#### Emperor 2911

### Chapter 2911: It's Coming

Three-eyed Prodigy saw the entire thing and couldn't stay calm.

A half-step like him possessed a world-destroying power. However, he knew that the ray earlier could turn him into a bloody mist. That offensive power was at the immortal progenitor level.

He has never seen such a powerful ray before so he became stricken with terror. He once thought that he had control of his fate after becoming so strong now - capable of dealing with any potential disasters.

Today, he realized that if this ray were to hit his system, he wouldn't have been able to do anything. His system would have been turned to ashes along with him.

"What was that thing?" The prodigy timidly said.

"What do you think it is?" Li Qiye answered with a question.

The prodigy didn't know what to say. He stared at the source of the ray - Uncrossable Expanse.

"It's from Uncrossable Expanse, I've never heard of anything coming out of there for millions of years. People come in and never come out." The youth said.

"Something bad will happen once something comes out." Li Qiye said: "Definitely a calamity. No place will be lucky enough to escape."

"A natural disaster?" The prodigy asked.

Three Immortals have enjoyed peace for a long time. Of course, there have been wars at the progenitorial level but that's it, no natural disasters or external enemies. With relative peace came waves of talents and experts.

Today, this terrible ray came out of that ocean and broke the ongoing serenity. The unknowns frightened everyone.

"It's far more terrifying. One can at least try to resist or escape a natural disaster." Li Qiye said.

"!" The youth became stunned.

"What do you think is happening when something is coming back from that ocean?" Li Qiye asked.

The youth didn't know how to answer.

For millions of years, progenitors have tried to cross the Uncrossable Expanse. None has returned.

That's why everyone felt a strange sense of respect towards it. They treated the ocean as a tribulation. Only the real apex existences such as progenitors and Everlastings could go there.

What did it mean for something else to come out of it? The youth couldn't speculate this for it was beyond his bounds.

"A heavenly change..." He murmured.

He understood that it didn't matter whether it was someone from their world or an unknown creature. This signaled a fundamental change - this era would be different from all the previous.

"Yes." Li Qiye's eyes became profound while staring at Uncrossable Expanse.

"The heavenly change heralds a monster." The youth recalled the old prophecy, carefully trying to understand it.

"So this monster might be coming from the ocean. Jade-zenith Progenitor is amazing for calculating this back then. Such a terrifying future rightfully brought down the tribulation."

"It's not good to pry into the heaven's machination." Li Qiye smiled.

"Yes." The youth smiled wryly, remembering the terrible tribulation back then. True Emperors and Everlastings were scared out of their mind. Even progenitors started hiding.

Worst of all, that invading darkness nearly turned all of Immortal Lineage into an evil realm.

"What will you do, Sir?" The youth asked.

"I'm visiting the sky moat and Sky Pass then Sky Ruins and Uncrossable Expanse." Li Qiye answered, stating his path.

This was perhaps the last thing he needed to do in Three Immortals. If the expanse didn't have an answer to his question, then no other place in Three Immortals did.

"You want to go into that expanse?" The youth couldn't believe it.

"That's the only place with an answer for me, so I must." Li Qiye answered.

"Uncrossable Expanse, the final destination for masters." The youth repeated a line that has been circulating for years.

Just earning praises about one's strength wasn't enough. The real masters needed to prove themselves by entering this ocean, no exception.

Lankavatara Buddha and Gao Yang, two brilliant beings, have entered this ocean before. Fardao was rumored to be another one too.

Entering this place was a testament of strength. If one didn't have the courage to go there, then they didn't have the power and courage to face the unknowns.

That's why so many invincible Everlastings and peerless progenitors went there. Alas, none ever returned which started the popular phrase.

Some even turned it around and said that those who didn't dare to enter weren't true masters. At least they didn't have the heart of one.

All in all, the waves of masters continued to enter this expanse despite not knowing what lies within.

The youth thought that Li Qiye was absolutely qualified to try. The guy should be on the same level as the peerless Gao Yang.

"No one has ever returned from it." He said.

"I have no plan of returning. There's no point in staying here anymore." Li Qiye smiled.

The youth was completely shocked. Suddenly, he could feel the emotions of his ancestors.

These invincible beings probably thought the same thing. They had nothing left to do in Three Immortals so they needed to enter that expanse in order to prove their worth.

"I will accompany you to the sky moat, Sir." He said, ready for the honor of being the person to send this man off on his journey.

"Very well." Li Qiye glanced at him and agreed.

"Screech!" A screech could be heard from above.

They looked up and saw a five-colored hawk flying towards the sky moat as well. The person on its back was Spiritheart True Emperor.

"Look, it's your friend." Li Qiye teased the youth.

The youth didn't know what to say back and awkwardly stood there.

"Let's go." Li Qiye laughed.

The youth was suddenly lifted off the ground and started flying. He was horrified once again regarding Li Qiye's power. A half-step like him was completely helpless before Li Qiye. His body was no longer under his control.

#### Chapter 2912: Prodigy Turned Silly

Spiritheart True Emperor was scared out of her mind after these two intruders got on her hawk. She thought that this was an ambush and became cautious. However, she heaved a sigh of relief after seeing these two. However, she didn't trust Li Qiye at all.

After all, he was infamous for killing three emperors. One of them, Goldtypha, was stronger than her.

It wasn't easy for an emperor to come out in each generation. Alas, he killed three at the same time. The title, "Fiercest", wasn't an exaggeration.

That's why she was on guard after seeing him. This was the case for everyone in Academy of Light right now.

Today, he was just as famous as Holyfrost True Emperor, Brightking Buddha, Metalkin War God, and Violet Dragon Empress.

"Young Noble Li and Brother Three-eyed, it's my pleasure." She cupped her fist and politely greeted them despite being cautious towards the two.

Remember, Li Qiye had teased her before. Others would have held a grudge.

"It's our pleasure, Your Majesty." Three-eyed Prodigy looked a bit nervous and tense.

He always acted as he pleases towards everyone else. This wasn't the case here. His arrogance was nowhere to be found before the emperor.

"That's too much, Brother Three-eyed. I do not dare to accept being called "Your Majesty" by you, it will lower my lifespan." She smiled in response, looking quite charming: "You can call me Spiritheart if you don't mind."

