

Emperor 2701

[Chapter 2701: Old Beyond Traceability](#)

Ancient paths were left behind from archaic eras; some too old to have historical records.

These paths made it easier for traveling between the three worlds, at least to a certain extent.

All in all, a forceful trip to these other two worlds required immense power or a cornucopia of resources. Ordinary experts had no way of fulfilling these requirements.

Normally from Myriad to Imperial, one would need to be an Amaranthine Eternal to start. That's the very basic condition to reach the gate, not counting the dangers looming ahead.

As for Imperial to Immortal, people believed that it starts at the realm of Everlasting.

Only progenitors were freed from these prerequisites. Because of this, normal people, sects, and even systems didn't dare to think about crossing the boundaries.

However, these ancient paths made it much easier, allowing unqualified masters to have a chance.

Cultivation became increasingly harder at the later stages so some Eternals would never be able to go up to Imperial or Immortal to broaden their horizon. Thus, the ancient paths increased their chance.

The world had several speculations about the various paths and their eras.

Some said that during the olden days, Three Immortals were connected by these ancient paths, resulting in plenty of intercommunication. For some unknown reasons later on, something earth-shattering happened and these paths collapsed, leaving only a few behind. These broken and incomplete paths became far more dangerous than before.

Li Qiye and the emperor made it to the entrance of one - a remnant galaxy with destroyed stars as far as the eye can see.

Everyone could tell that a great battle happened here. Though the combatants were unknown, their destructive capabilities were as clear as day.

The actual entrance looked like a great mountain floating among the stars. Half of it has been broken down but this didn't seem to diminish its grand stature in the slightest. It resembled a super star hanging in the sky.

Broken stone steps led up to a tiny cave that could lead to a different world.

"The old records state that during the ancient eras, it was very easy to travel between the three worlds. Judging by the scale of these steps, there must have been tens of thousands of people traveling between Imperial and Immortal. Now, only a few of these paths are still usable." The emperor spoke while walking on the steps.

"It's not bad." Li Qiye said: "The separation actually allows for fair competition and the spread of prosperity. Otherwise, one clan will rule everything. That's not necessarily a good thing for development."

“Makes sense.” The emperor somewhat agreed.

With perfect routes, the native systems from each world would have trouble developing. The three behemoths of Imperial wouldn't exist because stronger lineages or any random progenitor would take over and reign over them.

In that scenario, the space for development would be greatly pressured. Nine Secrets or the Li wouldn't have risen to the same level as they were now.

“Maybe the supreme existence in charge of everything thought about this issue. Thus, these paths weren't broken from a sudden development, just part of the plan.” The emperor's eyes narrowed.

“Maybe, maybe not.” Li Qiye chuckled: “No one knows what goes on behind the scenes for this matter. Plus, separation might also serve as danger mitigation.”

“What danger are you referring to, Dao Brother?” She asked, aware that anything that Li Qiye bothers to bring up would be a big deal.

“I don't know but a few beings do. They are purposely shrouding it though so the rest of the world lives in ignorance, unbeknownst of the great danger.” Li Qiye smiled.

“The higher-level beings?” She wasn't far from becoming a progenitor and had knowledge of important matters.

“No one can say for sure. For you and the rest, this is a beautiful world. But for a few existences, it is only a meal.”

“A meal...” The emperor's heart skipped a beat.

Very few things in this world could scare her now due to her current level. However, Li Qiye's words have successfully intimidated her.

She was no fool for she was a top emperor with incredible intelligence. She instantly came up with a bold and terrifying conjecture.

Her twelve palaces didn't shield her from fear. In fact, anyone coming up with this hypothesis would be frightened.

“Ignorance can be happiness, same with a short life.” Li Qiye stared at the horizon: “What you see and know are beautiful; unaware of the true terror. That's why you can live in happiness. Once you find out just how grim it is and how helpless you are, that's when the mental torture arrives. And when you try to change it, further torment will come too. That's why regular people can be so happy. For example, an insect had no knowledge of the sky falling down. They are satisfied just by filling their stomach.”

“The peace we have now is thanks to guardians like you.” She softly said.

“No, not I.” Li Qiye shook his head: “As I've said before, I'm just a passerby. The current situation stemmed from the efforts of numerous sages and supreme beings. They threw away everything for this cause. Their action is moving and worthy of respect.”

“Right, the present is thanks to them.” She nodded in agreement.

The two eventually made it into the narrow cave. The emperor shouted and derived the grand dao's power.

The ground became bright with bricks assembling together to form a dao portal. They quickly exchanged glances before heading in.

Inside the portal were more floating stone steps spanning across the void. They have been here for who knows how many years? Virtually impossible to tell their originating era.

Each stone step had archaic runes carved on them, clearly done by an incredible master.

Why? Because they were still bright and clear, successfully withstanding the test of time.

As they traveled farther in, they saw erupting volcanoes, evil flames blotting out the area, endless oceans with a drowning affinity...

[Chapter 2702: Traveling Through The Ancient Path](#)

The duo embarked on this path. The stones lit up after the initial contact with their feet. After a buzzing noise, the two were teleported away.

"Boom!" Their next stop was the mouth of a massive volcano.

"Boom!" Frightening lava oozed out, and not just any regular lava. This resembled the flame of a dragon. It burned the world and left scarrings on space itself.

Nevertheless, numerous stone steps were still floating on it, completely unharmed by the scorching lava.

Suddenly, waves of lava directly spouted towards the two and instantly drowned them. Alas, the power lava also failed to harm them due to their bright barriers.

