Emperor 2881

Chapter 2881: Golden Lightdragon

The twisting of space resulted in a physical depression in the shape of a funnel. Everything would eventually fall inside.

"Pop!" The shrinking process suddenly changed into a spread as if a giant monster had infiltrated this world, filling it up to the brim.

A mighty force assaulted the four directions. Forest and mountains nearby instantly crumbled.

"It's here!" The trio focused their gaze.

The pine valley was no longer there, replaced by a massive sacred beast.

"It wasn't sleeping underground, just hidden in space." The trio understood right away.

"No wonder why that beastly presence was so faint either. It wasn't here in the first place." Stonecarver added.

"It's very mighty." Goldpython took a deep breath.

This beast standing in front of Goldtypha was indeed large relative to normal ones. However, its size wasn't that impressive compared to the behemoths found in the ancient courtyard. Remember, some creatures in here spanned for a thousand miles while being extremely tall.

Nevertheless, people would be astonished to see it all the same because it was a unique draconic species!

A blinding gold from top to bottom - from its scales to claws.

It had two muscular legs looking just like pillars with the body similar to that of a tiger. It had a dragon head and a long tail with something akin to a heavy hammer at the tip.

It also had two wings made of light from the back, large enough to blot out the sky and send out endless light. The individual strands were as large as pillars, looking just like totems. People couldn't help feeling respect.

"A special type." The true god said.

"Yes, a golden lightdragon, born with this affinity already. Superior compared to ordinary sacred beasts." Goldpython was surprised.

"Right." Stonecarver added: "I've heard that the courtyard has a dragon like this one but none had seen it before. Everyone assumed it was just a rumor.

"Raa!" The dragon's roar shook the entire area and echoed through the courtyard.

Numerous sacred beasts prostrated on the ground in fear, seemingly greeting their king.

Mountains crumbled and rivers surged crazily. Numerous slumbering beasts were awakening.

At the site of a broken mountain, a massive lion bowed its head towards the direction of the dragon.

The water in one river splashed crazily as a thousand-miles-long flood dragon stood up and roared, also bowing towards the golden dragon.

Powerful ancient beasts were awakening. They either greeted the dragon or showed their subservience.

This golden dragon was clearly a king in this courtyard despite the high level of beasts found here.

Perhaps it wasn't the strongest king in this place, it still stood among the upper echelon.

"What's going on?" The students were frightened by this sudden change.

Their knees trembled from fear after seeing so many old behemoths waking up again. Their beastly auras ravaged the realm.

"Over there!" Some looked over towards the direction of the golden dragon.

The golden dragon exuded a draconic presence, looking like a dignified ruler without needing to resort to intimidation.

The sacred light from its wings could enlighten other living beings, seeming quite supreme.

Not to mention ordinary true gods, even a True Emperor felt a great pressure while standing before this dragon.

Low-level emperors might not be able to handle it.

"Bam! Bam!" Each of its steps crushed the ground and made the courtyard quake. It wasn't afraid of Goldtypha at all.

"My way is life, my way is death..." Goldtypha took out a book and began chanting in harmonization with the dao.

"What is that thing?" The spectators who have arrived were astounded.

As the emperor was chanting his immortal book, runes filled with the power of a progenitor emerged like an ocean.

Moreover, this progenitorial force felt pure and original just like a newly opened jar of wine with a fragrance yet to dissipate.

This meant that the book was personally written by a progenitor and very recently as well. Most importantly, it was also being used for the first time, hence the impressive power.

It felt as if a supreme progenitor was here in person. People felt the urge to prostrate in worship.

"Written by Orchid Sage himself." Goldpython commented.

"Looks like Goldtypha alone can't tame this golden dragon, he needs help from his master." Stonecarver added.

"This progenitorial power is insane." The spectators found it hard to stand straight. Some dropped to their knees.

"That's why Orchid Sage is the only person in our time comparable to Luminous Master." The mighty trio was having a hard time too.

This was only a book written by him. Now imagine the actual person in action.

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" The runes latched onto the dragon's back and turned into a saddle.

Goldtypha took a deep breath after seeing this. He closed the book and smiled while looking at the dragon and reaching for its head.

The dragon closed its eyes and let him pat its head.

"It's tamed!" Everyone was shaken to see this.

"A golden lightdragon..." Next came envy.

"Go!" Goldtypha jumped on its back and sat down on the saddle.

"Whoosh!" The dragon flapped its wings and soared to the sky.

"Raaa!" It roared after reaching a certain height.

Next, many ancient beasts in the courtyard roared back in response, resulting in a deafening orchestra!

Chapter 2882: Blood Pond

"Whoosh!" The sword of light crossed through the darkness and left behind something everlasting.

It severed the temporal cycle, the samsara cycle, and karma ties. Only death awaited its target!

"Ahhh!" The pitiful scream of the Nightking Phoenix resounded across the hall.

Finally, its massive head fell into the ground. Blood gushed out of its neck like a spring, resulting in a rain of blood.

Its blood had a frightening corrosive nature. Even space itself was being refined and issued quiet buzzes.

"Rumble!" Finally, its mountainous frame dropped to the ground.

The powerful dark beast couldn't handle this invincible slash. It used to dominate alongside Desolate Saint but its fate was determined the moment Li Qiye decided to take action.

"This slash could take down the samsara." Li Qiye smiled and blew away the blood on the blade: "Even the formation prepared by Desolate Saint can't save you."

In fact, even if the progenitor was here in person, he still wouldn't be able to save the phoenix.

Li Qiye smiled and returned the sword to its sheath. Meanwhile, this weapon remained quiet, aware that it needed to obey Li Qiye in order to survive.

He didn't bother looking at the corpse and moved deeper into the hall.

The place turned quiet after the phoenix's death. This muted eeriness became chillingly creepy.

Nevertheless, Li Qiye slowly walked onward with a profound gate. He eventually reached his destination and saw a pond. Nothing else was here. Wait, to the back of this pond was a cliff with an engraved painting.