She was correct for she only had seven palaces and he was a half-step Everlasting. An Everlasting was on the same level as a progenitor; a half-step was absolutely below that.

However, he was definitely stronger than her, not to mention being more gifted as well.

"I, I don't think that's proper?" His carefree attitude was all gone now when speaking to her.

This was someone who could learn the most profound things with a single glance or just by listening. He could then freely apply the concepts later on.

Now, his talents were useless before Spiritheart True Emperor, his brain inadequate.

"It's fine." She smiled: "Your talents are praised by everyone and I'm a fan of yours as well. Please give me pointers when an opportunity arises."

"Well... I, I don't, don't think I'll be a good teacher and will only waste your time." He kept on stuttering and looking like a silly child.

"You're joking, Brother Three-eyed. No one can teach better than you since no merit laws can trouble you." Spiritheart revealed a soft smile.

Just this little smile alone almost robbed the youth's soul away.

"..." The youth became empty-headed after seeing her smile.

She actually found his silly appearance rather interesting right now.

"Where did your intelligence run off to?" Li Qiye shook his head and elbowed the youth.

The youth woke up and became embarrassed by his awkward act. His face turned red as he stood there, speechless.

The emperor didn't mock him for it and only smiled beautifully. This knocked him out once again.

Li Qiye didn't know what to do after seeing the guy's lack of flirting skills. He elbowed him again and said: "Say something at least, the emperor wishes to ask you a few questions."

The frozen guy regained his wits and let out a dry smile: "I'm, I'm actually quite slow and can't understand some merit laws right away."

"Slow?" Li Qiye knocked his head in response: "How old are you again? You're a half-step already, if you're slow, then everyone else is idiotic beyond cure."

He was trying his best to help the youth.

"Young Noble Li is completely right." The emperor added: "You are the youngest half-step right now. Soaring Sword Marvel is half a year older than you and needed the help of his master, Luminous Master, to reach the half-step level. On the other hand, you relied on your talents alone, so no one else can compare to you in this regard."

She was speaking the truth without any exaggeration. His talents right now were indeed matchless in Immortal Lineage.

"Really?" The youth felt elated to be praised so sincerely.

He has heard this praise so many times from others, even from those stronger than him. This eventually led to immunity. The praises became normalized and he got nothing from it.

This wasn't the case right now. She said the same thing as others but her words were as pleasant as can be to his ears.

"Would a seven-palace emperor lie?" Li Qiye felt a bit helpless with him.

The youth smiled awkwardly after hearing this.

"The path towards the dao is boundless so a meeting is a type of fate and fortune. The two of you are geniuses so take this chance to talk about your experiences with cultivation. Perhaps you will gain something from it." Li Qiye smiled and added.

"I see..." The supposedly smart youth looked anything but.

"I recently have a few questions about the dao. Please give me some advice if you don't mind." Spiritheart was an open-minded person and didn't mind being taught.

"Okay, we can discuss it." The youth gained some spirit since dao conversations were his forte, not flirting.

"I feel a fog rising on my path with confusion in my mind, please use your golden eye to take a look..." She revealed.

"I'll try." He was happy to offer his assistance and opened his third eye.

The two of them began a long conversation regarding their dao knowledge, understanding of merit laws and cultivation methods...

The boy was awfully reserved in front of his crush but his confidence in the dao allowed him to talk unceasingly. Moreover, he always got straight to the crux of the issues in a profound manner and managed to impress her.

After all, he had a unique understanding of the grand dao due to his talents. The prodigy has finally returned.

He didn't hide anything either and shared all of his findings - something very beneficial for Spiritheart. She also reciprocated by telling her gained knowledge.

Chapter 2913: Flirting

The emperor was clearly talented in order to have her current achievements, just slightly inferior compared to a historically brilliant genius like Three-eyed.

Thus, Three-eyed also benefited from the conversation. He would excitedly shout and praise after hearing any profound parts.

The two of them reached a state of complete focus and didn't keep track of time.

After all, they weren't from the same sect and rarely had an opportunity to have a conversation like this.

Each system and sect always wanted to safeguard their merit laws and dao knowledge, not sharing it with others.

Though the prodigy and the emperor couldn't discuss their sects' merit laws, just their dao knowledge and cultivation experience were plenty. These pieces of information from them could already be considered precious merit laws.

And since these were their personal findings, they didn't have any restriction stopping them from divulgence.

The conversation went on and they forgot about time and place. Meanwhile, the five-colored hawk flew towards the sky moat with lightning speed. Li Qiye sat to the side with his eyes closed, seemingly asleep.

The other two chatted for a long time before stopping. They noticed that they have almost made it to the sky moat.

Keep in mind that the distance from Academy of Light to the sky moat was extremely long. Even though the hawk was fast, it still needed a considerable period of time. That's how long their conversation was.

Alas, they found it to be very short.

"We're almost there." Spiritheart smiled while gazing ahead.

Three-eyed only glanced forward for a second before turning his sight back on the emperor: "Time flew by..."

"Not quite, we've been talking for a while now." She smiled.

"I see. I thought that it was just the blink of an eye." He chuckled in response.

Time really went by too fast for him. The days seemed like the blink of an eye while talking to her. Nevertheless, this short moment was one of the happiest moments of his life.

In the past, successful sessions of cultivation have also brought him joy. Alas, talking with the emperor gave him a completely different feeling. He wanted this moment to last forever.

Unfortunately, things didn't go as he wished, hence his disappointment after seeing the sky moat. It meant that they were about to separate, probably to never see each other again.

"I've benefited greatly from our conversation, thank you for your guidance." Spiritheart stood up and bowed.

He hurriedly got up and returned the gesture: "No way, you, also taught me a lot, widening my knowledge regarding the grand dao."

Spiritheart nodded her head and smiled, clearly bidding goodbye to him.

"Invite her to your place, it's common courtesy." A voice resounded, interrupting the youth's daze.

The youth calmed down and stared at the emperor, not knowing what to say.

"Do you want to invite me?" The emperor smiled after seeing his awkwardness.

