

Emperor 2791

[Chapter 2791: Demise](#)

Silence and peace returned once the light dispersed. The Longevity Plate also disappeared from the sky.

One thing left behind was a terrible scar. The sky was divided into two halves. This scar could probably remain there for an eternity.

The ground had a terrible fissure as well as if the sharpest saber had just slashed through it. It was bottomless, also separating the system into two sides.

“Wow...” The crowd was horrified due to the destructive capability of the slashing ray. No one could have survived.

They realized why the plate hasn't been activated in a long time. It had too much power and could probably slay a progenitor.

For some of the spectators, this was their first time witnessing this attack. Of course, they would never forget it either, forever traumatized by the experience.

“Incredible...” Zhang Cangsheng and Venerable Xian shuddered like the rest with goosebumps all over.

They were the ones who activated the plate but they haven't seen its power before. This was the most terrifying ray they have ever seen. They knew that they wouldn't have been able to survive it either.

“Is he dead?” People stared at the great fissure and saw no signs of Li Qiye.

The ray earlier was too bright so no one got a good look at the result. They carefully searched for him to no avail. It seemed that he had turned to ashes, gone from this world forever.

“I'm sure he's dead.” This thought became commonplace among the spectators.

“He's dead, absolutely dead.” Venerable Xian took a deep breath and finally smiled.

“Yes.” Zhang Cangsheng said coldly: “No one can survive the wrath of the progenitor. He can't challenge the progenitor's prestige in this system!”

Zhang Cangsheng was trying to build confidence and assure himself because if this move couldn't kill Li Qiye, they couldn't imagine something else capable of doing so.

That's why they made these statements as if Li Qiye's death was a foregone conclusion. Otherwise, what else were they going to do?

“Okay, there's no way he's still alive.” The crowd thought the same way while looking at the massive scars.

“Boom!” The fissure slightly loosened as a figure leaped out causing debris to splash everywhere.

“Fiercest!” Someone shrilly screamed.

“Fiercest!” Others shouted as well.

To be perfectly frank, some might have soiled their pants after seeing him again.

He hovered in the sky, covered in dirt and seemed to be in a sorry state. His sleeves were bloody too but the person itself was still as spirited as ever - no signs of major wounds.

‘Not bad, old man.’ Li Qiye stared at the great statue before the ancestral shrine and smiled: ‘That primordial light is almost a perfect imitation. Unfortunately, it’s still just an imitation, not the real thing or it might have been able to slay me. You couldn’t obtain this item but it is in my possession now.’

The Longevity Plate unleashed a power named primordial light. Of course, it wasn’t the real thing. Everlasting Forefather simply used a brilliant method to imitate it.

The real light was powerful beyond imagination. Few have actually seen it in person; Li Qiye was one of them.

It’s a shame that the plate didn’t possess the actual light. Otherwise, Everlasting Forefather might not have lost in the past.

“Impossible, impossible...” The duo was overwhelmed with fear.

They staggered backward and trembled from top to bottom. The only reason why they were still standing was due to their high cultivation.

As Everlastings, they knew just how horrifying that light was earlier. Thus, Li Qiye’s survival carried great significance and implication.

“How can someone like this exist?” The masters among the crowd were intimidated, no longer daring to look at Li Qiye since being the object of his gaze would be too much to take.

“He’s invincible.” One old ancestor finally concluded.

“Unfortunately, that wasn’t enough to kill me. It wasn’t bad, just lacking a little bit.” Li Qiye stared at the duo and smiled.

A real primordial light could have killed Li Qiye or anyone else in existence, unlike this imitation.

“Who, who are you?” Zhang Cangsheng tumbled backward. Immortal Demon System shouldn’t have someone of this level.

Right now, he would gauge Li Qiye around the same level as Everlasting Jiang. However, a second Everlasting Jiang should be very famous, not an unknown character like Li Qiye.

“Li Qiye, Fiercest.” Li Qiye revealed a soft smile.

“Fiercest...” This title became carved in everyone’s mind, not just the duo.

“Alright, time to end this. My turn.” Li Qiye concluded and punched again.

“Boom!” The punch was as simple as ever but it instantly crushed everything in an unstoppable manner.

Zhang Cangsheng and Venerable Xian knew that they had no chance of stopping this punch.

Nevertheless, survival instincts made them take out multiple treasures and activate boundless grand dao in a final desperate attempt.

“Boom!” The punch still pierced through everything.

The duo was pushed deep into the ground, seemingly carved down in there like two works of art. Blood slowly seeped into the ground.

People could see that their chest has been penetrated completely. The punch also destroyed their true fate, resulting in a swift death.

The corpses embedded in the ground still had their eyes wide open, filled with despair and unwillingness. They were respected conquerors for a lifetime but today, they met their end at the hands of a junior.

Their most powerful treasures and profound laws were useless against his one punch. Resistance was completely futile.

The crowd stared at the corpses, utterly spooked out of their mind.

[Chapter 2792: Conclusion At Last](#)

The chills of horror bit bone-deep like a thousand needles. The death of Venerable Xian and Zhang Cangsheng traumatized the rest of the crowd.

The Everlasting realm was unreachable for virtually everyone here. They could try for a lifetime and never find success. This realm was the peak of True Gods in many's beliefs. It meant being invincible, not counting progenitors.

However, two Everlastings have fallen today and didn't even put up a good fight. Li Qiye was clearly superior in all regards - a one-sided domination.

It became obvious that Li Qiye's actual realm was also unreachable to the spectators present. They would never be able to see his true capabilities.

“So our system has another Far-dao Everlasting?” One True God stared at Li Qiye with reverence.

If the Everlasting realm was the peak in the eyes of the commoner, the Far-dao realm was the true pinnacle - the desired limit of all True Gods.

It served as a measuring pole of the dao. Many have tried but only a few have reached the top.

Numerous ancestors and Eternals exchanged glances of reverence. Far-dao Everlastings were exceedingly rare in Immortal Lineage. In Immortal Demon, the only person in this realm was Everlasting Jiang.

He was considered to be the number one in the system after the great progenitor. He should be unbeatable with his peerless grand dao.

