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[Chapter 2991: Peerless Hui Qingxuan](#)

“You’re overthinking it, this has nothing to do with protecting Immortal Lineage. I am only a passerby and became interested in Sky Pass so I took a look, noticing these flaws in the process.” Li Qiye replied.

Tai Yinxi shuddered inside. He has been the commander of Sky Pass for some time now and knew the place like the palm of his hand. However, he didn’t notice them at all.

This so-called “passerby” who only got here recently took note of this so fast? Truly terrifying.

He knew just how strong Sky Pass was - more than enough to repel mighty progenitors once activated.

Its origin remained unknown; its true characters were shrouded in mysteries. Brilliant progenitors couldn’t necessarily understand the wall in its entirety.

He knew that this was beyond his grasp despite trying to learn for a lifetime. Worst of all, Li Qiye didn’t only spot the flaws but also offered various solutions.

No one in the contemporary could do this right now, not him or even Luminous Master.

Cold sweat began to form as he thought about the previous conversation. Hui Qingxuan was right.

If Li Qiye had an ulterior motive, his legion with the help of Sky Pass wouldn’t be able to stop him. He could destroy the entire thing.

Therefore, borrowing the tiger tally must come with good intentions. Otherwise, destruction would have been the faster path.

Li Qiye went through the effort to borrow this tiger tally was a token of respect and goodwill. He didn’t wish to damage this place.

“You are a god among men.” Tai Yinxi said with reverence: “I was too foolish to see this. It is my fortune to be enlightened...”

Li Qiye accepted the gesture and said: “Carefully mend them because time won’t wait for you. It’s coming.”

“The calamity is coming...” Tai Yinxi murmured.

He had mentally prepared himself for this possibility. Alas, he still held on to a sliver of hope that what happened before was only a coincidence.

“Yes, and no one can escape the inevitable.” Li Qiye added.

“A natural disaster...” His heart became heavy since Sky Pass would be the first to take the hit. [1]

“No, it’s no natural disaster. Three Immortals is one of the safest places in existence. The villainous heaven can’t send down a natural disaster that easily. This is a crisis stemming from men.”

“From men? Young Noble, do you mean old friends are returning?!” His expression changed as he instinctively looked towards Uncrossable Expanse.

A Supreme Everlasting like him was on the same level as a progenitor at the myriad or even the imperial level.

His power gave him more knowledge and vision compared to weaker cultivators. Thus, he understood the implication and started thinking about a few legends.

“Old friends, huh? I don’t think anyone will be calling them old friends at that point.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Right.” Hui Qingxuan chimed in: “Sky Pass will be the first to take the hit. It is the most important yet perilous location, you know this more than anyone, Commander Yinxi. So please, grasp this opportunity to fix the flaws and prepare for the worst.”

Tai Yinxi took a look at the blueprint again before smiling wryly: “Goddess, I’m afraid it won’t be easy. Sky Pass is majestic beyond anything else in the world. These flaws seem tiny but fixing each of them requires an insane amount of resources and manpower. Divine metals, immortal stones, and so many refining experts. Even our legion would need a long time to take care of them...”

Remember, the wall spanned for billions and billions of miles. Just one flaw required an immense amount of effort to fix.

“The guests from Uncrossable Expanse will start with Sky Pass. If Sky Pass were to go down, Immortal Lineage would be exposed to the tigers and lions, peace will no longer be possible. Everyone is responsible for this, not just Sky Pass. All dao systems and cultivators will need to shoulder this burden.” Qingxuan said.

“What you’re saying makes sense but I’m afraid implementation will be difficult.” He put on a forced smile.

In fact, everyone understood that the moment Sky Pass went down, Immortal Lineage would be exposed completely.

However, how many systems and masters would want to contribute their own resources to the cause? Selfishness was a part of human nature.

“Five Element Mountain will handle one-third. Everyone else will contribute the rest, is this possible?” She said.

Tai Yinxi was shaken to hear this. One-third of this ridiculous number was enough to start another system, or even more.

However, she gave this promise without any hesitation - quite a heroic and domineering showing.

Immortal Lineage was massive yet Five Element Mountain was ready to contribute one-third. What could the rest refuse?

“Yin Taixi thank you and your system on behalf of the entire world.” Yin Taixi got on his knees.

Her promise would make this far easier. Any unwilling system would no longer have an excuse to not bear this responsibility.

Moreover, it meant that Five Element Mountain itself was spearheading this monumental project. The system was far more influential than Tai Yinxi alone and success was only a matter of time.

“Do it as soon as possible so we can have peace of mind.” Qingxuan said: “They won’t wait for us so if we aren’t prepared on that day, everything will turn to smoke.”

