame again which seemed rather effective against the unknown entity.

He then used his primordial light and illuminated the ox’s decaying body, stitching up the injuries and rebuilding its flesh and muscles.

## **Chapter 5556: Never Heard Of It**

While initiating the healing process on the ox, he turned his attention back to Wang Chong and grabbed his four sacred fruits.

“What are you doing?!” Wang Chong panicked.

“Isn’t it obvious? This ox is dying and the profundities of the sacred fruits can save it.” Li Qiye casually said.

“You?! Ugh...” Wang Chong turned pale in horror and spat out blood. His cultivation would be destroyed with the fruits gone.

He would be no different from a mortal. Furthermore, given his broken state, he would most likely die afterward.

“M-my clan wo-would not let this go unpunished!” He trembled since a dragon lord still feared the knocks of death.

“Your clan?” Li Qiye decided to entertain him.

“West Bank, th-the greatest clan of Dao Domain! We have six Grand Emperors and twenty-four dragon lords! Nine, nine legions too! Kill me and they, they will exterminate your clan!” Wang Chong didn’t notice the sarcastic smirk on Li Qiye’s face.

“Never heard of it.” Li Qiye answered and grasped the four sacred fruits.

“Nooo!” He found it inconceivable that his clan would fail to intimidate someone given its current power and influence.

Of course, the real reason for its position was due to the ancient emperors not wanting to expand their own factions and clans.

They had lived long enough to see their old sects and loved ones perish with time. There was no reason to start and feel the same pain of separation again. Furthermore, they preferred to join Immortal Dao City. Now, with Immortal Dao City closed off from the rest of the world, West Bank Imperial Clan became the tiger on the mountain.

Unfortunately for Wang Chong, he didn’t survive the removal process. His legs kicked up once as he screamed and started the next journey.

Meanwhile, Qing Baifeng swept through the army with her blade; heads rolled on the ground like watermelons. Although this army was relatively powerful, none could stop a six-fruit dragon lord.

After killing the main commanders, she showed mercy and didn’t pursue the fleeing survivors.

“Pop!” Li Qiye easily crushed the fruits and sealed their essences, initiating a derivation process.

Chaos true energy and dao power turned into a pulsing radiance in his grasp before assuming a liquid form.

It became brilliant like the stars during the night, brimming with life force and the mysteries of the dao. He dripped the liquid on the ox to nourish it.

“Zzz...” The ox’s wounds healed at a visible rate. Once the liquid was expended, the creature became perfectly fine and roared energetically at the sky.

“It’s saved!” Guo Cheng was moved to tears. Baifeng was already strong enough in his eyes, certainly one of the strongest in Momentous Frontier.

He didn’t expect this young man to be more frightening, defeating a dragon lord with a single swat just like a fly. Most importantly, he was able to seize Wang Chong’s four sacred fruits and even crushed them.

This power exceeded Guo Cheng’s imagination, not to mention his healing ability by transforming the essences of the fruits into medicine.

He had speculated the might of emperors and monarchs previously. It never reached Li Qiye’s current level. Thus, he thought that Li Qiye was an actual immortal - one that could be found only in the legends.

"It's okay..." Baifeng heaved a sigh of relief because with the ox's death, the Deity of Livestock would have to create a new medium for prayers and worship. That might require several hundreds or thousands of years.

Of course, this period was only a blink of an eye for emperors and monarchs. The same couldn't be said for mortals whose lifespan was only a century or so.

"Where is your master, Geezer Yu Shou?" Niu Fen patted the ox's head and said: "How strange, can't find any of them."

"Ooo." The ox let out a cry.

"Looks like there is a problem with the emperors." Niu Fen shook his head because the ox didn't have an answer.

"Are they ambushed by that evil entity?" Baifeng said nervously.

"Perhaps, or another dire situation. Otherwise, they're not the type to ignore what's going on in Momentous Frontier, they're certainly in trouble themselves." Niu Fen stroked his chin in contemplation: "Hmm, strong individually already, not to mention being as one in the frontier. One or two opponents can't suppress them."