"Umm... if you have time, you should come visit our God Eye System." He hastily said. He didn't dare to ask her to visit his actual home, only his system.

"How could I say no? I will certainly visit God Eye when I have time." She nodded, accepting his invitation.

His heart skipped a beat after hearing this. This was the most pleasant thing he had heard so far, overwhelming him with happiness.

"Great, that's great, I will personally welcome you then." He nodded his head several times, wishing for that day to come as soon as possible.

"That's not enough." Li Qiye jumped in again: "She will be traveling so far to see you so you need to play the role of a good host and a tour guide. Most importantly, you also need to escort her back safely to Garden of God. It's not safe for a woman to travel alone. How are you going to answer her seniors if something were to happen?"

He decided to be a good person all the way and helped these two.

Otherwise, this kid had no chance given his flirting technique. Courting her was harder than reaching the sky for him.

"Should, should I?" The youth was uncertain because this was way too blatant and direct. Everyone could see his intent by that point.

"Yes. A gentleman is responsible for protecting the ladies, are you a gentleman?" Li Qiye asked.

"..." The youth didn't know how to answer.

"I'll be counting on you then, Brother Three-eyed." She jumped in and salvaged the awkward situation.

"Good, good!" He nodded his head repeatedly like a chicken trying to eat grain.

Just imagining their time together made him feel like he was floating on air. He also felt grateful towards Li Qiye. He really wouldn't have the courage to invite her without him leading the way.

"We're here." Li Qiye said.

The other two looked forward and saw something resembling a massive monster.

The sky moat resided at the frontier of Immortal Lineage. Taking one step past the moat meant entering endless space.

This wall stretched through space for innumerable miles. To keep it simple, this place covered all of Immortal Lineage, serving as the frontier defense.

At the center was the famous Sky Pass. While standing in this location, one gained a panoramic view of space.

To the left was the endless Uncrossable Expanse. To the right was Sky Ruins with stars and broken battlefields.

Because of these two things blocking the way, outside invaders needed to go through Sky Pass to get to Immortal Lineage.

Thus, the sky moat was the ultimate wall while Sky Pass served as the ultimate fortress.

The youth became disappointed after they made it to their destination. He knew that it was time to separate from the emperor.

This wasn't his first time visiting this place but this complicated feeling was unprecedented.

"Gentlemen, see you again." The emperor cupped her fist towards the two.

"See you again." The youth unwillingly cupped his fist.

Li Qiye smiled and nodded before leaping off the hawk. The youth followed him right after.

"Screech!" The hawk roared and started flying towards Sky Ruins.

The youth stood on top of the wall and continued gazing towards the emperor's direction.

"She's gone already, stop standing there." Li Qiye woke him up.

# Chapter 2914: Just Go For It

"No, I'm just looking at the ruins. That place is completely unfathomable, impossible to see through." The youth's face turned red as he immediately denied.

"There's no saving you. This is just having a crush, a man needs to have the courage to admit it. Plus, you're the great Three-eyed Prodigy, be arrogant like normal now." Li Qiye shook his head.

"I..." The youth seemed like a different person.

"I'm not like this normally." He admitted that he was strange around the emperor.

Very few people could make him this nervous. He didn't become this awkward while meeting Luminous Master for the first time.

"It's because you like her, or dare I say, love?" Li Qiye chuckled and didn't make fun of him: "When you become nervous and watch your words in front of someone, this person is either your boss or your crush."

"Love?" The prodigy didn't want to admit this and was afraid others would find out too. That's why he always responded with denial. Having someone tore through this thin wall left him in a difficult spot.

"You clearly care and want to show her your best sides. However, because you're usually too arrogant yet still self-aware enough to know that it is not attractive, you overcompensate and become an idiot." Li Qiye chuckled.

The youth understood that he wanted to put on a good display in front of the emperor but it didn't work out.

"Why do you not want to admit it? Why don't you want others to know, especially her?" Li Qiye asked.

"I don't know, I was very nervous." The youth shook his head and put on a forced smile.

"Because you lack confidence. Three-eyed Prodigy is always imperious and arrogant before others, just not when speaking to Spiritheart. You think you are inadequate, not enough to move her. Now answer my question." Li Qiye said.

"I, I don't know." The youth could answer.

"Because you are afraid of failure. Due to your peerless talents, you have never tasted true failure before. Even a loss or any setback was only temporary. You could learn harder merit laws and more profound arts as long as you have enough time. Those stronger than you might beat you for now but in your mind, you believe that you're still young and weak. Just a few more years and you'll be able to take them down. This isn't the case for Spiritheart. If you were to court her and be rejected, that's a true failure with no chance to try again." Li Qiye said.

He paused for a bit before continuing: "Thus, the thing you're fearing is failure itself. In fact, just accepting the possibility is difficult for you and this makes you subconsciously run away."

"What should I do then?" The youth calmed down and asked.

"Go for it. It's just one girl, so what if you fail? The sky won't fall down." Li Qiye said.

The youth opened his mouth but chose against speaking.

"Remember, there's at least a possibility when you try. Don't leave it as an impossibility." Li Qiye told the hesitating youth.

"I feel that it, it is improper." The youth said.

"Improper? What are you afraid of?" Li Qiye chuckled.

"She isn't someone like that." It took a while for the youth to respond.

"I see. Don't worry, it's just an engagement, not a marriage yet." Li Qiye smiled.

"I've heard their sects have talked about marriage arrangements. Metalkin Divine Court has prepared the ceremony." The youth quietly said.

"So what, as I've said, they're still not married. She is still single, still Spiritheart True Emperor. If you like her, then chase after her, ignore everything else." Li Qiye smiled.

"And, even if she was his wife, so what, still go for it if you like her. It's hard to find the right woman in life, let caution go with the wind." He added.

"That seems bad..." The youth said.

"You're a supreme genius, don't be tied up by secular norms. You have power and abilities, go win her over." Li Qiye insisted.

"Perhaps, but her fiance is Metalkin War God..." Hesitation remained.

"Metalkin War God? So? Is he going to eat you?" Li Qiye smiled.

"He should have twelve palaces by now..." The youth said.

"Ah, so you think he is more brilliant than you are, hence your lack of confidence." Li Qiye replied.

