

## **Domination 711**

### **Chapter 711: A Mighty Showing**

Li Qiye's brazen words caused many of the spectators to take deep breaths. Ever since the treefather had reached his current level, countless lineages were wary of him, even imperial lineages like the Alchemy Kingdom. They had to tread with respect whenever they dealt with the treefather.

Even a Virtuous Paragon wouldn't dare to offend the treefather, but now, a nobody like Li Qiye dared to utter such words at Allpine Mountain. Only Li Qiye would be able to do this.

The Maple King's expression changed for the worse. He had ruled the mountain for so long and until now, no one had ever dared to challenge them like this. Li Qiye, alone, was daring to speak such contemptuous words. Despite his good temperament and great self-restraint, the Maple King's fury simply couldn't be described with words.

"Such a big tone!" The Maple King coldly said: "Young Noble Li, my Allpine Mountain will warn you one last time. Otherwise, don't blame us for being impolite. If you don't comply, then we will take action. As for whether you get injured or die... You must bear the responsibility of your choice!"

At this moment, Li Qiye's eyes narrowed as he chuckled to say: "Your Allpine Mountain scheming against me is truly unwise. It is your mountain's honor to be graced with my presence for this birthday celebration, yet you actually dared to make a move against me — this is truly not knowing life from death. When I, Li Qiye, don't come to cause trouble, even the heavens would have to show its gratitude. But now, you dare ask me to bow down? Very well, so what if it is a birthday? It is time to wash this place with blood."

"Begin." With a cold countenance, the Maple King and the majority of the experts from the mountain rearranged themselves into an archaic formation. This defensive formation was like a dense forest and covered the entire peak.

"No tears until sighting the coffin." Li Qiye's pupils flashed with a cold glint! In this instant, his death energy emerged with the activated Death Chapter. It unleashed an amazing power that caused the energy on the skeleton of the God-Monarch to surge like a river. [1. It is saying that people don't repent or realize the gravity of the situation until it is too late.]

"Ooo!" The Dark Mantis God-Monarch let out a long roar. This cry was terrifying, it caused a sonic wave to pierce the sky and continue onward for countless miles all the way to the firmament, drowning the stars.

"Pop!" Under the impact of the sonic wave, the supreme formation of the Maple King's army was instantly destroyed. All of the experts were blown flying away for hundreds to thousands of miles. Blood spurted everywhere as they were all left with grave injuries! Heavenly Kings were not even worth mentioning.

Even the guests watching in the far distance were affected by this terrifying sonic wave; they were blown away as well. Fortunately, the power of this roar had diminished by the time it reached them. Otherwise, many of these guests would have been injured.

Such a scene sent chills down everyone's spines. This skeletal mantis was way too strong! Allpine Mountain's great formation was instantly shattered. Just how unbeatable and overbearing was this thing?

People shivered and wondered about just how strong this mantis would have been back when it was alive. After all, it was already this strong in death!

In fact, this was no surprise. This mantis had the title of God-Monarch, so one could imagine just how powerful it was back when it was still alive. When it was still alive, not to mention ancestors from the great powers, even legendary masters were no match for it.

Although it had died millions of years ago, it was still very formidable after being summoned. Even if it was not as strong as it was in the past, killing Heavenly Kings was still a piece of cake for it.

"Boom! Boom!" Untouchable auras erupted from several peaks of Allpine Mountain. The auras of a group of Virtuous Paragon soared to the sky, making many weak in the legs. Very few could remain standing straight.

"A few ancestors from Allpine Mountain are about to come into being..." The masses trembled with fear after feeling the paragons' auras reaching into the sky.

Although the treefather was the most famous existence in Allpine Mountain, in the past millions of years, his camp had also produced several Virtuous Paragons.

"Virtuous Paragons..." Li Qiye didn't look at the Maple King and his experts who were blown away. He gazed at the auras of the paragons soaring to the sky. He narrowed his eyes and chuckled as he spoke: "In that case, gaze at my dao of slaughter! Let me bathe this ground with blood!"

Having said that, the Death Chapter's energy overflowed like a heavenly waterfall and powered the God-Monarch. An endless amount of death energy instantly blessed the mantis' skeleton.

"Zzzzz—" With a buzzing sound, the mark of the Dark Mantis appeared in the sky with divine halos floating around its body. A shadow that wore a God-Monarch Crown actually appeared around this skeleton as if it had been reborn.

The moment this shadow emerged, the aura of a God-Monarch swept through the entire Allpine Mountain as if one had arrived. Countless beings trembled fearfully under this aura. Even the combined auras of the paragons was not as strong as this one aura from the monarch.

"Even Virtuous Paragons cannot halt my advance." Li Qiye calmly uttered while he stood still.

Dread infiltrated the hearts of the spectators after witnessing this mark of the mantis in the sky. All of them felt cold chills throughout their bodies.

No one knew how Li Qiye was able to control this Dark Mantis God-Monarch, but this skeleton alone was absolutely capable of slaughtering Heavenly Kings like pigs.

"Seal!" When everyone at Allpine Mountain was still overwhelmed with horror due to the aura of the God-Monarch, an ancient voice suddenly came out from the depths of the mountain.

The moment this voice appeared, a supreme scripture descended from the sky and instantly suppressed the monarch from above. The monarch roared and wanted to attack this scripture, but it still couldn't counter the suppression. With a popping sound, the monarch went back to the ground and suddenly disappeared due to the seal.

"Allpine Treefather..." Li Qiye became serious after seeing this scripture suppressing the monarch. In this moment, his gaze seemingly pierced across countless eons and fell upon a peak in Allpine Mountain.

"Allpine Treefather..." After hearing this name, many people shivered as countless eyes looked towards the deepest part of the mountain, towards a certain place.

The Allpine Treefather was a very powerful name in the Stone Medicine World. He was an existence at the top that still lived in this world.

In the other lineages such as the Alchemy Kingdom or the Jianlong Clan, they definitely had top level existences like the treefather buried underground. However, in the current Stone Medicine World, only the treefather was still alive.

It was easy to see just how terrifying and heaven-defying the treefather was to cause the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan to treat him with respect.

And now, the treefather had personally taken action, causing many guests to feel fear in their hearts.

The guests subconsciously stared at Li Qiye. A junior like him wouldn't be able to cause any trouble now that the treefather personally took action. Among the younger generation, even someone as supreme as the celestial being, Ye Qingcheng, still wouldn't be able to do anything!

"So it's finally the old man's turn to take action." However, when everyone thought that Li Qiye was doomed, he was still as calm as ever, showing no fear towards the treefather.

"Everyone, return." However, the next event surprised all the guests. The ancient voice of the treefather came again as he gave his command to the Allpine disciples.

After his command, all the auras of the paragons disappeared. These paragons who wanted to take action all became silent and stood still.

"Young Noble Li is an esteemed guest, there has been a misunderstanding." The ancient voice rang again: "How about Young Noble Li come to my place to resolve this misunderstanding?"

The moment the treefather's words came out, two pine branches stretched out from the far distance and came before Li Qiye. These two pine branches were like spirit dragons intertwined together and instantly created a wooden bridge.

This wooden bridge next to Li Qiye's feet would bring him straight to the treefather's place. This scene caused many guests to hold their breaths as they waited for Li Qiye to make a move.

What kind of existence was the treefather? He was one who could be praised as a supreme Godking! Even big shots from the previous generation weren't qualified to meet the treefather, let alone the younger generation.

But now, the treefather wanted to personally meet Li Qiye. This was quite perplexing to many here. What outstanding virtues did Li Qiye have to warrant this meeting?

“Since this is the case, why not?” Li Qiye looked at the bridge in front of him, chuckled, and spoke. Afterward, he boarded his carriage again.

This response left many people speechless. They all considered meeting the treefather as a great honor. After the treefather reached the peak, countless great demons and even monarchs with unparalleled talents came wanting to meet him, but they couldn’t.

Today, the treefather initiated the meeting with a nobody like Li Qiye, but his response was completely nonchalant and without a care. If it was any other youth, they would be overwhelmed with excitement.

Madam Zi Yan also sat on the carriage and took the reins. In fact, there was no need for her to do anything since the Imperial Draco-Bull immediately pulled the carriage towards the wooden bridge to head for the treefather’s dwelling.

All the guests watched the carriage until it eventually disappeared from their sight.

### **Chapter 712: Alpine Treefather**

After the carriage was no longer visible, one person had to say: “This Li Qiye... He’s only a junior, so why does he get to meet the treefather? My master, the Ancient Tusk Monarch, is the most talented demon monarch from the previous generation of the Alchemy Realm, but he still didn’t get to see the treefather.”

“Maybe it is because of the Giant Bamboo Country’s Divine Guardian. It and the treefather are the two demon forefathers of our world, so this might be why. Li Qiye and Madam Zi Yan are from that country, so it isn’t that strange for the treefather to see them.” An older cultivator speculated.

Many guests felt that this rationale made sense since it would be normal for the treefather to want to see the descendant of the other demon forefather.

The carriage ran along the wooden bridge. Although squeaking sounds could be heard, the journey was very smooth. It didn’t take long before the carriage made it to a peak.

The worldly energy on this peak was as vast as an ocean. Everything was dyed in a lively blue, giving the area the appearance of a grand ocean. Although this peak was not large, it felt as if it was the prime power of this land.

On top of the peak was an old pine tree that had experienced the turmoils of countless years. It took root in this land for millions of years, and nothing could shake it.

Upon Li Qiye’s arrival, an old man sitting below this tree stood up and came to greet him with an amiable smile, saying: “My younger generation is ignorant like a frog at the bottom of a well and didn’t know that Young Noble Li is exceptional, so they offended you. Please forgive them.”

This old man was the famous Alpine Treefather, the highest existence in the current Stone Medicine World. The old pine tree behind him was his real body.

If an outsider were to hear this, they would be completely dumbfounded and think that they must have misheard. A character like the treefather actually apologized to Li Qiye!