They started walking on the steps above the volcano while being continuously assaulted by lava waves. Just like before, their invincible auras suppressed and nullified the heat.

"Buzz." Next, the steps lit up again and teleported them away.

"Whoosh!" When they came out on the other side, they were greeted by many tiny things darting through the air.

The path laden with floating stones still existed. However, below them was an abyss with unknown creatures shooting out a storm of needles.

Upon closer inspection, these needles were actually poisonous quills growing on the creatures. The cliffs nearby started to corrode after being hit by the quills. A person would turn into smoke in the blink of an eye.

They looked down and saw numerous pairs of green eyes in the darkness. These eyes had a nether glow and were truly creepy.

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" The quills couldn't hit them before being stopped by their powerful barriers. Sparks went everywhere while they remained unharmed.

The two landed on the right step and disappeared from sight once more via teleportation.

“Buzz.” They made it deeper and found a terrible heatwave coming from below, almost like the mythical Mountain of Flames. [1]

To the bottom was an endless desert as hot as the inside of a cauldron. The temperature rising up felt like an all-devouring flame.

Strangely enough, to the center was a conspicuous dazzling light, partly due to the reflection of the sun rays.

It turned out that an ore mine existed in the desert with large minerals showing on the surface. If the top already had this many ores, then one could easily imagine what hid at the bottom. This was enough to make people palpitate on sight.

However, upon closer inspection, one would also find many white bones protruding from the sands. Some belonged to beasts and still had remnant divinity.

There was no doubt that some travelers became greedy here and entered the desert, only to die.

At this moment, the sands suddenly rolled over like waves with increasing speed. There was a massive monster swimming below, the real killer that took down these intruders.

Li Qiye and the emperor didn't care since these ores weren't enough to tempt them. They stepped on the path again for the next teleportation.

Just like that, the duo transferred numerous times from one area to another in this boundless void.

This continuous jumping was due to the broken path. If it was complete, the process would be faster and direct.

Alas, the current one teleported people to unknown and possibly dangerous locations. For example, that volcano earlier, the abyss, or a mighty flame...

Of course, those at the right power level could handle these perils without any problem. They weren't impossible to overcome.

This was far easier compared to using the brute force method since the latter required preparation and supporting resources.

A strong being might be able to break through without any complication. However, in a bad case, the result would be worse compared to using these ancient paths. Time and space would crumble - this was enough to kill mighty Eternals and emperors. Thus, these ancient paths were clearly the best choice to reach Immortal Lineage.

“Do you have a destination in mind up in Immortal?” The emperor asked during the teleportations.

“Just going to have a look around to see if there's something I need or a place I must visit.” Li Qiye chuckled.

The emperor didn't mind if he was telling the truth or not. She sincerely invited: “You can come to my grotto if that's okay with you. I have several friends up there that might be able to lend their assistance.”

Someone like her naturally had amazing friends. Gaining their support would be very beneficial - doing less but gaining more.

"We'll see once we get there." Li Qiye remained nonchalant about the desirable opportunity.

The emperor knew that they might not be able to help him with his problems. In fact, they might be the ones asking him for assistance later.

"Immortal has many systems and alliances." She said: "Just let us know if you need anything in order to avoid needless misunderstandings."

Li Qiye smiled: "That's other people's problem. They should be celebrating that I'm not out looking for trouble but if they come to me, I'll show zero mercy."

The emperor smiled wryly at his forever overbearing style regardless of the location. She could see a potential bloodbath up there because of him.

Alas, she thought that someone like him was indeed unbeatable and could slaughter anyone standing in his way.

"Of course, I might be more lenient on your friends and their alliances." Li Qiye smiled.

"Then I'll thank you ahead of time, Dao Brother." She said with a solemn expression.

Some of the alliances up there consisted of emperors so they were quite mighty. However, she knew that they would still be wiped out by Li Qiye.

[Chapter 2703: Immortal Lineage](#)

"Buzz." Li Qiye and the emperor repeated the process countless times before they lit up.

Space fluctuated and became similar to a shiny mirror from congealing. The reflection inside was that of a majestic and boundless world, consisting of numerous mountains and an uncountable amount of sects. One wouldn't be able to travel this expanse in one lifetime.

Though separated by one dimension, they could still sense the vast power there - pure beyond belief. This world was above any other, causing people to think of a particular phrase - good land gives birth to great heroes.

Yes, this world had plenty of talents, prodigies, and masters. Its name was Immortal Lineage.

"Such an impressive project." The emperor stood at the end of the path and reflected: "The creator of these paths is far superior to a progenitor."

These paths connecting worlds couldn't be made by one powerful emperor or progenitor. It required many of them working together across many generations.

However, who had such influence to gather so many masters in one place? None came up in her mind.

"Go in." Li Qiye only chuckled. This topic was too ancient. He couldn't explain the mysteries behind this old era with just one or two words.

The two exchanged glances and had the same idea. They walked forward at the same time and entered the congealed space.

This mirror-like area had ripples from the contact. The two disappeared into it then the mirror went away as well.

The duo entered Immortal Lineage at the same time and took a deep breath. Even a regular person could tell the difference between Imperial and Immortal Lineage.

This worldly energy here was denser and richer. Upon closer inspection, one would find another difference. The energy in this place had a touch of "immortal" energy. Of course, it might be nothing like that but Imperial definitely didn't have this same affinity.

The stronger masters or talented prodigies found it easier to harmonize with the grand dao in this world. This feeling should only happen when they were inside their own system.

