

Emperor 2981

[Chapter 2981: Support](#)

No one really had anything to say right now. They were famous characters, renowned for their prowess.

None of them would have been able to challenge the crowd right now. After all, who would dare to fight the rest of the world? And using one hand at that? This act was more than enough to antagonize everyone here.

Alas, Li Qiye spoke as if this didn't matter at all. The whole thing seemed trivial to him.

Of course, the ones that didn't like him from the start were glaring angrily at him due to the disdainful provocation. Power came with pride and they had plenty of both. There was no way they could handle this public disdain.

"Goddess, what do you think about this?" An emotional big shot cupped his fist towards the goddess.

He wanted her to take charge of this matter since this was the most appropriate course of action. Moreover, this should also stop her from favoring Li Qiye. After all, Five Element Mountain wouldn't want to antagonize everyone else.

With her in charge, Li Qiye wouldn't be able to handle Five Element Mountain regardless of how strong he was. This was a system with strength above a progenitor.

All eyes were on her now, waiting for her to make a decision. They thought that this fella wouldn't be able to act haughty for much longer.

"Everyone is worried about an imaginary fear and starting problems over nothing." She remained nonchalant and only said this.

The big shot became frozen with an awkward expression. If he were to say something against her wish, it would be the same as offending her.

Her answer clearly supported Li Qiye even though he had shown wanton arrogance towards everyone else. They simply didn't understand why she would do so. Why did she favor him so?

Nevertheless, a few of them realized that Li Qiye had all the momentum right now, akin to a carp about to become a dragon or a bird turning into a phoenix.

Li Qiye was already strong enough on his own, clearly not inferior to Holyfrost's group. Now, he also had the support of Five Element Mountain?

It wouldn't be impossible for them to groom him into a progenitor. Thus, various emotions struck the crowd.

Many youths became jealous of her attitude towards Li Qiye and started glaring at him.

"Hmph, what's good about a guy from Repentance Academy?" An arrogant genius scowled and murmured.

They didn't know why he won the goddess over. He looked normal at best with an insignificant background. He was strong but not enough to dominate the world. The top youths could have killed those three emperors too. Therefore, no matter how they looked at it, he wasn't the most brilliant or the strongest one here.

"Goddess, this person is ruthless and violent, he'll definitely become a calamity later on..." The big shot coughed and continued.

"Didn't you hear My Lady the first time?" Jing'er glared at this big shot: "Nothing has happened yet so no need to jump to a hasty conclusion or accusing him of crimes. Let me ask you this, Sir, have you never killed anyone since your dao debut? Try to remember, I'm sure you have killed a million or so, no?"

She was aggressive unlike the calm Qingxuan, not holding back against this prestigious old man at all.

Of course, there were words Qingxuan shouldn't say due to her position and status. Her maid had much more freedom in this regard.

"Not, not that many..." The big shot had no response.

To be frank, all the big shots here have killed plenty of people; their hands stained with blood. This was the way of cultivation. They wouldn't be standing here right now without killing many foes.

"What's the difference then? The lives you killed are still people. Young Noble Li's kill count is most likely far fewer than yours due to his age." Jing'er revealed her sharp tongue against this big shot: "You accused him of being ruthless and violent. Which words should we use to describe you then? The devil king of Immortal Lineage?"

Jing'er certainly didn't like Li Qiye but since Her Lady supported Li Qiye, she needed to show the same consideration.

"Well..." The big shot remained defeated.

Others had the intention of jumping in for their own agenda against Li Qiye but stopped after hearing Jing'er.

She had logic on her side. Li Qiye or the so-called Fiercest was still a new cultivator. His kill count should be lower than anyone here.

If one were to judge someone's morality based on this, they would be eviler than him.

"How amusing, I like your style too, little girl." Li Qiye clapped after she finished.

"Pah, in your dreams." She glared at him.

He ignored this and continued: "Wait until I become your lord, you will be my bed-warming maid."

"How shameless!" This directness made her blush since she was still an innocent maiden so she barked back.

Li Qiye didn't mind the critique at all, still standing there with a smile.

Others were at a loss for words. This guy kept on being more outrageous by the minute, to tease a girl in public like this.

However, Five Element Goddess didn't scold him at all, just letting him do whatever he wanted. She seemed to be pampering this bastard as much as possible.

His enemies and those who had a crush on her felt their hatred growing as well. They started thinking of ways to eliminate him in order to have peace of mind.

### [Chapter 2982: Mysterious Meteorite](#)

Tai Yinxi cleared his throat and interrupted the tense atmosphere: "These are not the main topics of today. I didn't invite everyone here to have a battle over face and pride."

He got everyone's attention again since they still didn't know the purpose of this meeting. It certainly wasn't only to eat and drink.

"Uncrossable Expanse has always been a mystery." He went on: "Even progenitors can't give us an answer. In my opinion, if there is a calamity in the future, it will come from there."

As a Supreme Everlasting, his words carried just as much weight as a progenitor. Thus, his speculation certainly made the crowd ponder, not to mention that the meteor back then really came from the expanse.

"Numerous pieces fell off along the path of that meteor. Though all have floated into Sky Ruins, one actually made it to Sky Pass." He went on.

"One fell here?" Many became startled with a few standing up.

Everyone saw the massive meteor that day with numerous broken pieces trailing behind. That was a magnificent scene. That's why the presence of a single piece here in Sky Pass intrigued everyone.

"Sir Yin, you personally stopped that piece from hitting?" One expert asked.

Back on that day, Sky Pass had activated all of its defensive barriers, serving as a wall protecting Immortal Lineage.

"This is the interesting part. I didn't stop it myself. It split from the rest and simply fell down. Moreover, for some inexplicable reason, the barriers of Sky Pass didn't repel it either." He elaborated.

"Really now?" Everyone became amazed by this revelation. Did the barriers simply let something in?

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" A circular stage outside started lifting a large boulder up to to the height of their floor.

"Everyone, this is the piece that made it here." Tai Yinxi jumped on top of the boulder and said.

They saw that it was as black as coal. Was this its original shade or the aftermath of being burnt?

The shape was irregular from top to bottom with many holes and cuts, potentially from blade cuts or just from the falling impact.