"I am curious, was it your idea, or did your disciples take it upon themselves?" Li Qiye sat calmly on his carriage and inquired while staring at the treefather.

The treefather met his gaze and responded with a genuine smile: "Little Maple had good intentions. He thought that Young Noble Li had a way to solve my problem, so he wanted to keep Young Noble Li behind. If you want to blame someone, I'll take the blame. This is our Allpine Mountain's fault."

Li Qiye chuckled and disembarked the carriage. After gently patting the bull, he said: "Mmm, I do feel some sincerity. As for the reparations, I'll think about it." Having said that, he sat down next to the treefather without any reservation.

The treefather looked at the Imperial Draco-Bull standing to the side and couldn't help but voice his praise: "What a divine creature! Once it turns into a True Dragon, we simply wouldn't be able to compare to it." Others might not be able to see it, but the treefather immediately knew that this was an auspicious beast with the bloodline of a True Dragon. Meanwhile, the bull calmly remained standing there, ignoring the treefather's praise.

"Only a great man like Young Noble Li would be able to be the master of such a divine beast." The treefather sat down next to Li Qiye and smiled kindly.

At the same time, Madam Zi Yan went to stand behind Li Qiye, waiting. Although she was a great demon and a king, her status and identity were not enough to gain her an audience with the treefather.

Li Qiye looked at the treefather and smiled to say: "Smart people find me very easy to deal with. As for this past matter, whether it was the Maple King personally taking the initiative or something else entirely, it is no longer important to me. Since you wanted to meet me, let us not waste time walking in circles. Get straight to the point."

The treefather looked at Li Qiye and eventually sighed before speaking: "I have lived for countless years. In the Stone Medicine World, outside of the Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian, I'm afraid no one else has lived for as long as I have. For millions of years now, my eyes have seen many people, but I cannot see through Young Noble Li."

"Not many people can see through me, so don't mind it." Li Qiye lightly responded.

The treefather pondered for a moment before speaking: "I have a certain problem, and Little Maple heard that you were able to communicate with the Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian, so he wanted to know the situation of the guardian to see if it could solve my problem. However, in my opinion, Little Maple went about it the wrong way. The same problem does not exist for the guardian. Although both of us are referred to as the two great demon forefathers, I know that Senior Divine Bamboo doesn't share my problem."

"You are right about that." Li Qiye responded: "You are a true demon forefather, but the Giant Bamboo isn't."

The treefather gently nodded and added: "Which is why I said Little Maple was looking at things the wrong way. In my eyes, the real method to solve this problem is dependent on Young Noble Li and not

with your ability to communicate with Senior Giant Bamboo. Your dao of alchemy is supreme, so today, I invited you here to see if you could solve this problem for me.”

“You are mistaken about this.” Li Qiye shook his head and explained: “Your problem isn’t something that can be solved by alchemists. I have picked up on the scent of medicines while sitting here. If I am not mistaken, you have recently gone to find the old alchemist of the Alchemy Kingdom to diagnose your problem.”

The treefather was momentarily stunned before voicing his praise: “Young Noble Li is truly unfathomable, indeed worthy of having an unparalleled dao of alchemy.” At this point, he nodded his head and admitted: “My situation is not looking very optimistic. Recently, things have been getting worse, so I had no choice but to shamelessly ask the old alchemist for help. Unfortunately, he was powerless as well.”

“It seems like you are pretty confident in me.” Li Qiye said with a chuckle.

The treefather smiled back in response and said: “I heard Young Noble Li could refine pills like cooking. Even those from the Alchemy Kingdom are incapable of such supreme pill refinement, so my hopes are quite high when it comes to you.”

“I know your problem very well.” Li Qiye seemed to have known this beforehand and said: “When the heavens want to end life, no one will be able to escape — this is part of nature.”

“Truly incredible, you know right away before even conducting a diagnosis. You are an incredible doctor.” The treefather’s expression changed after hearing Li Qiye’s words.

Li Qiye said with a smile: “This has nothing to do with being a good doctor. This is a tribulation; at the very least, only an existence like you would have to withstand such a tribulation.”

“One might be able to survive an act of god, but no one can survive a self-brought calamity.” The treefather wryly smiled and stated: “As such, this old life of mine depends on Young Noble Li. If even you cannot help me, I’m afraid I won’t live for much longer.”

After hearing the treefather, the madam standing behind Li Qiye was shocked and had to utter: “Is Treefather not like our Divine Guardian? Are you not able to live for tens of millions of years in this world?”

“No, I am not like Senior Giant Bamboo. I am a demon, but the senior is not.” The treefather slightly shook his head and said: “Senior Giant Bamboo chose not to gain his own sentience and remains unstained by the world. Without any emotions, he is an immortal bamboo, a tree that took root in the Elegant Azure Great Vein. He can continue to live on as an immortal bamboo, not caring about mundane matters.”

“But Senior is also rooted at the Allpine Great Vein.” The madam couldn’t help but say.

The treefather smiled and said: “Correct, I am indeed rooted in this great vein. However, I have sentience and have become a demon. Although taking root at this vein can allow me to live for three to five more generations, I am doomed to die in the end.”

Li Qiye grinned and commented: “Mmm, you can live for three more generations at best, so you are a bit unwilling.”

The treefather responded with a sad laugh: “Young Noble Li took the words right out of my mouth. Although I have countless divine techniques, after taking root at the great vein, I have become one with it. I can be anywhere in the millions of miles where the Allpine Great Vein stretches, but I can never leave it. Not even my avatar is able to do so.”

“Senior wants to go outside?” The madam was a smart person, so she immediately understood the treefather’s intent.

The treefather gently nodded and said: “That’s right, I have lived for generation after generation, but I have never left Allpine Mountain. While I can live for a few more years, I want to go see the world outside and wait till the day where my life comes to an end so that I can pass on without any regrets.”

“Unfortunately, you underestimated the power of the old villainous heavens.” Li Qiye chuckled once more.

The treefather smiled back and said: “In fact, I have lived for many years, and it was also my first time seeing the heavens slashing one’s lifespan. I wanted to leave this place, but I have to remove my main root first. I was well prepared to do so after tens of thousands of years...”

The madam was shaken after listening up to this point. For an existence like the treefather, his main root was not much different from his life. What price and efforts must he pay to cut off his own root?

The treefather paused for a moment before continuing: “Everything went smoothly as I was cutting off the main root. It’s just that I didn’t expect... at the very last moment, the high heavens sent down a mighty tribulation in an attempt to annihilate my lifespan. At my level, unless I wanted to become an Immortal Emperor and seize the Heaven’s Will, there would be no tribulation that I cannot handle. A mighty tribulation capable of slashing my very lifespan... It was my first time seeing one of this level.”

### **Chapter 713: Emperor Suppression Art**

“Who could stop the heavens from slashing one’s lifespan? Not to mention Godkings, even True Gods with the blood of the heavens running through their veins wouldn’t be able to.” Li Qiye responded dismissively.

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These were divided into the following levels from weakest to strongest: great power’s ancestors, legendary masters, eternal existences, and apex existences.

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Eternal existences were different. To be able to earn the title of eternal, these paragons must be able to earn a divine title or be able to establish their own country.

As for apex existences, there were several theories. Some people considered God-Monarchs to be apex existences while others considered Godkings to be at this level.

Of course, there were also those who considered God-Monarchs as eternal existences. There was also a distinction with this title. If the monarch was bestowed the title by an Immortal Emperor, then this monarch could be considered an apex existence.

So to speak, if a God-Monarch personally dubbed themselves with this title or if it was flattery from low level cultivators, then they would only be considered an eternal existence.

Real Godkings were even more extraordinary. They were top level existences without superiors! A real Godking wasn't only bestowed the title by an Immortal Emperor, they must also be recognized by the nine worlds as well as the invincible generals and officials of that time! This type of Godking was the real deal!

The truth was that a real Godking would only appear twice or thrice each generation. As for those who called themselves "Godking" or were referred to as such by others, they were most likely unqualified for this title.

For instance, the Allpine Treefather. Without an Immortal Emperor bestowing the title upon him, he decided not to call himself a Godking. However, he was truly qualified to become one since he possessed the power of a Godking.

"Indeed, even Godkings are helpless against the high heavens." The treefather said with a tinge of emotion: "When the heavens wants to end life, not even a True God can stop it, let alone a Godking. In this world, only an Immortal Emperor would be able to withstand the heavens."

"True God" was another title. Just like its name suggests, they are real gods that did not belong to the human race, the demon race, or any other contemporary race!

Legend states that True Gods were deities unknown to the rest of the cultivators. They were from a secret race that outsiders did not know of. People believed that they had the bloodline of the heavens, so they were destined to be deities upon birth! Even charming spirits, who were referred to as the heaven's favored children, couldn't compare to True Gods!

True God was not just another name for supreme power, it also represented a very mysterious existence.

If a Godking and a True God were to have the same strength, the same treasures, and the same merit laws, the True God would have a great advantage due to their heavenly bloodline. They had advantages that the rest of the cultivators in this world lacked.

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Not necessarily. Those who can withstand the heavens are not limited to Immortal Emperors. A few supreme lords can defy the heavens as well."

"Supreme lords..." Even an apex existence like the treefather sighed after hearing this title: "The ones who are able to tread this world freely, able to assail even Immortal Emperors."

Although the treefather was currently the highest existence in the Stone Medicine World and even respected by a lineage like the Alchemy Kingdom, he was still without confidence when Emperor Assailants were brought up.



These were existences that very few people knew about. In fact, how many people in this world actually managed to come into contact with one?

There were several theories regarding these supreme lords. Some considered Godkings to be supreme lords, but many people did not support such a claim.

There were quite a few who considered existences capable of assailing Immortal Emperors to be supreme lords. This rang especially true for powerful cultivators; in their eyes, only existences capable of harming Immortal Emperors could be called supreme lords, experts capable of treading the world freely!

The treefather emotionally sighed. Even he didn't dare to call himself a supreme lord or an Emperor Assailant.