The youth looked around before nodding.

"Who are you? Say it loud!" Li Qiye shook his head and said.

"What?" The youth didn't get it.

"Say it loud!" Li Qiye repeated.

"I'm Three-eyed Prodigy!" The youth got the point.

"Indeed. You are the youngest half-step in the world, the most talented in Immortal Lineage. Are you all-talk or do you live up to your fame?" Li Qiye looked him up and down.

"I can back it up." The youth said.

"Good. Then what are you afraid of? So what if he has twelve palaces, even if he was a progenitor, it doesn't mean that you're less talented, right?"

"Right." The youth remained confident in his innate gifts.

"So your talents are better and you're younger too, what's there to be scared of? Be persistent and move courageously forward with a firm dao heart and your achievements will be even more amazing. Tell me, what is your ultimate goal?" Li Qiye asked.

"To become a True God like Fardao!" The youth took a deep breath.

"There we go. Fardao is an existence that can slay progenitors! Not to mention that he's only a twelvepalace emperor right now, you should still be confident in defeating him after he becomes a progenitor later on! To not have this little courage is an insult to your talents." Li Qiye said.

These words struck the youth hard, almost like someone knocking his head without holding back.

Prior to this, he had this notion that her fiance was stronger than him. This was indeed the case right now. A half-step Everlasting was weaker than a twelve-palace emperor.

But now, Li Qiye reminded him about his peerless talents. He needed to realize that he would surpass Metalkin War God if he were to become someone like Fardao. His mind became clearer now after this conversation.

"You're right, I'll become someone like Fardao in the future and even immortal-level progenitors can't take me on. I can definitely do it!" The youth clenched his fists, stating his determination and building morale.

## Chapter 2915: Grasp It

"That's more like it. Go forward with this confidence." Li Qiye smiled.

"But, what if, I'm just saying what if she doesn't like me?" The youth thought about a different problem.

"How do you know she doesn't like you without trying?" Li Qiye gave him the side-eye.

"Well, Metalkin War God is outstanding. Plus, they have been engaged since youth." He started losing confidence again.

"So what?" Li Qiye smiled: "Does that have anything to do with your plan? You just need to court her, that's all. Plus, she doesn't hate you either because if she did, would she have talked to you about the dao for that long? She clearly has a good impression of you, probably not like, but not hate either. Enough to be a friend right now."

"You're right." His confidence increased by a considerable amount.

"And so what if she doesn't like you? Just take her away anyway." Li Qiye flatly said.

"I can't do that..." He didn't expect this.

"Can't? Just do what you must until she likes you! Feel free to flip heaven and earth over to get something you want, the rest doesn't matter." Li Qiye smiled.

Such an overbearing and vulgar attitude stunned the youth. In his mind, Li Qiye was a supreme master but the comment just now broke this image.

"If you like a girl, you need to grasp all opportunities." Li Qiye said: "If you can't even do that, what else can you accomplish? Imagine, one day, you might have to fight everyone in the world and make rivers of blood or fight against the great dark existences, a fight where you might not come back alive. All of these tasks require immense courage so if you can't even handle flirting, can you do any of these other things? No."

"It's too aggressive..." He found this to be too straightforward even for someone as arrogant as him.

"Look over at Uncrossable Expanse." Li Qiye pointed over yonder: "In the future, as you step before that place and look back, you will find that what you have experienced before is completely insignificant, flirting included, not worth mentioning compared to entering that place."

He looked over as well at the great expanse. Numerous progenitors and powerful true gods have entered that place. These beings have done incredible deeds in the past but none could come out.

Li Qiye was right. Everything else seemed so trivial compared to taking on that place.

He became lost in thoughts. He was young and had no plan of going there. However, since his goal was to become a second Fardao, he would have to accomplish many things in the future.

While standing at the apex and looking back, the things he had considered as serious and important probably didn't actually matter at all.

"I still can't do it." He smiled wryly, unable to accept Li Qiye's view.

Not everyone could put on this mentality, maybe only a fierce person like Li Qiye.

"Fine, you don't need to be this different but pursuing your crush should still be fine, right? Have the courage to do so, whether it be something daring or chasing after Spiritheart." Li Qiye smiled.

"Maybe I should wait and grow stronger. There's a higher probability of defeating Metalkin War God if I were a peak Everlasting." He pondered for a bit before answering.

"Fool! Extremely unwise. Your peerless brain must have run off somewhere." Li Qiye gave him a cold glare.

"I, I just think that the probability of success is higher like that." The youth didn't expect the harsh feedback.

"How long is it going to take? One hundred years?" Li Qiye went on.

"Ten years, ten years, that's all I need!" He clenched his fist and powerfully declared, mustering courage out of nowhere.

"Forget it. You can't do this." Li Qiye gave up.

"Why not?" He felt as if Li Qiye had just poured cold water over his head: "I'm sure that if I work hard, I can become a peak Everlasting within ten years."

This wasn't an exaggeration due to his incredible talents. If he risked his life and just trained, that should be enough for a miracle.

Going from a half-step to the peak level within ten years would go down in the record book in Three Immortals. Nevertheless, he was willing to go for it for Spiritheart True Emperor.

"What do you think will happen in ten years? They will probably have a bunch of kids by then." Li Qiye said.

This comment made him feel as if there was an invisible hand gripping his heart and suffocating him. This was very likely after ten years.

"Patience is the right choice for certain things, waiting for when the time is ripe or when you are stronger. This isn't the case here, the chance only comes up once before disappearing. If you can't grasp it, you will lose it forever! That's why you need to be ready now. As you can see, you have left a decent impression on the emperor after this meeting. If you don't take advantage of it and wait ten years, the meal will be cold, no, someone else will have finished eating it." Li Qiye slowly explained.

"You're right." He accepted.

"Stop hesitating. There are very few women in this world who can earn the grace of a genius like you and fewer who can make you feel like this. Think about it, is there anyone else who can replace Spiritheart's position in your heart?" Li Qiye went on.

"None." He didn't need to think before answering.