Li Qiye's eyes turned cold once he got close enough to take a good look.

The pond wasn't actually that large. It was filled with a liquid as black as ink. One would certainly mistake it for ink in the beginning.

Upon closer inspection, there was a shade of red as well. This red was so dark and thick that it looked like ink.

"Dark blood." Li Qiye carefully analyzed.

The pond was filled with this type of blood. They haven't congealed despite being here for so many years.

Recognizing this blood and the mysteries here required others to use their heavenly gaze. Darkness existed in this pond in the form of tiny strands of laws. Each strand contained the power of an entire world.

This was the reason why the blood remained in this liquid form, the same with its evil power.

Li Qiye scowled after figuring out everything. He spread his palm and the blood suddenly split in the middle.

Remember, each drop of blood was insanely powerful and as immense as a mountain. Ordinary people wouldn't be able to move a single drop, let alone splitting the entire pond.

Alas, this invincible power of darkness couldn't resist Li Qiye's overwhelming force.

The bottom of the pond became exposed after the blood moved to the sides. He saw a root at the bottom - one as clear as jade with light laws surrounding it. Each law looked like a supreme grand dao.

This thing has been absorbing the power of the dark blood. Strangely enough, it wasn't stained by this affinity either. On the contrary, its sacred light power increased in power.

"A dao root feeding on evil blood." Li Qiye uttered coldly: "Desolate Saint, how did you come up with this? To actually leave this backup plan behind? You wanted to live again after another world destruction?"

His eyes turned bright as he looked at the ancient painting on the wall. It wasn't engraved by him. Desolate Saint took it from somewhere then added it to the wall.

It depicted several strange existences never seen by anyone else before. However, Li Qiye recognized them because he has seen them before in the final palace at Moneyfall. They were part of the thirty-six statues found there.

"This is what you wanted to do?" Li Qiye smiled and gently shook his head while looking at the painting: "Dao root, do you want to turn into a devil or a saint?"

This was an evil double-edged blade. It could either turn towards the light or the darkness.

Though it could absorb the power from the blood without turning to the darkness, this was actually still the same path. Its light power might seem untouchable now, but just crossing a thin thread could turn it to the darkness.

Thus, no one knew what Desolate Saint wanted to do outside of leaving a backup plan for himself. The real question was - what was the point of bringing that painting here?

"Everlasting Forefather sought the samsara in order to live forever. Who knows about you though? After all, you have a previous conviction before." Li Qiye said something that no one else would understand.

"This evil dao root is so similar to you, or maybe it is you in this generation. The light was only a brief stopping point in your life." He became slightly emotional.

Desolate Saint was one of the greatest progenitors in Three Immortals. His famous illumination and his legacy - the great system named Academy of Light. These were incredible achievements.

Three Immortals had plenty of progenitors before but none of them tried as hard as he did to save the living beings.

However, no one knew about his dark past. His front was full of boundless light and salvation. Once he turned around, they would see an abyss of darkness.

He crawled up from this abyss and reached this world. Perhaps he had thought about doing other things but ended up picking the light.

This choice had nothing to do with mercy and love for the light. Maybe he wanted to try something else after failing once - another experiment. Or perhaps he wanted to leave behind a strand of his own conscience in this world.

His illumination might be a way to comfort the souls of the dead along with burying his final vestige of light.

This might be the real him. What he had done in Three Immortals wasn't because he was a saint, only the afterglow of his final light.

Later on, Desolate Saint would be no more. Only an existence that would herald darkness for future generations!

"Hmm, I don't care if this is a real yearning for the light or darkness in preparation for the expedition, I won't leave this potential seed of discord behind." Li Qiye shook his head and made up his mind.

A dark hand behind the curtain like him couldn't afford to be merciful.

"I've killed you once before so I can also destroy your remnant spark." Li Qiye smiled and crouched down.

"Poof!" A fire engulfed his hand. This was his supreme fire dao with immense power.

Chapter 2883: Refinement

The jumping flame in his palm wasn't especially vigorous at the moment.

Unfortunately, its power exceeded the imagination, capable of burning everything. This wasn't empty praise - it could truly burn everything.

The mighty dark blood became horrified as a result and automatically receded like the tides before Li Qiye did anything.

The dao root at the bottom of the pond also felt danger and understood the potential of this dao fire. It immediately released its grasp and tried to run away.

"Too late for that." Unfortunately, Li Qiye released his immobilizing pressure and stopped it from moving.

His flame slowly flowed down his hand like water, aiming for the dao root. The slow flow made it look like a thick liquid instead of a flame.

"Boom!" The moment the flame made contact, the dao root unleashed an insane power crossing through time and space. This sudden eruption could suppress the gods and devils while causing everyone else to tremble with fear.

It was accompanied by boundless light almost like the opening of a new world. This light force could destroy everything.

A figure floated inside this world of light - just an embryonic form ready to be born.

Nevertheless, its aura alone was magnificent just like a supreme progenitor. If it were to be born, it would instantly possess the power of a progenitor.

The light turned into a shield in order to stop the incoming dao flame and prevent it from burning the root.

Unfortunately, the flame still persevered and burned through this light barrier. An entire world of light couldn't stop Li Qiye's dao flame and was penetrated.

"Ah!" The figure screamed before being incinerated to nothingness.

"I've killed your true form, let alone this seed." Li Qiye smiled.

Sizzling noises continued as the dao flame ravaged the root. It became as thick as honey and wrapped around the root before burning it away.

The power, mysteries, and laws of this dao root were completely annihilated. The only thing eventually left behind was a piece of dao essence around the size of a bead.

"Poof!" The flame took this refined dao essence for its own since it was truly nutritious.

Meanwhile, the dark blood was still trying to escape. It panicked even more after seeing the fate of the dao root.

It was already too late. Li Qiye's hand came down again and the flame turned towards it.

"Zzz..." The blood let out a strange noise before being locked by the flame.

The burning process this time wasn't as gentle as before but more like a burning flame with oil added. The scorching temperature quickly burned the black liquid.

