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Chapter 2091: A Second World Emperor

Li Qiye's holy light was able to chase away the second dot but a third one appeared. Mighty he was yet this was not enough to stop more dots from appearing on his body.

"Die!" Li Qiye stepped forward and aimed for Darkness' group with an all-destroying fist. However, they became illusory once he got closer just like phantoms.

It made the powerful strike useless even though a direct impact would mean pulverization. The group dispersed like smoke before coming together again.

"Buzz." This attack only increased the number of dots on him. It seemed that its power had only empowered the curse.

"What's going on?" A High God didn't understand and became surprised.

A Grand Emperor quietly said: "This is the backlash of the curse. Darkness and the others have become part of the spell. Destroying them would be useless. Any attempt would only magnify the spell's power and directly lead it back. Thus, it would be akin to helping the enemy and attacking himself."

"This curse is really horrifying?" The god murmured, not seeing how the dots were that scary.

An insightful monarch said: "Don't look down on those dots. It means there's no coming back from death. It will destroy his dao and Heaven's Will after failing to withstand it. That's how the three races killed the Ancient Ming back then."

"You are completely right, Fellow Daoist." A Grand Emperor nearby nodded: "This is a direct death; not even the Heaven's Will can re-create the sufferer. The only way to defeat the users is to overcome the spell, then the users would be destroyed by it instead. This is why it is so cruel; casualty is guaranteed."

"Buzz." More and more black spots emerged all around Li Qiye's body, acting similar to nether fire. They were slowly burning away his life.

"Dark Crow, you have lost." Darkness' indistinct voice came about: "Your vitality and will can't match up with all of us, and definitely not all the Ancient Ming back then. Don't you remember how they died? Today is your doom, and this date next year is your death anniversary!"

Darkness wasn't exaggerating. All of their vitality, power, and wills have turned into this terrible and majestic spell.

Back then, they used this method to destroy the Ancient Ming. This race was very powerful, but their three races have taken roots in the thirteen continents for countless years. They had ample emperors and experts. In a regular battle, they couldn't take on the Ancient Ming but the Peacebringer spell strengthened by the mass was too much for the Ancient Ming.

The race suffered a heavy casualty, on the verge of extermination, so they had no choice but to rely on the Corporeal Zone to run down to the nine worlds.

"Too early for excitement, we'll just see about that." Li Qiye laughed.

This laughter issued an immortal light but the dots continued to increase in number. Naturally, Li Qiye's vitality and grand dao power were decreasing; the spell was accelerating the time till his death.

"Boom!" Suddenly, World Emperor took action again and unleashed a palm strike at Li Qiye.

"Haha!" Mortal Reversion immediately went into this space again to attack the emperor.

"Buzz." A grand formation appeared out of nowhere with starry glimmers. A majestic figure emerged in the middle.

"World Emperor!" This figure was comparable to the high heaven, capable of looking down on all.

The figure was identical to World Emperor; no one could tell which one was the real one. It stopped Mortal Reversion in his path.

"What's going on?" Even the emperors were confused.

"The second one is not real." A monarch was able to see through it.

Behind the second World was a lofty land with dragons and phoenixes - a scene of paradise. There were emperors guarding and chanting within; real emperors, not just illusions or accumulations of power.

Generations of descendants prayed for him with sages and High Gods among them. Numerous kingdoms presided over this land with billions and billions of citizens. They lived and prospered for one generation to the next, praying for a single person - World!

The power of their faith through time fused into the body of the second World. Thus, this body had more than its own power. It had the strength of the Grand Emperors, the descendants, the citizens, and all of the land.

"The first is real, the second isn't." One Grand Emperor spoke with certainty.

"What is the second one then?" A High God asked.

There was no debating this because the Heavenly Execution would never make a mistake. However, the second one was not an avatar. An avatar had limitation but this second one seemed to be as strong as the first.

"The nine emperors of the Qian, well, not counting World and Sword, they themselves are empowering this being." Someone commented.

"This could be considered a world avatar." A top monarch said seriously: "The entire Qian Clan is working together to create this second World Emperor."

Many emperors took a deep breath. Creating a second body was easy in the form of a dao avatar. Of course, this second body was much inferior.

This wasn't the case for World. This second body was just like the real thing. Even a Grand Emperor using their heavenly gaze couldn't tell a difference, same with their power level.

This was doubly impressive because an emperor was already so mighty. Creating a perfect imitation was virtually impossible. Nevertheless, World Emperor was able to do so with such little differences. This "world avatar" was countless times stronger than a dao avatar.

It required the effort of the Qian for many generations before creating something like this!

Chapter 2092: World Dao

The crowd was shocked - the depth of the Qian far exceeded their imagination.

Everyone knew that it was the current number-one sect in the thirteen continents with nine emperors. They were also aware of its unfathomable resources and foundation. Nevertheless, this was still an intangible estimation.

Today, they had a better view after seeing the second World Emperor. Relying on the long years to create this being? Quite a terrifying achievement.

A Grand Emperor from the heaven race quietly said: "Not that far from the real thing. If the Qian doesn't have anyone holding them back, they might be able to unite the continents!"

Everyone shuddered at this sight. Some heaveners were even rejoicing about the existence of the Dark Crow. This terrifying existence was capable of holding back World and his clan.

If it wasn't for this dark hand behind the curtains looming around, who else could stop the Qian Clan? They would definitely be able to sweep through all oppositions.

"Clank! Clank!" The pleasant sound of equipping came about. Others could listen to it all day. The second emperor had a set of outfits on, filled with a blue ocean of energy.

This blue expanse was unreasonably vast, enough to contain the entire thirteen continents. A single wave from it could extinguish the sun and drown everything.

There was a round moon hanging in this ocean, emitting its cold radiance and basking the ocean with a silvery glow. It looked as if this ocean was hugging the moon.

"Seashroud Moon!" A top monarch startlingly exclaimed: "That's World Emperor's Immortal Armament, one of five!"

People were shaken to hear this. Though they have heard of these artifacts before, this was their first time seeing it in action or hearing the true name of this particular one.

This name also represented the core dao symbols of the armament.

People were smacking their lips while salivating with greed. There were only five of them around but two were missing. It was such a rare dao artifact.

They also realized why he wasn't wearing them in the beginning. So it turned out that his second body had it.