In the midst of his wishful thinking, the treefather calmed down and gently shook his head while revealing a gentle smile to say: "Since Young Noble Li seems so confident, you must surely have a method to solve my problem."

Li Qiye was as calm as ever. He smiled and said: "The high heavens wished to end life, so it sent down its power. I know that a terrifying calamity was left behind in your root. If this was in the past, then it would be very problematic. Even if it could be dealt with, it would require a lot of methods and even a thousand years of effort. However, it seems that lady luck is smiling upon you. Right now, I have a shortcut to deal with your problem."

Although the treefather had lived for millions of years, he was still excited and quickly asked: "Nothing could be better than! What is Young Noble Li's condition?"

"There is no need to rush negotiations. Before that, I have a question for Treefather."

"What does Young Noble want to know? As long as I know the answer, I'll reveal everything." The treefather quickly responded.

At this time, he required Li Qiye's assistance. Even though he was one of the two great demon forefathers, he still needed to please Li Qiye.

"Your legacy techniques are from the Emperor Suppression Art!" Li Qiye slowly uttered with a serious gaze.

The treefather was caught off guard. He stared at Li Qiye with a shocked expression and asked: "How did Young Noble Li find out?!"

"So it is so." Li Qiye couldn't help but gently sigh. He looked towards the far distance and became silent as if lost in memories.

Madam Zi Yan was slightly startled as well. She had seen Li Qiye's expression before back in the old house on the outskirts of the capital.

"Does Young Noble Li know the origin of this legacy?" The treefather asked in a humble manner after seeing Li Qiye's expression.

Li Qiye composed himself and looked at the treefather to say: "The name of your cultivation method is Emperor Suppression Art; you actually didn't know about its origin?"

The treefather wryly smiled and shook his head to answer: "I'm afraid others would find this matter hard to believe. Since Young Noble Li recognizes this art, then it is fine to tell you. I am a pine tree at my roots. A very long time ago, I was only being affected by a little bit of spirit energy from the Allpine Great Vein... This amount of spirit energy was neither enough for me to become a demon nor for me to gain sentience. However, it gave me a sliver of awareness. Nevertheless, I was not able to recognize or identify items."

The treefather paused for a moment before continuing: "It wasn't until one day when a woman came to Allpine Mountain that things changed. Although I couldn't tell things apart, I would never forget the moment of her arrival."

Li Qiye looked at the treefather and slowly said: "The strange phenomena of the nine worlds where myriad realms float... Even if the deities were in this world, and even if the Godkings were still present, they would not dare to come close; they would only prostrate from far away. The endless dao of the world could only be below her feet. The heavens above could be nothing but silent. She carries the dazzling Heaven's Will. Under her illuminating radiance, everything else becomes dim and listless."

The treefather was astounded and exclaimed after hearing Li Qiye's description: "How does Young Noble Li know?"

Li Qiye only sighed softly and didn't answer the treefather.

The treefather didn't pry any further. He also gazed into the distance to immerse himself in the past, mumbling: "That scene is unforgettable. Even though I had seen Immortal Emperors later on, I'm afraid she was the most powerful existence I have ever seen. Although I couldn't open my eyes to witness the world back then, I could sense it... At that time, all existences in the Stone Medicine World prostrated. Even the most heaven-defying existence in the Alchemy Kingdom didn't dare to approach, he could only continue hiding!"

"What happened afterward?" Li Qiye asked slowly.

The treefather responded: "I didn't know who she was, but she stood above Allpine Mountain and looked towards the distant horizon in the direction of the Giant Bamboo Country. She stood still for a very long time. Eventually, before leaving, she only glanced at me once. Under this gaze, I felt that all existences in this world were suppressed, and I was even more insignificant than a speck of dust."

"With a casual motion, she left behind a universal law on my tree body." The treefather couldn't calm his emotions and explained: "At first, I couldn't comprehend this universal law. Even though it seemed very simple, the mysteries inside were boundless like an ocean. For many years since then, I kept on studying its profoundness and, because of this, I was slowly able to take root in the Allpine Great Vein until I became one with it."

"That is quite incredible. You were without guidance, yet you were able to understand the Emperor Suppression Art. Your accomplishments today definitely were not just coincidences." Li Qiye praised.

The treefather didn't show the slightest bit of arrogance as he replied: "This was because I was fortunate enough to be born above the great vein. Taking root in it allowed me to live for this long. I was able to learn this universal law through the long and monotonous river of time. As my comprehension of

this law grew, I finally became a demon with sentience. The more I furthered my understanding of this law, the more powerful I became.”

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#### **Chapter 714: Origin Of The Emperor Suppression Art**

The madam behind Li Qiye was also moved. Just one universal law was able to create the Allpine Treefather. Just how powerful and terrifying was this heaven-defying merit law named “Emperor Suppression Art”?

“I have always been comprehending this law. It was not until I reached the top that I finally derived all of its profound mysteries. At that point, I discovered the runes that had the name of this law, the Emperor Suppression Art.” The treefather explained.

“The Emperor Suppression Art, a cultivation method capable of suppressing Immortal Emperors.” Li Qiye quietly mused. He became quiet and recalled the past once more.

His words left the treefather and the madam astonished. Immortal Emperors were invincible in this world. Could someone actually manage to suppress them?

The treefather took a deep breath and had to ask: “This art can suppress Immortal Emperors?”

Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head to say: "I am not looking down on you, but you definitely won't be able to do so. Of course, that woman is another story. Your Emperor Suppression Art is only a very small part of the complete technique."

"So that is the case." The treefather stated: "Nevertheless, this Emperor Suppression Art made me who I am today, so I am already very satisfied."

"Your attitude is admirable. Perhaps it is because of this that you are able to have today's accomplishments, it wasn't just a coincidence." Li Qiye smiled while gazing at the distance.

"I wonder if Young Noble Li can inform me about which lineage my legacy art came from?" Li Qiye still hadn't revealed his art's origin, so he looked at Li Qiye longingly.

For the rest of the world, the treefather's cultivation was from self-enlightenment, but the treefather knew the truth in his heart. Although the treefather couldn't leave Allpine Mountain, he had ordered his disciples to pay some attention to see if there were any lineages or merit laws in this world that were similar to them. However, after so many years, none of his disciples were able to see a merit law from the same branch as them.

Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and looked at the treefather, saying: "It is fine to tell you. This Emperor Suppression Art came from Empress Hong Tian." [1. Empress Hong Tian = Vast Heaven Empress, definitely a majestic title.]

"Empress Hong Tian..." The madam lost her voice and exclaimed after hearing this name.

Even the treefather was shocked: "The Empress Hong Tian Young Noble Li is talking about is the person who destroyed the legendary Divine Beast Realm!"

"Yes, that is her." Li Qiye murmured. He suddenly felt a bit dejected as he secretly sighed. Hong Tian... Hong Tian...

The madam was astonished. Empress Hong Tian — this name was too shocking and carried too much weight. For millions of years, Immortal Emperors came and went, and some of the emperors were also women.

However, when it came to Empress Hong Tian, even other Immortal Emperors would quiver! There was a saying in the future generations: if there was someone in this world who could compare to Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng, then it would definitely be Empress Hong Tian! [2. Jiao Heng = Proud Domination.]

The empress swept through myriad realms and suppressed the heavens. During her era, every existence and lineage perpetually trembled in fear!

Someone once said that Empress Hong Tian was the most powerful emperor in this world while others argued that Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng was the strongest. No one had an answer for this debate.

However, one thing was certain; though millions of years have passed, the name "Empress Hong Tian" was still a deterring force and a cause for fear. One could imagine just how powerful she was back in that era.

"Empress Hong Tian... Her legends include massacring the Thousand Emperors Gate and destroying the Divine Beast Realm." The absent-minded treefather didn't think that his legacy had such a grand origin.

“That’s nothing.” Li Qiye lightly said. For Empress Hong Tian back then, nothing was impossible. To be more exact, there was nothing that those two couldn’t do.

This included attacking the Immortal Demon Grotto! However, there were always some matters that couldn’t be helped in this world. Due to a few circumstances, they eventually parted ways.

“I don’t know too much about the Thousand Emperors Gate back in the Mortal Emperor World.” The treefather had to say: “But the Divine Beast Realm... This was the mythical lineage with a divine beast! A real divine beast! Alas, they still couldn’t escape the fate of being annihilated. In the legends, the Divine Beast Realm ruled over the Stone Medicine World for countless moons. Back in that era, even the Alchemy Kingdom was nothing compared to the Divine Beast Realm.”

The treefather sighed here before continuing: “Although I had not seen its strength, the old alchemist of the Alchemy Kingdom told me about it. No one was without fear of that realm during their era.”

The madam felt a chill after hearing this old story. In the present day, the Alchemy Kingdom was a monster that could be said to be untouchable by any lineage or existence. People wouldn’t be able to imagine an even more terrifying and powerful lineage. The Divine Beast Realm... a lineage that actually had a real divine beast!

Although many lineages have Divine Beast Protectors, they were not real divine beasts. Even the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan couldn’t have real divine beasts. Their beasts only had the bloodline of real divine beasts.

A lineage with a real one was beyond imagination. What was even more inconceivable was that this lineage with a real divine beast was actually destroyed at the hands of Empress Hong Tian! How terrifying was this matter? One could only visualize the battle that was fought — stomping on an eternal lineage and killing a divine beast.

After hearing this old tale, the name “Empress Hong Tian” left an indelible impression on the madam.

“In this world, even a lineage that is more powerful than the current ones would not be invincible. An older lineage will not be eternal. Whether to continue passing on their teachings or not is up to them.” Li Qiye smiled dismissively.

Only he knew the inside story regarding the destruction of the Thousand Emperors Gate and the Divine Beast Realm. The battles of those years frightened the nine worlds and its inhabitants as its influence swept through everywhere.

The treefather gently sighed. After living for so long, of course he had seen the rise and fall, the beginnings and ends of many sects.