"See? If she's the only one you like right now, then stop thinking and caring so much about the result. It doesn't matter because you have tried at least. Even in the case of failure, it'll be a good experience, a noteworthy and bittersweet feeling of regret. Otherwise, when you stand before the great expanse in the future and look back, there will be an empty heart in your spot for not pursuing your early crush with Spiritheart True Emperor, this feeling of regrets is tasteless and lamentable. On the other hand, success means winning the beauty over, so no regrets there." Li Qiye elaborated.

He was shaken after hearing this. After a while, his eyes lit up with fierceness.

"I understand." The supreme genius finally got the point.

Metalkin War God? Metalkin Divine Court? Marriage pact? None of this could stop him from pursuing her.

"Go now. You're not an idiot so chasing after a girl won't affect your cultivation, provided that your dao heart stays firm." Li Qiye smiled.

"Thank you, Sir. I will engrave your teaching into my heart." He got on his knees and bowed.

Li Qiye accepted the grand gesture. After finishing the bow, the youth leaped to the sky and chased after Spiritheart True Emperor.

### Chapter 2916: Sky Moat

Li Qiye began traveling across the stone wall after the youth left.

The size of this "moat" was unimaginable. While looking down, one could see white clouds beneath. It must span for millions and millions of miles, not to mention being high enough to reach the sky vault.

This place separated Immortal Lineage from outer space, serving as a protective barrier. That's why calling this great wall a sky moat wasn't an exaggeration.

It was built back on top of the desolate wildlands stretching across the borders of Immortal Lineage. This land was larger than a dozen systems combined. Unfortunately, it was barren compared to the rest.

Nevertheless, it consisted of people from all seas. They had different reasons for being here. Some wanted to hide from their enemies or fled due to a life of crimes. Some masters would also live reclusively in this place.

This place was good because it wasn't under the jurisdiction of any system. Thus, the only law was the law of the jungle. The stronger ones could make the rules.

Nevertheless, the sky moat remained orderly despite the chaotic state below. The heinous villains and powerful lords didn't dare to do anything reckless.

Why? Because the sky moat was under the control of Sky Pass. The legion here was one of the strongest in Immortal Lineage. Their guard commander, Tai Yinxi, was unfathomable.

Thus, people needed to weigh themselves carefully before deciding to cause trouble here.

The wall was incredibly wide. Dozens of carriage could fit side by side at the same time without crowding. It looked like a public square more than a wall.

Li Qiye could cross through the whole thing with just several steps due to his speed. However, he chose to walk like a mortal, feeling every brick along the way.

However, these bricks were made from an unknown material. No one in history had gotten the right answer.

It looked like gray rocks with a touch of white inside. They were coarse, seemingly taken off of a cliff and moved here without further carving.

Each was extremely large. A few areas had rocks spanning for several hundred or even several thousand miles.

It was incredible to think about the construction of this place. Someone might have split open mountain ranges and cleared off the mud and trees before bringing them here.

"Thump, thump," His steps served as a measurement method to calculate the wall's infrastructure.

"Not just rocks." He began seeing an outline of the place as he got farther.

The materials only had the appearance of rocks but weren't. They must have been assembled in an ancient era and experienced numerous storms and rains.

Nevertheless, they stood strong as part of this toughest wall to protect Immortal Lineage. Ordinary rocks had no chance of accomplishing this miraculous feat.

As the analysis went on, Li Qiye found that the materials were awfully complex.

One particularly massive one seemed to be refined from an entire star, spanning for ten thousand miles. Another was made from the bones of dragons and other exceedingly rare beasts.

Moreover, the powers of these beasts were infused into the "rocks", allowing them to have similar powers.

Other rocks were made from an entire mine consisting of incredible divine metals - extremely suitable for weapon crafting. However, the creator of the wall chose to use these mines for defensive purposes.

In short, each rock had an interesting and majestic background. Any of them would be considered an ultimate treasure back home.

Alas, it was impossible to remove any of them from the wall. The entire moat was one now.

These rocks weren't just piled on top of each other. A grand momentum has been formed first then these rocks were added to the right places, eventually ending with this wall. Therefore, removing one piece proved to be an impossible task.

"Marvelous." Li Qiye finally took a break and became sentimental: "Even an immortal would require many years to create this defensive line. This isn't someone a progenitor can compare to."

Clearly, a miracle like this couldn't have been created by any system or regular cultivator.

One must possess the power to change the shapes of the world and pluck the stars from above in order to create this wonder.

Strangely enough, no one had a clue when this wall was built. All in all, it has been here in everyone's memories as if it existed at the start of time.

Records pertaining to the wall were sparse, only a few tales here and there. None of them ever talked about someone trying to attack it.

"Such meticulous preparation, Three Immortals is lucky to have these ancestors, allowing it to escape numerous calamities and destruction. No, it has nothing to do with luck, this is due to the effort of its peerless ancestors." Li Qiye said.

Three Immortals could be described as a colossal fortress. Its inhabitants had no idea that they were living in one.

Of course, it had a unique advantage at the start due to its location but these ancestors must be praised for providing this protection.

Unfortunately, previous epochs, the nine worlds, and the thirteen continents wouldn't be this lucky since they were outside of this realm.

People usually knew the sky moat for its size but they didn't know about the power beneath. This power turned into a grand momentum strong enough to shoulder this wall.

Therefore, simply attacking the sky moat wasn't enough. They needed to take down the power below as well.

Li Qiye smiled and wanted to scout this miraculous power. His body became gradually transparent, seemingly melding into the wall.

"Pop!" After he got low enough, the underground power could feel the presence of this invader. It released a bouncing force and blew him out.

"Really strong." Li Qiye praised.

It would be extremely hard to find something capable of repelling him while he was serious. This power far exceeded ordinary progenitors.

The creators of this wall must have been something else.

# Chapter 2917: Bai Jinning

Because of his previous examination, he got a full understanding of the profundity here. If he truly wanted to reach the deepest momentum beneath, he would be able to do so.

Alas, that would break the moat, akin to severing an underground dragon vein.

He had no feud with the creators and doing so would be unacceptable, ruining their hard work.

He also found a few problems while checking it out - flaws that stopped the moat from being perfect.