"Could it be Celestial Court?" Baifeng asked.

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### **Chapter 5557: Originated From Me**

"The bastards at Celestial Court conduct themselves differently. When they decide to take action, they will gather a formidable force, so if they want Momentous Frontier, it will be armies led by emperors and monarchs for a full sweep instead of this type of method." Niu Fen said.

"What is this thing... one disaster after another and the deities are nowhere to be found." Qin Baifeng worried.

"We just have to find the geezers. Young Noble, let's go to the tablet?" Niu Fen shrugged.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, stroked his chin and glanced around before commenting: "Hmm, there's something strange about this thing."

"Strange? In what way?" Niu Fen asked, believing that there was nothing Li Qiye couldn't solve. It was a matter of willingness.

"Hmm..." Li Qiye had a strange expression before responding: "It seems to be connected to me."

"Huh? Connected to you, Young Master? This thing is rather ominous, if not outright evil."

"Indeed, and that's where the issue lies. Yet it is connected to me." Li Qiye smiled.

This left Niu Fen at a loss for words.

"Young Master, could you please elaborate?" Baifeng asked softly.

"Well, it seems to have originated from me." Li Qiye stroked his chin.

"I see..." Baifeng stammered afterward: "Yo-young Master, you are neither ominous nor evil."

"That's debatable." Li Qiye said: "You might not know this but I had some titles including Butcher and Fiercest."

"Hehe, that's all in the past. You were so glorious and awe-inspiring then." Niu Fen laughed.

"Am I not awe-inspiring now?" Li Qiye gave him the side eye.

"Of course you are, it's just different. Back then, you resembled a hot-blooded youth ready to massacre and destroy. Now, you are the lord of the myriad ages and can control the cosmos with a single thought, you're also more compassionate and only kill the offenders, not entire clans and sects." Niu Fen said.

"Maybe I should wave my hand and destroy worlds to change your opinion, do you think you will survive?" Li Qiye said.

"Please don't, you are the most merciful and benevolent ruler, the lord of light, the guardian of the cosmos..." Niu Fen stuck out his tongue and smiled wryly.

Baifeng stood there, speechless at the blatant and shameless flattery. Of course, if she were to know that he was an apex dao lord capable of shouldering crucial responsibilities, her reaction would be even stronger. If the situation warranted this sycophantic display from him, a six-fruit dragon lord such as her might not be qualified to join the shameless act.

"Rumble!" An earthquake suddenly interrupted their conversation.

"Boom!" A gigantic skeleton crawled out of the ground, looking like a mountain.

"What the hell is that thing?!" Guo Cheng was horrified after seeing it.

"Raa!" The awakened skeleton roared.

"Is it evil?" Baifeng's expression changed.

Niu Fen carefully looked at the light inside the skeleton's eye sockets and said: "It's not evil, probably something big that died long ago. It is awakened by an unknown power now."

"Not the only one, many are awakened." Li Qiye glanced around and said.

Niu Fen and the others leaped into the sky and sure enough, they saw the dead coming back to life in the cemeteries and the wilderness.

Some were all bones at this point; others were still undergoing the decaying process - looking rather frightening and nauseating.

A few corpses belonged to mighty creatures that had been buried underground long ago - gigantic tigers, birds, and serpents...

“Rumble!” They crawled out of the ground - seemingly awakened by something that was traveling underground with a reviving aura.

The appearance of skeletal monsters and zombies made spectators feel as if the god of death was arriving - bringing an army to harvest this world.

“What is happening...” Guo Cheng’s legs trembled in horror.

“A type of mystical force...” Bai Feng took a deep breath. Although she had never seen anything like this before, she understood the source of the phenomenon.

“An aura of death, most likely an inborn power.” Niu Fen commented.

“Boom!” The largest skeleton started walking toward the mortal world. Due to its immense size, just one stomp could kill countless mortals.

As for the others, they started walking around aimlessly and didn’t seem to be aggressive toward the living.