“Well, everything on my end has been taken care of.” Li Qiye smiled and said while looking at the treefather: “We can talk about your problem now. I can definitely deal with it, and you will definitely be able to separate from the Alpine Grand Vein. Moreover, living for this generation would not be an issue.”

“Really...?” Upon hearing this, the treefather was immediately ecstatic. No news could be better than this. After being punished by the heavens, he couldn’t even leave this place because he had to

constantly suppress this grand tribulation underground. If not, it would destroy all things, including this Allpine Mountain that he had nurtured for millions of years.

Although he managed to keep his suppression in check, recently, it was becoming more powerful. If this continued, he wouldn't just only die from old age, the entire mountain would also be destroyed.

"This is certainly true. I can guarantee to solve your issue without leaving behind any future complications." Li Qiye calmly stated as if he had known everything beforehand.

The treefather looked at this young man ahead and didn't know what to say.

"Oh? You don't believe me?" Li Qiye calmly said: "If you don't believe me, then there's nothing I can do. It is fine to not accept this deal."

The treefather took a deep breath and said: "I believe! The old heavens will always create a miracle." The Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan were not able to solve his problem. And if these existences were not able to do so, then it was even more inconceivable for a junior like Li Qiye to. However, the treefather still chose to trust Li Qiye. Like he said, the old heavens would create a miracle.

To this, Li Qiye responded with a shake of his head: "In my eyes, the old heavens have never created a miracle. Only I, Li Qiye, will be able to create a miracle!"

How overbearing were these words? The treefather had seen countless young geniuses. Some were extremely brilliant across the eons, but none of them were as domineering as the one before him.

The treefather took a deep breath and solemnly stated: "What is Young Noble Li's condition? Just say the word and my Allpine Mountain will meet your demands." After living for so long, he naturally understood that there was no such thing as a free lunch in this world.

Li Qiye calmly replied: "My condition is very simple. Right now, I am missing a powerful Virtuous Paragon, and you just so happen to be the right man for the spot. What do you think?"

The treefather looked at Li Qiye and asked in a serious tone: "Young Noble Li is trying to say that you want me to be your dao protector?"

Li Qiye met his gaze and slowly spoke: "Treefather, this Li Qiye is not trying to look down on you. These words might be difficult to listen to, but if I really wanted to find a dao protector, then an Immortal Emperor would barely meet the requirements. Other people are not qualified to do so. Only I can be the dao protector of others, no one can be my dao protector."

These unbelievably arrogant words left the treefather speechless. Even the madam standing next to him couldn't help but smile awkwardly, but she was almost used to this attitude.

### **Chapter 715: The Deal**

The treefather did not become angry. Instead, he stared at Li Qiye for a while before replying in a deep tone: "Young Noble Li, you should know that even Ye Qingcheng had beseeched me to become his dao protector. Moreover, I didn't need to go with him, I was only required to point out his mistakes during his cultivation. By doing so, he would even worship me as his master."

“Ye Qingcheng? Don’t know who that is.” Li Qiye flatly said: “Besides, I, Li Qiye, am not someone that nobodies can compare to. Treefather, I’ll be frank, you can be called a Godking, an apex existence. You are indeed amazing. However, you still have a long ways to go before reaching true invincibility.”

After her Young Master said such a statement, the madam felt cold sweat running down her back. Someone who was short-tempered would instantly become angry and suppress them.

However, the treefather was not angry at all. He nodded solemnly and said: “Young Noble Li’s words are true. Even in the Stone Medicine World, I am not unbeatable.”

Li Qiye went straight to the point: “Treefather, let me put it this way. If I truly needed someone to work for me, then back at the Giant Bamboo Country, I could have enlightened the Giant Bamboo. It was very willing to follow me; do you think that you are stronger than our Giant Bamboo? I didn’t enlighten it because I hoped for it to continue on forever in this world. In fact, even if Treefather does not agree to pledge allegiance to me, I can still find one or two existences like you in the Stone Medicine World to join my banner.”

Li Qiye paused for a moment before asking: “I left a spot for you, do you know why?”

“I am not clear on this, but I am all ears.” The treefather said slowly.

Li Qiye calmly explained: “The reason is very simple. First, I want to challenge the old villainous heavens. Second, it is because of Empress Hong Tian! Although you only received a portion of that legacy, I hope that one day, the Emperor Suppression Art can follow me to the glorious peak of myriad races and leave its mark!”

The treefather was slightly dazed by this answer. He had many speculations, but none came close to this reason.

He took a deep breath and said: “What does Young Noble Li want my old bones to do?”

Li Qiye responded: “My condition is very simple. I will leave you a general’s spot under my banner! In the future, I want you to sweep through the nine worlds and myriad races for me!”

The madam’s heart started thumping after hearing this. How domineering was this ambition? At this moment, she seemed to be able to see her Young Master standing proudly above all the races.

“So Young Noble Li wants to obtain the Heaven’s Will and become an Immortal Emperor!” The treefather said: “However, your opponents are numerous. Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng and Imperial Edge Mei Aonan — these are the strongest candidates for emperor-hood in this generation. In my opinion, both of them are very likely to become the next emperor.”

“Immortal Emperor?” Li Qiye couldn’t help but smile and say: “For me, Immortal Emperor is only the beginning. Treefather, there is no need to compare me to just anyone. Whether they are geniuses or fairies, I can’t be bothered with them as long as they do not stand in my path. However, those who try to block me shall be killed without mercy!”

The madam wryly smiled in response. Who were Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan? No one among the younger generation would dare to look down on them, but her Young Master simply didn’t pay them any mind.

However, she was confident that her Young Master would definitely be able to look down on existences like these two in the future.

Li Qiye asked: "Treefather, we are all sensible people here. Let us be quick and frank. Just one word, yes or no?"

The treefather looked at Li Qiye with a sagacious glimmer in his eyes. Others would find Li Qiye to be too boastful at this moment. Who was the treefather?! Li Qiye actually asked someone of his level to pledge loyalty to him. This was too irrational and inconceivable!

"Very well, since Young Noble Li is so confident, this old man will take a gamble. I hope that Young Noble will not disappoint me." The treefather eventually said solemnly.

"One day, you will understand just how wise this decision is. This is definitely the best one you will make in your lifetime." Li Qiye was very calm. It was as if taking in an existence like the treefather under his banner was not a big deal.

The treefather agreeing to the deal astounded the madam. This was the Allpine Treefather, an unfathomable existence, one of the two great demon forefathers of the Stone Medicine World, an expert whom others called "Godking"!

This would cause a great stir in the world if others were to know that the treefather had joined her Young Master. A Godking as the vanguard — just how tyrannical was this? Anyone would be shocked by such a sight.

Shortly after, Li Qiye and the treefather made a true fate vow at the same time. The treefather swore to always be loyal towards Li Qiye.

After the oaths were taken, Li Qiye told the treefather: "Very well, we'll get started. Take me there."

In the blink of an eye, Li Qiye and the treefather flashed and instantly disappeared. The madam didn't know where they went. She stood there silently, waiting for them to return.

The treefather brought Li Qiye to the deepest part of the Allpine Great Vein, to the most mysterious place underground.

Here, it was as if there was a dragon lying down as boundless worldly energy swirled around like an ocean. Of course, this was not the thing that attracted Li Qiye's attention, he had seen many great veins before.

What drew in his gaze was the world of lightning before him. In this vast area, countless indescribably large roots surrounded the area. They were intertwined and formed the most terrifying prison to surround the endless world of lightning.

These thick streaks of lightning soared like crazed dragons with thunderous explosions everywhere, bombarding the void. It was as if this was the most dangerous and frightening location in the world. This area had become a field of lightning. Once trapped inside, anyone would be instantly incinerated.

The scariest part was that this lightning was created from magical runes. They had come together to form chapters capable of piercing and exploding all things in this world.



The treefather looked at the lightning field ahead and told Li Qiye: "This is the final tribulation that the heavens left behind after it slashed my lifespan. Although I managed to suppress it, I couldn't dispel it. The lightning field here is my nemesis. It can break all of my suppressive methods."

"It is not surprising for it to dispel your suppression. The old villainous heavens will not tolerate you." Li Qiye looked at the lightning field ahead and said: "Your legacy is from the Emperor Suppression Art while the old villainous heavens slashing your lifespan is something that goes counter to it. The runes and chapters inside this lightning field are the opposite of your legacy; they specialize in countering your cultivation, so how could you dispel it?"

"In the beginning, I didn't quite understand. Later on, I eventually understood the implications within as well." The treefather gently sighed and said: "Unfortunately, time would not wait for me. If I knew ahead of time that the heavens would slash my lifespan, I could have prepared even more. However, after my life reduction, my blood energy was greatly injured and couldn't reach its peak state. I can only desperately suppress it; I don't even dare to take a single step away from this place."

"Don't worry. After dealing with this tribulation, you will still be able to cultivate. The Allpine Grand Vein is truly a good location. With sufficient time, the worldly energy of this location will bring you back to your peak condition." Li Qiye spoke while peering at the lightning field.

The treefather also nodded in agreement. The reason why he was able to live for so long was due to the grand vein. Otherwise, no matter how heaven-defying he might be, he still wouldn't have been able to live until now.

"Let us begin." Li Qiye told the treefather.

The treefather quickly said: "Do we need to prepare anything? Just let me know if you need any treasures or spirit medicines."

"No need, we'll begin now." Li Qiye shook his head in response.

The treefather readied himself as his expression slightly changed. A thunderous rumble rang as these pillaring branches started to loosen up.

"Boom!" The lightning field was freed from the tree's suppression and immediately exploded outward. In this instant, it seemed to have their own sentience and rushed towards Li Qiye's group like an unstoppable tide that covered the entire sky, wishing to drown the two.

Even the treefather was alarmed in the face of such monstrous lightning waves. Without a defensive barrier, they would instantly incinerate him.

"Open!" At this time, Li Qiye cried out. His master palace rushed forward and, with an eruption, it was as if his palace was opening a world.

His tree of life was lush and verdant, his cauldron of life's flame was scorching, and his pillar of life towered to the sky... With sonorous roars, the runes on the pillar of life began to spin and immediately created an ancient rune.