The dark blood struggled but escaping was futile due to the flame's suppressive nature.

"Zzz..." The entire liquid turned into smoke and the deed was done.

"Creating this dark blood and reaching an agreement..." Li Qiye disapproved and said: "Not a good thing at all."

The dao root earlier refined the dark blood into light power. How come this dark blood didn't try to escape? It willingly acted as nutrients for the dao root. On the other hand, it tried to escape after seeing Li Qiye's dao flame.

This meant that an agreement had been reached during the formation of this pond between the root and the dark blood.

"What a shame." Li Qiye looked around and sighed: "Being called a saint is easy, but to actually be one? The world is too shallow to actually recognize this."

Next, he flicked his finger and destroyed the painting on that wall as well before leaving this hall.

The bull has been staring at the gate the entire time, feeling nervous for the first time in a long while.

"Creak!" The heavy gate eventually opened, revealing the darkness inside.

"Hmm!" The bull shouted and assumed a battle stance against the evil inside.

"Calm your butt down." Li Qiye came out from the darkness and joked.

The bull heaved a sigh of relief and dropped the pose: "Thank god, you're finally out, Sir."

"You thought I would die inside?" Li Qiye gave him the side-eye.

"No, of course not, you're invincible, one and only in history. How could that little fiend stop you?" The bull laughed and flattered.

"Forget it, your wish has been carried out." Li Qiye said before unleashing a palm strike.

The entire palace crumbled the moment he pulled his palm back. It turned into dust and disappeared from the void.

"Is this prudence necessary, sir?" The bull didn't expect this: "That little fiend can't escape from you."

"Not because of that nightking phoenix. If one decides to do something, do it thoroughly. I erased everything in there from this world." Li Qiye said.

"Fuck!" The bull couldn't help cursing: "So that Desolate Saint was really a sly hypocrite then, he left a backup plan in there, didn't he? Hahaha, so he's no saint, see, just a devil!"

Li Qiye didn't reply.

"Hehe, Sir, what did he actually leave in there?" The bull was particularly curious.

Chapter 2884: Are You Lonely?

"Fine." The bull shrugged after not getting a response from Li Qiye.

It always had a sour opinion on Desolate Saint, thinking that the guy was a hypocrite and not believing in his light.

Because of this, it was very curious about the backup plan hidden inside that palace. Unfortunately, Li Qiye didn't wish to divulge this information.

"Okay, it's my turn." It suddenly became excited and let out a roar.

It shook its body once and grew endlessly in size. This growth was unimaginably fast. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that its body blocked up the entire area.

Any bigger and even the sky would crack from being overfilled. Just one hair alone was the size of a heavenly waterfall. It couldn't grow larger right now due to the area's spatial limits.

Its eyes looked like two suns with enough light to illuminate the nine firmaments.

"Ooo-" Its roar sounded like something existing at the start of time. This mantra had enough force to derive a great world with wonderful profundities. It was simply incredible and shocking for a roar to have this world-creating property.

"Rumble!" Loud explosions detonated without pause. A majestic light appeared in this vast space, almost like the birth of a new galaxy.

Dao laws appeared out of nowhere, enough to form a vast ocean with laws and runes. Each of them was archaic, seemingly from an old era with the same origin as Three Immortals.

"Boom!" A tsunami eventually formed because a colossal mountain emerged from the center of this ocean.

The mountain was unaffected by the dao waves, seemingly indomitable. It was the lord of this ocean. As it slowly ascended, the waves calmed down and eventually dissipated.

After it came out completely, one could finally see that it was made from dao runes instead of rocks and stones. It should contain numerous profundities.

Moreover, it looked capable of suppressing everything with its immense weight.

"Ooo-" The black bull roared and swallowed the entire mountain whole.

Li Qiye only watched and didn't interfere with its action.

Next, the bull shrank back to its original size, just another divine-looking beast.

"Hahaha, Sacred Mountain is mine from now on, I can finally take it away!" It laughed smugly.

"Is that so?" Li Qiye smiled and said: "So what if you have this seal? Can you really take it away without permission from the old tree demon?"

"Well..." The bull hasn't thought of this before: "Shit, if he dares to stop me... I'm gonna take him down!"

"I can see that you're not a match for him unless you break your own shackles. Otherwise, you're nothing more than a big piece of charcoal." Li Qiye smiled.

"Damn it, it's still that bastard Desolate Saint's fault. I would really let him have it if he were alive." The bull became dejected and stomped the ground.

"Your obstination is unnecessary." Li Qiye said: "The world is vast and you are free to soar. You're being too stubborn with this tiny land. The more it is on your mind, the more it will act as a heart devil."

The bull quietly pondered for a bit. It eventually looked up and asked in a serious manner: "Then, forgive me for asking, Sir, what are you stubborn about?"

Li Qiye stared towards the horizon and didn't answer.

"Sir, you're right, I am indeed stubborn about this tiny land. However, the vast world, in my opinion, is not as nice as this place in my mind. After reaching a certain power level, if we don't have an obsession or something to stay sane, who will we be then? Life becomes meaningless without a home to yearn for." The bull showed a rare moment of sincerity.

"You only yearn when you are away from it, unable to go back." Li Qiye smiled.

"Maybe, but at least it will be a mental pillar in our heart." The bull continued: "I know that you're capable of anything you wish, but I'm sure you also yearn for home. If there is nothing worth remembering, you won't treasure this world at all."

"Everything is ephemeral, mere specks of dust." Li Qiye chuckled.

"That's precisely why we need an obsession." The bull went on solemnly: "It's not hard for someone like you to destroy this world if you don't care for the living beings. But this isn't the right now and that's why you destroyed the thing left behind by Desolate Saint. Thus, you have an obsession in your heart too."

"Well said." Li Qiye nodded in response: "The apex is emotionless, same with immortals, but this isn't because the latter is emotionless, it's just that nothing else in the world is worthy of their attention and mind. When standing at the apex, the other inhabitants become utterly insignificant."

