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Chapter 512 10: The True Lord Who Vanquished Demons

"The history of this world is truly fascinating."

Leisurely strolling amidst the Immortal Mountain, this marked the second year of Li Hao's infiltration into this Immortal Mountain.

This Immortal Mountain is called the Four Directions Mountain, said to be a natural cave dwelling in the Ten Thousand Mountains before the earth was torn asunder.

In the Celestial Human Realm, the so-called "cave dwelling" refers to special places that can gather Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

During the peak of the Celestial Human Realm, such cave dwellings, although not ubiquitous, were not particularly rare either.

It wasn't until the Celestials gradually departed and the primordial qi dwindled that the special nature of these cave dwellings began to manifest.

Especially after a certain genius developed a talisman array for "Artificial Immortal Spirits," these cave dwellings capable of gathering Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi began to nurture the legendary Immortal Spirits.

With the blessing of the Immortal Spirits, the Immortal Mountains, even when nearing the End of the Dharma, maintained a high concentration of primordial qi.

Unfortunately, with each War of the End of the Dharma,

the primordial qi of the Immortal Mountains began to decrease visibly, reaching a new low today.

Now, even those born on the Immortal Mountains with talent do not all qualify to become cultivators.

In this era, anyone capable of becoming a cultivator would have been a peerless genius competed over by every sect during the Celestial Human Realm's peak.

However, in the current era, such qualifications are merely the minimum threshold for them to become cultivators.

Speaking of this, one cannot help but mention the history about this world that Li Hao has learned over the past year—the War of the End of the Dharma.

As previously mentioned, the decline of the Celestial Human Realm did not happen overnight.

The overall decline began as each Celestial ascended, taking away the Primordial Power originally belonging to this world, which gradually caused the world to lower its dimensional level.

At some point, cultivators in the Celestial Human Realm suddenly realized that ascension seemed to have become something almost impossible to achieve personally.

Even with the combined strength of an entire sect, the success rate of ascension sharply decreased.

The term "End of the Dharma" spread in the Celestial Human Realm and became a consensus among cultivators.

—Identify the problem and then solve it.

This is a common choice for all intelligent beings facing problems, and cultivators in the Celestial Human Realm were no exception.

To resolve this world-scale phenomenon of primordial qi depletion, those talented cultivators decided to achieve their goal in their own way.

The first to step forward was the one later known as "Profound Secret Demon Monarch."

At that time, Profound Secret was not yet the Demon Monarch but the Sect Leader of the largest sect in the Celestial Human Realm—the Xuan Wei sect.

Profound Secret believed that since the world's resources were limited, and the predecessors took away the majority of resources,

for successors like himself to become Celestials, they had to first cut off the paths of their descendants.

Thus, Profound Secret initiated boundless slaughter as various major sects waged war against each other, aiming to eliminate those unfit to become Celestials.

In Profound Secret's view, only this way could he maximize the use of the world's existing resources, ensuring he could ascend successfully to become a Celestial in the future.

Consequently, the former Xuan Wei sect became the Demon Sect, and Profound Mystery True Immortal turned into Profound Secret Demon Monarch.

Whether Profound Secret Demon Monarch ultimately ascended is not recorded in verifiable texts.

The only certainty is that this war became the first "War of the End of the Dharma," wiping out over ninety percent of sects in the Celestial Human Realm.

The architect of the second "War of the End of the Dharma" was the genius who inventively created the talisman array for "Artificial Immortal Spirits."

Unlike Profound Secret Demon Monarch, this genius believed that as long as enough primordial qi could be acquired from the outside, the originally exhausted Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi of the Celestial Human Realm could rejuvenate.

To validate this idea, the genius broke down the boundaries of the world and established a teleportation gate connecting to the outside.

As a result, instead of replenishing primordial qi as the genius anticipated, the gate attracted Outer Realm Heaven Demons and Evil Gods from other worlds.

It should be noted that the Evil Demons capable of traversing the void are mostly True God Rank high-dimensional beings, and their appearance almost destroyed the Celestial Human Realm.

It wasn't until the self-aware genius chose self-sacrifice that the breach connecting to the external realm was finally sealed.

Despite this, Outer Heaven Demons have continued to appear sporadically in the Celestial Human Realm, though their impact was no longer as severe as it initially was.

After these two "Wars of the End of the Dharma," the Celestial Human Realm became even more dilapidated and declined further.

However, it seemed like an extremely adverse feedback loop.

The more the Celestial Human Realm declined, the more ambitious individuals refused to accept the situation and resorted to unconventional methods to achieve ascension.

Ever since then, "Wars of the End of the Dharma" seemed to become a curse branded on the Celestial Human Realm, occurring every so often.

From thousands of years initially to the recent few hundred years...

The increasingly frequent "Wars of the End of the Dharma" accelerated the world's destruction trend, bringing an ever-growing sense of urgency to the cultivators.

Everyone knew that they had to become Celestials and leave this world before it completely perished.

Otherwise, death would be everyone's ultimate fate.

To be honest, Li Hao very much wanted to understand every "War of the End of the Dharma" that occurred in the Celestial Human Realm.

However, each War of the End of the Dharma fundamentally overturned civilization.

Combined with the fact that cultivators themselves paid little attention to past history, the leftover written records are extremely sparse and lack logic.

In the current Celestial Human Realm, the most clearly recorded Wars of the End of the Dharma were those that took place two hundred and eight hundred years ago.

The "War of the End of the Dharma" eight hundred years ago was instigated by the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch.

Originally just a mortal, he encountered a stroke of fortune, set on the path of immortality, and became the strongest of his age.

Due to his mortal origin, the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch was extremely displeased with the oppression of mortals by the Immortal Mountains and the Islands and consistently refused to join the alliance of Immortal Mountains and Islands.

Especially after witnessing the madness displayed by cultivators in their quest for ascension.

The Demon Vanquishing True Monarch finally acted boldly, obliterating the major demon sects and Evil Sects that were most harmful to mortals at the time.

Afterwards, the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch presumptuously broke into the Scripture Pavilion of other sects, forcibly borrowing the cultivation classics of various sects, attempting to create a groundbreaking cultivation technique.

—Reclaim mountains and temples, and restore the Divine Format!

No one doubted whether the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch at the time could successfully ascend to become a Celestial.

Just as no one doubted whether the "True Martial Demon-Vanquishing Scripture" he created was the strongest cultivation technique in the Celestial Human Realm at the time.

But such a powerful Demon Vanquishing True Monarch chose to walk a path completely different from his predecessors.

Even the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, considered a "stronger" among past Celestials, abandoned the possibility of his own ascension, choosing instead to recreate the world and enact the chaos anew.