"Clank." This second body held a shield with his left hand. Just a casual swipe of it could block all paths. A simple shake could take down the stars from the sky.

A hymn also came about as he lifted a heavenly sword with his right. It was refined from a galaxy with a silvery glow. A plain slash alone could sever the earth.

The sword and shield were also part of this True Immortal Armament, not just the armor.

"Damn, your clan is quite something." Mortal Reversion laughed heartily yet his expression became serious: "A world avatar wearing a True Immortal Armament, quite a matchless being."

An invincible Ancient God like him still felt pressure before this avatar.

"Boom!" His vitality erupted. His twelve totems flew up and turned into a vast firmament.

His force was a budding seed that was crazily growing, overfilling the ancient world to the brim. All the emperors combined couldn't match his vitality.

"Mortal-king bloodline!" A spectator shouted.

So many members of the hundred races became envious. This was their races' immortal blood, starting from Six Dao Monarch. It had an extraordinary power desired by all the monarchs.

It continuously multiplied for more power - resulting in something comparable to the immortal bloodline of the three races.

"Die!" Mortal Reversion crushed the void and leaped forward like a primal beast towards the second World Emperor.

This murderous force would suffocate other emperors. An Ancient God was certainly no joke.

The second World blocked it with his shield by severing his spatial location from Mortal Reversion.

"Boom!" The strike still struck the shield causing numerous stars to die.

On the other hand, Li Qiye had to fight against the real World while withstanding the curse.

"Boom!" Li Qiye's Primordial Will in the form of twelve laws wove together to stop the invincible blow earlier.

World was going all out now by releasing his supreme grand dao. His twelve wills was pressuring everything nearby.

Emperors paled in comparison; other spectators actually had the urge to bow before him and perform the most respectful ceremony.

His grand dao was one of the mortality - the mundane world and its people. He seemed to melt into this mortal world filled with riches and destitution; difficulties but not without hope.

Nothing in this world could truly stop hope. Hope was the driving force - the most impressive affinity of the mortal world.

World Dao was the name - the emperor got his title from this dao.

"I toil for the living beings!" World disappeared after his thunderous declaration. He became one with his world as hope continued to rise.

The power of hope was sharp and unstoppable. It wished to crucify Li Qiye.

"You are an imperious emperor, the living beings aren't something on your mind." Li Qiye laughed and shouted before retaliating with his own dao: "May there be desires on the fifth night, down with the World Dao!"

Hope was the most beautiful thing in this world and desire gave birth to even more hope. They blossomed like beautiful and tempting flowers.

As hope was gradually turning into desire, people had the illusion that they were enjoying the debaucherous and lively world of mortal men. The warmness of springs, the blossoming of flowers, the allure of sex beneath the lamps and moonlight...

All of this tempted the heart of men, leading them into a befuddled state.

This world that was once full of hope quickly declined from rising too fast. The flowers bloomed rapidly but also withered at the same pace.

The grand momentum of the world was gone; all things deteriorated and fell into darkness.

"Buzz..." This power of hope assaulting Li Qiye slowly disappeared into nothingness. World was unable to kill Li Qiye with this attack.

"Mercy for all men!" World let out a chant echoing for an eternity.

In this blink of an eye, he walked out from his mortal world with a resplendent aura. His rays of mercy crossed through the generations and saved the damned men from their own desires.

Li Qiye's weakened grand dao was crushed by mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. These forces were omnipresent and warmed the heart of men as hope rose again.

Chapter 2093: Heavenly Execution

Because of the mercy dao from World Emperor, the flame burning Li Qiye intensified with more dots appearing. Half of his body had turned gray like ashes. His vitality weakened severely.

"World Dao..." A Grand Emperor murmured while watching.

In fact, many thought World was confusing. It wasn't that he was hiding secrets or anything. People knew about his stories like the palm of their hand. But a few things of his were still ungraspable, such as the World Dao.

Remember, he came from the Qian, a clan that had produced numerous emperors. Back in his generation, someone like him was unreachable, destined to be nobility.

People believed he would create a supreme imperial dao - fierce, regal, noble, profound, and unreachable. That would be appropriate to his background and status. Strange enough, his dao belonged to the mortal world, just like him. However, he remained untouched by the mundane realm, quite an unbelievable miracle.

No one knew why he created this dao. Some said that it might have to do with his youthful experiences, albeit, the details were unknown.

"You were born adored by the heavens with the bearing of an emperor, mercy and other beings? Don't be like a little girl! May there be destruction on the sixth night, let the devils roam free for an eternity!" Li Qiye still laughed boisterously and cried out despite his feebleness.

The grand dao suddenly diminished with everything rotting away. From declination came darkness; from darkness came devils and fiends. These little monsters continued to devour and grew stronger in greater number.

In the end, these monsters were also swallowed up and a devil king was born. It devoured everything in the world and became the supreme - the only remaining entity.

Of course, World Emperor's mercy was eaten as well so Li Qiye's vitality recovered by a bit.

Everyone shuddered after seeing this devil king, even emperors. They felt that there was a pair of eyes gazing at them from the darkness. Everything was mere food for this monster.

"Is this a premonition of what to come?" A knowledgeable emperor wondered about the future.

They began thinking about the legends of the incoming darkness. Would a monster like that truly be born? One capable of swallowing all living beings and the emperors as well.

"I kill for the sake of the living beings!" World Emperor shouted. A huge explosion blew the darkness away and came the light. His radiating light of mercy cured the heart and augmented life.

"Buzz." But in the very next second, his dao suddenly changed to an emotionless and cruel one, like a vajra taking down an evil demon!

The crowd became suffocated. There was no escaping this unstoppable offense.

A cold glint flashed and off with the devil king's head. The darkness dispersed, replaced by the light.

The world became prosperous again with a golden era. Boys and girls came into being and enjoyed the peace, intoxicated with the joy of life once more.

It seemed as if he had started a new epoch with prosperity everywhere!

"Pluff!" Though this attack couldn't kill Li Qiye, blood was certainly spilled.

"Buzz." The terrible curse maintained its course. A visible dark flame was burning him now.

"Dark Crow, today is your doom!" Darkness loudly gloated.