Upon closer inspection, one would find tiny runes, seemingly natural instead of being carved by someone.

"This is it?" A few became disappointed since it wasn't that special.

People thought that a boulder necessitating a gathering of heroes would be exceptional.

"I have carefully examined it and found that there are great mysteries inside. It is no coincidence that it was able to fly through Sky Pass. In my humble opinion, it is here because of a supreme progenitor purposely letting it follow the meteor. The progenitor might be trying to send us some messages or an item within." Tai Yinxi elaborated.

"Is that so?" Some big shots got up and activated their heavenly gaze for a closer look.

"Indeed." Tai Yinxi confirmed: "Many progenitors have entered Uncrossable Expanse in history. I'm sure some of them have tried to communicate with us."

"Makes sense." People exchanged glances and agreed with this speculation.

They didn't believe that all of the brilliant progenitors have died there, drowning in that ocean. They certainly would have tried to communicate with their descendants outside.

"I tried my best but didn't come up with anything concrete. Luminous Master had observed it too and had no conclusion. Metalkin War God and Brightking Buddha were next, they believed that they might find more clues in Sky Ruins so they went ahead." Tai Yinxi said.

"They examined it too?" The crowd pondered this new information.

"Yes, this boulder is of utmost significance. That's why I called everyone here so that we can figure out this mystery together." He said.

"If those three can't figure it out, I'm afraid we can't either. We have no talents to speak of in comparison." A great character smiled wryly and shook his head.

"This is true. Luminous Master's grand dao is peerless, I don't think we can overcome this." Many nodded in agreement.

They weren't being unduly humble or displaying false modesty. Luminous Master outmatched them in terms of talents, cultivation, and insight. Few in the current generation could compare to him.

If he couldn't figure out the messages within the boulder, they definitely wouldn't be able to do so either. None had the confidence to surpass him.

"Not true." Tai Yinxi shook his head: "There are plenty of masters in the world with incredible techniques. Moreover, this boulder might not be from Uncrossable Expanse but rather, a progenitor with descendants still around. Though we can't, these descendants might be able to figure it out."

Everyone absorbed this statement and eventually agreed.

"That's one possibility." Someone said.

Those present right now were the strongest characters in their respective systems. Some were descendants of progenitors.

If this boulder was indeed left behind by one that wanted to send a message to their descendants, perhaps the right person would be able to read it unlike the rest.

“The question is, which progenitor?” This became the next topic among them.

A while later, a sonorous voice joined the fray: “This boulder from the meteor should have great uses. Opening it will benefit Immortal Lineage.”

“Buzz.” Two figures emerged inside this floor of the pavilion.

One had boundless Buddhist affinity while the other had unmatched divinity. Everyone felt their rampant auras.

“Brightking Buddha, Metalkin War God.” Many stood up to greet these two.

“They’re back with dao avatars.” Tai Yinxi nodded.

This was indeed the case after everyone took a closer look. Their real bodies were still in Sky Ruins.

Nevertheless, these dao avatars exuded incredible auras.

#### [Chapter 2983: Who Knows How To Open It?](#)

These dao avatars still commanded everyone’s attention.

“Virtuous Nephews, what have you found in Sky Ruins?” Tai Yinxi asked.

“Amitabha.” The dao avatar of Brightking placed his palms together: “Brother Metalkin and I have caught up to the meteor. We’ll be landing shortly.”

Everyone held their breath, waiting to see what these two had found out. They didn’t expect them to go so far into Sky Ruins.

They were curious about the thing coming out of Uncrossable Expanse. This was unprecedented in history. Things only went in to never come out.

The meteor from there was truly shocking, scaring everyone out of their mind. When they regained their wits, it was already inside the massive Sky Ruins.

This was a cause for celebration. Only very few people like these two would chase after it.

“There must have been a reason why the meteor flew out of Uncrossable Expanse.” Metalkin War God said. He had a fierce aura, always ready to rampage on the battlefield - true to his title of a war god.

He wasn’t the strongest person here but his battle intent was quite oppressive. It made people feel as if they weren’t his equals. Provoking him meant a battle to the death.

“That’s why after deliberating with Brother Brightking, we believe that this piece is the key, hoping that the commander and the rest of the world will be able to open it.” He added.

“I see.” People understood why these two sent their dao avatar back. So they still needed this boulder.

“That’s also my intention.” Tai Yinxi nodded and told the rest: “Ladies and gentlemen, as you have heard, just let us know if you have any idea about the boulder. Feel free to come forward to see if you can open it. The future of Immortal Lineage is in your hand.”

Many guests started walking over after hearing this.

“Give it a shot, use whatever means necessary. We have tried to break it. It’s quite tough, many weapons didn’t do a thing.” Tai Yinxi said.

If a powerful being like him said it was tough, then they must have tried many things already.

“I’ll give it a shot.” One genius said.

“Us too.” The other big shots got closer. They didn’t want to miss this chance after being granted permission.

This could allow them to shine more than others. If any of them could open this boulder, then they would look like a crane among a flock of chicken - able to lead the tides.

It didn’t take long before the boulder was surrounded by big shots from all over Immortal Lineage.

One person researched the composition of this boulder; another focused on the tiny runes. One more began striking it...

Everyone used different techniques and methods in order to figure out this mystery.

“Strange, I’ve never seen or smelled this type of composition before.” An Eternal specialized in ores and minerals said: “I’ve been working on them for tens of thousand years now and had seen all the different types in Immortal Lineage. This isn’t any of them.”

“I don’t think it’s just a regular boulder. It must have been blessed and augmented by a progenitor. The runes seemed naturally formed but there are patterns to it.” One ancestor from a powerful system said.

“Let me try.” A celestial clan master spread his wings and shouted.

“Clank!” A golden radiance bloomed behind him.

The wings were thin like cicada’s wings but as sharp as can be. They could easily cut through the hardest substance like tofu.

“Nothing can stop Brother Yun Yi’s golden wings.” One person said as the group pulled back.

“Clank!” The clan master cut down with his wing blades, utilizing extreme speed and sharpness. Space itself was severed, leaving behind minuscule lines.

“Damn!” The clan master bellowed.