"That's why I think I'm living very well right now. This land is a little tiny but I don't need the vast world outside of it. No need to soar in endless space, only the home where I was born. It doesn't matter where I go in the future, this place will always be my home." The bull laughed.

"Home is nice, very nice. Everyone wants to have a place like that." Li Qiye commented. His gaze became profound and seemingly traveled through the ancient past.

"Sacred Mountain is my obsession and my home." The bull seemed very pleased with itself: "I might not have any family members but still got a neighbor in that tree demon. Hehe, but from now on, I'm in charge now, that demon needs to obey me, hahahaha..."

Li Qiye chuckled and felt happy for the bull since it had a clear goal in mind.

"Sir, what kind of people or place will your home consist of?" The bull calmed down and respectfully asked with earnest eyes.

Li Qiye glanced back at the bull before turning towards the horizon. He didn't respond until a long while later: "Home is where the heart is, a family is up to fate."

"Looks like I'm not at that level yet, sigh, that's why you're a big shot and I'm just a bull." The bull was momentarily caught off guard before praising.

Li Qiye smiled and started leaving.

"You must be very lonely." The bull watched his departing figure and shouted.

Li Qiye paused for a bit but something else interrupted him.

His eyes became fierce as he turned towards the distance.

"Rumble!" Blinding light and loud explosions blared.

"There's a problem." Li Qiye crossed through space right away.

The bull looked towards the source of the explosion and shook his head: "A bunch of fools courting death. Hehe, Sir seems to be in a bad mood too, it looks like he's about to make blood flow like the rivers."

Chapter 2885: Myriad Beasts

"Rumble!" The explosions made the entire courtyard quake. The ground seemed on the verge of being torn asunder.

The cries of beasts accompanied the nonstop explosions. Their terrible auras swept through ten million miles to the horror of listeners.

Many students immediately ran over.

"Goldtypha, Stonecarver, Goldpython True Emperor, and Treasure Source True God are working together." This astonishing news came out and the crowd couldn't believe it.

"What? Their enemy must be powerful." One startled student exclaimed.

Remember, these four were extremely strong. Only prodigies such as Metalkin War God were stronger than them in this system.

Stonecarver, Goldpython, and Treasure Source True God were powerful in their own right. This trio should be able to sweep through the realm undefeated. This was before taking Goldtypha into account.

Who would want to oppose this powerful alliance? This clearly showed the ability of their current foe.

"Not only that, but they're also commanding ancient beasts to attack. It's a large-scale battle." One student closer to the fray reported back.

This only added to the excitement and rush.

The students could see awakening beasts everywhere, gathering under the banner of Goldtypha True Emperor.

This was truly a sight to behold - an ape as tall as the heaven, a venomous serpent spanning for ten thousand miles, a rhinoceros trampling several mountains and rivers...

Their awakening turned this area into a primordial world. These massive beasts were its rulers. Other existences paled in comparison and were as insignificant as flies.

Everyone was assaulted by their numerous auras. The weaker cultivators nearly got blown away by the gales.

Goldtypha was among the gathered beast, sitting on top of his golden dragon and being in charge of the situation. Meanwhile, the other three behind him also rode ancient beasts, each protecting one side.

Goldtypha was the most eye-catching of the four due to his role as commander, ordering the beasts to attack fiercely.

Of course, the one actually controlling the beasts was his dragon, not him.

The students didn't dare to get close to this powerful alliance and watched from a distance, still in awe of the mighty beasts.

"Goldtypha True Emperor is amazing and his dragon is crazily strong. How the hell did he tame it?" One student became envious while looking at the golden dragon.

"To be clear, he didn't tame it himself. The dragon lost to Orchid Sage, only someone like the sage could defeat this beast king. The emperor alone certainly couldn't." A student who watched the whole thing elaborated.

"Yes, this golden lightdragon is definitely a king in this courtyard, that's how it mobilized so many beasts." Many jealous students were there to watch.

"Rumble!" The battle had entered a heated and destructive stage. The entire courtyard was shaking. Everyone felt that all of Sacred Mountain would shatter if this continues.

The emperors were sieging the valley of the crystal crab. This area had nonstop earthquakes due to the barrage.

The crab had prepared a formation in order to prevent enemies from invading its territory.

People could see a massive crab in the valley. It was shiny with a powerful sacred light, similar to a holy soldier.

The crab was truly gigantic. Its back could shoulder the entire sky while protecting the valley below with its eight claws.

This wasn't actually Visceraless Young Noble's true body, but rather a fusion of the crab and its formation that had taken in the momentum of the heaven and earth.

The crab was quite strong. None of these invaders could take it on in a one-on-one scenario.

However, four colossal ancient beasts were attacking at the same time from four different directions with impeccable teamwork.

One was a python spanning for a thousand miles with green scales as tough as armor plates. It looked bizarre under the sunlight. On top of its head was a fleshy horn.

It opened its mouth and sent out a gale of poisonous smoke. This type of miasma engulfed the entire area.

The trees nearby naturally decayed. However, even the mountains were affected and collapsed right after.

To the south was a violent rhinoceros - ten thousand feet high with mountainous legs. It trampled everything in its path. Its horn looked like a heavenly saber. "Whoosh!" Just one slash created a sizable canyon.

From the north came a crow - a unique type with the fiery affinity. Its blazing wings, once spread, could blot out the sun. It poured down endless true fire and turned the world into an ocean of flames. Its flapping wings added gales to boost the intensity of the fire.

Lava started flowing through the cracks in the ground to the horror of the spectators.

The final beast was a lion, the smallest of the four - golden from top to bottom and looking quite gallant.

"Raa!" The shockwaves from its roar had a devastating and corrosive nature, instantly destroying everything nearby.

Not only did the terrains fall victim but space itself started to crack and collapsed.

The four powerful beasts together made it hard for the crab to defend.

Meanwhile, the two peacebringer magpies couldn't help either. They were preoccupied with fighting two other ancient beasts.