However, even an outsider here felt this harmonization. It meant that cultivating in Immortal was easier compared to Imperial. The grand dao was closer to people so they could understand its profundity with less effort.

Because of this, strong Eternals and emperors would always ascend to Immortal because the lower worlds no longer satisfied their cultivation requirements. This world allowed them to take the next step forward on their dao and break through.

"Immortal Lineage." The emperor quietly said. Though Imperial was her home, Immortal was indeed more suitable to stimulate their potential.

Staying back in Imperial for powerful beings would be akin to having shackles. People only stayed behind if they had no other choice or there was something worth it for them to stay.

"Dao Brother, is this where we say goodbye?" The emperor asked.

"Boom!" Suddenly, the sky seemingly exploded and startled her.

"I only wanted to invite you to my grotto, does heaven really need to send thunder?" She joked.

"Rumble!" However, more deafening explosions occurred.

The two looked up and saw chaotic bolts twisting in the sky, not similar to the usual thunderstorm.

These bolts arranged themselves like wires in the sky with currents channeling through them.

"What is that?" Her vast knowledge failed her this time.

She never saw anything like this before. These bolts and currents turned the sky into a world of lightning. It nearly encompassed all of Immortal Lineage.

She wasn't the only stunned spectators since this phenomenon encompassed the whole world.

Not to mention the billions and billions of mortals, even the invincible emperors and progenitors found this astonishing.

"What's going on?" These experts became horrified.

“Is... this the end of the world? A calamity is descending.” One of them stammered.

“Why is this happening?” Old Eternals were in disbelief. The scene of an emperor proving his dao still didn’t reach this level of horror.

The birth of a progenitor would only bring a small-scale heavenly tribulation. However, this lightning storm covered all of Immortal Lineage, seemingly turning it into a prison.

“Creak...” A heavy creaking sounded as if a great gate above was slowly closing. Sure enough, the sky suddenly turned dark.

“Why is there something like this above?” Everyone became confused, progenitors included.

“This is a grand phenomenon. We need to run right now, a spectacle like this will have something ferocious after it.” One emperor felt his heart skipping a beat and shielded his presence while still speaking before running to a hiding spot.

One progenitor took out a divination table to take a better look. “Boom!” Alas, his table instantly exploded.

“The machination of heavens is in chaos...” His expression soured as he gravely said: “Damn it! Something terrible is coming, who did this?!” He also chose to hide.

In fact, the encroaching darkness made the truly powerful and knowledgeable masters run away. They had no idea what was going on so they exercised prudence.

“What is happening?” True Emperor Jiu Ning was infinitely close to the progenitorial realm.

In fact, she was suppressing herself because she wanted to become an immortal-level one from the first attempt. Alas, she couldn’t calculate the current development.

She turned towards Li Qiye.

His eyes narrowed as he derived the myriad dao. His expression darkened as a result: “Not good, someone is trying to calculate the heaven’s will!”

[Chapter 2704: Seering The Heaven’s Will](#)

“Seering the heaven’s will?” The emperor’s expression soured, aware of the taboo behind the act. Someone as powerful as her couldn’t easily do so either.

“It’s not an ordinary attempt either, the person is reaching for the future to read a million years of fate and providence. The heaven and earth do not allow this!”

The emperor took a deep breath after hearing the gravity of the situation.

In a successful attempt, this person would know the future and could make ample preparation. In fact, they might even be able to change their fate and avoid any disaster.

From this, many things would divert from the original path. People’s original fate would no longer be the same. Changing the future was indeed heaven-defying and terrorizing.

Due to this, peering blatantly into the future would bring about a terrible tribulation. This particular one was monstrous beyond belief.

Remember, Three Immortals was different from the nine worlds and thirteen continents.

Imperial and progenitorial ascensions rarely brought down a tribulation in this world.

In the case of the former, only extremely brilliant existences would have one during their imperial ascension.

This was the case for progenitors as well. The rare case of tribulation would be quite weak. The majority of progenitors could easily handle it.

This one in the sky was unprecedented in terms of power. Perhaps Three Immortals has never experienced one like this before. It looked to be on a world-destroying level.

That's why everyone in Immortal, from humans to beasts and birds, started hiding from fear. Progenitors and emperors also did the same thing. They shrouded themselves in order to avoid attracting this heavenly tribulation.

"Who is doing it?" True Emperor Jiu Ning stared at the gathering storms and wondered.

"Can it be?" She suddenly thought of a legendary progenitor who is famed for reading the future and changing fate. Numerous great beings have come to this person for help.

The person was one of the few progenitors left in Immortal. Few have actually seen this mysterious person's real form.

"But why, the progenitor knows the consequence of doing so." She shuddered. This progenitor never abused his divination ability and normally refused people coming to help. Only a selected few were lucky enough to get help.

It has been a long time since she heard of him in action. In fact, there were rumors of him retiring from divination altogether.

If he was the one doing this right now to peer the heavens and read the future, the consequences would be unfathomable. He himself might die as a result of just a single mistake.

"What makes him go all out right now? To read so far into the future without a care about the consequences?" She wondered.

An invincible progenitor like him should be relatively carefree about worldly matters. There must be a deeper reason behind this.

"A good swimmer is more likely to drown." Li Qiye said flatly: "Those capable of reading the heavens always get the itch. Looking at the future is too tempting. No one can resist this regardless of how strong their dao heart is.

"I see." She understood this adage.

"They always want to see the future, even if not their own. Others' future will do just fine. As they grow even stronger, they want to read the overarching momentum a million years from now. This temptation

is deeply rooted in the mind. One day, just the most random thing can trigger this desire, rendering them unable to hold on.” He continued.