“I understand, I will take on the responsibility of fixing the flaws as soon as possible! I will also fight to the death, here, in Sky Pass!” Tai Yinxi sonorously responded.

As a member of Five Element Mountain himself, this wasn’t an empty promise to its successor.

“Sir Yinxi, I’m confident in your abilities.” The goddess responded.

“Okay, I am done here. Time for me to go.” Li Qiye stood up and stretched.

“I hope to see you again, Dao Brother.” She bid farewell as he was leaving.

“I’m sure we’ll meet again soon enough.” Li Qiye smiled and left the commander’s mansion.

Tai Yinxi went with them all the way to the gate before stopping.

“Dao Brother.” Someone came up to the group. It seemed that she has been waiting outside for a while now. It was none other than Holyfrost True Emperor.

This prestigious twelve-palace emperor was willing to wait outside for Li Qiye regardless of how long it took. She bowed her head after seeing him.

“Dao Brother, the elders of Sacred Institution wish to pay you a formal visit.” She got straight to the point.

“Haha, the old geezers there are finally reacting? They see some values and are running around as if their butt was on fire.” The bull laughed and said with a hint of disdain.

She smiled wryly after hearing this. Of course, this was indeed the case. The elders back there wanted to entice Li Qiye.

After all, he was a disciple from their system. How could they let go of such a brilliant cultivator?

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“No need for this type of formality. We’ll meet again if fate permits.” Li Qiye smiled at the emperor.

“Haha, no chance after the opportunity is gone.” The bull laughed and poured cold water on the academy: “The brat from Repentance Institution has a better vision compared to the old geezers.”

It was naturally referring to Du Wenrui.

Holyfrost True Emperor took a deep breath and said: “I will let them know, Dao Brother. The gate of Academy of Light is always open for you, ready to welcome you back.”

She knew that he was powerful beyond imagination and didn’t need to rely on their system. The ancestors had nothing going for them to recruit him outside of his previous status as a student of Repentance. He didn’t need to give them any face.

“Sure, I am still a student of Repentance.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I understand.” The emperor nodded and said: “Repentance is one of our five great academies. Its future will be boundless with numerous geniuses that it can rely on.”

Her words carried a lot of weight due to her current cultivation. She bowed towards Li Qiye then the bull before leaving.

“The girl is very smart.” The bull laughed: “Unfortunately, there are four other academies and her influence is limited to Northern Academy. She doesn’t have full authority or this system could take the next step and herald another golden age.”

It had a high evaluation of her. Well, she certainly had the wisdom and abilities to earn these praises.

Unfortunately, her system was too large. If she wanted full sovereignty, she must convince the other elders to give it to her. This was extremely difficult.

Nevertheless, she still made a promise to Li Qiye just now since he had some ties with Repentance. In the future, she would take care of it, more or less, especially with regards to resources and talent recruitment.

After all, the academy needed to do this much in order to curry favor from him. She didn’t have the authority to make this promise currently but this didn’t stop her from being decisive.

“Academy of Light has plenty of talents.” Li Qiye said: “Unfortunately, it’s just too big. That’s one problem.”

“Haha, it’s just more headache for the old demon, his future won’t be fun at all.” The bull heartily laughed and gloated as if it could see the old demon struggling already.

“You guys go back, I have something else to do.” Li Qiye smiled then commanded. He left without waiting for them to respond.

“Okay, we’re going.” The bull didn’t pry any further and told the other members.

Li Qiye traveled to the end of Sky Pass. Of course, this wasn’t easy for regular cultivators due to the massive length of the wall.

Furthermore, a power existed at this edge - the closer, the stronger the repelling force.

He still made it there all the same and looked forward. This particular wall base was connected to the sky with white clouds flying by.

This was also the depth of the wildlands, virtually uninhabited by anyone, not even by those who were escaping their enemies.

Wild grass and weed have taken over this sad place. Not even a bird or fish could be seen.

The base was made from large, coarse boulders. Upon closer inspection, one would see everlasting divinity in each one in the form of faint shimmers.

They have been assaulted with the rain and wind through numerous years, turning brown as a result.

One would get the feeling that these boulders were as old as the wildland itself, existing since the formation of this area.

Of course, no one knew who created this portion of the wall during the olden days. This remained a mystery.

“Many short steps accumulate into a thousand miles.” Li Qiye became slightly emotional: “The world doesn’t know the pain of their ancestors. Above the nine firmaments are the blood of many wise sages. They fell on unknown battlefields just to protect their descendants.”

These ancestors have tried their very best. Sky Pass was the best example of this. Unfortunately, their efforts went unnoticed.

Li Qiye took out the tiger tally of Sky Pass. Ordinary people would only think that this was a badge of authority for the legion, capable of mobilizing forces.

In fact, they simply didn’t know that it wasn’t made by Tai Yinxi. The thing was ancient and passed down for many eras.