These openings were created by time. This place had been created so long ago back to an untraceable era. Therefore, time continued to batter it, eventually creating these flaws.

Of course, they could be fixed, albeit with great effort. The place would be resplendent again and could protect for another million years or even longer without any problem.

Because of this, Li Qiye gazed towards the horizon while wondering: "What happened back then to make the great creator become so cautious, not minding the great price to create this wall?

Something undoubtedly happened back then to warrant these powerful ancestors creating this miracle. Its existence made Three Immortals even safer.

He turned towards Uncrossable Expanse to the left and Sky Ruins to the right. The wall was perfectly situated to stop them from being close to Immortal Lineage.

Its location was obviously carefully selected. Perhaps the creators were wary of the expanse or the ruins, perhaps both.

Strangely enough, no foreign invaders have attacked Three Immortals. The reason remained unknown.

Due to the length of the wall, it wasn't easy to meet another soul here. Plus, most were in a hurry.

He has been walking for a long time and only occasionally met a few cultivators. They rushed by him without halting.

Some were actually bored enough. They got on the wall to look into space for a bit before leaving. In their opinion, there was nothing worth seeing here - just a wall made of rocks. Thus, just seeing one portion was the same as seeing the rest.

No one walked like Li Qiye the entire time either. Some flying above looked down and saw Li Qiye, thinking that he was a fool.

"You'll never get to the end by walking." A kind cultivator reminded him before hurriedly leaving.

Li Qiye only smiled in response. He wasn't here to sightsee, only to gauge this miracle.

"Do you need help?" He met a patrolling unit several days later.

It only consisted of a dozen soldiers or so; each extremely mighty.

The captain was a girl with neck-length hair, looking very direct and sharp. She looked quite heroic in full armor. Her slender waist stood in stark contrast with her ample curves. This contrast only accentuated her beauty.

Of course, this unit wasn't walking like Li Qiye since they would never finish in that case. They rode chariots issuing loud noises as the wheels rolled through the rocky wall.

They rode in a horizontal formation and looked quite cool. The wall was big enough to accommodate this.

Moreover, anyone who recognizes their banner would instantly make way. This was the banner of Sky Moat Legion.

Everyone knew that both the sky moat and Sky Pass were under the jurisdiction of this world-famous legion.

The unit didn't stop Li Qiye because he was in the way. He just looked very suspicious walking in this place.

Bai Jinning, the captain, has joined the legion since youth. She proved her brilliance by becoming a captain at a young age despite not coming from a noble background.

The group just happened to see Li Qiye today. Normally, they were usually stationed in Sky Pass. There was no need for patrolling due to the peace in that area.

Moreover, the sky moat only consisted of rocks. There was nothing precious to guard.

However, something flew out of Uncrossable Expanse a few days ago. This made the commander of Sky Pass, Tai Yinxi, become cautious and command for patrols to start once more.

It has been many years since they needed to do this. Bai Jinning immediately led her unit after receiving this order.

These last few days have been just fine but she didn't dare to slack.

Now, Li Qiye became the first suspect.

"Do you need help?" Jinning asked again as the chariots drew closer, intending on investigating him.

After all, it was too strange to see someone walking on the sky moat. Even the spectators would fly.

"I'm good." Li Qiye smiled, aware of her vigilance.

She took a good look at him. The guy looked normal like a passerby. No one would take a second look at him. Moreover, his smile made him look quite innocuous.

However, she never judged someone by their appearance and added him to her list of suspects.

"Keep on going." She waved at her subordinates.

The group acknowledged the command and moved forward, leaving behind their captain.

"Where are you from, Young Noble?" Her chariot approached Li Qiye.

"Immortal Lineage." Li Qiye smiled.

"Where are you going?" She meticulously assessed him but couldn't find any clues. She was being very polite too despite being a captain from Sky Pass. This wasn't an interrogation in the slightest.

"Just strolling. As the saying goes - walking a thousand miles is better than reading ten thousand books, so here I am, trying to learn about this miraculous wonder called the sky moat." Li Qiye answered.

"Ah, that's a great outlook. I didn't take you for a scholar at first." She said.

"I'm no big deal, just read enough books to know the past and predict the future." Li Qiye said.

Jinning didn't know what to say. She only gave him a courteous praise yet he bragged without showing any humility.

"Oh, so you're a gifted scholar." She added.

"You can put it that way." Li Qiye smiled: "Sages in the past say that no one can be the best at literature but I'm pretty sure I'm number one."

Jinning was left speechless again, thinking that she had met an egoistic madman. She took another look, unable to see "the number one scholar" in him.

### Chapter 2918: Looking To Marry, Miss?

"Number one..." She murmured while looking at him.

"What about Orchid Sage?" She then asked.

"Way better." Li Qiye chuckled.

"You're definitely better at boasting." Jinning glared at him.

She didn't actually expect him to reply earlier, hoping that it would shut him up or that he would admit his inferiority.

Who was Orchid Sage? An invincible progenitor on the same level as Luminous Master. All other scholars paled in comparison.

Thus, Li Qiye's confident answer astounded her. Even the biggest braggart had his limits because overdoing it wouldn't successfully convince anyone.

Alas, this guy made it sound as if Orchid Sage was just another random scholar.

She became frightened by his ridiculous audacity, not knowing whether he was telling the truth or not.

"Pa!" He interrupted her glare by gently flicking the tip of her nose.

"What are you doing?!" She instantly moved back and put on an offensive stance, looking quite mighty.

"Has anyone told you that your eyes are very pretty? Spirited and bright."

She became stunned again and didn't know what was wrong with Li Qiye. Has he always been like this or did something go wrong in his brain just now?

They're strangers yet he touched her nose as if they were very familiar.

"You must be ill right now." She became annoyed because he just took advantage of her and still acted nonchalant.

"You have a cure?" He said.

She glared at him and instinctively grabbed her sword, wanting to teach him a lesson. Unfortunately, she was under orders and didn't have time.

He chose to ignore her exasperation.

She took a deep breath to calm down and aggressively said: "Do you know who Orchid Sage is? He's a progenitor..."

"I know." Li Qiye said: "Just a progenitor, no need to tell me twice. Plus, we're not talking about fighting here. In terms of literature, I'm numerous times better. If he's a scholar sage, then I'm a scholar immortal."