Chapter 2886: Danger

"Boom!" The horned rhinoceros gathered momentum from a thousand miles away before marching forward with extreme speed and power.

"Rumble!" Numerous peaks were instantly flattened.

"Clank!" A sound resembling a saber leaving its sheath resounded as the rhinoceros utilized its horn.

Just the initial movement of its horn heralded numerous lacerations crisscrossing on the ground.

The crab retaliated by swinging its claw at the incoming slash, also resembling a gigantic saber splitting the sky - enough to tear out a new galaxy.

"Boom!" The claw and the horn struck each other causing fiery sparks to go up like fireworks.

"Hssh!" Meanwhile, the python spewed out enough miasma to cover the entire crab, submerging the whole area.

"Buzz." The sacred light of the crab erupted. It became a war god representing the light. This aura protected the valley.

Unfortunately, the land outside of this protective barrier instantly corroded.

"Screech!" The fiery crow unleashed endless true fire. Even the smoke of this fire was poisonous.

"Poof!" It crazily flapped its wings, causing the flames to become several times more powerful.

The fire itself was frightening enough with a temperature capable of turning mountains into lava. This lava became infused with the toxic smoke and was immensely destructive to both the terrains and everything else.

"Zzz..." It began eating the light barrier of the crystal crab.

"Boom!" Runes emerged everywhere on the body of the crab, culminating in the appearance of a golden pearl. This pearl seemed to be channeling the power of the light, causing the ground to lit up with an overwhelming force.

The barrier instantly became brighter to stop the corrosive nature of the poisonous fire.

"Raa!" The lion's sound waves struck the barrier next.

"Crack!" Cracks appeared around the light barrier.

"Activate!" The crab chanted and pinned one claw into the ground, seemingly taking roots in the depths.

The light power from the ground oozed out even more and assisted the barrier.

"Rumble!" The world shook back and forth as the crystal crab fought against four ancient beasts alone.

This seemed like it would go on for a while. The spectators took a deep breath for composure while thinking that this crystal crab was extremely strong.

"This crab is definitely a king too, can't be that much inferior compared to the golden dragon." One powerful student said.

"I don't think it can get out today though, a prolonged fight is very disadvantageous for it." Another experienced student shook his head.

"Yes, it's not only fighting against those four. Other beasts are waiting on top of the emperors." Many students could read the situation.

"No one here can do anything to stop it from escaping but death is certain if it wishes to defend this position." An Eternal student said.

The crowd agreed with this assessment. The opponents couldn't stop the crab from running but it seemed determined to protect this valley. This was very unwise.

"Zzz..." The corrosive noises returned on the barrier. The crab clearly expended too much vitality and energy, on the verge of running out. The light barrier dimmed down considerably as a result.

The situation instantly turned severely disadvantageous for the crab.

The sound waves and corrosive fire continued barraging the barrier. There were signs of dissipating now. A total collapse seemed inevitable and the valley would fall next.

"Raa!" The lion and rhinoceros took note of this and amplified their assault, fully exerting their power and vitality on the next attack.

"Rumble!" The barrier started shaking, the same with the valley underneath.

"It won't be long now, two hands can't handle four fists." One student said.

The students noticed that the mighty crab was running out of stamina. Its defensive barrier could fall at any moment.

Zhou Qiushi and the other students instantly jumped into the formation above the valley, pouring their energy into the crystal crab.

Alas, this amounted to nothing. They had the heart but not the strength. Their feeble cultivation added to the formation was akin to adding salt to the ocean, unable to change the current state of battle.

They wanted to cry from seeing the futility of their help due to the high level of the combatants involved. In fact, they needed the protection of the crab, not the other way around.

If this light barrier were to fall, the entire valley would be drowned in the poisonous smoke. They would turn to dust right away.

Meanwhile, the magpies also wanted to help the crystal crabs. Alas, their foes were just as strong so they couldn't afford to be distracted.

"You know, those four couldn't have beaten this crab without the help of so many beasts." One student said.

The spectators could tell that this valley would have been just fine if the crab only fought against the emperors.

"They really want those eggs." They also realized the emperors' determination.

"Rumble!" The light barrier melted in many places; its light dimmed continuously.

The struggling crab was being pushed back despite its size, inch by inch.

"It's about to end, it can't hold on anymore." The spectators saw that the valley beneath the crab's stomach was gradually being exposed with it pushed backward.

The crab roared, still trying its best. Meanwhile, the youths beneath became anxious about their fate. Some vomited blood from overexerting themselves to give more energy to the crab.

"Boom!" The barrier finally fell. The poisonous smoke invaded the valley like a flood.

"That's it!" Everyone knew that this place was about to turn to ashes.

"Scram!" Suddenly, an explosive shout echoed across the area!

Chapter 2887: Effortless Slaughter

"Boom!" Heaven and earth seemed to be exploding from the sheer intensity of the voice.

This massive power rushed forward and annihilated the poisonous smoke.

The four beasts were lifted off their feet and sent flying, smashing several mountains in the process.

Only the crab and the valley remained untouched by the sudden blow.

This development startled everyone due to the cataclysmic force earlier knocking away four gigantic beasts. No one present had this power right now.

"Who is it?!" The students shuddered in fear and started looking around.

"It's Li Qiye, the guy from Repentance." They saw the new combatant and shouted in astonishment.

"Him?!" All eyes fell on Li Qiye who was floating on top of the valley.

Meanwhile, the black bull behind him shook its head and murmured: "You're all done now."

With that, it jumped into the valley and stopped caring.

"He's here." Stonecarver and the others became serious.

Goldtypha sitting on his golden dragon stood up and glared at Li Qiye.

"How can this be? Since when does Repentance Institution have such a powerful student?" Those who have never seen Li Qiye in action before were startled.

"Because you didn't see him killing the god of archery earlier. His power is unfathomable." A previous spectator said.

"So bizarre and unbelievable, I've never heard of that place producing such a powerful student." Many found this astonishing due to the history of Repentance Institution.

"Raa!" The four ancient beasts got up and bellowed, unable to accept the defeat earlier.