Thus, if Li Qiye was proven to be a Far-dao Everlasting, it would be way too shocking. Not just Immortal Demon but all of Immortal Lineage would be shocked by this.

It meant that Immortal Demon had two Far-daos, allowing it to stand against any other system, whether it be Dragon Palace, Immortal Cauldron Mountain, or the Academy of Light.

“Either he’s one already, or he isn’t that far away as a Supreme Everlasting, a peak one at that, only one step away from being a Far-dao.” An experienced Eternal speculated.

“No, thi-this can’t be...” Laments could be heard all over the mountain.

The death of the two ancestors left their disciples in shock. They couldn’t accept that their unbeatable ancestors have been killed by Li Qiye.

Thus, they cried and bellowed in horror while being filled with despair. They didn’t even have the courage to look at Li Qiye, let alone wanting revenge. They were nothing more than ants in comparison.

Even those wanting revenge were powerless like a struggling ant. The only thing they could do right now was lament, not only because of the dead ancestors but also because of their sect and their own fate.

However, the other spectators only stared at them emotionlessly. No one tried to console or show them any sympathy.

This scene where the strong eat the weak was too common in the cultivation world. Most wouldn’t care if Central and Eight Trigrams were to be destroyed.

After all, for many millions of years now, Eight Trigrams and Central have ended numerous lineages and taken their territories. A cycle of rise and fall was the order of things.

“Please sit on the throne, Young Noble.” The hall king remained calm, seemingly expecting this outcome.

Li Qiye smiled and walked towards the ancestral throne. His pace looked weak and feeble unlike that of an invincible existence. He resembled a feeble scholar that needed to take a break after every few steps.

The hall king came over to help him climb up the stone steps, not caring about her power and authority as an Everlasting and the leader of Longevity Hall. She stayed humble and assumed the role of a maid.

Everyone watched with full attention while she respectfully helped him climb up the stairs.

They suddenly felt that this was how it should be. Any existence needed to show reverence in Li Qiye’s presence.

So many ancestors were sighing, extremely impressed with the king’s foresight. She had vision and insight beyond anyone here.

She showed her support in the very beginning and even threw away her noble pride to carry him up. This initially perplexed the entire crowd. Why would she do something like this - they thought.

Now, they understood that it was the difference between them and her. Venerable Xian and Zhang Cangsheng didn’t have the same vision either, hence their unsightly death.

“Worthy of being a ruler for two generations, capable enough to have full reign.” One ancestor praised, admiring her wise conduct.

Fiercest’s power became as clear as day. Mountguard was going to rise at an unprecedented rate.

But now, it was too late to curry favors after Li Qiye had shown his abilities. Sycophants wouldn't gain his grace right now.

This wasn't the case for the hall king. She chose him when he was the underdog and showed full sincerity and respect, certainly winning a favorable impression.

Perhaps Fiercest wouldn't do much for her on a personal level, but the benefits for Longevity Hall were considerable.

On the other side, Eight Trigrams and Central have chosen to antagonize Fiercest without holding back. This meant that on a bad day, Fiercest could decide to destroy both of them.

This resulted in people being envious and jealous, not because Fiercest was enjoying this gentle treatment from a beauty. They were actually jealous of the hall king for having this chance of making Li Qiye happy. They weren't qualified to do so anymore since the opportunity was gone now.

Li Qiye sat down on the ancestral throne, looking quite normal. This throne served as a supreme symbol for the rest of the system but it was just another chair to him.

"Anyone else objects?" He asked while peering at the crowd.

People shuddered in response, especially those who have voiced their dissatisfaction earlier. This group started sweating; their legs trembled uncontrollably.

They were afraid of retribution. It wouldn't be hard for Li Qiye, if he were petty enough, to destroy their sects.

"You are the real deal, Young Noble. We are utterly convinced about your worth." Someone immediately shouted.

"I wholeheartedly agree." The others joined in with the initial dissenters being the loudest.

[Chapter 2793: Avatar of Life](#)

Li Qiye ignored the chants and gave them the side-eye. He didn't care about others' opinions and approval.

He shifted his attention towards the statue in front of the shrine. The face of Everlasting Forefather remained shrouded.

Strangely enough, when sitting on the throne, one could look up and nearly be face to face with this statue. This didn't make its feature any clearer though since it was hidden behind a supreme method. Nevertheless, Li Qiye found the statue's appearance to be all too familiar.

The crowd didn't dare to utter a single sound, not even breathing loudly lest they disturb him.

Seconds passed by and the staring contest continued. Time seemed to be coming to a halt due to a lack of movement from everyone.

What's there to look at, it's just a statue. They wondered.

Some have seen it so many times in the past. It was just an ordinary statue with no hidden mysteries.

Li Qiye started floating and flew towards the massive statue before the perplexed gazes.

“Boom!” The statue suddenly erupted with a blinding wave of light. Particles pulsed outward, seemingly able to turn the mountain range into bits.

The particles spread across the system before jumping into the rest of Immortal Lineage.

This statue exuded its might. All other auras paled in comparison like a tiny creek compared to an ocean.

The might of a progenitor! The statue managed to exude the majestic aura of a progenitor but not the same type as one would find from a treasure or weapon. The aura here was pure and boundless as if the progenitor was here in person!

“Oh great progenitor!” Everyone in Immortal Demon got on their knees, both cultivators and mortals alike.

They felt as if their progenitor was standing before them right now.

“Our progenitor is back!” A kneeling Eternal looked up and saw the massive statue slowly lowering its head.

Its size was unimaginable with celestials rotating around its head. All things were born from his grand dao as if he was the sole creator.

This statue’s face became clear - a transcending old man with a pair of eyes filled with wisdom, able to see everything at once.

“Great progenitor!” People finally realized that this was another manifestation of their progenitor.

All eyes were on him while tears streamed down their cheeks.

His light didn’t only illuminate Immortal Demon but all the other locations.

This particular system had its own spatial dimension. The light from the progenitor was resplendent and traveled through space. The innate power protecting Immortal Demon could no longer contain this light.

Why? Because this was the world he created. It couldn’t go against his wish.

“Which progenitor is this?! How can such a strong being still be around!?” Other progenitors in Immortal Lineage became startled.