Nonetheless, some were just too large and could cause devastating damage if left unchecked. After all, mortals in Momentous Frontier had no way of escaping fast enough.

“Boom!” The largest one drew near a city, causing violent quakes with each step.

“Scram!” Niu Fen waved his hand and obliterated the skeleton.

## **Chapter 5558: Golden Cycle Slash**

“Raa!” However, the broken pieces came back together and the skeleton roared again.

“Oh? Let’s see what you can do then?” Niu Fen leaped into the air and increased his suppressive pressure.

Meanwhile, Qin Baifeng was occupied with taking down the other moving corpses and skeletons. She swung her blades in all directions, preventing them from moving closer to any mortal settlement.

Alas, as she dismembered and decapitated them, they still stood back up and became whole again, virtually unkillable.

As for Li Qiye, he focused on observing the frontier. He took one step forward and gave chase, appearing at the entrance of a deep valley.

The aura he was pursuing disappeared in this place. The skeletons and corpses fell to the ground, no longer empowered.

Niu Fen and Qin Baifeng stopped fighting and hurriedly flew to find Li Qiye.

“Open.” Li Qiye knocked on the entrance.

“Rumble!” Layers of defensive runes emerged all around the valley, looking impregnable. It had the form of a golden bell, preventing anything from getting through.

Li Qiye added a bit more power, channeling it to all the barriers.

“Rumble!” The world seemingly sank and layers started crumbling, unable to withstand Li Qiye’s assault.

“Clank!” The moment the valley became exposed, a golden circle manifested into reality and attempted to decapitate Li Qiye with an unstoppable force. Regular emperors and dao lords might not be able to stop it.

“Bam!” Li Qiye grasped it firmly with his bare hand. Even if the opponent wanted to pull back, he couldn’t move it an inch.

“Who are you?!” A voice came from a grotto inside the valley. Next, the light in the valley condensed together into a single beam.

The world seemed to be pushed back by the pulsing beam. The stars and sun paled in comparison to the brilliance stemming from the beam. It added a layer of gold to the entire region. This could pierce through the horizon and kill the gods.

Li Qiye didn’t try to block and allow the beam to hit his chest.

“Boom!” The impact was akin to the explosion of a million stars but still couldn’t injure Li Qiye. Anyone witnessing this would be left speechless.

“Boom!” Li Qiye smashed downward and extinguished the beam instantly, severing the golden light and exposing someone.

He dragged the person out and smashed him into the ground. Once the dust settled, it turned out to be a skeleton.

It somehow inspired gasps of awe instead of fear. It resembled the skeleton of a twelve-year-old boy - golden from top to bottom. It had eyes that resembled gemstones.

However, the most eye-catching thing about this perfect skeleton was the ring of light above its head.

It exuded holiness and made others feel inferior. They would want to prostrate because this could be the halo of an angel, capable of purifying the mind and soul.

The skeleton possessed a heart as well, but instead of being a throbbing red heart, it was gray as if covered in dust. Nonetheless, a flickering red glow could be seen on the surface as if it was in the process of becoming a real heart.

Strands of tissues grew nearby in the chest cavity of the skeleton. They were gray as well and had a creepy smell of death, growing at a faster rate after the skeleton was taken down by Li Qiye.

The skeleton shouted and gathered energy to suppress the growing flesh.

“Who are you?!” After successfully stopping the growth, it looked up and shouted at Li Qiye.

“D-dark Crow?!” It became both frightened and excited to see Li Qiye: “No, Sacred Teacher, please help us!”

“Hahaha, golden bones, actually accepting defeat?” Niu Fen and Baifeng had arrived on the scene.

“Calamity!” The skeleton was surprised to see Niu Fen but focused on Li Qiye: “Sacred Teacher, can we count on you?”

“Fate again.” Li Qiye answered sentimentally.

### **Chapter 5559: Sacred Teacher, Save Me**

“Sacred Teacher, I am out of time.” The golden skeleton said anxiously: “This power is reverting me to the origin, the dead under heaven will be reborn with me.”

“What’s the rush, the young master can cleanse this evil at any moment.” Niu Fen smiled.