Her jaw nearly dropped to the ground. This was her first time seeing someone so insanely full of himself.

"I can't see it given your appearance." She eventually said with no intention of mocking him. It was simply the truth.

He looked too ordinary yet his words could scare people to death. He spoke as if he was the definite number one in all aspects.

"Can't judge a book by its cover - this phrase is perfect to describe me." Li Qiye chuckled.

"You have a problem." She thought that he was asking for it by putting on this arrogant act.

"So many fools in this world. I'm telling the truth but they all think I'm bragging. Oh well, there's nothing I can do about it." He shook his head in response.

Black lines started to form on her forehead. Her above-average patience started running thin as she felt the urge to give him a good beating.

His eyes, in particular, were infuriating. They seemed to be pitying her "lack of knowledge."

"You're talking about me?" She gritted her teeth and clenched her fists.

"Take a deep breath and calm down, you can't accomplish anything big if such a little thing can trigger you. How are you going to be a general? More like a foot soldier for the rest of your life." He leisurely said.

His pompous face became a frustrating sight to behold but he was right. He didn't do anything to warrant a beating yet. If such a matter were to spread, it would be terrible for both her reputation and the legion's.

She had no choice but to loosen her fists and take a deep breath.

"In spite of your flaws, I wouldn't mind marrying someone like you." Li Qiye added.

"Why?" She immediately asked but regretted it right away. Ivory wouldn't come out of a dog's mouth.

"People from ancient times teach that a scholar can't reason before a soldier but I'm the number one scholar, my literary skill is enough to deal with any uncouth and violent girl. That's why I'm wondering if I should marry a soldier like you or not." He stroked his chin, seemingly contemplating while looking at her.

She nearly vomited blood after hearing this and entered a crazed state. He was making fun of her for being violent and crude.

She still had confidence in her looks despite not being a supreme beauty, definitely not a "brute" in the army or a violent shrew found in the markets.

"Say it again." Her fists were tightly clenched.

"Forget it, no one in this world is worthy of someone as talented as me. I guess I won't be marrying then." Li Qiye waved his hand right before her explosion.

His sudden change of mind left her in a bind again. She wanted nothing more than to kick him down and stomp him several times.

"What's your name?" She aggressively asked.

"Li Qiye." He answered with a wide smile. Though his appearance was mediocre at best, his teeth were perfectly straight and white.

"Don't fall in love with me, I'm just a legend." Li Qiye said: "Trust me, hang around with me and you can't help falling in love with me while not caring about anything else."

She was about to go crazy. He might be the most shameless egomaniac she has ever seen.

"Scram!" She eventually erupted, unable to hold back. Being around her more would end with her beating him up.

"I go your way and I go mine, there is plenty of room for both of us on the path towards the grand dao. Don't tell me to scram." Li Qiye shrugged.

"Fine!" She trembled with rage before driving her chariot to get away from this man if he didn't want to leave.

"Hey, why are you leaving so fast? Don't you want to interrogate me some more? Maybe I'm up to no good?" Li Qiye shouted in the back.

"Shut up!" She didn't turn back and kept on moving. At this moment, she believed that he was just a crazy egomaniac, not a villain or anything.

That's why there was no point in infuriating herself any further by lingering around.

"What a shame, I really thought about marrying you earlier, you are giving up the chance to become a queen respected by all with a throne above the firmaments." His voice sounded in her ears.

She nearly fell from her chariot after hearing the last line.

#### Chapter 2919: Luminous Master

Something big happened outside of the wall during Li Qiye's investigation. This attracted everyone's attention.

To the left was the boundless Uncrossable Expanse. A golden light landed next to it.

No one noticed in the beginning but this golden light radiated with greater intensity as time passed.

Golden strings of light fell down, as faint as silk strings hanging in space. Later on, these strings multiplied and covered the coast of the expanse.

"What's happening over there?" Spectators were only curious in the beginning.

Not long after, buzzing noises ensued. These strings emitted a supreme aura, turning this golden brilliance into an ancient and lofty world.

"The aura of a progenitor." Many felt this aura even though it was so far away.

Just one strand was enough to crush the firmaments and make the masters tremble.

Numerous masters in space opened their eyes, woken up from their slumber.

"Luminous Master." A sigh could be heard from an old person.

These eyes originated from the ancient grounds of dao systems. Or, some of these beings were actually hiding in space.

Those who could see the eyes would shudder with trepidation. Even Eternals would be intimidated. The owners of these eyes were too powerful.

They were at least grand-completion Everlastings. Some were at the peak or the supreme stage.

Another gaze emerged inside Sky Pass. These eyes were profound with boundless divinity and strength.

"I see." He was Tai Yinxi, an extremely powerful Everlasting - the commander of Sky Pass.

"Luminous Master is finally out of his isolated cultivation! He's at the shore of Uncrossable Expanse right now!" This news erupted across the wildlands and Sky Pass.

Some powerful True Emperors and Eternals back in Immortal Lineage found out as well.

"He's out again." Everyone became startled.

This title was full of charisma and power in the present day since it represented the apex. Luminous Master was an incredible talent in this generation and proved himself by becoming a progenitor.

His appearance next to Uncrossable Expanse was definitely not a coincidence. The thing that flew out there had shocked all of Immortal Lineage. Thus, the strongest existence right now had to have a reason for coming there.

Other masters including Everlastings and emperors immediately headed for Sky Pass in order to watch. However, they came quietly without any fanfare.

After all, there was no point to do so after Luminous Master. The guy had taken all the spotlight. One would just look foolish to even try.

"Buzz." Luminous Master came alone. Though he didn't try to put on an imperious act, each of his actions could move the winds and clouds. The stars were affected by his every move.

His golden brilliance engulfed the area despite his best attempt to hold it back. Even this massive area seemingly couldn't contain his light.

He felt bigger than the entire world. Everything became tiny beneath his shadow. Just one shake from him should be enough to crush everything.

The light felt like a tsunami stuck in a tiny basin. There was no way the area could contain it and became overfilled.