"No, it is yours." Li Qiye was staggering back and forth but his smile was still as bright as ever: "Geezer Qian, who do you think will die today? Are you ready to go? I am."

"Go for it, Dark Crow. It is time to end our feud." World Emperor spoke confidently.

Everyone felt that the Dark Crow was dead for sure.

"Alright, open your eyes and behold!" Li Qiye looked up at the sky and laughed: "Villainous heaven, heed my words, I am the ruler of this world today, the lord of all the laws. I am releasing all the constraints right now!"

With that, his eyes became dazzling like a pair of diamonds before releasing boundless light.

A hole suddenly expanded above and came a pond of lightning.

"Mortal Reversion, Go!" He gave the order before his eyes turned even brighter than the explosion of a million suns. It instantly blinded everyone due to its unreasonable luminosity.

The light, amusingly enough, made everyone unable to see anything but darkness. However, the actual darkness in the world had nowhere to hide.

"Rumble!" A Heavenly Execution came down - an endless source of annihilation.

"Heavenly Execution!" The emperors cried out. The ones watching in the distance fled with the greatest agility.

Even World Emperor was shocked and couldn't react in time before a thick, golden bolt struck him. Smoke billowed and one could smell the scent of burning flesh.

The second World Emperor who was fighting against Mortal Reversion was long gone now. He had run back inside his dao portal.

After the first bolt, World Emperor summoned his True Immortal Armament and also ran away.

"Rumble!" More executions came down with heavenly flames and lightning, resulting in an apocalyptic scene.

What do the emperors fear the most? Of course it was the Heavenly Execution!

The ones here wanted to run but they were fused together by the Peacebringer Art, stuck together like grasshoppers. Some ran to the east; others to the west. This ended up with none of them being able to go anywhere.

In this moment of desperation, they took out their weapons and wills in order to stop it.

"Ah!" The first to fall was Immortal Emperor Zhong Huang. His body was split open by the bolt. His dao, blood, and wills instantly ignited. Only ashes were left.

"Ah!" Another scream came from outside of the battlefield. A low-level monarch was too slow to react and got annihilated as well.

The first to successfully flee was World Emperor. He put on his armament and was able to withstand the execution long enough to run back into his lair.

"Rumble!" These bolts came down and injured the emperors on the battlefield. Darkness, Sword, and the others became bloodied. Some have lost their body and were hanging on with their Heaven's Wills.

Chapter 2094: Brilliant Devil Emperor

The emperors were running for their lives before the executions. It certainly wasn't out of cowardice, only reasons. No one has ever been able to withstand these executions. Flame and Wave Emperors were the best examples. Even twelve-will emperors have fallen, let alone them.

The High Gods also escaped to the horizon. A few emperors didn't react in time and became ashes after letting out a miserable scream.

People finally understood why the Dark Crow told his people to leave. He had already planned on using the executions to take down the enemies.

Only the ones stuck on the battlefield like Darkness' group couldn't run in time due to beings stuck together from channeling the curse.

Immortal Emperor Zhong Huang was dead while the others grievously injured while still holding on.

"Rumble!" The bolts weren't only hitting at Darkness, the emperors in the distance, and World. They were also aiming at another location on the battlefield.

This place was empty yet the execution was still destroying everything there. No one could hide from this attack so the person was forced out.

"Boom!" He fought against the execution with their Heaven's Wills.

"What's going on?!" People saw eleven black Heaven's Wills floating around this person.

No one has seen something like this before. Normally, these wills were luminous but not these ones - as black as the darkness.

"Isn't that Brilliant Devil Emperor?" Emperors who made a safe distance looked back and said with uncertainty.

"No way, didn't he die to the execution already?" A monarch skeptically said.

This naturally shocked the crowd. Brilliant was one of the strongest Grand Emperors of the devil race. He had twelve palaces and eleven wills, but most importantly, he also had their immortal bloodline - Bestowment.

He was considered the successor of Flame Emperor so he was able to control the large imperial organization of his race - Brilliant Platform.

Maybe being considered Flame's successor was a curse because his fate was the same - dying to the execution.

But now, he was here out of nowhere. People became uncertain because no one could come back to life after being killed by the execution. Even those who had met him before were doubting this as well.

"It is Brother Brilliant!" A Devil Emperor was certain of this. Alas, the tinge of darkness flashing in Brilliant's eyes made him skeptical.

"Why did you become like this...?" He wondered.

Brilliant focused his eyes and caused darkness to rise. He became an existence of darkness with black flowers blooming in order to stop the execution.

Alas, this was still useless. The darkness exploded into nothingness and the emperor's body got split in half. He relied on his Heaven's Wills to survive now.

"Why was he hiding here?" Questions emerged in everyone's mind.

"Screw it, let's go." Darkness' group came to a consensus and headed for World Emperor's dao portal.

As they were running, a cry of a crane echoed across the entire ancient world.

A white crane soared to the sky with its wings blotting out everything. A crystallized barrier instantly locked everything and sent this place to a different and unknown dimension.

No one was able to escape from this prison. Even World Emperor's portal was banished instantly.

Who knows where this crane came from or how it possessed such incredible power?

"That's not a white crane, it's a gigantic formation that has become one with this world!" Someone recognized this right away.

More importantly, this formation was created by existences at the same level of emperors. Perhaps even some top emperors, maybe with twelve wills, have participated in creating this formation! It couldn't be created in a day or two since it contained the blood and effort of many across the years.

"Boom!" Darkness and his group unleashed a devastating attack at the barrier. The entire ancient world quaked but the barrier remained firm.

They have spent too much power stopping the execution on top of casting the curse. Their combined attack was much weaker now.

Under normal circumstances, they could definitely break through this prison easily. Doing so right now would require a lot of time, but time was not on their side!

"It's time for the white crane to soar." Li Qiye sneered while looking at the trapped group.

"Brother, please help us!" The execution was still reigning down on them. Darkness had no choice but to ask World for help.

Meanwhile, World was calculating the spatial coordinates. Not only was his dao portal expelled but the ancient world itself has been moved to a different dimension. Though the portal was visibly close to the ancient world, they were extremely far apart.

Calculating the location of an unknown dimension was not easy, not even for someone of World's level. He needed time as well.

Alas, the group couldn't wait for much longer.