His feathers were actually sharp blades too, extremely precious. However, not a single one was intact right now. They either fell off or had holes, causing him to cry in agony - suffering both physical and mental damage.

“So tough.” A few became startled: “Brother Yun Yi’s golden feathers themselves are incredible not to mention being augmented with peerless cicada metal. They have cut through numerous weapons before...”

The clan master was still in shock. He spent so many years refining his wings on top of adding precious metals. So many foes and weapons have been cut down by him using them. Alas, this boulder had gotten the best of him today - truly a heartbreaking loss.

“I have a bottle of true-star ancient flame. Let’s see.” A three-palace emperor was next.

People maintained the same distance with a cautious expression.

The emperor took out a bottle with numerous glyphs on the surface. It was a powerful treasure in-and-of-itself. Only this level of artifact could contain the power of this flame.

“Rumor has it that this flame had killed a twelve-palace emperor before.” A big shot from the last generation said.

“Pop!” The emperor opened it and an unbearable heat wave assaulted the room, seemingly capable of incinerating everything in the blink of an eye.

“Zzz...” Space was being ravaged by this heat. A few masters moved back even more.

“What a domineering ancient flame.” A spectator murmured.

Everyone could see that it was still being sealed within the bottle despite the current heat. Once released, its destruction must be insane.

The emperor began pouring down this flame on the boulder. It had the consistency and shape of lava.

It slowly flowed around while burning the boulder, resulting in smoke. Alas, it failed to meld the surface, only leaving a faint mark at best.

“What the hell is this material?” The emperor couldn’t believe it.

#### [Chapter 2984: Unsolvable](#)

Plenty tried afterward but none found success.

A few showed off everything they had. Someone used their profound merit laws in an attempt to derive the mysteries of the boulder. Another used a powerful ancestral weapon in a direct attack. One more big shot took out their ancestral creed, hoping for harmonization...

The boulder didn’t react to a single thing.

Holyfrost and Supreme tried as well, only to find the same failure as those before them.

During her attempt, she raised one finger and engulfed the boulder with a layer of frost. This freezing affinity could break through anything, just not this boulder.

Supreme activated his myriad dao, using them as searching vessels. Many strange images appeared behind him - the statues of wondrous progenitors including Gao Yang.

The crowd was in awe of this sight. Supreme has clearly been blessed by numerous emperors. From this, one could easily deduce his power and ace cards.

It's a pity that these progenitors couldn't affect the boulder in the slightest.

Different masters continued trying for a bit before a feeling of futility set in.

"Even Luminous Master couldn't figure it out, we're just wasting our time." One frustrated experimenter gave up.

No one was really embarrassed about this because the other geniuses and big shots failed as well, including Luminous Master.

"This boulder is extraordinary." This became the consensus in the room.

They have tried so many methods including the strongest merit laws and weapons along with the fiercest flames... All failed to damage the boulder.

Putting aside the mysteries within, just its toughness alone made it special. Creating a weapon out of this would result in something unimaginable.

"What do you think, Dao Brother?" Five Element Goddess has been nonchalant the entire time in her chair. She finally looked over at Li Qiye with her rippling eyes and asked.

Li Qiye has been aloof the entire time as well with no intention of joining the rest in their experiments.

"A heart as strong as a rock." Li Qiye glanced at the boulder and said.

She paused for a moment before praising: "Your height is above our reach. I examined it for a long time before understanding it. You only need a few glances to know the mystery right away. I feel ashamed in comparison."

"At least you're way smarter than them." He chuckled.

"This is far from enough. Perhaps this is due to my insufficient dao not being at the right level, unable to open it. It seems like I still have a long way to go." She shook her head in response.

It looked like she had secretly tried to open the boulder but failed. Of course, she still learned a thing or two, knowing the method. Alas, knowing didn't mean that she had the ability to do so.

"You just need the polishing of time to grow more determined." Li Qiye smiled: "No one is born with it since it has nothing to do with innate talents."

"Right, Dao Brother." She nodded and agreed: "Your words are always beneficial to the willing listeners. It's easy for cultivators to lose their way and original aspirations, getting farther and farther away only to never return."

"They won't get too far in that case." Li Qiye said: "The only thing they will obtain is a palace made of glass, eventually crumbling."

"You are correct, Dao Brother." She agreed and glanced over at the boulder: "Who do you think left this boulder behind?"



“Not sure, but one thing is for certain. It’s a progenitor among the top ten. That’s why the boulder is unbreakable.” Li Qiye answered.

“A member of the Decemvirate.” She tilted her head in contemplation.

Some have compiled a list in the past, comparing various historical figures. This resulted in the formation of the Decemvirate, only consisting of the figures with unmatched accomplishments. She began thinking about which one among the ten.

Meanwhile, Tai Yinxi became disappointed after seeing everyone giving up. They have only learned one thing - the toughness of this boulder.

He held high hopes after inviting everyone here even though Luminous Master had failed.

After all, there were too many hidden masters in this vast world. Just because Luminous Master couldn’t do it didn’t mean no one else could.

Alas, none had outdone Luminous Master so far in this quest. Tai Yinxi had invited virtually all the big shots around. This task proved to be harder than expected.

The next step came with inviting characters of Jade-zenith Progenitor’s level. Unfortunately, these characters were imperious on top of being mysterious with their whereabouts. He couldn’t get them to come.

“Anyone else?” He asked, still hoping for more people to attempt.

“There’s still someone left.” A young genius said; his eyes fell on Li Qiye.

Right now, the two obvious ones left were Li Qiye and Five Element Goddess.

No one dared to bother the goddess. If she didn’t want to do it, that’s the end of this. On the other hand, Li Qiye seemed like the elephant in the room. All eyes were on him now.

“Young Noble Li...” Tai Yinxi didn’t dare to force the issue. He stared at the guy with great anticipation in his eyes.

After all, both the bull and goddess seemed to revere Li Qiye. It meant that the guy was very capable.

“You want me to open it?” Li Qiye smiled and wasn’t in a hurry.

“Nothing can be better if you are willing, Young Noble Li. This boulder pertains to the prosperity of all living beings in Three Immortals. Please try.” Tai Yinxi cupped his fist in response.

“Three Immortals’ wellbeing has nothing to do with me, I’m just a passerby.” Li Qiye shrugged in response.