They exchanged glances before deciding to attack Li Qiye in unison.

"Rumble!" The rhinoceros utilized its speed again, unleashing another slash with its horn.

The python spewed out more toxin, wishing to drown him. The crow sent out true fire with the immensity of an ocean. The lion roared and blocked out his escape route with tidal sound waves.

The four of them worked together perfectly and attacked from all directions. Li Qiye had no chance to run.

Li Qiye's body quaked in this crucial moment. Time seemed to be prolonged and everyone saw the scene in slow motion.

First came ripping noises before the screaming. They saw him grabbing the jaws of the python and tearing it in halves starting from the mouth.

Remember, this creature spanned for a thousand miles. It was lifted up in the air and torn apart - truly a magnificent scene.

Blood and viscera rained down, filling up the ground.

"Gaa-" They then saw him stomping on the rhinoceros, grabbing its horn and ripping it out of the beast's head. Every bone in its body was also crushed from the stomp.

The crow was the next target and started screeching. Li Qiye unleashed a tiny flame onto the bird, instantly turning it into a ball of fire then ashes.

"Raa..." The lion's scream abruptly stopped because Li Qiye also ripped its head away from its body. The spine was still connected to the head.

It felt as if there were four of him attacking at the same time - tearing the python in half, stomping the rhinoceros to death, incinerating the crow to ashes, and decapitating the lion.

Of course, there was only one Li Qiye. His speed was just fast enough to leave afterimages everywhere. This created an illusion that there were multiples of him killing the four beasts.

In the next moment, he showed up in the same place again while crashing noises resounded. The massive corpse of the lion fell loudly to the ground while the blood of the python still poured down.

This slaughtering happened in 1/10000 of the blink of an eye so Li Qiye looked like he didn't move from the original spot.

The atmosphere became frozen while the spectators were stunned, unable to react.

His speed was unreal. More importantly, these powerful beasts felt like ants when fighting against him.

Stonecarver and Goldpython's expression soured. They realized that they have still underestimated him.

Goldtypha couldn't sit still as his expression darkened with a fierce glint in his eyes. He hasn't seen such a powerful foe in a long time.

Of course, a powerful foe wasn't something nice to have but it also made his blood boil with excitement.

"How can he be this strong...?" The stench of blood woke a student up from his stupor. He staggered several steps backward in fear.

"Just who the hell is he? Why do we not know anything about someone so strong?" Another student found this strange.

Even the ancient beasts gathering in this place instinctively retreated. Intuition told them that Li Qiye was very dangerous. They were at a loss; some even wanted to retreat. However, the golden dragon rose up and suppressed the rowdy beasts.

Li Qiye glanced at the beasts and the emperors, aware of the situation right away.

"I see, causing trouble the moment I'm gone." Li Qiye told them.

Everyone held their breath in anticipation. The alliance formed between the emperors and the beasts was enough to force anyone back.

However, Li Qiye didn't seem flustered at all to the astonishment of the crowd.

"He's haughty but his strength can back it up." One student murmured.

The emperors exchanged glances. Stonecarver spoke first: "Fellow Daoist Li, we have no ill-will towards you and had no intention of hurting them either."

He paused for a moment before: "We simply wanted to take the eggs and breed them into powerful divine birds, so please do us this favor."

He was being honest and humble enough. Most would be elated to be spoken to in this manner and decide to give this mighty alliance some face.

Chapter 2888: One Versus All

Everyone waited for Li Qiye's response. It was clear that the other side wouldn't relent before getting the eggs.

Three emperors together were enough to deter most people, especially Goldtypha True Emperor.

This wasn't only because he had eight palaces but also due to his master, Orchid Sage.

In their opinion, no one should go all out against this group for the sake of some eggs. This could end up offending a progenitor - a very grave matter avoided by rational people.

"You want the eggs? No, what you need to do right now is scram before I make this place your grave." Li Qiye smiled at the group.

Everyone was shocked to hear this including Goldtypha True Emperor.

The original trio's expression turned slightly ugly. Regardless of their refined personality after reaching this level, to be publicly looked down as something worth less than a coin left them in an awkward situation.

There was no way of accepting this humiliation. Thus, a murderous glint flashed in their eyes despite knowing Li Qiye's power.

After all, they were experienced fighters who wouldn't cower in fear against a stronger foe.

"Fellow Daoist, no need to threaten us." Goldtypha spoke: "Tall mountains and long rivers await us in the future, those on the same path. Why not be flexible now, we only ask for the eggs and will handsomely repay you in the future."

This was very reasonable, earning a nod from many students.

Why did people come to Sacred Garden? Certainly for the beasts and eggs. Thus, they sympathized with the emperors' effort at getting these magpie eggs.

Plus, they were willing to share with Li Qiye or even repay him greatly later. All in all, Goldtypha's request was reasonable and appropriate.

"It won't be just a threat for long. Scram or die." Li Qiye smiled.

The emperors froze after hearing this, thinking that he was pushing it.

"So arrogant and overbearing." One student murmured: "Does he think he can fight against three emperors?"

"He's being a bit unreasonable and greedy here, wanting all the eggs for himself." Another found this unfair for the emperors.

The emperors exchanged glances, knowing that a battle was inevitable.

"Looks like you won't yield, not even a single step." Goldtypha became serious.

"Yes." Li Qiye chuckled: "Killing the three of you is as easy as pie, oh right, can't forget 'I'm very rich' either."

"My name is Wang Weiyuan!" The true god scowled, still unhappy with the nickname.

"Whatever. I've given you the opportunity, take it or die." Li Qiye said nonchalantly as if killing these four was the same as stomping some ants.

"Does he think he's a progenitor or something?" One student questioned.

"Definitely not." A powerful friend replied: "He's a half-step Everlasting at best, that's why he's so arrogant."

Everyone knew the two current progenitors in Three Immortals were Orchid Sage and Luminous Master.

Li Qiye would be extremely famous if he were a progenitor.