"Ah!" Immortal Emperor Er Shi was the next victim to the execution! His Heaven's Wills and everything else turned to ashes.

"Boom!" Brilliant Devil Emperor, on the other side, exploded into bloody mist as well.

"Another person falling to the darkness." Li Qiye coldly uttered after seeing the death of this particular emperor.

"Buzz." Brilliant's body was reconstructed. He crazily roared: "Please come down, it is time to end him!"

His body oozed out a black glow - instilling chills into everyone. It wove together to form a diagram, seemingly wanting to summon something.

"Boom!" Something crossed through the ancient eras and instantly appeared in the ancient world, carrying the chaotic temporal affinity.

An old coffin was now looming above Brilliant's head.

Chapter 2095: Death Coffin

This coffin made out of stone lacked carvings and decorations as if this was its natural form upon inception. It carried the traces of time with spots everywhere. Perhaps it was even older than heaven and earth.

It emitted a strange and unfathomable aura not belonging to any power affinity in this world. Because of this, the emperors felt suffocated by its immense might. Only a twelve-will emperor would be able to withstand it.

Li Qiye smiled with his eyes slightly batting: "Death Coffin, it truly exists and has finally decided to show its face!"

"Death Coffin!" Even Sword Emperor was shocked: "One of the nine Heavenly Treasures!"

The rest of the emperors felt the same astonishment. They naturally understood the significance of one, especially when it had a master. Even a Paragon Artifact couldn't compare to one.

Rumor has it that when the Ancient Ming ravaged the thirteen continents, it wasn't just because they were evil and fierce. Rumor has it that they also had one of these treasures - Corporeal Zone!

The Death Coffin was also one of them and corresponded with the Death Scripture.

"Creak." The lid slowly opened to the halfway point. One could see more light coming in and out; there seemed to be a terrifying power within.

"Rumble!" It actually managed to suck in all the Heavenly Executions. It was able to withstand and absorb these lightning bolts.

Darkness heaved a sigh of relief after the sky became clear. They looked over at Brilliant Devil Emperor and became slightly confused about the validity of his rumored death.

"Fellow Daoist, thank you." Darkness cupped his fist towards Brilliant.

"Our three races come from the same race, so we're on the same side, no need to be so polite." Brilliant said with a smile.

Nevertheless, some emperors still remained cautious, such as Sword. Brilliant's wills were dark and this gave them a terrible feeling.

"Brothers, we need to kill the Dark Crow now." Brilliant told them with a serious tone.

The group hesitated for a bit unlike before because the previous attempt had left a shadow in their mind - the Dark Crow could call down the Heavenly Executions!

"Brothers, there will never be a better opportunity; our three races won't be able to rise if we miss it. We might be able to run today, but he'll take care of us, one by one, in the future! Will we ever be able to gather in such great number again to use Peacebringer?!" Brilliant persuaded.

The others naturally understood this but the fight earlier truly frightened them. The damned crow was too terrifying.

"Plus, Brothers, we have the Death Coffin backing us up. All conditions are on our side, when do we kill him, if not now?!" Brilliant raised his voice.

"Who is using that Death Coffin?" Sword shouted back.

"You'll find out in the future." Brilliant said: "Twelve-will emperors aren't necessarily the strongest in this world. Our three races have even more powerful beings yet to come out! Brothers, think about it, if you don't want to fight for our races, then I'll be leaving."

The guy wasn't only spewing righteous rhetoric. This was also a veiled threat. If he were to leave, the executions would come again.

"Alright, we must work together for the sake of our three races. Kill the Dark Crow and the future shall be ours." Darkness finally gave the order.

The others exchanged glances, realizing that they had no other choice. It was either to withstand the execution and wait for World Emperor to kill his way back, or to work with Brilliant. Perhaps there was still a chance of victory with the Death Coffin on their side.

In fact, they truly wanted to know who was behind Brilliant - an existence capable of grasping the Death Coffin. They also understood why Brilliant didn't die to the execution back then.

"Good, let us be of one mind." Brilliant rallied the men: "I will open the way for everyone, you just need to perform the Peacebringer Art!" He did exactly that and was the first to jump at Li Qiye.

In fact, Li Qiye has been standing there just looking at the coffin, not giving a damn about the rest. Only the coffin could enter his sight.

Remember, he had the Death Scripture. If he could obtain this corresponding coffin, it would be akin to a tiger growing wings.

When Brilliant finally sealed his area, he looked over and smiled: "An eleven-will Grand Emperor of the Bestowment bloodline, considered to be the successor of Flame Emperor. What a joke, you are not qualified to be his successor. He had an unparalleled battle record, a majestic man. You are a mere dog to the darkness, a slave to an overlord. No need to flatter yourself by assuming the successor role."

The others remained quiet. Though they didn't know the details, they were aware that Brilliant was no longer the same as them.

Brilliant was naturally humiliated by the comment. Ultimately, he used to be a famous Grand Emperor who controlled the strongest organization of the devil race. But now, he had become someone else's servant, a guide of darkness.

"Dark Crow, you have been arrogant for so long, others are annoyed and have decided to punish you!" Brilliant coldly uttered.

"Arrogant I am, but to send you to punish me? Haha." Li Qiye retorted.

He continued on with a gaze of disdain: "I have experienced the darkness and death more than you! Tell your master to come out, I'll see how he compares to Samsara Wild Ancestor!"

"Haha, stop thinking so highly of yourself. Samsara was indeed amazing, but he was from the past, not belonging to our epoch. Thus, he faced limitations, but there are those beyond imagination. They have lived even longer than you, they are the real rulers of this epoch!" Brilliant sneered.

"Yes, they are cowardly turtles hiding in their shell." Li Qiye laughed: "The strongest turtles are still only turtles. Tell your master to come out now. If I can slay a past overlord, I can also kill a present one!"

Brilliant's expression became twisted: "Dark Crow, you are still only a chess piece, what is there to be gloating about?!"

Li Qiye chuckled: "I'm a chess piece? Who do you think are the players then? Your master? You think he can beat me? No, I have been waiting for your appearance! The only thing surprising me is that I only led out a guide like you. In my eyes, you're a disposable pawn that can be thrown away at any moment."

The truth was that Li Qiye had waited and prepared to lead out a dark overlord today!