“Everyone is responsible for the prosperity of the world!” Someone became annoyed and shouted.

“Unfortunately, it’s your world, not mine. The responsibility is yours, not mine, once again.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“You!” The big shot became furious.

“Haha, it’s just an excuse to not try.” A genius jumped in and snorted.

#### [Chapter 2985: Slaying With One Move](#)

The looks in people’s eyes started to change after hearing this genius, especially those who previously disliked him.

“Haha, that does make sense.” One person hiding in the crowd fanned the fire: “So much flowery rhetoric only to hide the fact that he’s useless and will be exposed after a try.”

Some didn’t like this type of insult, definitely unbecoming of a gentleman. Nevertheless, they still wondered if it was the truth. After all, there was some hint of logic there.

“If you have the ability to do so, open the boulder so we all can take a look.” A genius scowled out of jealousy.

Many thought that he didn’t deserve to earn the goddess’ grace. Now that an opportunity has arisen, they jumped on it in order to embarrass him in front of her.

“Not interested.” Li Qiye ignored the taunts.

“Just do it, it’s not a big deal. A man should be heroic and at least put a little effort into making the world a better place.” Shen Guzhan coldly uttered.

“Brother Guzhan, you’re making it difficult for him. He’s using the empty-fort strategy so don’t think he’s actually capable of opening this boulder.” Someone next to him joined in. [1]

“Stop embarrassing him now. It’s not very gentlemanly of you.” Another sneered.

Li Qiye still ignored them and stared at Tai Yinxi. The old man then bowed his head towards him and said: “Young Noble, please help.”

“Sir Yinxi, there are plenty of others in the world if he doesn’t want to help. He can’t do it anyway.” An older character told Yinxi.

Both the old and young here didn’t like Li Qiye.

“Well, the heroes of the world are gathered here and none can see through a single boulder. They’re pretty good at gossiping and throwing meaningless insults though. Just an idiotic, useless bunch.”

“You!” Many became irate at this comment. They were famous characters not used to such blatant disdain.

Supreme, Holyfrost, and a few others took it with a smile. There was nothing else they could do.

“You speak as if you know how to open it.” A genius said with contempt.

“It’s only a boulder, figuring it out is as easy as eating a meal. Only an idiot like you would fail and need to resort to running your mouth at me.” Li Qiye smiled.

“So haughty.” Many didn’t buy this so they glared angrily at him.

“Who do you think you are to speak in this manner?” A big shot said.

“Even Luminous Master couldn’t open it, what makes you think you can?” Shen Guzhan scowled.

“Because I’m stronger than you all, idiots.” Li Qiye smiled.

The crowd had enough of being called “idiots”. Some would have challenged Li Qiye if the goddess wasn’t there.

“Young Noble, please start?” Tai Yinxi focused on the important thing.

“Do it, show us that you’re more than just words.” Many clamored, eager to see him in action.

“There is no free lunch in this world. If I open it, the content inside is mine. Yes?” He simply told Tai Yinxi and ignored the rest.

“Well...” Tai Yinxi found this hard to accept.

“Commander, absolutely not.” Master Dajue stood up and spoke: “If my progenitor’s prophecy is true, we definitely can’t give it to him. The item might pertain to the fate of Immortal Lineage itself, handing it to this monster will have unimaginable consequences.”

“Fool.” Li Qiye glanced at the monk and said: “In one ear and out the other. Fine, I will give you a chance to fight. One move, that’s all I need to kill you.”

“Amitabha, Benefactor, I’m not aiming at you alone, I only care for everything else beneath the firmament.” The monk wasn’t afraid.

“Make your move.” Li Qiye had enough and got out of his seat.

The crowd watched with bated breath. They didn’t like Li Qiye but also recognized his power.

“Amitabha, then I will overestimate myself and try.” Master Dajue also stood up and chanted.

A golden bell covered with runes surrounded him entirely. It seemed to be blessed by the sacred Buddhas and holy monks.

A Buddhist radiance engulfed the area with its dao right away.

“Golden Bell Cage, an ultimate art of Heaven Calculating Kingdom.” A big shot said.

“It looks like Master Dajue has perfect mastery with it, it won’t be easy to break.” One ancestor added.

“Yes, I doubt he can do it with one move.” A genius sneered.

“Not even a twelve-palace emperor can do it in one move.” An Eternal felt the same way.

“Excuse me then, Benefactor.” Master Dajue knew that he had no chance but still didn’t relent. He formed a mudra with both hands.

“Raaa!” He roared like a furious lion.

The roar broke the stars above the pavilions. Next, his massive Buddhist seal created from the mudra exploded and turned into a golden dragon soaring straight at Li Qiye.

“Lion’s Roar and Draconic Buddha Seal!” A startled spectator shouted.

Everything became suppressed. Even someone as strong as Supreme True Emperor became serious.

Master Dajue used the three top techniques of his kingdom - Golden Bell Cage, Lion's Roar, and Draconic Buddha Seal.

"Boom!" Another majestic force aimed straight for Li Qiye. The monk looked like a furious warrior, ready to subdue evil.

Li Qiye didn't bat an eye. His body flashed once as he raised his hand towards the air before swinging downward, treating it as an ax.

"Boom!" The dragon got split into two halves; the seal broken.

The chopping move finally struck the golden bell and the latter instantly crumbled.

"Poof!" It then rendered the monk into a bloody mist scattering everywhere.

"Buzz." A ray shot out from the impact, wanting to escape. This was his true fate.

Unfortunately, Li Qiye moved with lightning speed and caught it in his hand.

"Such insignificant abilities, it's fine for you to dress up as a god and play the devil with other people, but to display your slight skill before me? Simply courting death." Li Qiye glanced at it before closing his palm.

"Ah!" The true fate got crushed into nothingness. The teacher of the state vanished into thin air just like that.

Everyone became shocked. So many gasped and turned pale.

Master Dajue was immensely powerful. Many big shots assumed the role of a junior before him. Now, Li Qiye took him down using a single move!

#### [Chapter 2986: Easy Crushing](#)

He rendered the crowd speechless and instilled fear upon them after staying true to his word - killing the monk in one move.