The emperor took a deep breath, aware of the temptation. After reaching the realm of progenitors, most would want to travel even further, hence the need to learn about the unknowns.

“Rumble!” The explosions intensified in power, wanting to destroy all of Immortal Lineage.

“Creak...” The gate above the heaven finally closed and the darkness won.

Of course, the various systems lit up in order to illuminate their domains but the sky remained sealed.

The sensation of being imprisoned permeated the air. Everyone felt suffocated.

“Rumble!” The lightning currents grew stronger and looked like floods, strangely emitting some light to the otherwise dark world.

Light returned to this form but it had an intimidating pressure instead of pacifying the inhabitants here. Thunder and lightning bolts grew stronger, ready to turn this world into ashes.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The arcs of lightning washed the sky again and again.

Eventually, a few peaks and sacred grounds started glowing as well, same with a few people. This type of resonation proliferated.

It also happened to Li Qiye and True Emperor Jiu Ning. In the beginning, there were no crackling and explosions, only a flashing light - virtually indiscernible.

As the bolts in the sky intensified, the glows on everywhere also became brighter with accompanying crackles.

The two found lightning flashing around them as if they were born with this affinity.

The emperor fared better but Li Qiye was having a hard time. The currents on him started small but grew increasingly thicker from within.

“This is a large-scale heavenly tribulation. The stronger the being, the stronger the tribulation if they don’t hide.” Li Qiye looked at himself and said before focusing back on the sky.

This happened to the emperors and progenitors scattered all over Immortal Lineage. They instantly shrouded themselves in order to fool the high heaven. The currents disappeared after doing so.

The emperor used a dao technique to hide her aura then a better method to shroud everything else about her. Just like that, she disappeared from sight and so did the currents on her.

[Chapter 2705: Opposing The Tribulation](#)

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The glow on Li Qiye almost became full-fledged currents and began to go wild.

The emperor looked over at him and said: “Dao Brother?”

“It’s fine, I don’t need it.” Li Qiye gently shook his head: “I want to see what this person is looking at. Plus, it’s useless even if I try to shroud.”

“What do you mean?” She was surprised.

“I told you before that I’m only a passerby and do not belong here. If a tribulation comes down, I’ll definitely feel the brunt because I have tested it before.”

The emperor furrowed her brows because fewer than few have experienced the tribulations in Immortal Lineage. Tribulations normally never came down here.

“Plus, I’m not the same as any of you. I have seen and struck the villainous heaven, so when a large-scale tribulation descends, I’ll attract an extremely mighty one just like a magnet.” Li Qiye’s eyes became profound as he looked upward.

The emperor became startled because she knew the level he was speaking of. The information hidden behind this secret was shocking. No one has ever done something like this in the history of Three Immortals yet Li Qiye had done it.

Strangely enough, Li Qiye seemed to be anticipating this: “Come, it’s been a while since my last world-destroying tribulation. Another taste will be nice.” He smacked his lips.

The emperor smiled wryly. Anyone else would be stricken with fear before a heavenly tribulation but Li Qiye seemed to be excited. Just how tough was his mentality?

“Bump! Bump! Bump!” Something in the external space seemed to be bumping into the sky of Immortal.

This world resembled a closed-off fortress while the banging sound came from a mighty invader trying to break through the gates.

“What’s happening now?” The emperor became startled as the entire world trembled.

“This is the best thing about Three Immortals, the reason why it doesn’t normally have tribulations and still standing strong all this time. Everything else has been blocked outside, your world is an isolated one. Even this massive-scale tribulation is having a hard time descending.” Li Qiye explained.

“Rumble!” Explosions continued with earthquakes everywhere due to an all-penetrating force from above.

“Boom!” Finally, a blast as loud as the detonation of a million thunder. Everything exploded and collapsed. The world was slightly pushed out of its balance and numerous people fell to the ground.

The sky instantly became bright again as if the gate above has been taken down.

“Boom!” The day returned with a terrible friend. Golden brilliance permeated like sun rays, giving everything a similar shade.

“Look, the tribulation is coming!” Someone shouted at this sight.

Sure enough, it looked like a dam has been broken with countless yellow bolts descending. The magnificent bolts looked like a golden ocean pouring down to drown Immortal Lineage.

“Rumble!” Each was as thick as a mountain range now with more than enough force to drill through the earth.

One of them crushed numerous peaks and a mountain range.

“Ah!” One Eternal thought that he wouldn’t be struck by it and couldn’t avoid in time. This dazzling bolt annihilated him, causing blood to splash everywhere.

“No!” Screams from the unfortunate masters echoed all over Immortals.

Some weren’t careful enough to hide so they became victims of these murderous bolts.

“Damn, just run for your lives!” The reckless experts were scared out of their mind and quickly concealed their presence.

The torrential bolts rained down and could attack their targets at any given time.

Several strongholds in Immortal became the primary targets. Nothing in the vicinity of these places remained unscathed from the barrages.

Sure enough, powerful barriers were erected, turning the inside into a separate domain to stop the terrifying tribulation.

Alas, the endless barrages of lightning bolts caused the barriers to vibrate uncontrollably with many ripples. Some eventually got taken down.

Li Qiye was also a primary target so thunderous explosions resounded near him.

It didn’t take long before the golden expanse turned into a superstorm. All the lightning bolts aimed straight at him and fired.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The area nearby got penetrated instantly. Mountains and rivers exploded into smithereens. The ground had thousands of large pits.