Killing Samsara was only the beginning. He wanted to let them know that he was capable of killing them.

At that point, they wouldn't be able to sit still. The disaster of the academy was the best opportunity. As long as he was surrounded by the emperors, some of them would use this chance to eliminate him.

Unfortunately, this particular overlord was still hiding and as careful as ever to Li Qiye's disappointment.

"Enough talk! We'll see who will fall today, Dark Crow!" Brilliant cried out.

Chapter 2096: The Invincible Heavenly Treasure

"Only an ant, not worth mentioning." Li Qiye glanced with contempt at Brilliant before turning his focus back at the coffin.

"Fine, Dark Crow, die!" Brilliant was furious and turned his palm, revealing a devil mirror spewing out dark energy of death.

"Buzz." This death ray shined on Li Qiye, causing his spots to spread again.

"Peacebringer Art!" Darkness and the other emperors once again channeled the curse on him.

They didn't give a damn anymore and went all out, wasting their longevity blood. Li Qiye was too terrorizing. If he were to survive today, they would never have a day of peace again. He would eventually kill them in the future.

"Buzz." The executions earlier made the spots go away because the emperors didn't have the energy to curse him.

But now, the chanting once again intensified the spread. His body ignited with fire again and his skin became ashes.

Nevertheless, he remained nonchalant and smiled: "You think I care for your Peacebringer Art? Just a child's play for me today. The darkness is nothing in my eyes. This curse is also only a side branch, I'll show you a real dao today in the form of an unstoppable dao heart!"

With that, rays of light oozed out from his chest. They were holy and pure; this power didn't come from cultivation or any external source - only from his heart!

"As long as I am a saint, there will be no devils in this world!" Li Qiye said slowly.

The light became thicker and more majestic during this holy transformation. He was a saint standing at the apex of the world. His light eliminated all darkness and led the way for all living beings!

This was the power of the dao heart - one that was creating a holy presence. He was simply unstoppable with a force capable of expelling all evil. As time passed through the epoch, so would his eternal light.

It was as if he had melted into the epoch. His light was everywhere - all darkness would turn to ashes after seeing it.

"Is this a holy dao?" Many High Gods were shocked to see the light flowing on the river of time itself. They were affected and had sparks lit up inside them.

"No, it's a dao heart." A monarch took a deep breath and said: "His dao heart is simply unbreakable, allowing him to transform to whatever he wants or do whatever he pleases with a single thought! Yes, this guy had surpassed everyone in terms of dao heart!"

"Buzz." The black dots on Li Qiye receded like the tides.

His vitality slowly returned. The power of the terrible curse was not enough to deal with his holy power stemming from the unbreakable dao heart.

Ultimately, the curse was still not a main branch of the dao and was helpless against the light.

"Hurry, hurry, remove the spells!" Darkness and the others were scared out of their mind and tried to recall their wills.

Alas, it wasn't that easy to remove this spell once cast. Otherwise, they would have been long gone when the executions descended.

"I want your holy heart!" Contrary to the group, Brilliant was not afraid at all but rather ecstatic.

"Pop!" He suddenly had two wings popping out of nowhere. Darkness engulfed the ancient world; all the forage and trees instantly withered after being touched by this darkness.

A starry formation emerged on this emperor's chest, causing him to tremble as if someone else has taken over. When he opened eyes again, only darkness, death, and greed could be found within.

Anyone who fell into this dark world would never be able to enter the reincarnation cycle again.

"Pluff!" He stretched out his devil claw and reached for Li Qiye's chest. It was unreasonably swift, intending to take out Li Qiye's heart!

Nevertheless, the claw was stuck in an ocean of holy light. The power of light restrained the darkness. These dark rays fell apart until the claw only had bones left. The emperor had no choice but to pull back.

"You think you're stronger than Samsara? Even he didn't try to attack my dao heart." Li Qiye smirked.

"Is that so?" Brilliant's voice was no longer his. It was an ancient and terrifying voice. People instantly realized that Brilliant has been taken over since he was only a guide of darkness.

"Today, I shall take your dao heart as my meal, I've been waiting a long time for this!" The emperor declared. [1]

"I've been waiting for a long time too. You think you're ambushing me instead of falling into my traps?!" Li Qiye laughed.

Having said that, the entire ancient world lit up and poured out ancient laws. These laws were incomparably thick and sealed the whole place.

Earlier, the white crane had expelled and sealed this place into a prison. Right now, this prison had become even more fortified. For example, if it was made from stones earlier, the walls were now made from steel.

"Just child's play, die!" Brilliant released primal darkness. It was as if he was the devil king - all other devils came from his lineage.

"Boom!" The Death Coffin flew at him. This would end in absolute destruction; not even an emperor could survive a direct smash. The earth was crumbling to pieces beneath its trajectory.

"Not good!" The spectating emperors who were safe now became aghast.

The nine treasures were too much. Imperial weapons were not worth mentioning before them, mere scrap metals!

"Pluff!" Li Qiye couldn't block it and was rendered into a bloody mist. It dripped all over the coffin.

The world became quiet while the emperors gasped. Everyone knew just how strong he was, virtually invincible, capable of fighting against a horde of emperors. But now, he was finished in just one move?

Suddenly, his blood was moving all around the coffin. He was using his longevity blood to leave behind a mark!

"Don't even think about it!" The possessed Brilliant knew exactly what he was doing and poured down a dark flame in order to incinerate his blood.

Chapter 2097: Counter

"Bang!" The Ancient world turned into a mirror with the academy at the center.

A boundless holy light surged from every inch of the land as if it had permeated deep in the mud long ago.

The thickest of them all came from the academy with the shape of a pillar, capable of refining all darkness and washing away the impurities in the world.

"Buzz." The light overwhelmed the darkness so remnant ashes scattered from the sky. The dark flame was blown away so Li Qiye's blood remained on the coffin.

"The academy still has this power?" Everyone was shocked. They thought that it had used all of its resources earlier just now - just hanging on for this long was impressive enough. But now, it exuded a power capable of fighting against Brilliant.

"Destruction!" Brilliant smashed down on the pillar of light coming from the academy with a hammer.

The strike was so devastating that the entire academy was shaking, on the verge of extinguishing.

"You need my permission first before destroying the academy!" A handsome middle-aged man appeared above the academy out of nowhere.