## **Chapter 716: Lightning Field**

“Boom!” The ancient rune rushed out from the pillar in the fate palace and instantly stood guard in front of Li Qiye. A series of thumping sounds emerged as the rune turned into multiple universal laws that were seemingly made out of divine metal.

These laws intertwined into a supreme chapter. With a buzzing sound, the book transformed into a spatial vortex that instantly began to swirl.

“Rumble!” The swirling spatial vortex created a terrifying gravitational pull. Even the waves of lightning lost control and were sucked into this vortex.

The treefather was also astounded after seeing this. He had suppressed this lightning before; at that time, they gravely injured him. He was well aware of their power. Not to mention Li Qiye, even Virtuous Paragons would not be able to use their most powerful law to withstand it, let alone absorb them.

The treefather shuddered at Li Qiye’s intention of devouring this lightning. This was a grand tribulation from the high heavens! Even a Godking like himself wouldn’t be able to do so; this person’s ambition was too great.

He didn’t know that the rune from Li Qiye’s pillar of life was not ordinary. Li Qiye had obtained an ancient and heaven-shattering rune from the world tree. After a long and boring period of refinement, he was able to turn it into a heaven-defying chapter as well as the most mysterious rune. This runic chapter, combined with his pillar of life, could be considered a whole new dao epoch!

To use this dao beginning to open a space that belonged to his pillar of life and absorb the lightning was something only Li Qiye could do.

As Li Qiye devoured even more lightning, the spatial vortex seemed to have reached its maximum capacity. Waves of lightning then appeared inside the pillar of life as explosions appeared everywhere. Without a doubt, the more lightning he absorbed, the closer his pillar of life came to the brink of collapse since it couldn’t handle the endless waves of lightning.

Even more crackles could be heard as lightning rampaged through his body. Some small sparks even exploded from his body, creating even more detonations.

In an instant, a burning smell could be found emanating from Li Qiye’s body. It seemed that Li Qiye had reached his limit. The lightning aimed to burn him to a crisp.

After smelling this scent, the treefather became worried and quickly asked: “Young Noble Li, are you okay?”

“Open!” Li Qiye roared. With another explosion, a bunch of fate palaces appeared above his head amidst the action. A series of rumbles resounded as if his pillar of life was becoming even larger and shot up towards the sky!

“Bang! Bang! Bang!” The moment all of his fate palaces appeared, the power of the spatial vortex soared exponentially. It crazily devoured all the lightning like a funnel. Eventually, all the lightning was absorbed by this void.

The beginning was only a test. At this moment, Li Qiye let go of all caution and opened all of his fate palaces, allowing his pillar to absorb the endless lightning.

“Twelve fate palaces...” The moment all of his palaces appeared, the treefather’s expression greatly shifted. Twelve palaces, unique among all eons!

“Wait, not right...” Very quickly, the treefather was able to see the thirteenth palace soaring above the rest as if it was hiding in the clouds.

“Thirteen palaces!” The treefather quickly went from feeling shocked to being aghast. Even an apex existence like himself who lived for many years and had seen countless miracles was frightened. He needed to take several steps back from the jolt.

In an instant, his old pair of eyes opened wide while gazing at the thirteenth palace hovering above all the others. He even rubbed his eyes since he thought he was only seeing things.

However, after rubbing his eyes for a while, the thirteenth palace was still there, meaning that it was not only in his mind!

“This... This... is not possible...” The treefather couldn’t accept what his eyes were telling him. He took a deep breath and tried to soak in this reality.

He had never seen a cultivator with twelve palaces before. As for eleven, he had only heard of some geniuses opening this many and never saw it with his own eyes. He had once seen a youngster open ten palaces. This youth was extremely brilliant and was considered the number one genius of the Stone Medicine World during that era. Although he didn’t become an Immortal Emperor, he was able to reach the peak and become an invincible master.

But today, the treefather not only saw twelve palaces, he also saw a thirteenth! Any cultivator with the slightest sliver of common sense would know that twelve palaces was the limit. Since the start of time, even Immortal Emperors were not able to break through the limit of twelve palaces!

Moreover, having twelve palaces was not only unheard of, such an occurrence only belonged in the legends such as Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng. Moreover, this was only speculation from future descendants, and no one actually knew the truth.

The treefather looked at Li Qiye’s thirteenth palace as if he was looking at a ghost. He was truly frightened! If someone had twelve palaces, then the treefather would definitely value such a person since they would become the next Immortal Emperor.

But right now, Li Qiye had thirteen! Anyone would be horrified after seeing this with their own eyes, and Godkings were no exceptions.

The treefather became absent-minded while looking at the palace and murmured: “Thirteen palaces, a unique miracle throughout the eons, unprecedented and unchallenged for all eternity...”

At this second, he understood where Li Qiye’s confidence came from. Anyone with thirteen palaces would definitely become an Immortal Emperor. Everyone else, no matter how brilliant they might be, would only be eclipsed by him.

He was at a loss for words as he understood why the arrogant Li Qiye said to not compare him to just anybody.

With thirteen palaces, he truly had the ability. No matter if it was Celestial Being Ye Qingcheng or Imperial Edge Mei Aonan, both of them would eventually be overshadowed by him.

While Li Qiye crazily absorbed the lightning, bolts of lightning would occasionally flash above Allpine Mountain. Many guests didn't know what was going on. Some understood that something strange was happening, but they didn't dare to delve into it.

As for the Allpine disciples, both Heavenly Kings and seclusive Virtuous Paragons had serious expressions. They didn't dare to relax, causing the atmosphere of the mountain to become quite serious. Such a change was felt by the guests despite not knowing what events were transpiring.

During this instant, at a certain place in the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom existed a palace. The Huangfu Clan Master was finally able to come to this place and see the main descendant of the imperial family, the Alchemy Kingdom Princess, Ming Yexue!

In order to enter this place, the clan master had expended countless efforts and used many connections.

The clan master couldn't see Ming Yexue's appearance since she was sitting in a pavilion that was covered by a thin veil. If he wanted to take another step forward, he would immediately be stopped by a group of old women standing guard.

The clan master obediently stood in front of the palace pavilion and bowed his head to say: "The 193rd Huangfu Clan Master greets Fairy Ming. Fairy Ming is the most brilliant jewel of our Stone Medicine World and the pride of our Alchemy Kingdom. The Huangfu Clan is also proud of you. Just imagine that year, when the Ming Clan's Sacred Saint married a member of our Huangfu Clan..."

Although the Huangfu Clan claimed to be related to Ming Yexue, and when Huangfu Hao was alive, he even told others that Ming Yexue was his little cousin, the Huangfu Clan didn't dare to carelessly bring up this relation in front of her. After all, their connection was quite thin. It could even be said that the two sides hadn't contacted each other for a long time.

If the clan master imprudently brought up this connection and made Ming Yexue unhappy, then it would be quite disadvantageous for the Huangfu Clan. Although their clan's power was mighty, it was nothing compared to the imperial family.

"What business does Huangfu Clan Master have to see me?" A very pleasant voice came from inside the pavilion to interrupt the clan master's flattery and his attempt to build a relationship.

"Dear Fairy, my Huangfu Clan is weak and was bullied by others. The human brute, Li Qiye, has no restraint. He openly insulted the Alchemy Kingdom and our imperial family. My Hao'er tried to stop this injustice to protect our Alchemy Kingdom's reputation, thus he quarreled against the brute, Li Qiye. Who would have thought that this brute was so vicious and actually killed Hao'er! He even declared his intention to destroy the Alchemy Kingdom..."

### **Chapter 717: Dispelling The Tribulation**

According to the clan master's narrative, Li Qiye had become a heinous murderer who wanted to become enemies with the Alchemy Kingdom and bring about its destruction. As for his son, Huangfu Hao became a heroic martyr, sacrificing himself for the Alchemy Kingdom's reputation. Even before his death, his son was still completely loyal to the kingdom...

"I have heard your words." The pleasant voice from the pavilion responded. Although one couldn't see her figure, they could easily imagine just how pretty she was from her voice alone.

Ming Yexue continued: "Huangfu Clan Master can return now. The Alchemy Kingdom will deal with this matter."

"But..." The Huangfu Clan Master wanted more than just this after spending so much effort for this audience.

"Please return." The voice inside the pavilion no longer said anything else. An old woman inside the palace stopped the clan master and turned him away.

What else could the clan master do? Even a character like him didn't dare to act recklessly in this place.

After he left, an old woman's voice asked the figure inside the pavilion: "Young Lady wishes to deal with this problem?"

"I'm clear of what the Huangfu Clan wants." Ming Yexue replied: "Huangfu Hao courted death. There are some people that he couldn't afford offending in this world."

"Let them deal with this themselves, the Huangfu Clan isn't a commendable sect anyway." The old woman commented.

In response, Ming Yexue mused: "The Huangfu Clan will not give up so easily. They do have some influence in the Alchemy Kingdom."

"If they dare to act recklessly, then they are wishing for their own destruction!" Stated the old woman coldly.

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"Boom boom!" In the deepest underground crevice of Allpine Mountain, the last lightning bolt in this location was finally absorbed by Li Qiye.

At this time, the pillar of life inside Li Qiye's fate palaces was full of crackling lightning. At this moment, Li Qiye appeared to be a thunder god as lightning ran through his body.

He couldn't help but sigh as he withdrew the spatial vortex since he was finally successful. Li Qiye had analyzed the treefather's tribulation before. He had other methods of repelling the remnants of this tribulation, but it would require more time. By using the ancient runes and absorbing this lightning field, it became much simpler. Moreover, by doing so, he would become something akin to a thunder god with mighty power.

The treefather also breathed a sigh of relief and smiled after seeing Li Qiye's success; it was as if a load was lifted off his back. Li Qiye didn't only save him, but also the entire Allpine Mountain. More importantly, he was now free to roam the nine worlds without any restrictions. It was time for him to see the outside world!