This terrifying tribulation could intimidate even the strongest master. They would shroud themselves and flee. This was common sense.

However, Li Qiye took the full onslaught without hesitation.

He opened his thirteen palaces and revealed his primordial tree. Supreme grand dao and endless vitality opened a separate domain.

“Come now!” Li Qiye laughed and bravely braced himself against the golden bolts.

The emperor in hiding nearby didn’t know what to do. Only Fiercest would commit to this domineering act. Progenitors themselves wouldn’t dare to face a tribulation of this level.

Nonstop detonations ensued. As his defensive lines grew stronger, so did the offensive barrages. More and more bolts gathered above him, never giving up until there is nothing left of him.

“Boom!” A section of his barrier faltered and one bolt pierced him, then another, and more... Blood naturally gushed out from the holes in his body.

He has been turned into a sieve. One could see the other side through these gaping, bloody holes. His blood and fleshy bits fell to the ground.

Even someone as strong as Li Qiye has been blasted to pieces.

[Chapter 2706: Delicious Tribulation](#)

“Rumble!” The bolts crazily struck Li Qiye, resulting in deafening explosions. Each boom made blood splatter and created terrible holes through the flesh and bones.

The emperor took a deep breath while observing this brutal scene. Not many people could withstand this terrifying tribulation.

However, Li Qiye was still alive instead of being rendered to ashes as others would.

Of course, she didn’t agree with his choice of facing it directly using his body. Only Fiercest would do something so crazy. She also thought that he was the only one who could last this long in all of Three Immortals.

The next scene astounded her even more. Loud bangs occurred like before and glowing currents appeared on him.

She thought that this was the remnant power of the tribulation and that the glowing currents were resonating with the lightning bolts.

“Wait a minute...” She noticed something amiss and that these lights were different from the ones caused by the tribulation at the start.

As the golden bolts increased in power, the bright currents on Li Qiye also became stronger with higher concentration.

She finally realized that these thick currents were actually coming from Li Qiye, not the heavenly tribulation.

Every aspect of the situation escalated and currents formed inside his body.

Because of all the holes on his body, the emperor saw strands of lightning emanating from his chest and a massive world with its own boundless galaxy.

Strangely enough, this galaxy wasn’t gestating the stars but rather a great pool of lightning. [1]

This pool grew to the size of an ocean in no time at all with countless lightning bolts within. Moreover, the bolts have started to liquified.

They came in all shapes and forms - purple, golden, black... One could find any imaginable type of lightning bolts here.

“Those aren’t regular bolts. They’re at least at the heavenly tribulation level, capable of world destruction.” The emperor became startled after seeing the content of his chest.

Why? Because the lightning bolts there weren’t regular; all came from various types of tribulations.

This was simply unfathomable even for someone of her level. She had never seen anything like this before inside someone else. How many tribulations had he experienced in order to possess so many? From this, she could see just how powerful his physique as well, able to store so much power.

This lightning storage came from the trip he took to get to Three Immortals. He was immersed in that ocean for so long so it has become a part of him.

The currents on his body came from this internal ocean and eventually became lightning halos rotating around him.

“Buzz.” His body instantly became transparent and healed at an unbelievable rate as if time was reversing.

The fleshy bits and spilled blood flowed back with time and returned to their original positions on Li Qiye. This process nullified all the previous damages.

“Rumble!” The hostile lightning bolts were still attacking. Alas, they no longer blasted him to pieces.

The ocean of lightning inside Li Qiye somehow won their attention. These bolts struggled and rampaged in there but in the end, they fell into the ocean and fused with it. Just like that, there were more golden bolts in the ocean now.

The emperor gasped at this sight - a person strong enough to take in tribulations with his body - a feat for the ages.

She realized why others fled instantly while Li Qiye became excited and treated the tribulation like a feast.

In fact, this was indeed a delicious feast for him. Though it destroyed his body earlier, the golden bolts have become a part of his ocean, increasing the power of his lightning tribulation.

It meant that his body was a weapon of mass destruction if he were to ever release it. She was certain that it was one of his ace cards, a heaven-defying tool for war.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” It seemed that the actual heavenly tribulation above was enraged by his action. It sent down more lightning barrages, never resting until there was nothing left of him.

They doubled in number. In fact, the bolts heading for the other areas stopped and changed direction towards him.

Unfortunately, the floods of golden lightning couldn't affect him in the slightest. They fell down to his ocean and only served to increase his power.

The emperor could hear the furious cry of the tribulation now. It maintained its hellbent determination on taking him down.

[Chapter 2707: Soaring](#)

The heavenly tribulation increased its effort several times. In the beginning, the offensive force looked like a storm. Now, it was at the level of a full-blown tsunami.

It sent down golden ocean after ocean of lightning towards him, wanting to drown him completely.

Since he became the prime target, the bolts attacking the other areas weakened. Other areas under attack became less pressured as a result.

Of course, the onslaught was still useless. The tribulation above was certainly majestic but Li Qiye's own ocean didn't let up.

The quantity and quality of the offensive bolts didn't matter. His ocean still took all of them in. The raging tribulation and its increasing effort actually benefited Li Qiye like an unending buffet.

"Boom!" The shrouding emperor nearby suddenly got struck by one of the golden bolts.

All of her concealing methods exploded.

"Activate!" She reacted quickly by raising her hands and summoned many treasures and activated numerous defensive measures.

"Rumble!" The lightning bolts aimed for her since she was now exposed.