How many among them could actually do this? Maybe not even Tai Yinxi. The only other person was most likely Five Element Goddess.

Those who disrespected him earlier were more frightened than anyone else. They knew that they weren't close to being as strong as Master Dajue. Thus, the result was obvious if they had attacked him.

Xu Xiaojin sighed after seeing this. There was nothing she could do.

They were from the same branch and system. Moreover, Master Dajue had indeed inherited their progenitor's grand dao. She naturally didn't want a fellow sect member to die in this manner.

Unfortunately, he was courting death since Li Qiye had warned them before. Her senior brother was simply too stubborn.

She knew that everything was over once Li Qiye made up his mind. No one would be able to stop him; they would just be throwing their lives away as well.

“Monster!” The dao avatar of Metalkin War God interrupted the silence. Its eyes turned chilling with an explosion stemming from a hundred thousand suns. A terrible tsunami of energy rushed out of its eyes, assaulting Li Qiye.

Metalkin was one of the strongest emperors in contemporary times, also the most warlike!

The explosion of his grand dao intimidated the crowd. Just this dao avatar alone was impressive enough.

“You dare to kill here with wanton regards for the laws?! You are out of control!” He thunderously roared, resulting in numerous lightning flashes above.

He turned into a supreme arbiter, ready to deliver lightning bolts and judgment on any sinner.

“I am the law.” Li Qiye smiled in response, exhibiting a calmness contrasting Metalkin’s fury.

“Amitabha.” Brightking Buddha’s avatar placed its palms together and said: “Your penchant and love for murder do not benefit Immortal Lineage. Please drop your butcher blade and become a Buddha.”

“I am Buddha, so there’s no need to become one. As for you, nothing more than a fake monk with a kasaya on.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Such arrogance!” Metalkin War God became murderous: “Commander Yin, this ominous person will become a calamity! In my opinion, we cannot let him have this boulder! In fact, he should be punished!”

“Amitabha, I agree. This is for the sake of our world.” Brightking Buddha agreed.

These two wished to maneuver against Li Qiye while the crowd held their breath.

These were two influential youths right now - one emperor and the other an Everlasting. One call from them could garner a hundred answers.

If they wanted to kill someone, their target would have no place to go in Immortal Lineage.

“I’m afraid it’s not proper.” Tai Yinxi shook his head.

“You dare to run your mouth before me with mere avatars? Today, I will destroy them then your true form later. Make your move.” Li Qiye chuckled after listening.

Metalkin’s avatar was furious. He has been unstoppable in battle; numerous trembled just from hearing his title, let alone acting haughty in front of him.

“Benefactor, so ridiculous!” Brightking Buddha shouted.

A high monk like him wasn’t easily provoked but infuriating others was Li Qiye’s forte.

“Less blabbering.” Li Qiye said: “Let’s get started now.”

He reached forward in an attempt to suppress these two with his palm. Not many would attack Brightking Buddha and Metalkin War God without any hesitation like him.

“Boom!” The grand dao became void from his pressure.

The vastness of the world and the magicalness of the myriad laws suffered destruction with no place to hide.

“My Buddha is merciful!” Brightking Buddha chanted in response. He became resplendent and turned into a massive Buddha.

“Buzz.” An ocean of Buddhist affinity emerged before his chest, wishing to push up the incoming palm before drowning altogether.

At the same time, he formed a Buddhist seal of immobilization and sent it straight at his foe.

“Rumble!” This seal could suppress the gods and destroy the devils.

The crowd took a deep breath. Just his dao avatar alone was already so powerful. What about the actual person? Few here could actually match him.

“Clank!” Metalkin War God summoned his spear. It radiated with golden shimmers. Just one thrust could destroy a star.

“Die!” The dance of his spear tilted the sun and moon; the stars started to fall like the end of the world. One thrust could mercilessly massacre a million.

His title wasn’t just for show. The spear seemed to be the source of a heavenly fire. As it clanked back and forth, it released waves of fire towards him.

Finally, the spear itself came forward like a golden dragon swimming in the ocean, tearing everything apart with its claws.

Even the strongest emperors and True Gods would be pinned to the ground, dead.

“So strong!” Some spectators became amazed at the attacks from these two.

“No big deal.” Li Qiye didn’t care about the incoming blows.

“Boom!” The great palm exuded boundless light.

The world was within his grip. It exuded a matchless divinity, rendering all else into insignificant ants - can’t reach the apex.

“Not good!” The spectators shouted in horror once the power within the palm erupted.

“Boom!” The immobilization seal collapsed first then Brightking Buddha’s hands, inch by inch.

“Clank!” The soaring golden dragon disintegrated next. The golden spear broke to little pieces scattering to the wind.

“Rumble!” Brightking Buddha and Metalkin War God were horrified and wanted to run with haste.

Alas, there was no place to hide beneath the great palm regardless of how vast the world was.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The avatar of Brightking Buddha turned to golden particles, scattering away.

“Ah!” Metalkin War God used his imperial dao to fight back but it wasn’t enough to stop the palm. He crumbled and turned to particles as well.

These two avatars scattered to the wind in no time at all, leaving nothing behind.

Back in Sky Ruins, the actual Brightking Buddha and Metalkin War God became alarmed.

“Damn!” They vomited blood as a result, aware of what had happened despite being billions of miles away. Their expression turned ugly.

#### [Chapter 2987: No Free Lunch In This World](#)

The destruction of the two dao avatars struck the spectators like a tsunami, leaving them speechless.

The death of Master Dajue was shocking enough. Next came the two avatars. The crowd became drenched with cold sweat. Those who threw insults at him earlier felt their legs trembling.

He didn't mind antagonizing these two by destroying their dao avatar in the slightest. Remember, Metalkin War God had the divine court behind him in addition to his entire race. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that they obeyed all of his commands.

As for Brightking Buddha, he had Lankavatara Temple and numerous worshippers of Buddhism. Moreover, his personal power was nothing to sneeze at.

This meant that Li Qiye was challenging two great powers at the same time. However, he still looked so nonchalant as ever. Was this indicative of his true power?

Many stood there in a daze; some thought that they were very lucky for still being alive right now. If they had attacked earlier, they would be ashes just like the rest.