After cutting off his main root, he could only live for one more generation. The moment his lifespan withered, he would die just like other cultivators. However, he had no regrets.

He had lived for many years and had several generations of dao. He himself had reached the top and was capable of looking down on all beings. At the same time, he had disciples everywhere, and many were quite famous.

Ultimately, not being able to leave Allpine Mountain for millions of years due to being rooted here was quite a shame. Thus, this action of his was without any regrets even if he had to die sooner.

“This is...” After the lightning field was absorbed, the surroundings became empty. However, Li Qiye found an item floating there.

Li Qiye reached out and grabbed the item. When he opened his palm for a look, he noticed that it was quite small and resembled an eye. Moreover, it was not an ordinary eye; it appeared to be composed of numerous arcs of lightning woven together.

It seemed that innumerable arcs of lightning — like silk strings — wove together to form this eye, and occasionally, thunder would explode from within the eye. This created quite a majestic spectacle like the opening of an endless sky filled with lightning — quite unfathomable.

The treefather looked at this thunderous eye and asked with surprise: “What is this thing?”

He had previously been suppressing this life reduction tribulation, but he didn’t know that there was such an item in this place.

“A bit interesting.” Li Qiye also looked at it for a while without saying anything else. Moments later, he put away this thunderous eye and told the treefather: “Congratulations, Treefather. From now on, the sky is free for you to soar and the sea is free for you to dive. The nine worlds might be vast, but you are free to roam as you please to witness their beautiful spectacles.”

“This is all thanks to Young Noble.” The treefather couldn’t help but smile. He could finally freely travel across the nine worlds, so he held an irrepressible excitement in his heart.

Li Qiye also smiled and said: “In the future, you won’t just be traveling in the nine worlds. You will follow me to sweep through the ten worlds and myriad realms. I will lead you to the apex, to step into the mysterious realm that even Immortal Emperors chase after. One day, you will understand just how vast and mighty this magnificent world is. You will definitely not waste your last generation.”

The treefather couldn’t contain his emotions. He took a deep breath and solemnly nodded: “When we sweep through the realms in the future, my old bones will be the first to rush forward at your command!” Prior to this, the treefather swore loyalty to Li Qiye due to having to fulfill his part of the transaction.

But now, everything changed. After seeing Li Qiye’s thirteenth palace, the treefather immediately understood something about the future. An extraordinary Immortal Emperor would rise, one never-before-seen and never to reappear, one that would even surpass Immortal Emperor Jiao Heng and Empress Hong Tian!

Because of this, his last words came from his heart, a true oath of loyalty to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “That future is still very far from now. Let us create a glorious era together in the future. Your birthday is about to come, so go ahead and celebrate it first.”

“Young Noble will be the most distinguished guest at my birthday.” The treefather laughed freely. His mood was especially good since all of his past worries had been swept away.

“I don’t have a grand gift for your birthday.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “However, I can pass down another part of the Emperor Suppression Art to you, allowing you to progress one step further!”

“Another legacy of Empress Hong Tian!” The treefather was shocked after hearing this. Empress Hong Tian was definitely one of the strongest emperors in history. Since he cultivated the Emperor Suppression Art, he naturally understood just how powerful her legacy art was.

“That’s right.” Li Qiye nodded and said: “However, the condition is that I need to first see your Emperor Suppression Art. You won’t think that I am trying to swindle your art, will you?” Li Qiye chuckled after saying this.

The treefather smiled and said: “If Young Noble needs the Emperor Suppression Art, then you wouldn’t need to resort to trickery. I am willing to hand it over to Young Noble since, in your hands, it will shine even more brilliantly in the future!”

These words were truly sincere. With thirteen palaces, Li Qiye cultivating his legacy would be a cause for joy. In the future, this would let his legacy flourish and be celebrated for ages to come.

Li Qiye smiled and didn’t say anything else. He only quietly sighed inside. By using the treefather’s Emperor Suppression Art, he could find the old legacy of the empress. He personally trained her in the past, so how could he not understand her legacy?

However, even if he was able to find it, he didn’t want to cultivate or use this legacy. Outsiders wouldn’t understand the matters between him and the empress.

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Madam Zi Yan heaved a sigh of relief after seeing her Young Master return with the treefather. She quickly went up to meet them and earnestly asked: “Young Master, was it successful?”

Li Qiye slightly nodded and didn’t say anything else. The madam was happy to see him like this. Her Young Master was able to deal with the treefather’s problem which meant that the treefather would pledge loyalty to him. Who could stop her Young Master when he had a Godking under his banner?

Li Qiye bade farewell to the treefather and returned to their valley in the carriage with the madam.

Meanwhile, the disciples of the mountains were ecstatic to hear the treefather was finally able to resolve his life reduction tribulation. The atmosphere of the entire mountain immediately turned joyous.

Before this, the disciples planned this special birthday for the treefather for two reasons. First, it was to let outsiders know that their ancestor was still fine. The second was to hold the grandest birthday celebration for him because they didn’t know how long he could hold out for. Because of this, while he was still alive, they decided to hold this celebration in his honor for living 500,000 years!

But now, the winds had turned. Two happy events were simultaneously being celebrated in one occasion, so how could the disciples not be excited? All of a sudden, lanterns were lit up and decorative banners could be found as far as the eye could see, causing the atmosphere to be quite lively.

Although the guests didn't know what had happened, they could clearly sense the change of atmosphere.

### **Chapter 718: Lightning Eye**

Li Qiye immediately took out the pentagate after returning to the valley. He also took out the seed from a box, the seed created by the fusion of the Evil Typha Tree and the Bloodsoul Worm.

With a series of rumbles, Li Qiye opened his fate palace, revealing his pillar of life. Crackling in the air, tiny arcs of lightning left the pillar and condensed into the size of a palm.

These palm-sized arcs of lightning merged together to become a clear sea of lightning. This was a vast ocean formed purely from lightning. Li Qiye placed this seed into the sea of lightning. The moment it made contact, it immediately felt danger and wanted to escape. However, Li Qiye's will was like a gigantic palm and quickly suppressed it.

Under his suppression, the seed was immersed in the sea, causing crackling explosions to ring out. The seed seemed to have been thrown into a pan of oil and would be fried to a crisp at a moment's notice!

With careful examination, one would see bloody mists in the form of little tentacles beginning to emerge from the seed, desperately resisting the offense of the sea of lightning. However, as it bore the brunt of the onslaught, something incredible happened.

These bloody tentacle mists actually managed to devour the lightning as if they wanted to suck them dry.

This process was very slow, but as time passed, the lightning was gradually absorbed by these sponge-like tentacles.

Li Qiye subtly smiled after seeing this result. It was exactly what he wanted. He aimed to refine and change this seed to create an unprecedented seed.

When the lightning was about to be completely absorbed by the seed, his pillar of life released even more lightning arcs that eventually turned into another sea of lightning. The seed was, once again, submerged and began to crazily absorb the lightning.

This process repeated itself multiple times under Li Qiye's control. The amount of lightning released by the pillar of life was just enough each time.

This lightning from the pillar of life was extremely destructive. If it wasn't done right, then it could instantly destroy the seed. Because of this, Li Qiye was very meticulous, releasing just the right amount of lightning each time so that the seed could withstand and absorb the power.

After quite a bit of time, the seed eventually consumed enough lightning. It seemed to be very plump as flashes of lightning ran on its surface as if it was a seed of lightning.

Li Qiye carefully examined it one more time and found that there were no problems. He heaved a sigh of relief and sealed the seed again. Then, he took out a different item; it appeared as if he was holding lightning in his hand.



This was the lightning eye that he had just obtained. Of course, this name was something Li Qiye came up with on the spot, it wasn't a real eye.

Li Qiye took his time looking at this lightning eye. After a long while, he figured out a thing or two about it. After revealing a slight smile, he put it away. Next was the yellow cloth. The moment he took it out, the little black figure appeared above it once more.

"Hmph, you definitely don't have anything good to say." The little figure scowled and said: "Don't tell me there is something you don't understand and now you're asking me for help?"

Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head before replying: "Little girl, don't brag too much. Although you have lived for countless years, it isn't considered "living". During those long years, you were only a little shadow in this yellow cloth, sealed for countless moons. The puny amount of knowledge you have cannot even compare to mine."

"Bah, if that is the case, then don't bother me." The little figure sneered.

Li Qiye gestured with his sleeves in a carefree manner as he cheerfully said: "You are misunderstanding me. Today, I am in a good mood and only wanted to find someone to talk to. How about we talk about the high heavens or the archaic epoch?"

"Talk about the high heavens? The archaic epoch?" The little shadow snorted and said: "What would you know about the high heavens and the olden ages? Don't bother me."

Li Qiye wasn't angered by the disdain shown by the little figure. He lightly smiled before speaking: "Yes... the high heavens and the archaic epoch... How much do you think I know? In the future, I will destroy the high heavens up above and annihilate the... how should I call them? In the end, people consider these things to be nonexistent..." [1. My personal guess for this rather strange passage is immortals. Destroy the high heavens up above and annihilate the immortals below.]

The little shadow snorted before sarcastically repeating: "To destroy the high heavens... such big words!"

Li Qiye chuckled and added: "What is impossible about this? Throughout the long years, yes, I don't quite remember the exact time, legend states that there was an unseekable existence in the Tenth World. Did you know? In those long years, a crow swept across this world and its locations. Do you know the things this crow had done?"

"You actually know about the Tenth World!" The little figure deepened her tone.

"Mmm, only its existence though." Li Qiye smiled and dismissively said: "Maybe I don't know anything. This was only part of the legend. It stated that outside of the Nine Worlds was the Tenth World. Whether this is true or not is beyond the ability of man to confirm because no one had heard of someone who had gone to that world. Because of this, the Tenth World is only considered a legend."

The little figure scowled and asked: "Hmph, what else do you know?"

Li Qiye continued: "Little girl, I know more than you think. You should understand that I have obtained the secrets inside this cloth. The things you know are far less than me, including the events of ancient and distant eras."