They started gazing towards the source of the radiance and found the result surprising.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was facing the awakened progenitor. The two of them returned to the distant past, an age of legends.

Everyone else in Immortal Demon prostrated beneath the pure aura of their progenitor. They were overwhelmed with emotions, speechless. Being able to see their progenitor was the greatest honor.

After a long while, Li Qiye withdrew his gaze and shook his head: “Very similar, but still not right.”

He floated down and sat back on the throne again. The light from the progenitor slowly dispersed and the statue returned once more.

The sky seemed the same as always as if nothing had happened. The statue was still made of stone and had the same pose. Everything felt like a dream.

“That’s the achievement of numerous reincarnation cycles.” A progenitor concluded with a profound gaze: “The accumulation of life turning into such a realistic avatar. Such an incredible dao.”

This entity wasn’t actually a statue but it wasn’t Everlasting Forefather either. Nevertheless, it still possessed his power.

Li Qiye closed his eyes again, realizing that this wasn’t his old friend. His goal in coming here has been fulfilled. A knot on his heart has been untied. After all is said and done, the old man still left his marks in this world.

As for the rest of the people present, they thought that it was their progenitor just now, that he was still alive.

“We pay our respect to you, Great Ancestor!” The hall king regained her wits and kowtowed towards Li Qiye.

She was the first to offer her respect. The other experts eventually realized the significance behind it all and also prostrated.

“Greetings, Great Ancestor!” They shouted respectfully in unison.

A while ago, though no one dared to stop him from sitting on that throne, some weren’t that convinced by him. They were simply afraid of his power. They didn’t think he had the status nor was qualified to sit up there.

But now, there was nothing but admiration left. They have finally recognized his prestigious status.

The progenitor himself came to meet Li Qiye earlier. No one has earned this honor for millions of years now. Not a single disciple got an audience with the progenitor until Li Qiye. This meeting was indicative of his skills and peerlessness.

What was more glorious than earning the recognition of Everlasting Forefather? Nothing.

He was the creator of the system. Earning his recognition meant being recognized by this land. Li Qiye might be able to control its dao source too.

Thus, Li Qiye had all the necessary qualifications - power, status, and approval.

He became the apex of existence in Immortal Demon in no time at all. Everyone else had nothing but adulation for him.

Li Qiye glanced at the kneeling experts without showing any emotion. In fact, this was completely insignificant to him.

“Rise, there’s nothing else to see here, leave.” Li Qiye said.

The kneeling experts bowed their head towards him one more time before quietly dispersing. The place was filled with people but their departure was completely silent in order to not disturb him.

[Chapter 2794: The Temptation Of Eternal Life](#)

After the mass dispersed, Li Qiye gazed towards the horizon, seemingly recalling something.

He treated events across the years as trivialities. Only very few things could linger on his mind.

“Immortal Demon System is no longer at the peak like it was before but with your Longevity Hall around, the sect still has hope of staying relatively strong. It doesn’t need to rely on your progenitor to guard you for generations.” Eventually, he told the hall king who was standing next to him.

“Thank you for your praise.” The king bowed deeply: “Our ancestor sends his regards to you with the highest reverence.”

“His grand dao is exceptional, perhaps a miracle is possible if he keeps going.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Thank you, Young Noble.” She bowed again.

The king knew nothing about his background and identity. His cultivation and characters remained a mystery too. However, she didn’t need to pry nor discuss these matters.

They weren’t even on her mind. She just needed to serve Li Qiye well since it was her duty.

“Go, time to rest for a bit. This is a good place so I’ll stay here for a while.” Li Qiye ordered.

The king had no objection and pushed Li Qiye into the ancestral shrine...

Fear permeated across the Immortal Demon System at first because of the great battle. Silence came next.

The death of two Everlastings has firmly established Li Qiye’s supremacy.

Dread, confusion, disbelief... some even felt as if their parents have just died.

The latter were members from sects like Eight Trigrams and Central Royal Sacred Ground. Ominous clouds loomed in the sky.

Ordinary and ancestors lived in fear, thinking that Li Qiye might annihilate them at any moment. Their allies were afraid as well.

They didn’t announce their identity after adding their marks into the Longevity Plate. However, the plate only had eighteen marks. It would be too easy to figure out who chose to help Eight Trigrams.

The hopeless days weighed heavily on them. One sect finally sent their ancestors and fellow disciples to confess outside of the ancestral shrine.

The rest took note of this and realized that they couldn’t hide their involvement forever. Thus, they also came to prostrate outside, hoping for a light punishment.

Lastly, ancestors from Eight Trigrams and Central also came to beg for forgiveness.

It became an ocean of kneelers outside the ancestral shrine in no time at all. This was a scene of gray because the majority of the strongest ancestors in Immortal Demon was present.

Li Qiye had no interest in dealing with them. He told the hall king to deal with them instead.

He didn't see anyone else and focused on dealing with the supreme existence locked in his dao heart.

At this moment, the existence has weakened due to the continuous refinement. The dark evil energy has been erased, revealing its true form.

A creature that has never been seen before, even for Li Qiye. Some ancient scrolls contained brief descriptions of it before but they were considered legends.

It had a pair of golden horns with a violet glow, looking quite delicate and ancient. The horns seemed to be polished by the breath of the ages, brimming with temporal power. Anyone could tell at a glance the might of these horns. No other weapon could compare.

It had three eyes. The left and right decided the yin and yang and the third was in charge of the samsara.

"If I was in my prime and my eternal life wasn't destroyed by them, you wouldn't have done anything to me! Your body would have been mine!" The ancient sounds coming from the creature might not belong to any modern language but listeners still understood.

"If." Li Qiye was the lord of all in his dao heart. No one could resist his wish or escape from the fate of demise especially under the suppression of the primordial will.

This particular being was powerful beyond imagination. Unfortunately, it had fallen into Li Qiye's trap.

"It doesn't matter how you all hide and fight, only destruction awaits. Terror is coming! We will not miss this delicious feast!" The being threatened.

"I'll be waiting." Li Qiye remained calm, completely unaffected.

"Have you never thought about eternal life? True immortality." Its third eye stared at Li Qiye.

"I have eternal life right now." Li Qiye smiled.