A twelve-palace emperor like her was infinitely close to being as strong as a progenitor, leaving no room for doubts.

However, her defensive measures and treasures crumbled before the bolts. She couldn't withstand the tyrannical force of the tribulation.

"Buzz." She tried to shroud herself again but the golden bolts broke her method. There was no way for her to break away from the onslaught now.

She reactivated her treasures for another defensive attempt but couldn't stop the attack. One bolt struck her and left a gaping hole.

"Leave! This is a domain of lightning now, the tribulation will destroy everything near me, go as far as possible!" Li Qiye shouted at the emperor.

She also realized that she was standing near the biggest target for the tribulation. The closer she was, the more likely she was going to be pulled into this mess.

"Take care, Dao Brother, we'll meet again." She couldn't stay and risk being attacked again.

"Buzz." She decisively opened a dao portal, knowing that Li Qiye would be just fine against any attack of the lightning affinity regardless of its might.

"Boom!" The tribulation seemingly sensed this attempt to escape and sent more bolts straight at her.

"Come here!" Li Qiye roared. His ocean of lightning became a maelstrom and started sucking in the bolts.

"Bam!" The emperor disappeared into the portal at the very last second before some remnant bolts struck and crushed the portal.

"Rumble!" The failure to kill infuriated the tribulation. All focus turned back on Li Qiye to no avail.

"Boom!" Li Qiye had an easy time facing the barrages since lightning couldn't kill him.

At this exact moment, his dao heart suddenly trembled and he sensed this fluctuation.

This didn't come from the tribulation or the golden bolts but rather the dark law sealed in his dao heart. It was obtained after killing the dark abomination back in Stone Harmony. It stayed dormant all this time until now.

"Finally, time to fish." Li Qiye smiled with his eyes turning cold.

He leaped forward and moved through numerous domains in one fell swoop.

"Rumble!" His speed was unreal but the tribulation kept up. Behind him was still a flood of lightning bolts.

This was an incredible scene. The bolts resembled a golden galaxy illuminating the realms.

The spectators couldn't see Li Qiye for they were dazzled by the golden radiance.

"Why is this tribulation flying around?" Many gasped in astonishment since they have never seen such a wondrous spectacle before.

Only Eternals and emperors at a certain level could see Li Qiye darting through space.

Alas, no one could get close. First, the speed was too much. Second, why bother getting close to that ferocious expanse of lightning?

That's why they couldn't get a good look at Li Qiye's appearance.

"Who is that being pursued by such a mighty tribulation?" One emperor noticed the pursuit.

The masters here became speechless at this domineering scene. The next one would shock them even more.

"Come now." Li Qiye reached a remote area, deep in the crevice of the sky.

His lightning ocean spewed out a boundless radiance of lightning affinity and illuminated the entire region.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" The set of explosions came from him this time around, not the tribulation.

He retaliated with a dazzling tsunami of lightning surging from his chest area.

"What is that?" The mightiest emperors and progenitors couldn't keep their eyes open against this blinding radiance. They didn't dare to stare straight at the move, let alone seeing Li Qiye clearly.

A lightning vortex formed from his ocean, spectacular beyond belief.

"Boom!" Immortal Lineage nearly exploded. All the bolts attacking the various places in this world headed for Li Qiye. He alone attracted everything.

The tribulation floating in the sky then sent out the rest of its arsenal after a loud detonation.

[Chapter 2708: Coming Of Evil](#)

"Boom!" A radiance illuminated the myriad realms as numerous golden bolts shot towards Li Qiye's chest.

The world dimmed down, whether it be the sun and moon or the celestials above.

Only a shade of gold was left in the world after an apocalyptic explosion, fully engulfing Li Qiye.

“Boom!” The tsunamis from Li Qiye’s chest looked like millions of dragons roaring. They splashed straight into the sky.

Numerous stars were buried as a result, completely annihilated by the lightning waves.

The two different sources of lightning made everyone close their eyes due to the flashiness of the whole thing. Emperors and progenitors have fled long ago while shielding themselves.

This tribulation power was too much to handle, capable of killing anyone on contact. That’s why they no longer dared to watch this contest at the risk of revealing their positions and presence.

“Who is the one experiencing this tribulation?” The rest of the experts wondered in horror.

“It’s not a normal tribulation attempt.” One knowledgeable Eternal knew more than everyone else: “Someone is purposely going up against it and leading it into his body.”

“Well, who is it? Which invincible progenitor?” Everyone nearby shuddered. One wouldn’t even have the chance to resist after being struck, let alone deliberately baiting it.

One Eternal became too curious and opened his heavenly gaze in order to look at the center of the radiance.

“Boom!” His eyes exploded first then the rest of his body.

This mighty Eternal still couldn’t handle the golden radiance coming from Li Qiye’s ocean of lightning. Even progenitors would have a hard time.

“The power of the heaven...” Every existence was forced to the ground, no longer have the strength to even raise their head.

“Rumble!” The waves coming from Li Qiye washed the sky numerous times. Not a single star or spatial scarring was left behind now, only specks of dust.

Everyone in Three Immortals felt this terrifying presence. Since the start of time, they rarely saw tribulations happen in their world. Now, this extraordinary one left them stricken with terror.

The tribulation’s barrages against Li Qiye only increased in power, causing the three worlds to quake. All the bolts available were aimed at him now, a showing of the high heaven’s fury.

It wished to penetrate that ocean of lightning inside his chest. Alas, they could only create the massive tsunamis seen earlier that ravaged the upper sphere.