“If you already knew, then why do you want to talk to me?” The little figure grimaced.

Li Qiye freely replied: “Well, there are some things that I can take my time searching for as I walk back in time to unknown eras. Of course, if there is someone willing to talk to me about these things, then I am more than willing to listen.”

“I don’t like talking to you!” The little figure coldly responded with a sneer.

Li Qiye smiled and relaxingly said: “Little girl, no need to act so tough. You should know very clearly by now from our previous conversation. One day, you will be able to come out and leave this yellow cloth, right? However, this will require my assistance, don’t you think?”

The little figure coldly asked: “Is this considered a threat?”

Li Qiye laughed and said: “How could this be considered a threat? I am simply reminding you out of goodwill. I am extending an offer to you; what’s best for you right now is to make friends with me, yes? If we are friends, then it will be a different story, right? Of course, I am a person who is always willing to help others as it brings me happiness. Even if it is not a friend, I will gladly help them. However, business is business. Friends have a ‘friend’ price and strangers have a ‘stranger’ price.”

“Do you only know how to talk in such a loquacious manner?” The little figure coldly spoke after listening to him.

“When I am talkative, it means that my mood is very good. Otherwise, I would have beat you back into your jar and ignored you. Do you feel like I should be asking you for a favor or vice versa? At this moment, I am speaking with you because I am in a good mood and have time to kill.”

After a brief silence, the little figure eventually asked: “What do you want to talk about?”

Li Qiye smiled; it was as if he expected this outcome. “This is more like it. We can talk about anything. Tell me about the matters of that era, then I will introduce you to the current world.”

Eventually, the little figure gave up and conversed with Li Qiye. It seemed that they were only making small talk. However, if someone else could hear the contents of their chat, they would definitely be shocked because the matters they were talking about were all earth-shattering. Although it might be trivial matters to them, they were unreachable matters for others. Even if others searched for them using their entire lifetime, they still wouldn’t be able to reach the starting point.

High heavens, archaic epoch, Tenth World... All of these were legends. Many people actually denied their existence, but these two were happily chatting about them.

Whether it was the high heavens or the Tenth World, very few people could come into contact with these things, let alone debate this subject.

This was especially true for the Tenth World. Many cultivators believed that it did not exist, that it was only a rumor. However, the world did not know that this seemingly empty legend involved many sects unknown to them.

[spoiler title='718 Teaser']Li Qiye immediately took out the pentagate after returning to the valley. He also took out the seed from a box, the seed created by the fusion of the Evil Typha Tree and the Bloodsoul Worm.

With a series of rumbles, Li Qiye opened his fate palace, revealing his pillar of life. With crackles in the air, tiny arcs of lightning left the pillar and condensed into the size of a palm.

These palm-sized arcs of lightning merged together to become a clear sea of lightning. This was a vast ocean formed purely from lightning. Li Qiye placed this seed into the sea of lightning. The moment it made contact, it immediately felt danger and wanted to escape. However, Li Qiye's will was like a gigantic palm and quickly suppressed it.

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### **Chapter 719: Grand Birthday**

On the day of the birthday celebration, Allpine Mountain was boiling with excitement. One could only see a great banquet with countless tables prepared in the sky for just as many guests; this was a spectacular scene!

The numerous big shots of the world sat in a particular order for this feast. The layout resembled something one would find in a heavenly court.

These big shots quickly raised their cups to celebrate the treefather's birthday. The untouchable existences such as the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel all had people present at this feast.

When the treefather appeared, he sat in the seat of honor. Another young man also appeared at this feast and sat down next to the treefather. This young man was none other than Li Qiye.

When the treefather appeared, the scene grew completely silent as everyone looked at him. Many people also set their gazes upon Li Qiye, who was sitting by his side.

Those who could sit near the front were all experts from imperial lineages, such as the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel... only they were qualified to have the closest seats. However, a young man like Li Qiye was actually able to sit next to the treefather. How prestigious was this position? This was much higher than the imperial lineages!

Even the direct disciples of the treefather could only stand next to him, but a junior like Li Qiye was now seated with him side by side. This was a cause for surprise to many people.

This puzzled many guests. They didn't know why a junior like Li Qiye was qualified to occupy such a seat. That seat was even more prestigious than the ones for guests from the Alchemy Kingdom and the Jianlong Clan!

Though speculations ran wild in the minds of the guests, the feast was still quiet. No matter who they might be, no one dared to act presumptuously in the presence of the treefather, including those from the imperial lineages!

Compared to the other guests, the imperial lineages knew a few more things, especially the Alchemy Kingdom who had a good relationship with the treefather.

In fact, once the Alchemy Kingdom's guest saw the treefather appearing at the feast, he was quite startled because the kingdom had once tried to help the treefather. Although they were unsuccessful, the kingdom became privy to the secret behind the scenes.

But now, the appearance of the treefather made this guest realize a thing or two; he looked at Li Qiye in amazement.

At this moment, the treefather cleared his throat and looked at the guests before slowly speaking: "Today is this old man's 500,000 year birthday celebration, and everyone traveled from distant lands to get here. I am very grateful for this, so I offer everyone a toast!" Having said that, he slowly raised his jade cup.

All of the guests present quickly raised their cups as well; no one dared to show any disrespect. To many of the cultivators here, the treefather was an apex existence. No one dared to act disrespectfully lest they cause the treefather to become unhappy, especially on a day like this.

"The Huangfu Clan's Second Ancestor is here to celebrate the demon forefather's birthday." An announcement came after the treefather's toast.

After obtaining the treefather's approval, an old man, along with ten other elderly men, appeared in an instant.

This old man approached step by step while constantly exuding a volatile atmosphere. At first glance, he was not very eye-catching since he was thin and withered; others could even feel the depleted vitality in his body! Nevertheless, he still induced quivers in the hearts of others.

Especially the ephemeral aura on his body, it gave quite a dreadful sensation as if it could shatter the galaxy and the heavenly firmament. Anyone would be startled when facing this terrifying aura. Despite being near death, he was still very frightening. He could pluck the stars from the sky and slay dragons!

The other ten old men next to him were all powerful experts. Although they hid their blood energies, others could still sense their horrifying strength.

Nevertheless, no matter how powerful they might be, these eleven old men all hid their auras and didn't dare to posture in this place.

"The Huangfu Clan's Second Ancestor!" Many big shots were secretly alarmed after seeing this old man.

One from a great power even murmured: "The Second Ancestor of the Huangfu Clan actually came into being... This is a bit too scary."

Although some great powers who had ties with the Huangfu Clan had never seen this old man before, they also felt chills after hearing the position of "Second Ancestor".

Rumor has it that the Huangfu Clan had four sealed ancestors. Outside of the ancestor who was killed at the Giant Bamboo Country, there were three others. All four of them were said to be incredible Virtuous Paragons, and the Sacred Ancestor was the most unfathomable.

In the Huangfu Clan, outside of the Sacred Ancestor, the Second Ancestor was the strongest. Once this type of great power's ancestor was sealed underground, they would not easily come into being. Breaking the Blood Era Stones required them to pay a big price.

However, the Huangfu Clan's Second Ancestor had arrived, causing many people to realize that he didn't come here solely for the birthday celebration.

"The Huangfu Clan is here to celebrate Demon Forefather's 500,000th birthday." The Second Ancestor came before the treefather and cupped his hands together, saying: "A small token of respect, I hope Treefather will accept."

Having said that, he raised an ancient box with both hands. Even a Virtuous Paragon like him was only a junior in front of the treefather.

Who knew what was inside the box? However, the treefather didn't take a look. He only let a disciple next to him go and accept this gift.

After the Second Ancestor gave his blessings, he solemnly said: "The treefather's prestige is widespread and worthy of our admiration. However, there is one thing that I cannot keep silent over."

The Second Ancestor caused a stir in the crowd as many spectators held their breaths. Everyone knew that something was about to happen.

The treefather glanced at the Second Ancestor and slowly uttered: "Speak your mind."

The Second Ancestor took a deep breath and spoke in a solemn yet sentimental manner: "Hao'er was the only inheritor of our Huangfu Clan, the one who would inherit our legacy. Not long ago, he represented our clan to come celebrate Demon Forefather's birthday, but who would have expected such terrible news of his death at Allpine Mountain?!"

All the guests shivered at this statement. Everyone knew that this matter was not so simple.

After hearing this declaration, the Maple King coughed and quickly said: "Second Ancestor, there is a misunderstanding regarding this."

The Second Ancestor looked at the Maple King and lowered his tone: "I don't know if it was a misunderstanding or not, but my Hao'er died at Allpine Mountain! Can you take responsibility and give my Huangfu Clan an acceptable answer?!" [1. The Second Ancestor's I and You are the respectful/formal version when speaking to the treefather, but not to the Maple King.]

Without a doubt, this Virtuous Paragon Second Ancestor didn't put an expert of the Maple King's level in his eyes. He wanted to speak with the treefather, not someone like the Maple King.

The treefather remained calm while staring at the ancestor. He didn't reveal his attitude when he replied: "State your Huangfu Clan's wish."

"Today, I came after being asked by our Sacred Ancestor to find out about our Hao'er's death." The Second Ancestor solemnly said: "Our Hao'er died miserably at the hands of this brat, but this brat has now become Demon Forefather's esteemed guest, I am very confused about this."

"Are you saying that my Allpine Mountain conspired with Young Noble Li to murder your Huangfu Clan's main descendant?" The treefather spoke lightly.

The Second Ancestor quickly responded: "No, no, that was not what I was implying. Allpine Mountain is righteous and noble with an unrivaled reputation, so how could it commit such an act? This brat's

mouth could spew out clusters of lotuses and change wrong to right, so I'm afraid that a few disciples of the mountain could have been tricked by him."

No one dared to say a word at this moment. Although many people here were famous characters, this was a conversation between those at the Virtuous Paragon level. They were not qualified to join in.

The treefather remained indifferent and calmly asked: "So how does your Huangfu Clan want to settle this?"