Supreme and Holyfrost True Emperor had nothing to say. His power actually exceeded their already high expectation.

“As domineering as can be...” One older character murmured.

The majority realized that “domineering” was indeed the right word to describe him. He didn't matter who his enemies were and could instantly murder after a quarrel.

“He called himself Fiercest, right? Looks like the right choice.” Another master carefully pondered and eventually said while shuddering with fear.

“Fiercest” seemed to be superior to “Billionaire Li” in every way.

“Anyone else got a brilliant opinion?” Li Qiye pulled back his hand.

Judging by his expression, it was as if he had only killed a fly or two - nothing worth mentioning.

The crowd exchanged glances. None of them could say anything right now.

Even those who were annoyed at Li Qiye didn't dare to voice their opinion. Brightking Buddha and Metalkin War God have been made examples.

“Haha, feel free to speak, I'm sure Sir is more than willing to listen and accept your suggestions.” The bull caused more chaos.

People here weren't idiots and didn't take it seriously.

“Okay then, I see that everyone is happy without any complaint.” Li Qiye smiled and nodded.

The only one unaffected was Rui Qingxuan. Even Tai Yinxi was shocked, aware that his full power wouldn't have been able to stop Li Qiye.

Prior to this, Tai Yinxi was being considerate after seeing the bull and the goddess' attitude towards him. He knew that Li Qiye should be extremely strong, the only way to earn the respect of these two. Nevertheless, he didn't have an exact idea until now.

The guy had left a deep impression on him even though he was a Supreme Everlasting.

In his opinion, Li Qiye was definitely on the same level as Luminous Master or considerably stronger.

Just imagine, an unknown youth appearing out of nowhere with so much strength... Tai Yinxi was justifiably startled.

“Okay, Commander, let's talk about this boulder now?” Li Qiye turned his attention towards Tai Yinxi.

“I'm all ears, Young Noble Li.” Tai Yinxi bowed again. This gesture came from the heart this time because Li Qiye was powerful. It had nothing to do with the goddess and the bull.

“It's very simple. I don't need this boulder and will help you open it. However, there is no free lunch in this world. I need something else from you.” Li Qiye smiled.

Of course, the crowd thought that nothing would be better if Li Qiye didn't want this boulder.

“May I ask what it is that you want? I will not refuse if it is within my capabilities.” Tai Yinxi responded right away.

“No rush, I'll let you know then. Just nod if you agree.” Li Qiye said.

“Well...” Tai Yinxi hesitated due to a lack of transparency.

What if he couldn't give Li Qiye what the guy wanted? For example, his life, Sky Pass, or demands like this.

He turned towards the goddess, hoping for guidance.

“Commander, if Young Noble Li truly wants something, I'm sure he doesn't need to negotiate with you since he can just take it. The fact that there is a conversation shows that he has no ill-will. This is his showing respect towards you.” She said.

Her comment woke him up. He realized that this was indeed the truth since he had no chance of opposing this unfathomable person.

“Well said, well said.” Li Qiye clapped while laughing: “So smart, I like you more and more.”

“Thank you, Dao Brother.” Qingxuan remained cool and elegant.

The geniuses no longer dared to say anything after seeing this type of flirting between these two. They could only let jealousy and envy churn inside while gritting their teeth.

“So? I'm losing my patience.” Li Qiye asked.



"If that's the case, then please open this boulder for the sake of the world. I am willing to hand over anything you want with both hands." Tai Yinxi took a deep breath and bowed. He was aware that this was the only course of action to take.

"You're not too stupid." Li Qiye chuckled.

"Thank you, Young Noble." Tai Yinxi shuddered, realizing that Li Qiye would have taken it by force if he were to refuse earlier.

### [Chapter 2988: As Easy As Pie](#)

Li Qiye stood up and said: "Very well, I will open it for you now."

He headed for the boulder under the skeptical gazes of the spectators.

"Can he actually do it? Luminous Master himself failed to." Someone still murmured despite witnessing his power.

All of them have tried before, including Supreme and Holyfrost. Brightking Buddha and Metalkin War God along with the mighty Luminous Master have tried as well.

However, Li Qiye made it sound so easy. Could he actually be better than Luminous Master?

They felt that this was impossible. In order to become a progenitor, Luminous Master and Orchid Sage had to train arduously and battled numerous foes.

Though Li Qiye had proven himself today, they still thought that there was a considerable gap between him and the two progenitors. Or at the very least, he didn't have enough time to grow and accumulate just yet.

That's why his strong claim didn't win the crowd over completely, including Tai Yinxi.

He wasn't so certain either, not because he was looking down on Li Qiye. He got a good look at the guy's power but had also seen the boulder in full detail.

He eventually came up with one conclusion - one must be at least at the immortal level of the progenitorial realm to open this boulder. Or, it might be even harder, requiring the person to be as brilliant as Gao Yang.

Only Hui Qingxuan and the bull remained calm. The bull had full confidence in Li Qiye's abilities. The same could be said for the goddess.

Under great scrutiny, Li Qiye placed his hand on the boulder and slowly closed his eyes. No more wasted movements happened as he became a statue.

"Just like that?" A spectator said. The guy wasn't using a supreme grand dao for derivations or a great treasure to experiment.

This looked unbelievably simple unlike the previous complicated attempts.

"It's a miracle if he can open it by doing this." A knowledgeable Everlasting from the last generation found this impossible.

“This is an invincible dao heart.” The goddess sighed and told the bull. She knew how to open this but lacked the mastery to do so. After seeing his first move, she was sure that he would be able to do it without any difficulty.

Time passed by and Li Qiye remained in the same pose. Everyone has been watching with great anticipation but some started losing their patience.

“Is this really happening? It makes no sense that he can open the boulder by just doing this.” Someone finally whispered.

“I agree, hmph. He’s just putting up an act.” A genius annoyed with Li Qiye said. He was happy to see zero reaction from the boulder. Nevertheless, he kept his voice down as low as possible out of fear.

“If he can open it by doing this, I’ll eat the whole boulder.” Another genius whispered with disdain.

“Clank! Crack! Crack!” Unfortunately, the moment he finished speaking, the runes on the boulder lit up. Individual sections began moving into a different shape.