His life force was majestic, causing spring to return to the land.

"Immortal Monarch Yi Ye!" A monarch from the hundred races shouted.

"Why is he here?!" The crowd became slack-jawed. Earlier, Profound Emperor had led him away for a chess match so this counter surprised everyone.

"Haha, Profound's chess abilities are bad, no need to continue playing with him." Yi Ye laughed and said.

"Clank." An armored suit appeared around him while spewing immortal radiance. A mark floated above him.

"Mortal-king Seal, that's Six Dao Monarch's True Immortal Armament!"

This artifact was named Mortal-king Seal by Six Dao Monarch. When he fell to the Heavenly Execution back then, it became missing, never to be seen again.

Thus, the crowd was astounded again. Immortal Monarch Yi Ye had been hiding too much.

"The hundred races have been pretending to be weak..." One Grand Emperor shuddered.

Everyone realized that the monarch probably obtained this armament a long time ago, perhaps even before his ascension.

However, no one in the thirteen continents was aware of this. The question became - why did he hide it so well?

They immediately thought of someone else - the Dark Crow! These two had a good relationship together, so perhaps the Dark Crow had something to do with the monarch possessing this armament.

Of course, their clandestine intent became more obvious now. This fight didn't come without planning on the other side. Perhaps they were ready for this from many generations ago starting with the ancient world.

Darkness and the others foolishly walked straight into this trap!

"Boom!" Yi Ye was unstoppable with his armament and twelve wills!

The possessed Brilliant became serious after seeing this new challenger: "Immortal Armament on a twelve-will emperor..."

"Yes, all of this was meant for you and this Death Coffin." Li Qiye had successfully recreated his body and left a bright red mark on the coffin.

People shuddered after hearing this. That's the Dark Crow for you, scheming for years until today and was going to take down so many emperors in the process.

"With just you two?!" Brilliant was unperturbed. His gaze remained stern and disdainful towards all.

"And me." A domineering voice came about. Mortal Reversion Ancient God was now standing next to Li Qiye.

The crowd became breathless. Just the Dark Crow was scary enough but now, Mortal Reversion and Yi Ye made it even worse.

"I knew you would come today. Killing Samsara would have alarmed your group, realizing that there were still people in this world who could threaten you. Thus, you all must kill me and take my dao heart! And when is a better time than the siege of the academy? Haha, so easily baited!"

"An even bigger net." A monarch thought that the Dark Crow was terrifying not because of his power or political influence but rather his schemes. No one would be able to escape from his plans spanning for millions of years.

"So what? You don't know the extent of the terrible beings you are facing!" Brilliant revealed a malevolent smirk.

"Stop thinking so highly of yourself." Li Qiye retorted: "You think you can compare to the villainous heaven? I have returned alive from the final battle so I do not fear your group. It's just that you all are so good at hiding so I can't kill you all."

The emperors glanced at each other. One Grand Emperor whispered: "So it is true, he has experienced an ultimate expedition before..."

They have heard of a few legends about this before - that the Dark Crow managed to return from an expedition. The man himself had verified it just now.

"Alright, let's see how tough you are! I am not someone Samsara can compare to!" The darkness possessing Brilliant was still as confident as ever facing the trio.

"Let's go!" Li Qiye laughed heartily.

"Boom!" The High Heaven Palace fused into his body. His eyes turned bright as he sucked away the executions inside the coffin.

"Rumble!" The bolts naturally attacked him but they were absorbed by the palace. Of course, it alone wasn't enough due to the sheer amount of power. The four images in his palaces were also doing the

same thing - Ancient Void Rune, Heavenly Dao Primal Chapter, Life origination, and Epoch Leaf. Of course, the Ancient Void Rune was doing the most work like a whale swallowing water.

"Crackle!" After taking in the bolts, lightning currents channeled around him, making him look like a Heavenly Execution in human form.

"Damn, another ace card topping the previous." One spectator murmured.

However, people simply didn't understand how he could call down these executions and even control them to an extent.

One must start with Immortal Emperor Mu Zhuo. This was someone who had peered into the high heaven and had written down what he found. He gave all of this knowledge to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye had even taken a step higher, having traveled to the end of the world before. He understood that place even more, so he filled in the blanks and eventually created a supreme merit law - Heavenseer!

This became one of his key moves in this plan. As long as the emperors left Exploration Grounds, he could call down their Heavenly Executions!

Chapter 2098: Seizing The Death Coffin

The bolts of the execution coursed through Li Qiye's body like an overflowing ocean of tribulation. Each bolt started a huge wave assaulting the sky - capable of destroying the thirteen continents.

Nevertheless, the four symbols inside his palace were able to devour the bolts.

He was powerful enough to judge any emperor and the world itself. His imperious glare made everything else seemingly insignificant.

"Stay and play!" Li Qiye spread his palm and bolts shot out of his fingers like arrows straight for Darkness' group!

"Ah!" They were pinned by the execution bolts to the ground, unable to do much because they were preoccupied with dealing with the backlash from the curse. Thus, there was very little resistance against Li Qiye's judgment.

"Time to end this and begin my harvest!" Li Qiye shouted. The Primordial Will and its twelve iron laws locked the Death Coffin.

"Boom!" This artifact was immensely heavy. Just moving it a little bit made the entire ancient world shake. It was as if Li Qiye was dragging the whole place along with the coffin.

It already had a master and was groomed for millions of years. Seizing control was no easy task.

"Don't even think about it!" Brilliant saw the forceful takeover and wanted to kill Li Qiye with a palm strike.

"You need to get past us first." Immortal Monarch Yi Ye smiled and attacked with his suppressive seal that could make other emperors look like ants in comparison. The armament allowed him to have a flame engulfing the sky. It didn't take long before the area and all affinities were frozen. The monarch was able to utilize his bloodline to the fullest potential!

"Damn right!" Mortal Reversion Ancient God also roared and put on the Cosmic Immortal Carapace. He gained a massive form capable of severing the sky and earth. His technique of choice was a dual-palm strike to stop Brilliant.

"Boom!" The two of them managed to repel the possessed Brilliant.

All existences trembled before this attack while the ancient world showed signs of crumbling.

Everyone took a deep breath after seeing this. One of them alone was monstrous enough, but the two together?