"No, our definition is different." The being shook his head: "Your so-called eternal life is restricted to your own world. You're nothing more than a speck of dust or a blade of grass, just one that can last a bit longer than the rest. But, what if one day, you will cease to be grass? Right now, it doesn't matter how healthy you look and how strong you grow, you can't outrun fate. An ox will still devour you one day. Why not jump out of it and become something greater? You will not only be in charge of your life and this plain but also everything else..."

"... After reaching this next point, all mysteries and profundities will be insignificant, just one glance and you will grasp them all. Yes, nothing is more beautiful and tempting than eternal life." The being tried to tempt him.

"Yet you're still stuck in my trap." Li Qiye laughed: "You said that everything else is only a delicious feast to your kind. Well, you're a sumptuous meal right now."

"You don't understand and I don't blame you because you are stuck in this mortal world. Your intelligence and vision are restrained." The being didn't become angry: "Eternal life will grant you

boundless accomplishments. Only when you have it will you realize how wondrous it is and that you must always have it. Everything else can't reach the apex."

"And?" Li Qiye remained unmoved.

"I know that you will sooner or later destroy me, I don't question this intent of yours in devouring my everything. But, certain things must be passed by words, such as the mysteries of life. I can divulge them to you." It continued.

"Not interested." The mini Li Qiye in his dao heart chuckled and closed his eyes.

"You have toiled your entire life in order to save your world." The being seemed bored despite suffering great pain due to the suppression.

"Unfortunately, I'll have you know that no one can save it, not in the past, present, or the future. People will never abandon the joy of eternal life. My death, no, even the demise of everything up above won't stop anything. Trust me, someone else will walk on the same path and repeat the same thing again."

Li Qiye ignored the being this time around.

[Chapter 2795: Darkness Descends](#)

Though Li Qiye was cultivating inside the ancestral shrine, he wasn't actually there right now.

His body was inside a boundless ocean. However, it wasn't filled with surging water but rather the energy of the world - the essences of the dao and dense true energy.

The waves were made of runes containing profound mysteries. Each rune was part of a greater text; all were supreme merit laws.

The sky here had shimmering stars. Their illumination made this place beautiful and full of life.

However, these stars were actually dao laws. When they fell down into the ocean, they would turn into runes.

This was a cyclical world with constant gestation. Time and space didn't seem to exist here so one would reach the mythical state of immortality.

It was the dao source of Immortal Demon - their foundation and everything.

This place remained a mystery to its descendants. Some said that Eight Trigrams had control of it once, the same for Mountguard...

A more popular one stated that the source has always been under Longevity Hall's control. That's the reason why this sect always had Everlastings and maintained its authority over the system.

In reality, the source never belonged to a single person or sect. It was special and independent, continuing to gather the faith and determination of the system members for generations. This eventually gave birth to the avatar in the form of the statue outside the ancestral shrine.

The boundless dao power and worldly essences surrounded Li Qiye. Every inch of his flesh was brimming with power.

Of course, he wasn't trying to take it for his own or becoming one with this dao source. He simply intended on borrowing its power in order to accelerate the internal refinement process.

Everlasting Forefather was an incredible being so the dao source he created was immensely heaven-defying as well.

Though the system was no longer in its golden age, its dao source didn't weaken in the slightest. Its actual potential exceeded everyone's imagination so it was very helpful for Li Qiye.

Such pure power from the dao source couldn't be obtained for most people. Given the opportunity, most would absorb this force and take it as their own. Some would even think about combining themselves with the dao source in order to use it to gestate their own power.

Li Qiye had no such thoughts. Plus, this was the lifework and legacy of Everlasting Forefather.

Li Qiye had a fateful connection to both Everlasting Xiao and Everlasting Forefather so he wouldn't take their legacy.

Meanwhile, the entire system was in a lull, more peaceful than ever before. In fact, nothing big had happened in Immortal Lineage World recently.

Because people of this, some have forgotten about the prophecy - the heavenly change heralds a monster.[1]

A dark ray crossed through the sky today while everyone was deep asleep. Not to mention ordinary experts, even progenitors couldn't spot it.

It had a flickering golden glow. The black and gold kept on interchanging and twisting, seemingly competing with each other. None had the upper hand.

Li Qiye inside the dao source opened his eyes and activated his heavenly gaze, instantly locking onto this darkness.

"This is...?" His eyes narrowed and sent out a terrifying radiance. Each strand of light could cut out a new world.

"You should be familiar with this presence." The existence on the verge of death inside his dao heart was still very sensitive to this dark ray.

"Boom!" It smashed into a desolate location belonging to the Academy of Light.

A million miles around the crash point instantly melted into lava with a dark shade. The place became evil as if devils could come out at any moment.

In the next second, strands of sacred light drilled out of the ground and began refining the dark land.

At the same time, Li Qiye's body flashed and he crossed through numerous realms and domains, instantly entering the Academy of Light.

“Boom!” A shockwave emanated from the area and alarmed numerous top existences, such as progenitors.

One progenitor stood up and surveyed the world. He didn’t know where it came from just yet but still exercised caution.

“How can this nefarious intent be here?!” Another progenitor calculated the event. His expression soured as a result.

He then activated his heavenly gaze in order to find the exact landing location of this darkness.

All of these great beings were slower than Li Qiye since he had already made it to this remote region.

He saw the black lava instantly incinerating anything that comes in contact with it and the sacred lights from the ground trying to fight back.

The latter seemed to be endless and relentless. They seemed tiny compared to the gushing lava but giving up didn’t seem to be a part of their nature. One wave came after another. If this continued, they would certainly be able to purify this evil land in time.

“A saint or devil?” Li Qiye became sentimental during his observation: “No wonder why the old man said that he used to be a man of light before succumbing to the darkness. His sacred self still eventually faltered to the unending tides of darkness. Or, maybe his light originated from a survival standpoint, a last-ditch effort in trying to save himself from the darkness.”

No one had an answer because no one knew the state of mind of the progenitor from the Academy of Light during that moment.

“It comes down to a single thought.” Li Qiye shook his head and entered deeper.

[Chapter 2796: Turning Evil](#)

The ground turning evil was quite frightening - indicative of the darkness’ might. Just this tiny thing alone had this effect, now imagine a full-scale assault. The entire world would succumb right away.