“So be it, that’s why we are here at the same place. Get ready, this will hurt.” Li Qiye said.

“It’s fine.” The skeleton took a deep breath and arched its chest forward.

“Buzz.” Li Qiye’s hand became engulfed in primordial light as he thrust it into the skeleton’s chest.

“Ahh!” The latter groaned loudly due to the unbearable agony.

“Pop!” Li Qiye forcefully grabbed the gray heart, wanting to pull it out.

“Ahhh!” The screaming intensified as the skeleton gritted its teeth and nearly fell to the ground, wanting to roll around to alleviate the pain.

The heart exuded gray strands that wrap around the skeleton’s ribs, not wanting to be severed. The gray flesh that was growing also latched onto the heart.

“Endure!” Li Qiye raised his voice and began the extracting process, forcing the strands to coil around his fingers.

“Ugh...” The gray strands had entrenched themselves into his bones and flesh. Pulling this was akin to being dissected by a knife.

“Pop!” Eventually, Li Qiye finished removing the heart and the infected flesh. The golden skeleton dropped to the ground and heaved a sigh of relief.

The extracted pieces released gray strands that coiled around Li Qiye’s hand, wanting to grow on it instead.

“What the hell is this thing?” Niu Fen and the others were creeped out while looking at the tentacle-like creature.

“Seal.” Li Qiye used a special law to immobilize everything before burning them with his dao flame. They pulsed brightly but couldn’t even explode due to the unbreakable seal.

Unlike the previous cases, one thing was left behind after the immolation - a drop of blood. However, there was a tiny gray thing squirming within it.

Li Qiye didn’t show any mercy and utilized his primordial light to burn everything inside the drop of blood. It resembled a flawless ruby after the complete removal.



Putting aside its wondrous exterior, it contained the purest power from the essence of the dao and a flashing primordial light. If other cultivators were to see this, they might call it the blood of an immortal.

"It smells nice." Niu Fen took a deep breath and salivated: "I bet this is so nutritious, years and years of life."

"Thank you for your assistance, Sacred Teacher." The golden skeleton got up and started growing larger.

The golden bones gradually turned white. Flesh grew next and he transformed into a handsome youth with an incredible divinity, seemingly one with heaven and earth.

"Please, you had a perfectly good golden skeleton yet you chose to turn into this mundane sack of meat, how vulgar. Your previous frame was far more pleasing to the eyes." Niu Fen said with disdain.

"I am a deity of this world so I should align with its inhabitants." The youth responded with confidence.

"Look at your temples, you don't look like this, stop trying to make yourself look better." Niu Fen said.

"The world hasn't seen my true form, that's just a depiction." The youth smiled.

"Deity of Cleansing?" Baifeng wasn't confident but remained calm.

Guo Cheng, on the other hand, became overwhelmed with emotion. He could be looking at a deity right now.

"Indeed." The youth revealed a gentle, dashing smile.

"Don't be fooled by this handsome appearance." Niu Fen exposed his old stories: "His skeleton back in Eight Desolaces was extremely unsightly. Thirteenth left countless holes and wounds on him."

The youth was none other than Bones Dao Lord, one of the two Deities of Cleansing. Different accounts were passed down regarding his fate after the battle with Thirteenth.

"Sacred Teacher, I almost didn't make it. Thank you." Bones ignored Niu Fen and bowed toward Li Qiye.

"It is fate, I took your item back then and here I am, saving your life." Li Qiye smiled.

"That's perfect." Bones appreciated the workings of fate and bowed again.

Li Qiye chuckled and glanced at the drop of blood in his hand.

## **Chapter 5560: It Is My Blood**

"What is this?" Bones was surprised to see the blood.

"Wait, you don't know what it is? It grew on you." Niu Fen had a strange expression while staring at Bones.

"Would have been easier if I knew what it was. It happened so quickly, this thing attached to me and started growing a heart and then flesh. I had no choice but to change back to my original form and run away to avoid troubling my fellow brothers." Bones smiled wryly and shook his head.