Finally, the runes cracked open and the boulder blossomed like a lotus flower. However, it wasn’t a stamen in the middle but a wooden chest.

It had an ancient appearance and an old smell, seemingly existing for countless years. Nevertheless, it still looked quite new despite being beaten by time.

“He, he did it!” One expert shouted.

Everyone stood up and stretched out their neck for a better look. Emotions overwhelmed many of them.

The guy didn’t need to use any special method and still opened the boulder.

“A miracle really happened... Luminous Master and Sir Yinxi couldn’t do it but Fiercest did...” An old Eternal commented.

Those who disliked Li Qiye had nothing to say because reality was unfolding before them. It didn’t matter what he had in his bag of tricks, he still opened it, unlike the rest.

“So heaven-defying, I don’t get it at all.” Many big shots had no idea what was going on.

Those who were capable enough to understand remained silent.

“As easy as pie.” Li Qiye said.

No one dared to utter a word since he had just proved them wrong.

Those who insulted him before felt their face turning hot as if they had been slapped.

“I heard someone talking about eating this boulder. I wonder if your teeth are sharp enough.” Li Qiye gazed at the crowd.

The young geniuses turned red from embarrassment, no longer daring to speak. They lowered their head as much as humanly possible.

[Chapter 2989: What’s In The Chest?](#)

Li Qiye took out the wooden chest from the boulder.

Everyone could see and feel its immense weight, overwhelmed with curiosity about the content inside.

Tai Yinxi was ecstatic. They tried their best to no avail but Li Qiye had done it now.

“So what’s inside?” Everyone wanted to know and began to speculate.

“Maybe a supreme artifact left behind by a great progenitor for our world?” One expert said.

“I don’t think it’s that simple. This thing flew out of Uncrossable Expanse with the meteor, this should be premeditated. Maybe it’s not just one progenitor but multiple for the sake of protecting their descendants from a future calamity.” Another Eternal replied.

Many agreed with this statement and nodded. “Yes, the progenitors have foreseen such a day and left this chest for us.”

For millions of years, many progenitors chose to enter that expanse. Perhaps they have met each other there.

They predicted that something might happen in the future and prepared this chest to leave with the meteor in order to aid their descendants back in Three Immortals.

However, Li Qiye didn’t open it. He tapped on it and said: “There’s only one power here capable of holding this chest, Five Element Mountain.”

Everyone quickly stared at Five Element Goddess after hearing this.

They didn’t care about his intention, whether it be to curry favor with the goddess or to please Five Element Mountain, because he was speaking the truth.

If it pertained to the prosperity of Immortal Lineage or would be useful during an incoming calamity, Five Element Mountain would be the most qualified system to keep it.

“You’re right, Young Noble Li. Five Element Mountain should protect this wooden chest.”

Tai Yinxi had no idea what was inside but he still agreed to hand it over to Five Element Mountain.

First, he was an outer disciple from this system. Second, he had no selfish wish in this matter either, only wanting to carry out his responsibilities.

After all, his Sky Pass would be the first to face any calamity from outside. He really wanted to protect this world.

Therefore, if such a day did come, Five Element Mountain was the most suitable system to take over and command everyone else. Thus, he gave the chest to its successor, Hui Qingxuan.

No one had any objection, thinking that she was indeed qualified to keep it.

Plus, this chest was found by him so to a certain extent, it was his. He could do whatever he wanted with it.

Hui Qingxuan was unaffected by the spotlight and pressure. She elegantly said: "Thank you, Sir Commander, and everyone else for regarding our system so highly. In my opinion, the content of this chest is very important and will be useful later on. Sir Yinxi protects Sky Pass and Immortal Lineage itself. This is the frontline so anything that can assist in this regard should stay here under the protection of Sky Pass, to be used by the legion here. It was created for this purpose and should be used for this purpose."

Her comment was appropriate to the occasion and thorough, impressing the crowd as a result.

It didn't matter what was inside. Just the fact that it flew back from Uncrossable Expanse meant that it should be immensely precious.

Anyone else would never miss the chance to seize this treasure yet she refused. Everyone became moved by her vision and selflessness.

Li Qiye, on the other hand, only smiled. Holding that treasure was the same as shouldering the responsibility of protecting the world - a heavy burden for any system.

"Since you have put it that way, I have no choice but to accept it." Tai Yinxi pondered for a moment before accepting it from Li Qiye's hands.

He thought she was right that the treasure would be the most useful here. After all, if Sky Pass were to fall, the entire world would be affected.

The guests didn't have any objection either. Even if some did, the current situation stopped them from vocalizing it.

"Thank you for traveling so far to join us here today. The prosperity of Immortal Lineage relies on our solidarity..." Tai Yinxi put the treasure away and began thanking the guests who cupped their fist in response.

The feast was over since the mystery of the boulder had been figured out. People began to leave.

Some decided to stay at Sky Pass for a bit while others returned to their system.

In the end, only Li Qiye's group and Five Element Goddess were left.

"Thank you for opening this boulder for the sake of justice, Young Noble." Tai Yinxi thanked Li Qiye again, displaying great reverence.

"No need to thank me, I didn't do it for justice." Li Qiye smiled: "It is time for you to carry out your end of the bargain."

"Please let me know what you desire." Tai Yinxi smiled wryly and bowed again.

It wasn't easy for someone of his status to act so humbly. This was indicative of his sincerity.

"It's not much, just your tiger tally." Li Qiye smiled.

"You want Sky Pass Legion's tiger tally?" Tai Yinxi's expression changed as he took one step backward.

"Yep, that's the one." Li Qiye smiled again.

“Well...” Tai Yinxi rubbed his palms together, not sure how to answer.

“You don’t want to?” Li Qiye asked.

“Young Noble, the truth is that it is not up to me. This tiger tally has grave importance, not only pertaining to the legion but it is the key to Sky Pass itself.” Tai Yinxi smiled awkwardly.

This tiger tally wasn’t only a symbol of command for the legion. It has been around since the ancient ages and acted as the key to Sky Pass. It could open the defensive barriers and control the powers here.

Thus, even if one had control over the legion and didn’t have this tiger tally, they didn’t really have full sovereignty in this place.