The aura then shot out and suppressed everyone. This was a progenitor in person, not a remnant aura left behind by one. This power was utterly unstoppable.

"Luminous Master!" Many began prostrating in both the pass and the wildlands beneath.

Only the emperors and Everlastings could stand up straight. Everyone else felt a great pressure and were forced to the ground.

"He's there in person." This aura made them understand that it wasn't an avatar.

So many turned towards Uncrossable Expanse but now, the area was shrouded by a golden ocean. No one could see anything clearly.

The place where he stood was especially resplendent as if there were a thousand suns appearing in unison.

Not to mention the naked eyes, even heavenly gazes didn't suffice. Forcefully using the heavenly gaze might result in becoming blind.

The ones strong enough to resist the property of the light were repelled by something else - another form of power.

Luminous Master clearly didn't want anyone to spy on him. Even the eyes in space restrained themselves.

The owners of these eyes were strong enough to break through the various barriers. However, there was no need to do so.

The guy clearly showed that he wanted privacy. To do otherwise meant offending Luminous Master - a very unwise move.

Thus, no one saw what he wanted to do by the expanse. The other masters only noticed a powerful and majestic figure at best.

He turned his back on the rest and faced the expanse, standing as still as a statue.

The spectators felt as if time had stopped. Luminous Master turned into the ruler of the realms.

If he didn't move, neither would time. This affinity became frozen and subservient to his whim.

"What does he want to do?" The powerful masters wondered since Luminous was only standing there.

"Does he want to enter?" One emperor speculated, feeling guite emotional.

"I don't think so. He has a great dao and incredible talents. There is still a lot of potentials and more room to grow. He can try after becoming an immortal-level progenitor with a perfect dao." An old Everlasting said.

Everyone knew that this expanse was the final destination for progenitors. All of them would attempt when the time was right.

That's why some thought that Luminous Master was trying to do so while standing next to the shore.

# Chapter 2920: Uncrossable Expanse

Luminous Master's aura engulfed all the wildlands even though it was very far away from the expanse. All existences trembled in fear since they were nothing more than specks of dust that can be wiped away. The spectating emperors had no choice but to watch quietly.

The sensation of time being frozen only magnified everyone's curiosity. Of course, Li Qiye on the wall also saw this whole thing. He only smiled and continued his task.

Luminous Master stopped by the shore for a long time; his intent remained unknown to the spectators.

He eventually left and the golden world of light also disappeared from sight. This departure was swift and caught everyone off guard.

Once they calmed down, they started pondering and exchanging glances. The entire thing felt like a dream.

Nevertheless, they knew that he was actually there. It's a shame that none could see him. Only a few were lucky enough to see his back. No one where he came from or where he was going. That was the style of a progenitor.

The eyes in space also closed with him gone.

"Maybe something big is happening." Someone murmured.

The powerful beings could see that this was only the prelude. It might have something to do with Uncrossable Expanse or Luminous Master wouldn't have come here.

A while later, the commander of Sky Pass sent out an invitation to the heroes in the world.

Tai Yinxi didn't mention the reason for this banquet. This only made the crowd wonder even more. They believed that these recent events were connected.

Only emperors and Everlastings were invited. Ordinary experts didn't have this privilege.

This banquet was definitely going to be exceptional. This caused quite a stir in Immortal Lineage.

"This isn't a good sign..." Some became worried.

Tai Yinxi was an influential figure. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to put him on the same level as a progenitor right now. He rarely initiated banquets like these in the past so this highlighted the event's importance.

"I hope everything will be okay." Some started praying.

"What are you afraid of? Not to mention the reclusive masters, there are plenty of emperors in our generation on top of two progenitors. Moreover, the sky moat is right there, same with Sky Pass. Nothing's gonna happen." The more optimistic ones smiled.

This optimism wasn't blinded. For example, if Sky Pass were to fall, then no one else in Immortal Lineage would be able to change the tides, meaning that it was pointless to worry.

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Li Qiye finally finished his assessment and got a perfect understanding of the wall.

"Still too conservative. It can stop a massive army but these flaws and openings must be corrected. It can't stop a real overlord." Li Qiye shook his head with this conclusion.

"What are these old geezers doing? Can they persevere? That thing shouldn't have appeared in this world, is it their fault then?" His eyes became profound as he gazed through Uncrossable Expanse. He murmured to himself but no one else would understand his point anyway.

"A calamity is coming." He withdrew his gaze and said: "And a big one at that. One misstep and it is all over. If the geezers can't hold on, Three Immortals will turn to ashes."

"It has been able to escape for many epochs. Alas, it might go down before the nine worlds in this generation. Impermanence is inevitable. certain things can't be escaped." He said softly.

"If escaping is impossible, then just face it directly or there will never be a solution." His eyes became serious at this point.

He stood there, seemingly deep in thought for a while. He then turned towards the wildlands behind the wall and said: "It won't be long till the calamity comes from Uncrossable Expanse."

With that, he crossed through space, heading for the great expanse.

Back in the wall, he took it one step at a time like a mortal. Now, each step of his teleported through endless space. It only took the blink of an eye before he was on a boulder by the shore.

Uncrossable Expanse has always been mysterious. No one knew how large it was, what was in there, and what awaited on the other side.

One could sense how immense it is while standing close by. While looking back, they would think that just one corner of this expanse was enough to drown out all of Immortal Lineage.

Even the best heavenly gaze wouldn't be able to see anything but a vast and obscure region. The deeper inside, the greater the waves.

In fact, some said that all Three Immortals together weren't as big as one corner of this expanse.

Rumor has it that one would enter the legendary immortal world and gain everlasting life by reaching the other side. No one could prove the validity of this claim.

All in all, not a single soul in history could solve the mysteries here.

Moreover, no one ever returned after entering, whether it be the brilliant progenitors, peerless emperors, or invincible Everlastings.

Alas, the lack of success never deterred these masters from entering. The actual reason remained unknown.

Some said that after reaching a certain power level, they became summoned by a mysterious power in Uncrossable Expanse.

Others believed that at that level, nothing else was worthwhile in Three Immortals. It was time to move on. The answer to reach the next step could be found on the other shore.

In short, too many have entered and none have left with an answer to this eternal mystery.