"A half-step, huh? The same as Three-eyed Prodigy and Flying Sword Marvel." One student said: "Yes, a half-step should be arrogant indeed. Goldtypha True Emperor can't win. Eight palaces aren't enough."

"Not necessarily." A more knowledgeable student jumped in: "That depends on the half-step and eightpalace emperor. Don't forget whose Goldtypha's master is. A disciple of a progenitor is far superior compared to his peers. Plus, there are two emperors and an Eternal, quite a mighty alliance."

"True, you gotta take into account the powerful golden dragon as well. It can command numerous ancient beasts right now, probably enough to start a stampede smashing Li Qiye into a pulp." Another student nearby added.

Many nodded in agreement. Another commented: "And furthermore, Li Qiye might be a half-step Everlasting but he's from Repentance, that background is no match for the emperors."

The group agreed again. The emperors came from prestigious sects and had wise masters. A student from Repentance paled in comparison.

Say Li Qiye was a half-step, his treasures and battle experience remained inferior to his opponents.

"Very well, I will overestimate myself and request a spar with you, Fellow Daoist." Goldpython stepped up after exchanging glances with his allies.

His battle power was in the middle so he was a suitable candidate to gauge Li Qiye's strength.

He chose his words quite well too, showing the style and humbleness of an emperor.

"You alone are not enough to warm me up. All of you together is a bit more interesting." Li Qiye shook his head.

Goldpython True Emperor's expression became extremely unsightly. This was his first time being treated with such disdain after making his dao debut.

He was still an emperor so how could he swallow this indignation? Moreover, he has seen more powerful foes in the past. They still treated him with relative respect. [1]

"I see, haha, you are extraordinary indeed." Goldpython didn't know how to express his rage outside of laughing. He already showed great restraint by not shouting back.

"Looks like you're very confident in your cultivation." He added.

"More than enough to kill all of you." Li Qiye smiled back.

The continuous contempt left the emperors exasperated.

"Very well, then I will team up with Brother Goldpython to try a few moves against you, what do you think?" Stonecarver could stand it no longer.

"I will support you two." Treasure Source True God stood behind the two emperors.

Goldtypha remained quiet on his dragon, clearly accepting the trio's action.

"If that's the case, I'll try my best to take you three down in a few moves." Li Qiye casually glanced at them.

This response was infuriating. The emperors were being polite by requesting "a few moves".

Li Qiye's direct response was the same as slapping them on the face without showing any consideration.

"So arrogant, even enemies don't speak to each other like this." One student became unhappy with Li Qiye's tone.

"It's obviously because of his background. People from Repentance City have no culture and grace. He won't amount to anything more than a powerful brute, just like his villainous ancestors." Another said with disdain.

The emperors were apoplectic but took a deep breath and calmed down, stabilizing their dao heart. These battle-hardened warriors could always remove unnecessary thoughts so that they could go all out in a fight.

"Let's get started, Fellow Daoist." The two emperors cupped their fist.

They remained cool and collected, still open and honest before a serious battle - true to the style of the emperors.

Chapter 2889: Defeating Two Emperors With One Hand

"Go for it, let's not waste time so let's do this with one or two moves." Li Qiye stood there without a care, not bothering to pose for battle.

The two emperors looked at each other and nodded.

"Excuse us then." The two shouted and became shrouded in radiance.

"Buzz." They became dazzling.

Goldpython looked as if he was made from thousands of gold parts assembled together. The light behind him turned into a pair of wings made of numerous snow-white sabers lined together with a chilling aura.

As for Stonecarver, he exuded an ink-like glow with runes appearing among them. It also occasionally flashed with the luster of a treasure. The runes seemed to be coming out of his body, causing his jade-like form to be more noticeable.

"Rumble!" The area shook with explosions due to the majestic auras of these emperors. They ravaged the land and affected its dao.

Numerous students became frozen as a result. They felt as if there was a boulder pressing down on their chest, rendering it impossible to breathe. In fact, this aura was strong enough to smash open their ribcage.

"Take him down!" The two of them shouted in unison. Their voice destroyed some stars in the sky to the horror of the spectators.

"Boom!" Stonecarver took the initiative. His runes condensed together to form a supreme grand dao. This invisible force came crashing down towards Li Qiye.

The spectators couldn't actually see this move at all despite hearing the explosion.

Nevertheless, space crumbled as a result, looking like shattered glass. Pieces scattered everywhere as the dao shoots for Li Qiye.

The world seemingly sank a little as a result. The crowd felt themselves being suppressed by an invisible grand dao and couldn't move in the slightest.

Some thought that they had been pulverized into a flat meat paste, falling on the ground as a result.

At the exact same moment, strange buzzes resounded as golden light filled up the sky.

Goldpython True Emperor's pieces turned into countless needles. They flew forward with the greatest sharpness and speed, penetrating at Li Qiye's weak spots.

The entire sky was covered with them while each individual needle carried the power of a star. They aimed to destroy his dao foundation.

This meant that even if he was struck by one, his dao foundation would still be damaged, either killing him outright or turning him into a cripple.

That was only the first wave. The second consisted of his wings slashed down like a thousand blades. A tsunami of sharp blades came with a murderous force.

The spectators gasped after seeing Goldpython in action for the first time. They realized that his body could separate and turn into unpredictable weapons.

This shouldn't have been surprising. He was a metalkin so his body could separate into numerous pieces that can make up various weapons.

"So strong!" The three moves impressed the students.

"Child's play, that's all." Li Qiye smiled and spread his palm for a casual strike in response.

"Boom!" This palm strike unleashed a gale wiping away the fallen leaves and clouds.

Everyone saw the grand dao collapsing. Stonecarver True Emperor staggered loudly backward; blood streamed down the corner of his lips.

The incoming needles and blades were swept away by the gale as well. Both scattered to the ground.

"Zzz..." The needles and blades came together to form the emperor once more. He crawled up from the ground, looking to be in a sorry state.

The palm strike acted like the autumn wind, injuring Stonecarver and sweeping away Goldpython.