The entire battle so far has only lasted the time it takes to drink a cup of tea. However, this brief moment was too much for everyone to take. It seemed like an eternity of torture.

As time went on, the golden bolts from the tribulation became weaker.

“Is this the end?” People started relaxing after noticing this.

Of course, the emperors and progenitors took a deep breath - someone has actually managed to withstand this monstrous tribulation. Just how strong was this person?

“He must be on the same level as any progenitor from the Decemvirate.” One progenitor said, aware that he wouldn’t have been able to handle this tribulation even under his strongest state.

Everyone started breathing easier, thinking that the storm has passed. Unfortunately, a strange phenomenon happened in the sky.

“Boom!” An evil flame materialized and engulfed the world during the confusion.

“Such maliciousness!” Someone shouted and quivered in fear. The flame started sweeping everyone off their feet due to the pressure.

This blinding evil illuminated the world in no time at all.

“Finally.” Li Qiye wasn’t surprised at all and opened his dao heart to accept the incoming flame.

The flame instantly struck his dao heart and drowned it out, resulting in numerous detonations and earthquakes in Three Immortals.

Li Qiye transformed into a devil with flames oozing from his very being and blotting out the sky. A pair of black wings protruded from his back. Cracks appeared all around him and out came bone spurs with a cold glint.

He seemed to be changing into a massive monster with barbs on his head and fur everywhere else.

Clearly, an evil entity was trying to take over his body.

At the same time, numerous experts in the three worlds were also affected by this intense evil. Their heart started turning black so they underwent the same changes with bone spurs and hair all over.

“Damn!” An Eternal closed his eyes and tried his best to stop having any desire. He fled instantly and sealed himself.

“Such evil intents...” Even a progenitor felt his dao heart trembling after sensing this evil. Black strands of light appeared around him.

Not just the cultivators either, all living beings became affected. The mountains and rivers themselves started changing.

[Chapter 2709: A Single Thought](#)

“Ah!” Many in Immortal Lineage started screaming while twitching on the ground due to a terrible transformation taking place. Their body became crooked and warped, seemingly turning into dark beasts.

“Rumble!” A monstrous hand stretched out of the ground in a remote region. The worms there turned into draconic abominations. They became hundreds of times bigger with tentacles all over.

In a different lake, fish surfaced and also started changing in a terrifying manner. Their fins turned into dark hands; bones grew on their back; their face became quite ferocious.

“What is going on? A devil ancestor is descending?” The top beings who could still maintain their dao heart became alarmed.

The oldest and most knowledgeable progenitor still found this scene terrifying. A forceful turning of this massive scale never happened before in Immortal Lineage.

Because of this, bells could be heard around many great systems. The clear ringing served as a way to calm the mind. Moreover, they sent out powerful progenitorial lights. Images of progenitors appeared as well on top of wise chantings.

The light and chanting expelled the darkness to stop the transformation process. The successful systems were the strongest in Immortal.

Nevertheless, the spread of evil continued across the world. It didn't take long before Immortal turned into a nest with monsters everywhere.

The top beings didn't know what to do. They couldn't think of someone with such a frightening evil affinity.

Only progenitors could stay calm after protecting their dao heart. Certain powerful emperors were still affected, more or less. Alas, they all needed to hide out of fear towards the unknown.

“Activate!” Li Qiye roared and a path split open on his forehead, revealing a strand of sacred light. This single strand tore apart his body along with the area nearby.

“Pop! Pop! Pop!” The holy light swept away any evil intent and darkness, wanting to refine this affinity inside him.

It actually emanated from his dao heart and created the cracks on him.

“Buzz.” A buzz could be heard. It wasn't that loud but everyone in Immortal Lineage clearly heard it.

The holy light poured down from the sky and permeated everything like mercury, reaching all the depths and crevices.

“Buzz.” Burning noises resounded everywhere, even on the living. The darkness and evil intents were being scorched by this holy light.

Thus, the nearly transformed cultivators and various terrains assumed their original state. The twisted body of experts became normal again.

Li Qiye's dao heart was the source of all that is holy in this world. He turned into the hottest and most blinding radiance.

“Now it's a saint...” Everyone wanted to get on their knees and join the light after sensing its purity.

The light was winning and managed to save people from the darkness. Even the devils would feel this power in their heart and surrender.

“A saint from an old era?” One progenitor wondered. He first thought of an ancient progenitor capable of exuding this holy light. However, this being was long gone now on the river of time. Thus, it has to be a different person.

He opened his heavenly gaze to look at the light source in order to figure it out. However, this holy light actually imprinted itself into his dao heart, causing it to waver.

This scared the living hell out of him so he quickly averted his gaze out of fear. The power of this light was insane. He might turn into a follower if he had kept on looking at it.

A progenitor giving in to the light? That would be something else.

What else could be spared from its holiness then? It was capable of turning all of Immortal Lineage into a land of bliss in the blink of an eye. From another perspective, it was no different from the evil affinity earlier.

An ancient mantra came out of Li Qiye's mouth. It echoed across the world and nearly flipped the river of time over.

In this blink of an eye, the darkness that had disappeared in the river of time emerged once more and sent out offensive waves.

It resonated with the darkness in his body so popping noises could be heard. The dark flames around him ignited again, intending on taking his dao heart and body. This ambush seized the upper hand and started to extinguish the holy light.

With that, the living beings suffered the same devilization process - fangs, bone spurs, fur...

"Not again!" The powerful masters had to flee once more while trying to remove the darkness.

"Ah!" The weaker cultivators and ordinary living beings had no choice but to suffer this torturous transformation.