Of course, this had happened before during Li Qiye’s arrival at Immortal Lineage. The supreme existence infiltrated his dao heart and the entire world felt this devilization process.

Because of this, Li Qiye was very familiar with this densely-packed dark affinity.

Clearly, the dark power inside his dao heart and this new one came from the same source.

“Looks like chaos is coming.” Li Qiye was unaffected by the darkness while walking there.

“The end is near, all existences will only struggle in futile.” The existence in his dao heart calmly said: “You need to make a decision now. Seize the initiative and gain eternal life, this will allow you to stand at the apex and have the same status as the rest. Otherwise, your fate... looks grim.”

“Is that so? I don’t need to have the same status. The only thing I need to do is kill, leaving nothing left but ashes up there.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Commendable courage, albeit a fool’s dream.” The existence laughed but this laughter quickly subsided.

The suppression power in the dao heart intensified and nearly crushed it so it couldn’t speak anymore.

Li Qiye ignored the thing and walked through this afflicted land. His pace seemed slow but he was actually moving at a shocking pace.

The deeper he got inside, the more serious the devilization process. After reaching the next area, the dark power here was as thick as ink.

It seemed that he wasn’t walking on the ground but rather in a pool of ink.

However, this process was far scarier than a pool of ink. The darkness continued to infiltrate the body and try to corrupt his dao heart.

Merit laws and defenses couldn’t handle the tides of darkness. It would corrode these lines until a complete takeover. The dao heart would suffer greatly.

For example, the emotions and desires buried deep in the heart were forced to the surface, such as violence, murderous bloodthirst, cruelty, greed...

If one’s dao heart wasn’t firm enough, these extreme emotions would explode and drive the person crazy. Next, the darkness would take advantage of this and take over their dao heart.

Alas, Li Qiye remained unaffected. The dark power here was certainly powerful and pure but it couldn’t compare to the thing trapped inside his dao heart right now.

This entity was unimaginable with enough influence to an entire system evil right away. The darkness outside paled in comparison.

Meanwhile, strands of holy light from the ground continued to assault the ink-like darkness.

After all, this was the Academy of Light, a holy land. This system had majestic power. Alas, the holy light couldn’t destroy the darkness right away. A full cleansing required more time.

Strangely enough, mixed with the dark power were golden strings. There weren’t that many of them but they were especially bright, akin to lamps during the night. These golden strings were tearing apart the darkness, seemingly acting as guides.

Li Qiye eventually reached the center of this remote region. This place has turned into hell. The ground was evil with black lava oozing out in an endless manner. Evil creatures were coming into form.

These evil creatures didn’t come out of thin air. They were living here before the arrival of the darkness. For example, a spirit tree in this place had turned into a devil tree with a thousand hands and one hundred feet.

Another example - a tiger king lost to the darkness. It became ten times bigger with bone spurs growing on its back. Evil flames surged beneath its paws. It looked prime to devour the world.

The tiny ants weren’t spared either. The transformation made them grow much bigger; their pincers looked like black sabers now that could cut through heaven and earth...

“Raaa!” Evil screams emanated everywhere from these large monsters. They wanted to run out of this plain and attack the rest of the world.

Anyone would be shocked to see the current state of this desolate area.

“Raa!” These creatures saw the uninvited guest - Li Qiye.

They roared and their eyes became filled with an intimidating bloody glimmer.

“Sss-” A massive serpent began the attack, slamming its mountainous tail straight at him.

The other creatures didn’t want to falter behind and lunged forward.

One spewed out miasma; another shot out a storm bone spurs from its back; one more sent the dark lava at him...

A flood of evil beasts came straight for him. True Emperors and progenitors would still have a hard time here. It would probably end with them being torn to pieces.

“Foolish ants.” Li Qiye didn’t bat an eye. He raised one finger and the stench of death appeared.

“Buzz.” The creatures died instantly the moment it touched his death affinity.

Though they were born in the darkness, they still couldn’t resist the touch of death. Nothing in the world could do so outside of those with eternal life.

These creatures were incinerated into ashes and slowly died. This process of death couldn’t be reverted regardless of how strong one may be. Re-creating the body was impossible too.

After seeing the death of the first wave, the rest of the evil beasts became afraid. Being evil didn’t mean that it wasn’t afraid of death. They turned to flee but it was too late. The terrifying aspect of death took their lives.

“Pop!” What’s left of their body exploded and turned to scattering ashes.

Li Qiye watched this scene of death, completely unperturbed.

Next, he made it to the impact point of the darkness. It looked like a volcano with black lava oozing out of it. These waves of lava had enough momentum to pierce through the sky. Standing here gave a feeling of the apocalypse.

The darkness here was a hundred times denser than the outer region. This tide of darkness emanated from below this place and propagated everywhere to turn the land evil.

A twelve-palace emperor wouldn’t last long here. Their dao heart would be affected in no time.

Li Qiye stood there and gauged this unending darkness. Meanwhile, the latter and the existence inside his dao heart started to resonate as well.

[Chapter 2797: Golden Hand, Dark Eye](#)

“Boom!” An engulfing dark flame blotted out the sky, able to devilize any being.

“Szzz.” It aimed straight at Li Qiye from all directions and with multiple forms.

The first blazing pulse couldn't make it through Li Qiye's grand dao. This failure made the flame turn into a viscous liquid that surrounds Li Qiye, intending on corroding him with its corruption.

However, Li Qiye had a glow that couldn't be invaded, rendering him invulnerable.

The flame then turned into an omnipresent light consisting of microscopic strands that could make it through anything. Alas, this still failed.

The transformations and constant barrages from the flame amounted to nothing.

"It's right below, do you dare to go down?" The horrifying existence inside him felt the powerful darkness underground and said.

"Taunting is useless against me." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Not necessarily." The being laughed back: "This power is far inferior compared to me, but it is also very nutritious. Once you fail, I can break out of these shackles and replace it, that's why you won't go down to take a look."

"I know you know what's down there and want me to go down. Your psychological trick won't work." Li Qiye said.

"So you're afraid of my power suddenly increasing and defeating your dao heart once you go there." The being sneered.