The Second Ancestor took a deep breath and solemnly said: "Regarding my Hao'er's death, we must investigate this matter or else the world will laugh at our Huangfu Clan's incompetence. The Sacred Ancestor's wish is for Demon Forefather to hand this brat over to our clan, to give us justice!"

"Of course, my Huangfu Clan will not slander anyone." The ancestor paused for a moment before continuing: "After Demon Forefather hands this brat over to our clan, we will investigate this matter. At that time, my clan and the Alchemy Kingdom will conduct a trial together. Even if he killed Hao'er, we will still give him a fair trial!"

The Second Ancestor went out of his way to bring up their Sacred Ancestor and the Alchemy Kingdom. This was a clear hint to others. Many people knew that their Sacred Ancestor was unfathomable. Moreover, the Huangfu Clan and the Alchemy Kingdom were in-laws. This was common knowledge to the rest of the Stone Medicine World.

"The Alchemy Kingdom?" After hearing this, the treefather smiled as his gaze fell upon the guest from the Alchemy Kingdom.

This guest quickly stood up and said: "This junior cannot take charge of this matter and needs to report to the elders." He was not stupid enough to easily get involved in these muddy waters.

The treefather withdrew his gaze and looked at the Second Ancestor to say: "So, the Huangfu Clan wants my Allpine Mountain to hand over our guest?"

The Second Ancestor quickly answered: "Please don't misunderstand, Demon Forefather. This brat has ulterior motives. He mixed in with the guests, aiming to cause rifts between the sects. This person killed my Hao'er at Allpine Mountain in order to besmirch Allpine Mountain's unparalleled reputation! The brat is neither a disciple nor a guest of the mountain, he is just a vicious brat with diabolical intentions! Allpine Mountain shouldn't tolerate such a cruel and malicious junior like this, wouldn't you say, Demon Forefather?"

There was a reason why the Second Ancestor appeared here so suddenly. The big shots also understood the implications behind his words and, at the same time, found the answer to a few of their questions.

## **Chapter 720: Controlling The Black Dragon**

The Second Ancestor's words were quite risky, but the Huangfu Clan had no other choice. Li Qiye suddenly being seated in the esteemed seat of the treefather's banquet — this was the one thing the Huangfu Clan feared the most.

No outsiders knew how much longer the treefather could live since this was his 500,000th birthday. There were even rumors about his lifespan being depleted.

If, on this grand day, the treefather picked Li Qiye as his last disciple or if Li Qiye successfully convinced the treefather to leave the mountain to become his dao protector, either result was not a good thing for the Huangfu Clan.

No matter what the reason was, Li Qiye sitting in that spot signified his unusual status at Allpine Mountain.

It would become prohibitively more difficult for the Huangfu Clan to take revenge. Furthermore, they didn't only want revenge, they also wanted to capture Li Qiye alive to torture him and seize all of his treasures along with his supreme dao of alchemy!

Thus, the Second Ancestor appeared just in time to try and prevent this outcome from happening.

The Giant Bamboo Country's Divine Guardian suddenly showed its might while Li Qiye and Madam Zi Yan came to celebrate the treefather's birthday. Keep in mind that the treefather and the Giant Bamboo Divine Guardian were named the two great demon forefathers! Because of this, the possibilities of the treefather taking Li Qiye in as a disciple or him becoming Li Qiye's dao protector were quite plausible.

The Second Ancestor was hoping that Allpine Mountain would abandon Li Qiye in order to save its own reputation.

After all, the treefather was renowned in this world with numerous students scattered everywhere. He also took great care of his own reputation. He couldn't afford to admit protecting a murderer like Li Qiye on his birthday before everyone in the world!

Because of this, the Second Ancestor also tried his best to drag the Alchemy Kingdom into this. Once the Alchemy Kingdom became involved, everything would become easy and go according to plan. He knew that this was very risky, but it was worth it!

"Are you saying you want my Allpine Mountain to hand over Li Qiye to get rid of a cruel villain?" The treefather was not angry and, in fact, even smiled kindly. The Second Ancestor was relieved; he felt that there was a chance after seeing this kind smile.

He quickly responded: "Demon Forefather's righteousness and integrity are well known in the world. Demon Forefather is the role model of our Stone Medicine World, and Forefather's conduct is praiseworthy and admirable. I myself can only prostrate in admiration..." At this time, he quickly praised the treefather so that the treefather couldn't say no.

"Stop. Don't put me on such a high pedestal." The treefather interrupted the ancestor and gently waved his sleeve to say: "I am now very old, so I can't get up that high. I'll fall down and break my bones."

At this point, the treefather cleared his throat before continuing: "My old bones can't handle such a big matter. What does Young Noble Li think about this?" His gaze fell upon Li Qiye after saying so.

Li Qiye remained seated in his seat as a faint smile appeared on his face. It was as if this matter had nothing to do with him.

It wasn't until the treefather's question that he glanced at the Second Ancestor and leisurely said: "Today is Treefather's great birthday, so how could we bother Treefather on such an auspicious day? If people want to come find trouble, then let me deal with them."

After hearing this, the Second Ancestor's eyes suddenly turned cold as he glared at Li Qiye while uttering: "Nothing would be better than you realizing this. Be obedient and leave with me so that we will not disturb Demon Forefather's banquet. My Huangfu Clan will not hurt you, and we will give you a fair trial in the near future!"

The Second Ancestor's words were more pleasant than songs. However, once Li Qiye fell into their hands, they would exhaust all means to wring him dry!

"You are mistaken about this." Li Qiye laughed and shook his head to say: "Who says I am going with you? What I was trying to say was that today is the treefather's 500,000th birthday — this is quite a rare event. Out of consideration for this joyous occasion, I will not cause trouble or lower myself to your level. Before I become angry, return from whence you came. I will pretend that nothing had happened."

Li Qiye's words caused the Second Ancestor's expression to quickly change! All of the guests here glanced at each other. Many of them felt that Li Qiye's words were too contemptuous. The Second Ancestor was a Virtuous Paragon! No matter the level, this was a terrifying existence and not someone a Heavenly King could fight!

But now, a junior like Li Qiye dared to speak to a Virtuous Paragon in this manner. Did this mean that he had the support of the treefather, so he could act unrestrained?

"What does Demon Forefather think about this?" The shocked ancestor took a deep breath then looked at the treefather, wanting to understand his stance.

The treefather only waved his hand and dismissively said: "My opinion isn't important, it is up to Young Noble Li." At this moment, his attitude had become a lot colder.

Who was the treefather? He was an apex existence, so how could he not understand the Second Ancestor's scheme? He simply didn't want to make a move, that was all.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, smiled and said: "You have already busied yourself for half a day out of fear that the treefather might involve himself, causing your plan to fail. Why the need to beat around the bush for so long? Don't worry, there is no need for the treefather to involve himself in this matter, I alone can take care of you all. I will say it one last time, scam immediately before I slaughter all of you. Although staining this celebration with blood is disrespectful to the treefather, my patience is limited!"

The Second Ancestor was immediately shaking with rage. He could no longer hold back and shouted: "Ignorant fool!" As a Virtuous Paragon worshiped and feared by all, how could he handle being yelled at by a junior like this? If it wasn't for the treefather's presence, he would have already killed this junior.

"Scram!" Li Qiye's eyes suddenly turned fierce. In an instant, a death energy emerged and diffused into the air. The Death Chapter appeared after his shout and quickly shot into the ground.

"Arrrrr!" The roar of a True Dragon resounded. With a crash, a huge black dragon flew out from the ground all the way to the sky. The moment it reached the air, it was as if a huge mountain range had appeared in the sky.

It was completely black and its scales seemed to be made from black metal, reflecting the sun's light. The giant dragon's eyes emitted a dark and profound light as if it came from the depths of hell.



It emitted a terrifying aura as if a Godking or True Dragon had arrived. Even Heavenly Kings trembled before its presence.

“A True Dragon!” One of the guests was frightened and screamed in horror. The weaker of the guests were frozen in their seats. Even the big shots paled and thought that it was a True Dragon.

The treefather was also astonished when he saw this black dragon. Only he knew what this black dragon was.

“Aoooo!” The black dragon in the sky roared and slashed its claws down at the ten old men next to the Second Ancestor.

“Die!” The ten old men cried out in response and wanted to slay this beast. However, it didn’t matter that they were Heavenly Kings, they couldn’t reach the apex when facing the black dragon ahead.

Under one claw, all ten were immediately captured by the black dragon, and all of their weapons were crushed.

“Animal, you dare?!” The Second Ancestor was extremely alarmed. He let out a deafening cry and soared into the sky to kill this black dragon.

However, it was already too late. With a crushing sound, the ten old men of the Huangfu Clan were squeezed to death without being given a chance to scream.

“Die!” The Second Ancestor crazily roared. In an instant, all of his blood energy erupted to the limit. His supreme merit law reached across the entire sky.

The black dragon was not afraid. It roared as well and raised its fangs to meet the Second Ancestor. All of a sudden, a battle between the ancestor and the beast ensued in the air.

The Second Ancestor didn’t hold anything back. His ferocious Virtuous Paragon’s might engulfed the world. However, no matter how he tried, he was still not a match for this black dragon. After just a few short exchanges, he found himself at a disadvantage and was forced back repeatedly by this dragon.

A battle of the paragon level caused many guests to become shocked. Just their auras alone left them short of breath.

“Is this really a True Dragon?” A guest couldn’t help but wonder after seeing the dragon pushing the ancestor back repeatedly. Keep in mind that the Second Ancestor from the Huangfu Clan was unfathomable and had been sealed underground for a very long time.

If it wasn’t a True Dragon, then how could it push a Virtuous Paragon back with just several moves?

“Open!” The Second Ancestor screamed and summoned a mirror. At this point, he was covered in bloody wounds after being defeated by the dragon in just five moves. His injuries were quite severe.

In the blink of an eye, the summoned mirror poured down a boundless divine light. Once this divine light fell upon the black dragon, it revealed the black dragon’s true body.