Nevertheless, Brilliant was simply pushed back. The strikes weren't enough to take this monster down.

This puzzled the crowd - who was this guy? How could he take on both the Ancient God and Immortal Monarch at the same time?

"Clank." Brilliant unsheathed two swords - both were completely shrouded in darkness and wielded its most terrorizing power. It could replace the light and swallow up everything.

"Die!" Brilliant crazily shouted and the darkness surged like an ocean, making all beings fall into depravity and sin.

One slash aimed for the Ancient God's armor while the other went for the monarch's seal. His sword techniques kept on transforming with different variations.

The tyrannical slashes created sword energies everywhere. The first successfully stopped the Mortal-king Seal while the second sword momentum coiled around the carapace like a large spider web.

Metallic ringing and fiery sparks were everywhere. Just a single ember could turn the entire ground to lava, drowning everything with death.

Alas, Brilliant couldn't break through these two powerful beings capable of mass destruction. The crowd was shaking; this gave them the opportunity to truly see how invincible these top beings were. Same with Brilliant; whoever possessing him was also a behemoth.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was using his twelve laws to forcefully drag the coffin over to seize control. Alas, his blood mark and the blinding laws were still having difficulties.

Nevertheless, it was still moving ever-so-slowly towards him. It meant that he still had a chance of taking it from the dark master.

Brilliant could see this and shouted: "Go!"

The coffin suddenly started flying for Li Qiye. Brilliant no longer tried to pull the coffin back but rather used it as a weapon.

This was a force capable of rendering any emperor or god into powders. Li Qiye was already wary of this so his body became resplendent with the Heaven's Will Crystal Physique.

It slammed on him and the crystallized barrier actually shattered. The physique was broken - this was quite unbelievable because it was supposed to be completely impervious to any damage.

"That's a heavenly treasure for you." An Immortal Emperor who knew about this physique took a deep breath.

The coffin went on with a weakened momentum but still mighty nonetheless.

Li Qiye also had a plan for this by adding the human skin. It successfully lessened the impact but he still vomited blood. During the impact, he latched on to the coffin like a magnet, intending to swallow the whole thing.

The runes from the Death Chapter covered the coffin. Meanwhile, his blood that was engraved on it started blossoming into a lotus.

"This is my time!" Li Qiye laughed and said.

An ancient book appeared and the sound of pages flipping came about. They shouldered the coffin, wishing to become one with it.

"Death Scripture!" A monarch recognized it and shouted in horror: "He has the Death Scripture!"

"No, you must die now!" Brilliant cried out after seeing the book.

Chapter 2099: Threat

"Boom!" Darkness ravaged the area. Brilliant's body was opening a space leading to an ominous world.

Even the thirteen continents were affected by the opening of this dark portal and a feeling of despair. Monsters seemed to be ready to crawl out of the ground at any second in this atmosphere.

"Buzz." All the darkness combined into a pair of real wings growing from his back. These black wings flapped and unleashed a sky-destroying wave.

"Now it's interesting!" Immortal Monarch Yi Ye and Mortal Reversion Ancient God became fanatical after seeing the new boost of power in their foe.

Their wills and totems turned bright as they used their supreme grand dao and crushed everything in their path. The monarch's bloodline and the god's Cosmic Immortal Carapace were also exerting the highest level of divinity.

The first exchange could be felt everywhere in the thirteen continents. Ordinary living beings were prostrating on the ground, unaware of the circumstances, and trembled in fear. If a strike of this magnitude was aiming for the thirteen continents, it might pierce through the very core all the way to the other side.

Ultimately, this torrential being of darkness was still unable to break through the god and emperor to reach Li Qiye.

On the other side, the Death Scripture's pages were flipping. Death energy was now an ocean trying to soak the coffin completely. These death strands were making their way inside.

The emperor and god prevented Brilliant from controlling the coffin while Li Qiye wanted to refine it for total control.

Not to mention the ancient world, the thirteen continent themselves were having earthquakes everywhere. Furthermore, nefarious energy was now present to the dismay of the inhabitants.

Outside of the ancient world came a dao portal - one as black as ink. The world behind this portal was actually even darker. No one could see through what was inside. It was a black hole that would swallow any curious spectator.

"Ba!" Pairs of eyes suddenly opened. People could actually see these eyes inside the dark world, because they were, unbelievably, darker than that world. They were the origin of darkness for this epoch, capable of destroying it in entirety.

Surprisingly enough, they didn't look that invincible nor had an incredible aura. Nevertheless, people felt as if there was an invisible hand gripping their neck. People opened their mouth but no sounds would come out; they all felt suffocated, including the emperors.

These were ancient and terrorizing forces.

"Is the darkness descending? Or are they just here to watch?" An apprehensive emperor saw everything.

However, there was actually someone standing before this dao portal with a smile on his face.

"It's the Dark Crow! Another one!" The emperor didn't know where this second Li Qiye came from.

"Gentlemen, we haven't met yet but I have heard of your fame." Li Qiye waved and greeted the eyes: "What is your intention in coming here?"

Of course, this was his copy from the World Seal.

The eyes focused on him. Anyone else would feel their hair standing on ends, but Li Qiye remained nonchalant.

"If you all just want to watch your brother lose to me, then feel free to do so. But wishing to interfere? Go back from whence you came before I force all of you into submission!" Li Qiye smiled and said.

The eyes glistened with dark rays on the verge of materializing into physical essences.

"No one ever dared to talk to us like this." A deep voice came from the dark.

"That's other people, not me." Li Qiye smiled: "It's one thing when I'm in a good mood, but when I'm mad, I'll stomp all of you to death." Having said that, he casually played with an item, throwing it up and down.

It was a crystal pillar. If he wasn't careful enough, it could actually fall to the ground.

The eyes in the shadow narrowed as they followed the pillar, seemingly worried about it touching the ground.

"If I throw this crap into your dark world, you think it'll destroy all of you?" Li Qiye mocked them.

"You know the consequences!" The voice replied.

Li Qiye said: "Of course I do, it'll be game over. No need for all of you to hide in the dog pens any longer. Everyone will be done for at that point, no point in waiting for the destruction of this world."

The darkness was silent. Ultimately, they feared the item yet also wanted it desperately.