"No, what I meant is, your psychological trick doesn't work because I've come here to go down there anyway, not because of your low-level taunt. I'll also kindly remind you to drop this thought. Not to mention this weak darkness, I have plans ready for one stronger than you." Li Qiye shook his head.

"Okay, I'm waiting." The being was still very spirited and full of confidence.

Li Qiye was up for the challenge; his expression turned serious. His narrowed eyes spewed out supreme radiance. This radiance turned into peerless laws coiling around him for protection.

He then slowly walked towards the dark lava to descend deeper underground. The lava was torn apart by his radiance and made a path for him.

His descent was swiftly met with stronger pushback from the darkness. As he delved deeper, the area turned into a world of darkness.

Eventually, the dark power seemed to know that attacking Li Qiye was futile since it couldn't touch his dao heart.

The darkness surrounding him became gentle. Each string and strand were as warm and pleasant as the return of spring, almost the hand of a lover caressing him or perhaps the embrace full of love from one's mother...

This was a sensation similar to the power of light, not darkness. It was filled with benevolence, love, holiness, and wisdom...

It drew closer to Li Qiye's original source as if it was emanating from his body in the first place.

This affinity contained temptation, authority, martial arts, beauty, family, love, friendship... It could satisfy every need imaginable.

Li Qiye was untempted as always. His heart was as tough as metal as he sank deeper into the earth.

Meanwhile, the helpless existence inside him was eager to take advantage of this opportunity. In the case of success, he could escape the shackles and take over Li Qiye's body. This was his only chance to turn everything around.

Finally, Li Qiye made it to the bottom and saw a great pit created from the impact point. The devilization process from the darkness made lava fill it up.

Sacred lights stemming from the soil were also present in order to combat the tides of darkness, stopping it from seeping deeper into the ground.

This was an attempt to separate the darkness from the rest of the system, a containment of sort. The source of this sacred light came from the Academy of Light, the strongest lineage in the system.

"Zzz..." Unfortunately, the darkness was tenacious so the refinement process couldn't be done in a short time.

The darkness originated from the thing that fell from above. It was a mix of dark and gold. Both colors surged at the same time and twisted together to form a massive ball of light.

The darkness wanted to destroy the golden light and vice versa. The result was a stalemate for now.

However, one could tell that the darkness was stronger since it was also fighting the sacred light from outside.

Thus, without this external refinement, the inner golden light wouldn't be able to suppress the darkness.

Normal people couldn't see through the ball and were unable to see the thing inside. On the contrary, Li Qiye activated his heavenly gaze and saw everything clearly.

The darkness originated from an eye countless times bigger than a human one. It came from an unfathomable world of darkness. Just looking at it would instantly turn one evil.

Eternals stood no chance. Even True Emperors might not be able to resist the temptation.

Meanwhile, the golden lights came from a bulky hand. Each strand of light seemed so substantial and real.

The hand was gripping this eye tightly with an immense force capable of shattering the universe.

Alas, this was still not enough to crush this eye. In fact, the eye seemed to be on the verge of escaping.

Upon closer inspection, he found that the eye was pulled off the socket by this hand. Meanwhile, the hand was also severed a while after.

The two of them fell from an unknown world before landing in this place and were clearly enemies.

Fortunately, the landing location was the Academy of Light. The holy power here started suppressing the eye. Otherwise, it would make an escape sooner or later and the consequence would be unimaginable. Numerous lands would turn evil from its presence.

Just this one eye and hand were exceedingly mighty. One could only imagine the power of their owner. Perhaps the average progenitors would stand no chance against them.

Li Qiye faced the dark eye directly in order to gather more clues.

“Let’s see what kind of being your owner is.” His gaze peered through the dark eye.

[Chapter 2798: Who Will Get The Prize?](#)

He saw a dark eye with no end in sight. A heavenly gaze capable of gazing through the temporal limits didn’t suffice against this darkness.

Gazing at it would result in falling into the abyss. This overwhelming darkness would take over them, leaving no room for escape.

This was the darkest affinity in existence. When gazing at this eye, it also gazed back at the depth of one’s mind.

“Now!” The existence inside Li Qiye’s dao heart roared during this observation process.

It mustered energy out of nowhere and erupted with power despite being suppressed. A torrent of darkness surged upward, wanting to break the prison.

Its third eye suddenly exploded with a dark pulse capable of piercing through the entire world. Billions of years wouldn’t be able to stop this pulse; it would cross through an endless timeline all the same.

“Boom!” It shot straight at Li Qiye’s defense in his dao heart and shook it, nearly penetrating this internal world and leaving behind a terrible mark.

At the exact same moment, the golden hand gripping the eye of darkness also exploded.

The boundless power of the dark affinity oozed out in an unstoppable manner. Both the hand and the strings of light from the system failed to stop it.

“Buzz.” After escaping all the suppression, the eye of darkness shot out a tiny string of light scarier than anything else - capable of severing karma and the samsara.

It left its mark on time itself. Remember, time was a flowing affinity capable of polishing everything. Nothing should be able to leave a mark on time but this tiny strand did so on its path.

It struck Li Qiye’s forehead with immense speed and sharpness, undodgeable even by Li Qiye.

It cut through his forehead and left behind a mark as well. This made a gap for the eye of darkness to fly through and reach Li Qiye’s sea of consciousness.

After the successful infiltration, it crazily sent out more darkness, wishing to drown out everything inside.

“Yes!” The suppressed existence roared. This being was dimmed right now because it focused all power into its third eye.

The pulse from this third eye had an insane temperature. If it were to reach Immortal Lineage, it would meld the entire realm.

“Buzz...” This pulse wanted to break through the wall of his dao heart in order to reach his sea of consciousness.

The terrible existence and the eye of darkness were calling for each other. If successful, they would take over both his dao heart and mind. At that point, his defeat was assured regardless of how mighty he was.

This process happened in 1/100000th of a second. No one could ever react or defend in time.

“I’ve been waiting!” However, Li Qiye has been waiting for this.

“Boom!” Right when the eye of darkness got into his mind to spread its evil, his four images in the fate palace joined the fray.

The Ancient Void Rune, Heavenly Dao Primal Chapter, Life origination, and Epoch Leaf attacked in unison with a might stemming from the start of time.