So it turned out that the death aura reviving everything did indeed leak from Bones Dao Lord. This happened when he was forced to change back to his golden form.

"It's my blood." Li Qiye sighed and revealed.

"What?!" Niu Fen and Bones blurted out in disbelief.

"This is your blood, Young Master?" Niu Fen said: "That can't be, your blood can't have this evil aura, well, not quite evil, it's the smell of blood. Hmm, not quite either, it's something unprecedented."

"That's the issue, it's not death or evil, it's actually the aura of a weapon. Its master has been hungry for too long, for epochs, hence its aura." Li Qiye said.

"Why did your blood appear here, Sacred Teacher? And why did it invade our tablet and region?" Bones couldn't come up with an answer.

"It's all from the same branch." Li Qiye said: "Your tablet came from me as well, it originated from Desolate Wasteland and I refined it with my grand dao later."

"I see, no wonder we felt a strong harmonization with the world during our research. That's why we embedded this supreme grand dao to this land along with our true selves, culminating in this paradise." Bones understood.

In the past, his group gathered here due to a particular tablet. They had no idea where it came from, only that it had a supreme grand dao capable of a special refinement. They did just that and used it as the foundation for Momentous Frontier.

They made the tough choice of becoming the deities and co-existing with their creation. As time passed, the land prospered and more temples were built. Their blessings became stronger and everything went well.

This was until recently when the tablet was suddenly attacked by a gray aura. It coiled around the target and wanted to infect the internal runes.

The deities naturally didn't allow this to happen. Thus, all came to suppress the aura.

Given their power, they could have threatened all of the immortal continents. Alas, they couldn't stop the infection.

A few runes were taken over, causing areas to lose their protection and blessings. Bones was different from the others due to his original form.

He was an easy target for the aura and it somehow created a heart in his ribcage. He had no choice but to leave everyone, hoping to deal with it himself.

Fortunately, his fleeing path alerted Li Qiye who was able to deal with the aura.

"This wasn't here before." He commented on the drop of blood.

"It's because there's something else in this region, you all just didn't notice." Li Qiye shook his head.

"Impossible, we refined every inch of this land with Momentous Dao. I'm confident to say that there was nothing else due to our thorough effort." Bones disagreed.

The development was flawless and repeated several times, removing all impurities so that their Momentous Dao could seep into the region. This built a perfect connection with the usage of temples and their worshippers.

"This thing is beyond your level." Li Qiye said: "You wouldn't have been able to detect it even after a considerable improvement in cultivation, it has to be willing."

Niu Fen and Bones couldn't believe it. The former normally made fun of Bones but still knew about the power of the group. The whole thing seemed inconceivable.

"Why does something so strong still want to hide?" Baifeng became curious.

"It got scared after a beating, its condition is not great either." Li Qiye said.

"So it's just a coincidence?" Niu Fen asked.

"Not quite, it most likely felt a connection with Momentous Dao." Li Qiye looked at the drop of blood.

"Why did it show up now of all times?" Bones became curious.

"It is because all of you did such a good job, Momentous Frontier grows more prosperous along with its dao. It was probably exhausted but now, the dao fed it enough so it wants to take over the tablet." Li Qiye said.

"What about your blood, Young Noble?" Baifeng asked innocently.

"Because it's a weapon." Li Qiye said.

Niu Fen and Bones understood the implication right away.

"It shouldn't be here." Niu Fen took a deep breath.

"Yes, it fell into this world." Li Qiye smiled.

"During the grand calamity." Bones glanced at the sky.

"What a shame, I didn't get anything good then." Niu Fen lamented.

"How greedy, you should be grateful for just surviving the ordeal." Bones coldly uttered.

"Please, unlike your crappy island that got obliterated, I was perfectly safe in a supreme secret realm. Hehe, if I wasn't occupied with other important matters, I could have fetched a corpse." Niu Fen said.

"Nonsense." Li Qiye couldn't help but laugh before slapping the back of his head: "The current you can't take a corpse, let alone your past self, little snail."