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" A series of metallic ringing came next. Far up in the sky vault were three great maelstroms releasing twelve laws.

"Hmm..." The spectating progenitors didn't recognize them at all.

"Clank!" These Primordial Wills instantly locked Li Qiye's dao heart and the darkness within.

"Boom!" While everyone was still confused and horrified, the holy light suddenly exploded.

The light was already explosive and powerful before but now, it intensified to a whole new level. This was all of the holy lights in history exploding at the same time.

It resembled a world-ending flood washing over Immortal Lineage. The deepest abysses and most reclusive corners of darkness were still instantly illuminated.

[Chapter 2710: The Heavenly Change Heralds A Monster](#)

"Boom!" Nothing managed to escape the overwhelming holy light after the previous boost of power.

"Buzz." The evil intents that have resurfaced were annihilated without fail.

The old progenitors themselves took a deep breath. The mightiest devils and lords of darkness would still be washed and rendered to dust before this holy affinity.

The emperors and progenitors didn't try to dodge the light and simply let it do its thing. Because of this, the bright particles penetrated them and killed any existing evil intent and darkness.

"Boom!" A great blast blinded everyone's vision. No one knew what was going on.

Once they regained their sight, the world has returned to its original appearance as if nothing had happened.

Everyone instantly looked towards the source of the light, the area most affected by the tribulation. Alas, there was nothing there.

They started looking at all four directions and at each other. The signs of them turning evil were no longer there. Everything seemed to be a bad dream earlier, not part of reality.

However, a nightmare wouldn't feel that real. Plus, not everyone could share the same one.

The crowd became befuddled, unable to get a good read of the situation. Only the extremely powerful Eternals, emperors, and ancient progenitors had an idea.

Some of them started flying upward where Li Qiye stood earlier.

The progenitors exercised prudence and summoned powerful defensive artifacts and techniques. After confirming that it was safe, they finally jumped into the center.

However, none of them found a single trace of the previous event.

"One step too late." One progenitor became disappointed. He was plenty fast yet he still couldn't meet the person capable of withstanding the tribulation and destroying the darkness.

"Who could it be?" This question popped up in his mind.

This progenitor decided to use divination but nothing came up. Everything relating to this event has been sealed. He wasn't strong enough to break this containment to read the movements of the heaven.

"Something big will happen soon." Another one said with regrets before leaving.

Several other figures emerged after he was gone. They also wanted to find an answer. Alas, they found the same non-answer as the progenitor prior.

"Well, which progenitor was it?" The group wondered. They knew that very few progenitors were staying in Immortal Lineage right now. No one among them was actually this powerful.

"It might be one of the ten." A powerful emperor murmured.

"No way. With this power? Probably even stronger than Gao Yang, certainly among the top three or even the number one spot of the Decemvirate." A different master took a deep breath.

Meanwhile, a chilling eye in the most dangerous area of a redeeming ground has been watching everything.

This eye watched the events clearly while acting like a good, non-interfering spectator. It finally moved a bit after the finale.

“An outsider? From where? A true overlord has shown up after the three immortals.” A deep voice sounded in this area.

“A blessing or a disaster? The latter will be inevitable.” Certain existences in the darkness could still communicate through the spatial planes.

“It’s finally coming. This world has been hidden for too long now, can’t really ask for more.” One more emotional voice answered.

Tranquility returned after the explosion of the holy light. The event seemed like a nightmare with no real lasting effect. People couldn’t tell if it was a good or bad thing.

Nevertheless, it stirred discussions all over the realms, mainly for gossiping reasons. In the end, many believed that a devil lord had descended but was instantly taken care of by an invincible progenitor whose identity remained unknown.

The background of the devil lord was unknown as well. Such a thing never happened before in Three Immortals so they didn’t know the source of this evil existence.

Meanwhile, the real masters continued to search for an answer, wanting to see the progenitor who saved them all. They roamed the land and tried to calculate the answer to no avail.

However, the Heaven Calculating Pavilion suddenly sent out a message: “The heavenly change heralds a monster.” [1]

Everyone became excited and engraved the phrase to heart. They carefully contemplated the meaning behind it and came up with different interpretations.

However, this phrase plus what had transpired just now made them shiver.

“Is something terrible really going to happen? The darkness and a monstrous devil are coming?” Someone murmured.

“Maybe it’s referring to the large-scale devilization process earlier, hence the word monster.” A few experts believed this.

“Who passed down this message from the pavilion?” A powerful Eternal asked around.

“Jade-zenith Progenitor.” A group of Eternals asked around enough and got a shocking answer.

“The progenitor calculated the heaven’s will.” Even other progenitors took a deep breath after hearing this.

For millions of years now, everyone knew that Jade-zenith Progenitor was peerless in divination. Her words were made of gold, capable of predicting someone’s fate and even the heaven’s mandate.

Something big was definitely looming on the horizon since she passed down this type of message.

“Then what’s going to happen in the future? What is the heaven’s mandate?” Some progenitors started visiting the pavilion in order to see Jade-zenith.

Alas, she wouldn't grant an audience to any powerful character, leaving only the message prior.

"Seems like Jade-zenith Progenitor doesn't want to see any further." The progenitors sighed and left.

Trying to predict the heaven's mandate was extremely dangerous since it was a rebellious deed. A mighty being like herself was no exception.

Her single phrase spread across Immortal Lineage like a storm. Every system became cautious, afraid of a devil appearing out of nowhere.

Some even planned for the worst and prepared an escape plan for the future.