It trapped the eye and sealed the darkness, rendering escaping an impossibility.

“Rumble!” The four images combined and crushed the darkness into ashes. Next, the eye was trapped helplessly in a case, unable to resist in the slightest.

It sent out all of its evil affinity in order to contaminate his mind, not expecting an ambush from the four images during its weakest state. The dark power it sent out was destroyed as well.

Meanwhile, back in the dao palace, an explosion of light sent off a tsunami. One of the nine heavenly scripture, Death, turned into a massive rune. It engulfed the Death Coffin and became one with this treasure.

“Boom!” The coffin slammed into the third eye with full force.

“Crack!” Cracks appeared on the eye, seemingly having suffered great damage.

Just imagine, the combined might of these two ultimate artifacts. This blow from it had an apocalyptic power.

Even the supreme being found it hard to withstand this blow. His third eye got smashed to pieces right away.

“Ah!” A miserable cry echoed.

“Clank!” The twelve laws of the primordial will served as sharp chains and pierced through the great existence’s body, aiming at the weak spots.

A gruesome scene indeed. The existence couldn’t stop the laws from penetrating its real form.

“Bam!” It fell helplessly to the ground, completely finished.

“You... tricked me!” It screamed.

“Indeed.” Li Qiye staggered backward like a drunkard. The attacks from the eye of darkness along with the third eye of this being also left damage on him.

Anyone else, including brilliant progenitors, would have been rendered to ashes. Fortunately, Li Qiye’s dao heart was unique in this world. Nevertheless, it was still a miracle that he managed to survive this.

“I’ve been defeated... Always defeating the geese only to be pecked by one today. You have broken through my true form.” It shouted. [1]

A while ago, this existence wasn’t afraid even during the refinement process. This was no longer the case because Li Qiye has broken through.

Strangely enough, at the level of this being, re-creating the body was no longer a thing. Why? Because their true form has reached an indestructible and everlasting state.

In the case of being wounded by a mighty enemy, their body would heal up with haste.

That’s why the suppression earlier took so long despite the involvement of the primordial will. Li Qiye showed confidence in taking it down but this was easier said than done.

In order to truly annihilate the being in his dao heart, several hundred thousand years wouldn’t suffice. He would need to spend up to several hundred million years to do so.

[Chapter 2799: Match Won](#)

Li Qiye didn’t try to break its true form after the initial imprisonment. This made the existence think that Li Qiye had no way of doing so in a short time. Epochs would be required before truly grinding it down.

The long period allowed for numerous possibilities. That’s why the existence wasn’t afraid deep down inside. It had plenty of time to fight back.

However, the appearance of this dark eye was a great opportunity. It wanted to use this dark eye in order to get out of the dao heart.

It instantly attacked with all of its might the moment that eye made it to Li Qiye’s mind. It gathered all of its energy onto the third eye for an ultimate blow.

Unfortunately, this was walking straight into Li Qiye’s trap. Amusingly enough, Li Qiye didn’t expect the plan to work out so well.

He wanted to provoke the eye of darkness and gave the existence an opportunity to fight back. He didn’t expect for the existence to take such drastic measures and send all of its power into the third eye. This left it utterly vulnerable - the perfect time for Li Qiye to assault its indestructible true form.

The primordial wills successfully broke through the weak spots of this existence and destroyed its immortality.

“Don’t be so shocked.” Li Qiye smiled: “I’ve buried many people across history, not just you.”

Li Qiye knew full well how difficult it is to destroy this being's immortality. Thus, he carefully analyzed the being's weak points, waiting for the right moment to deliver a fatal blow.

He made bold claims about suppressing and slowly grinding the being down in the past. However, the two of them both knew that the process was only depleting the being's energy, not an actual destroying attempt.

Now, with its true form and immortality gone, destroying it wasn't impossible anymore.

"This wouldn't have been the result if I wasn't already a desperate cornered dog..." The being let out a painful moan.

The refinement process wasn't that painful in the past regardless of Li Qiye's methods. But now, the pain felt so real without its immortality.

The twelve laws have pierced through its weak points - a very torturous thing to endure.

It was full of regrets. Under ordinary circumstances, given its wisdom and vision, it wouldn't have fallen to a trap like this. It had plenty of patience even when imprisoned.

But this time, it had just escaped something else and met a good host like Li Qiye. It took more risks than necessary due to greed. Furthermore and most importantly, the primordial will was extremely impressive, rendering escape impossible.

It was an invincible existence. Even progenitors were mere insects in its eyes. Alas, its recent failures and desperation have clouded its judgment, resulting in this successful ambush from Li Qiye.

Hope was gone now without its immortality. Resisting became futile.

"Sorry, no if or but in life." Li Qiye smiled.

"My death still won't change your fate. You will still die and everything else will turn to ashes. Your only chance is to take one step ahead of everyone and gain everlasting life. Only then will you be qualified to fight. My kindness is your only hope. Otherwise, your heaven-defying methods and vision still won't change anything. So many challengers came before you but their end was the same as always." The existence slowly said despite losing.

It felt panic for a moment but due to its rich experience, it quickly calmed down and spoke with Li Qiye like an old friend.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye was slightly trembling and looking quite weak. He ignored the terrible existence and instantly left the dark lava.

"Bang!" He traversed through the realm and fell heavily on the ground of a plain nearby.

He was grievously wounded this time. The wounds were internal so they weren't visible. After all, the combined effort of those two dark entities didn't make it easy for him.

He ultimately won but it would take a while before returning to his peak state. The fact that he could still move was amazing enough. He strugglingly crawled up for a look at the afflicted land.

“Extremely powerful indeed.” He touched his throbbing forehead. The eye of darkness has left a mark on it that would stay for quite a while.

Of course, this wasn’t really a big deal for Li Qiye. The harvest this time was incredible; he got more than he wanted.

It would only take a short period for him to destroy the existence inside him now that it no longer had immortality. He would then be able to seize whatever he wanted from it!

“Time to go.” He rubbed his wound before smiling.

The existence in his dao heart continued to shout but Li Qiye ignored him. He started walking like a regular mortal without using any movement technique.