"Good boys." Li Qiye put away the crystal pillar and laughed: "Alright, just sit here and watch. We'll see how capable your brother is."

The top emperors keeping an eye on this were speechless. They naturally knew about the beings behind the darkness due to the ancient rumors.

They couldn't help but admire the Dark Crow for being so calm in all situations. This was his best characteristic; even a twelve-will emperor might not be as calm.

"Do you all have something as nice as the Death Coffin still? Take it out to broaden everyone's horizon, show the emperors that you're the real masters of this world." Li Qiye continued chatting happily with the dark beings as if he was close with them.

No one responded.

"All of you have lived for a very long time, but this is the world of young people like us now." Li Qiye killed more time: "Look, your brother is strong enough to be one of the top dogs among your group, but now, he can't even break through our Immortal Monarch and Ancient God. Let's be honest, if those two went all out, they'll make a stool out of your brother's skull."

He finally got snorts and scowls from these existences after saying this.

"Buzz." The Death Scripture's last page finally flipped. The coffin was filled with runes from the entire scripture now.

Brilliant continued to try and break through but the monarch and god stopped several attempts.

"You deserve death!" Brilliant was furious because he could sense his control over the coffin eroding away. This was definitely a nightmare because the coffin was one of his ace cards.

He finally unleashed a slash with an apocalyptic presence.

"Crack!" The entire ancient world crumbled even more. It wouldn't be able to handle another strike of this magnitude.

Chapter 2100: True Bones

"Boom!" This destructive force was ready to shoot down all thirteen continents into pieces. The emperors nearby were blown flying while vomiting blood.

The low-level High Gods were lacerated with blood gushing out so they ran far away. Just the shockwaves were this powerful; imagine being struck directly by the attack.

Brilliant had a sword made out of bones in his hand now. Waves of destruction continuously emanated from it, enough to extinguish everything in the world.

His body couldn't handle it and started to have cracks as well. Remember, this was an emperor with eleven wills. One needed to be even stronger than him before using this incredible weapon.

"True Bones!" Immortal Monarch Yi Ye shuddered after seeing the skeletal sword.

Only the top existences knew what it was, such as World Emperor and Mortal Reversion.

This was a terrible Paragon Artifact, refined from trillions of bones - the evilest and strongest weapon of an entire epoch!

Back at Hope, Li Qiye had created an imitation with the bones there. Just that copy alone was mighty enough.

The sword in Brilliant's hand right now was the real thing! A true Paragon Artifact!

Everyone was amazed - this person not only had the Death Coffin but also a Paragon Artifact. Who would be able to stop this dark being?

"Time to end this!" Brilliant shouted as his body crumbled inch by inch. It wasn't the sword's doing this time - something else, seemingly hiding inside, was trying to break out of the flesh.

"Let's go." Yi Ye and Mortal Reversion gave each other a quick glance before attacking with their main weapons again.

"Fools." Brilliant unleashed another casual slash with True Bones. The galaxy above spanning for billions of miles became ashes.

"Boom!" This simple swing managed to stop the full-on assault of the duo easily!

With that, Brilliant's body was finally gone. Another finally came into being from within him.

He was tall and study, surrounded by darkness. He seemed to be born from the darkness yet he could also be its source at the same time.

In the middle of his brows was a symbol of the heaveners. It was larger than anyone else - even World Emperor with his twelve wills didn't have one as big as large.

Normally, the stronger the person, the more golden their symbol would be. However, this person's symbol was completely black.

"Who is that?!" There was no doubt this person was also a heavener. However, these older emperors had no idea about the exact identity.

Nevertheless, he was simply untouchable, especially with True Bones as his weapon of choice.

World Emperor put on an austere expression after seeing the heavenly symbol.

"I am unbeatable!" This dark overlord let his voice be heard across the thirteen continents. The living beings quivered in horror - all seemed so tiny before him when he raised his skeletal sword. Just one swing would be able to massacre emperors.

"Juniors like you dares to show such impudence before me?!" His stern eyes spewed out dark rays drowning everything like a massive river.

"Boom!" He unleashed a slash straight for the duo.

The yin and yang were annihilated. The entire path of the slash was no longer habitable. Though the slash was aimed at Yi Ye and Mortal Reversion, some of the spectators were turned into bloody mists from the shockwaves!

The duo was surprised by this sheer power but they channeled their monstrous vitality. Twelve totems and twelve wills came down to form the toughest world. The Mortal-king Seal and Cosmic Immortal Carapace built a massive temporal river of defense, consisting of the past, present, and future.

"Boom!" All three lives were annihilated along with the toughest world. The duo got blown flying with blood being spilled.

The emperors took a deep breath in astonishment. One was a monarch with a True Immortal Armament while the other was an Ancient God with a supreme treasure yet they still got defeated in this exchange. True Bones was simply unparalleled.

"The myriad ages started with me, ants!" The dark overlord roared and sent out countless darkness. The most terrible thing was he looked to be the origin of the myriad dao. He also had a maelstrom by his chest that was devouring the essences and dao of the current world.

"The myriad dao, return to me!" The maelstrom rotated like crazy and absorbed the dao from the thirteen continents.

"What's going on?!" Cultivators everywhere lost control of their cultivation and dao. These affinities flew out and were controlled by someone else. Their power was being used by him now.

Even the emperors felt the same way. Their dao has been extinguished so they only had the wills left as the source of power. They were naturally stunned, akin to a carriage going fast but the horses suddenly got free from the reins, leaving the body behind.

If it wasn't for their wills, they would be completely helpless right now. Though their cultivation and dao foundation were still there, the grand dao had been taken from them.

This also applied to World and Yi Ye. The only thing left for them was their wills, and also anima.

"I am the source of the grand dao, ants!" The dark overlord in his empowered state loomed over all existences. Even emperors were ants in his eyes.

"Boom!" The assault began on the duo again.

Yi Ye and Mortal Reversion were considerably weaker after being robbed of their grand dao. Nevertheless, they still leaped upward and unleashed powerful strikes against this dark overlord.

Meanwhile, the three maelstroms - silver, gold, and iron - from Li Qiye's Primordial Will also rushed forward and acted as a shield against the majority of True Bones' power.

The three of them managed to stop this particular slash capable of one-shotting anything below twelve wills.