The spectators couldn't believe their eyes despite witnessing in person. Two emperors couldn't withstand a single move from Li Qiye.

Goldtypha True Emperor himself took one step backward, narrowing his eyes.

"Try a punch." Li Qiye took one step forward and punched.

"Boom!" The force broke the eight desolates and crushed the myriad realms. Everything turned to dust and ashes.

It lacked the mysteries of the dao and didn't contain an amazing form. It simply relied on brutality and ferocity.

The two emperors became startled, strong enough to know how frightening it was.

"Kill!" They had no other choice and went all out.

Stonecarver made two fists and his body exuded the same black light, only with greater intensity. He turned into a supreme imperial seal and flew forward.

"My dao can reach the heaven!" Stonecarver roared.

This supreme seal shot straight for the fist while carrying an ocean of the grand dao. It didn't only have the power of an imperial dao but also a force originating from the start of time.

"Rumble!" The sky turned dark as a result. The stars lost their brilliance.

"Seal of Origination!" Some students shouted in astonishment.

This was an innate ability of the Celestial Stone Tribe unlocked when one becomes as strong as an emperor.

The power of this particular seal came from the personal power of the user on top of the original force of their tribe. This could be considered Stonecarver's strongest weapon.

Meanwhile, Goldpython started transforming and turned into a massive python.

"Sss!" It opened its mouth for a bite straight at Li Qiye's fist.

It was big enough to swallow the stars in the sky. Its teeth looked like divine sabers showing no mercy.

"Boom!" The fist finally made contact with the seal and the python.

"Crack! Crack! Crack!" The seal and Stonecarver's body along with the great python had cracks everywhere like a broken porcelain piece.

"I will help you, Dao Brothers!" Treasure Source True God roared.

"Boom!" His chest seemed to be opening in this split second. A majestic lake came into form. Its undulating water looked like amber.

A matchless light in the form of a wave came out from the lake and drowned over the two emperors.

"Buzz." The two emperors became resplendent with this boost of power from the true god.

"Rumble!" The seal and the python's jaws tried their best to suppress Li Qiye's punch again.

Chapter 2890: Emperors Are No More Than Ants

"It's useless to struggle." Li Qiye casually said while facing the trio.

He added more force to his punch and penetrated all existing affinities.

"Boom!" The seal and the python's massive jaws instantly crumbled.

Everyone could hear the deafening sounds of disintegration resulting from the punch's gale.

Stonecarver's chest was penetrated, resulting in tiny rocks falling off him.

Keep in mind that he was as tough as jade due to his race and its innate abilities. The members were considered to be impervious to any damage. Alas, he didn't even have the chance to scream this time.

"Sssh-" Goldpython was large enough to swallow the world whole. However, the head started to crumble first then the rest of his form. Golden dust scattered chaotically to the wind.

The all-penetrating punch had a remnant force striking the true god as well.

"Boom!" He bellowed in pain since this force also pierced his chest, destroying the treasure lake within.

Blood splashed everywhere as he fell down backward and smashed into the ground; his eyes wide open with disbelief.

The students' jaw dropped to the ground. They stood there frozen; no one uttered a single sound.

A single punch had taken care of the trio. Its force must have been insane, only belonging in the legends.

Goldtypha True Emperor became serious; his heart skipping a beat. This power far exceeded his prior evaluation.

"Is this really happening?" One student refused to accept this reality.

"Yes..." His friend smelled the stench of blood and licked his dry lips. His voice trembled.

"Look, they're not completely dead!" Another noticed.

Everyone looked over and saw Stonecarver's crumbled pieces coming back together. Something started glowing, perhaps the light of life fixing his broken state.

Meanwhile, the same light appeared around Goldpython's specks of dust. These light particles fused with the specks of dust and brought them together once more.

The true god's gaping chest also had an amber glow, looking quite enchanting. The lake came into form again - this was his treasure source. He recovered in no time at all and the hole on his chest started to close.

"They're still alive." One student excitedly shouted. Others heaved a sigh of relief.

After all, two powerful emperors dying to a single punch would be too much to take. They found it hard to accept such a reality.

"It's not that easy to kill emperors." One student quietly said. Who knows if he was trying to make himself feel better or to support the emperors?

After all, the success of the punch still amazed the crowd even though the trio survived.

The three themselves were shocked too. The fastest to recover among them was the true god.

Normally, true gods' life force and tolerance were lower than a comparable emperor. In other words, an emperor was harder to kill and would recover faster.

This wasn't the case here because the treasure in his chest immediately saved the true god. The lake was as bright and vibrant as ever. Its light actually spread to the two emperors, accelerating their recovery as well.

People couldn't believe this reversed situation. It should be the emperors helping him, not this way around.

"Just like the legends, Treasure Source True God found a truly amazing artifact." One spectator praised.

With the help of the treasure source and the already amazing resilience of their realm, the two emperors recovered in no time at all and regained their human form. The wounds disappeared and their vitality replenished.

They would have spent an immense amount of energy and vitality in order to survive and recover from that fist. However, the treasure source truly aided them in regaining some energy back.

"Not bad at all." Li Qiye praised the extraordinary treasure.

As Li Qiye walked forward, Goldtypha emerged before the trio.

He was clearly afraid of Li Qiye taking advantage of this situation since the trio was at their weakest and most vulnerable right now.

"Your turn now?" Li Qiye chuckled.

"I will also overestimate myself and ask for a spar with you, Fellow Daoist." Goldtypha stabilized his dao heart and said.

He had no confidence in his own abilities right now but running away wasn't an option.

To do so would leave behind an indelible shadow in his mind. He would never be able to improve with this unstable dao heart.

Moreover, an emperor couldn't abandon his allies either. To do so would leave him open to ridicules for generations to come. Furthermore, he would be throwing away the reputation of his master as well.

All in all, he needed to risk it all and fight despite knowing the power difference.

The spectators watched with eager eyes. Goldtypha was far stronger than the trio. Maybe he had a chance of taking on Li Qiye.