His slow pace wasn’t only due to his grievous injuries. This remote plain was actually a very good location for him to refine that existence.

During this refinement process, he gained a newfound understanding of its “immortality”.

It had given up by this point and wasn’t afraid of death. It chatted with Li Qiye about everything. These conversations were extremely beneficial as well.

Their gossip contained shocking topics. Just a few leaked sentences could shock all the supremes outside and make them go crazy, emperors or progenitors alike.

The topics included things that cultivators in history have searched for forever but couldn’t come up with an answer. Progenitors themselves couldn’t reach the things talked about.

Only someone like Li Qiye was worthy to talk with this terrifying being. Plus, he was one of the few who could understand these mysteries.

They spoke about the everlasting timeline, immortality, the villainous heaven, and what lies above the firmaments...

The existence had accepted its fate and knew that Li Qiye would eventually take everything from him. Thus, it no longer had any qualms and spoke about everything.

This remote plain belonged to the Academy of Light. Whenever travelers saw a lone mortal like Li Qiye, they didn’t think much of him.

In fact, people were flying by over him. Some progenitors have arrived as well but they dismissed him like the rest.

[Chapter 2800: The Academy Of Light](#)

Li Qiye took his time traversing through this vast plain. Any other mortal could walk for a lifetime here without sensing anything.

This wasn’t the case for Li Qiye. As a supreme existence, he felt the power of light from all around the system converging towards the depth of this region.

This power of light was naturally the foundation of the academy. It flowed through the underground channels to reach the afflicted area in order to purify the darkness.

The academy purposely activated it, but this was also a natural line of defense from the system itself.

This particular system was unique in that the light was omnipresent here, always affecting its people. Everyone could sense this holy power in each inch of the land. Bathing in this light could wash away their sin and purify their spirit.

Light and darkness were eternal enemies. That's why the light still activated in this remote region to fight against the darkness.

"This old man is not bad indeed, his light has reached this incredible level. Definitely comparable to Saint back then." Li Qiye nodded approvingly after seeing the purity of the light underground.

The name of the system was also the Academy of Light. It wasn't a system in the traditional sense.

Its progenitor was very interesting as well. He carried the title of Desolate Saint, the very same person who fought against Samsara Wild Ancestor back at the thirteen continents.

If Everlasting Forefather's obsession was with reincarnation, then Desolate Saint was hellbent on sticking with the light.

People placed him among the top ten progenitors in Three Immortals. His light illuminated and saved many existences, praised by his peers and descendants.

Many felt nothing but respect when talking about Desolate Saint because he presented the light, benevolence, and universal love.

According to the legends, when Desolate Saint was still around in this world, the light existed wherever he stood and darkness had no place to hide.

Three Immortals World was extremely safe during his era. Feuds and hatred were greatly reduced along with war between cultivators and sects.

In fact, some of the most notorious sinners eventually succumbed to the light after meeting Desolate Saint. They changed and sincerely tried to be good.

Thus, his era was one of the most prosperous in history - no pain and less illness for mortals.

Because of this, the academy was unimaginably strong with billions and billions of members. Among them were plenty of powerful masters.

Perhaps in the mind of many, Desolate Saint was the progenitor most worthy of respect. No other progenitors could match him in terms of benevolence and compassion.

Light continued to be the ruling affinity in this system thanks to the progenitor's effort in the past.

This system wasn't actually a single academy despite its name. In this boundless land, there were millions of academies. There were no strict requirements to stop someone from starting one.

As long as one had a building or even a room, they could start an academy. The crux of this issue was finding students that want to cultivate.

Four particular academies stood above the rest in terms of fame - Dawn to the east, Lightless to the south, Sacred Bank to the west, and Northern Academy. [1]

They were the strongest on top of having the highest number of students. Later on, some believed that the title "Academy of Light" took one character each from these four academies. [2]

Many students came from other systems. Even the lords of some systems came here to learn the dao.

Because of this, the academy produced plenty of True Emperors and progenitors. Not all were considered as real students from the academy but the ties were there.

For example, Wang Yangming - the progenitor of Brightsun Sect - graduated from the academy. He was an actual student here.

As for people like Alchemy Immortal, Panlong, Skysplitter Saber Progenitor; they came here after proving their dao. They themselves claimed to be pseudo-students of the system. The peerless Radiance True Emperor also graduated from here.

Moreover, the academies, especially the big four, had plenty of merit laws. The majority of them were open to the public.

This was a special and rare phenomenon. Some of these laws were left behind by Desolate Saint himself. Their values were unimaginable.

Most systems would keep these merit laws hidden away from any outsider. Even their own disciples wouldn't have access to them.

Thus, the Academy of Light's conduct was in accordance with its progenitor's teaching and wish to save everyone.

That's why seniors sent their geniuses here to train. They could read the numerous merit laws here on top of sharpening their dao heart.

Li Qiye knew everything about the Academy of Light as well as the mysteries regarding Desolate Saint.

"His light is overwhelming. Even those considered devils by everyone else have been touched by light before." Li Qiye noticed the widespread of this affinity even in this remote plain.

This slow pace of his looked like a cultivation session focused on pain and hardship. The existence inside grew weaker and his destruction was only a matter of time.

He walked days and nights before reaching the edge of this region. He finally saw more inhabitants around.

One group approached, seemingly wanting to go inside.

"Why are you here alone? Not afraid of being eaten by beasts?" One person enthusiastically asked.

This group consisted of all ages - clearly teachers and students from a particular academy. They all had a faint glow. It seems that the holy affinity has blessed them.

In fact, it was very easy to distinguish the natives versus outsiders in this system. Most of the natives were pious in one way or another.

"This place is unsafe with prowling beasts. You better leave now." An old teacher kindly warned him.

"It's alright, my skin is very rough, they don't want to eat me." Li Qiye chuckled.

He looked very ordinary right now. No one would take a second glance regardless of whether he was a mortal or a cultivator.

"I heard something big had happened in the distant part of this wildland. Don't hang around." One glowing student emphasized.

This was another unique aspect of this system. It had plenty of warm-hearted members.

"Yes, that's my plan." Li Qiye continued leaving with a smile.

Right as he skirted by the group, another old man in a robe noticed the mark on his forehead.