That’s why it was difficult for Tai Yinxi to hand over such a key item to Li Qiye. It was the same as handing him all of Sky Pass.

“I know, I don’t want your Legion or take over Sky Pass. I’m only borrowing it for a bit and will return it to you.” Li Qiye said.

“Hmm...” Too much was at stake for Tai Yinxi to make a fast decision.

“Sir Yinxi, you are still underestimating Young Noble Li.” Hui Qingxuan shook her head and said: “It’s not up to you if he really wants it. As I said before, the entire transaction is only an act of respect.”

#### [Chapter 2990: Tiger Tally](#)

She paused for a bit before continuing: “Sir Yinxi, you can’t actually think that the young noble wants your legion and Sky Pass? Given his power, the entire legion wouldn’t be able to stop his step. In my opinion, even the mighty Sky Pass can’t either. If he has any treacherous intent, he wouldn’t need the tiger tally since he’s unbeatable in the first place. Thus, this has to be coming from a place of good.”

She seemed to be supporting Li Qiye entirely.

‘This girl is amazing, no wonder why she’s the top spot in Five Element. Young yet got a killer vision.’ The bull thought.

The bull could see through Li Qiye because it had lived too long and met countless invincible beings and brilliant geniuses. This gave it an amazing pair of eyes.

On the other hand, Hui Qingxuan was still so young yet knowledgeable, far exceeding her peers or even a senior like Tai Yinxi.

This had a lot to do with her background. She has met plenty of invincible masters there, allowing her to have outstanding insight.

“Well...” Tai Yinxi became startled. He knew that Hui Qingxuan was definitely stronger than him.

She respected very few people to this level. Even the two progenitors were only viewed as equals in her mind.

There must be a reason why she viewed Li Qiye with such high regard.

Just think about it, Five Element Mountain was as strong as can be. Tai Yinxi knew this much.

Its successor, Hui Qingxuan, must have seen numerous masters. This only made Li Qiye seem more impressive.

“Sir Yinxi, if you are still worrying, Five Element Mountain will act as a guarantor?” Qingxuan said elegantly and as beautiful as always despite her appearance being hidden.

Doubts should be dispelled now that Five Element mountain was brought to the mix.

“Goddess, that’s too much. I’ll just listen then.” Tai Yinxi didn’t dare to escalate the issue and bowed towards Hui Qingxuan.

He then hurried away to get the tiger tally. He naturally couldn’t carry such an important item around all the time.

“Not bad at all, that’s a lady from Five Element Mountain for you.” Li Qiye smiled and gave her a thumbs-up.

“Far inferior compared to you, Dao Brother.” Qingxuan smiled, looking far more lighthearted than earlier.

“It’s not easy for you to come outside, and out of appreciation for your likeability and thoughtfulness, you may take this back. No need to worry about it anymore.” Li Qiye smiled and took out one half of a jade pendant.

He got it from an old man as a promise token back in a pavilion while avoiding the rain. Even a fool could tell that this pendant was special.

Jing’er who was standing behind Qingxuan had her eyes opening wide. She was more nervous than anyone while staring at the pendant, afraid that Li Qiye might suddenly change his mind.

She felt the urge to grab it away from him right away. After all, it pertained to her lady’s happiness.

Contrastly, Hui Qingxuan stared calmly at the pendant then back at Li Qiye. Such nobility and elegance were naturally attractive.

“Dao Brother, you wish to decline the engagement?” She smiled and spoke softly. Such tenderness coming from a woman of her status would make others overwhelmed with joy.

“Not quite.” Li Qiye shook his head: “The old men in your clan only wish to trap me. If you were an arrogant brat, I would have teased you for a bit but this isn’t the case so there’s no point. Take the pendant and be freed from this.”

“But what if I don’t mind?” She asked. One would regret forever giving up a woman like her.

“Nothing can be better then!” The bull clapped its front hooves together and said: “You two are a match made in heaven and cast by the will of the earth. No other pair is better, it’s a travesty if you don’t get together.”

The bull actually wanted to push these two into marriage and a wedding night as fast as possible. It could already imagine the fat and cute baby resulting from this marriage.

“My bones are going to meld if you keep this up.” Li Qiye ignored the bull and told her.

"I would be ecstatic if I was truly that irresistible. Your dao heart isn't something I can move, akin to a mayfly trying to push down a tree - completely overestimating myself." She shook her head in response.

"Are you sure you don't want it back?" Li Qiye smiled and glanced at the pendant.

"If you wish to return it, give it back to the person who gave it to you in the first place." She responded: "I'm sure our ancestor is reasonable enough to not make it harder than it should be."

"Lady..." Jing'er became anxious since her lady didn't want to get the pendant back.

Alas, she didn't say anything else, aware of her lady's wish.

"Alright, Five Element Mountain is a good place anyway. I'll come visit when I have time." Li Qiye smiled and put away the pendant.

"I'll be waiting and will show you our best hospitality." Qingxuan's eyes seemed gentle as she said this.

"Very well." Li Qiye nodded.

"Good, good." The bull laughed after seeing Li Qiye keeping the pendant. It was more nervous than the two involved parties. It patted its chest and laughed: "I'll be waiting for the ceremony."

The two naturally ignored the bull again.

A while later, Tai Yinxi returned with a box. He carefully presented it in front of Li Qiye with both hands. Inside was a tiger tally from an unknown era.

"This is the tiger tally of Sky Pass, please take care of it, Young Noble. And please, forgive me for being knowledgeable and unable to see your depth." Tai Yinxi respectfully said.

"You're already quite smart. There's a reason why Five Element Mountain recruited you." Li Qiye took a look at the tiger tally and praised the guy.

Li Qiye then took out a blueprint and added: "Sky Pass isn't unbreakable like it is in your imagination. It was built long ago and some openings have formed. Ordinary people can't notice them but for the true masters, they will be able to traverse through this place freely by taking advantage of these openings."

Tai Yinxi hurriedly accepted the blueprint for a look, aghast. His face turned pale because these openings have been listed carefully. Each was the same as opening the gate of Sky Pass.

Ordinary masters might know about them but still couldn't do anything. Only the lords could take advantage of this.

"Thank you, Young Noble, for working to help protect Immortal Lineage." Tai Yinxi bowed deeply.