Tai Yinxi has been in charge for a long time yet still had no idea about its origin. He knew that one couldn’t be considered the master of Sky Pass by just having control over the legion or forcefully taking over the region.

The tiger tally was absolutely crucial since that’s the only way to activate the defensive barriers of Sky Pass and use all of its powers against the enemies.

Because of this, he speculated that the tiger tally was created during the formation of the wall. It should also serve as a key into the origin of Sky Pass - the source of its power.

Of course, he didn’t know how to use this key to reach the mystery of Sky Pass, unlike Li Qiye who could reach that far.

The latter had experimented before and found that without this tiger tally, a massive power in Sky Pass would try to repel him.

He could naturally force his way through but it would end with massive destruction. A large part of the wall would crumble as a result.

He had no intention of damaging this defensive line of Immortal Lineage so he needed to borrow the tiger tally. With this, he could enter the source of its power without facing any backlash.

“It’s exquisite and profound.” Li Qiye held the tiger tally and smiled.

A dao flame began to jump in his palm before turning into magical runes. They transformed and derived wondrous grand dao.

Visual phenomena took form. One could faintly hear the sound of stones being moving and breaking. It took them back to an ancient era with the ancestors splitting the earth open and carving the boulders in order to form Sky Pass.

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“Clank!” The tiny tiger tally suddenly changed into a shiny golden brick.

Most cultivators would mistake it for the gold currency used in the mortal realm. However, a meticulous spectator would see minuscule runes engraved on the brick, seemingly part of it since the start.

Li Qiye smiled and placed it into a gap on the wall.

Though this wall was high enough to reach the sky, it was still made of numerous rocks and boulders. Thus, it had plenty of gaps, more than enough to place this brick inside.

“Buzz.” The gap exuded strands of golden light, akin to the opening of a treasure grove. People couldn’t help wanting to crawl inside for a better look.

A heatwave also rushed out as if there was a cauldron inside intending on melding the golden brick.

However, the brick wasn’t the only thing being melted; so did the rocks nearby. The brighter the light, the higher the temperature. The rocks around this gap couldn’t handle the heat.

They glowed pink then eventually red like molten metal. Next came the liquefaction process. The rocks became liquid but didn’t flow downward, still maintaining their original shape.

Finally, the process was finished and the melted rocks slowly took the form of an arched gate.

One could still see the lava in the center as if through the gate was a world of lava. Entering would end up with the person being drowned and burnt to ashes.

Li Qiye smiled and walked into the gate. “Buzz.” Sure enough, the lava drowned him entirely.

Strangely enough, the lava gate cooled down at an unbelievable pace. The rocks then returned to their original shape. The gate was no longer there.

If one didn’t witness this transformation process, they would never know about the gate’s existence.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye on the other side wasn’t burnt to ashes. On the contrary, he felt quite refreshed.

The moment he walked out of the lava, he saw a massive continent capable of shouldering three thousand worlds and countless galaxies.

One could still feel the immensity of the land despite standing on top - enough to shoulder all powers and weight.

Alas, the place seemed to be a barren land devoid of any vegetation. It had a dark red hue, seemingly scorched to nothingness.

The surface still had a high temperature almost like a street being assaulted by the sun for a long time. Walking barefoot would lead to injuries.

Li Qiye chuckled and continued slowly, attempting to feel the power of this land.

This was a pure power brimming with righteousness. It belonged to the affinity but didn’t possess its impetuous temperament. On the contrary, it felt quite gentle.

The ground beneath him actually moved. A few things started climbing up his feet.

Shock would be the first reaction after looking down. There were thousands of worms trying to climb up. The faster his movement, the more squirming and wiggling worms could be found.

It turned out that the entire place was covered with these creatures looking like millipedes. They were around the size of a thumb.

This continent spanned for billions of miles yet these strange creatures covered every inch of the land.

This was a world of millipedes. A coward stuck in this place would cower on the ground in fear.

“Quite substantial.” Li Qiye wasn’t afraid at all and was actually enjoying this, evident by a pleasurable moan due to the sensation beneath.

The layer of millipedes was actually quite deep - most likely hundreds of feet. Or maybe, this entire continent was made up of these creatures.

One made it to Li Qiye’s palm now. He chuckled and took a closer look.

It didn’t have flesh and blood and despite its grotesque appearance, it was made of flame.

These creatures and their tentacles consisted of tiny fire runes. This applied for every single one found here. They seemed to be living as independent entities.

This mystical phenomenon broke the conventional characters of flames.

“Squirm.” Li Qiye placed this flame on top of his shoulder.

The thing wiggled around playfully. Meanwhile, its brethren beneath also felt something and hastened their ascension.

“Squirm” was the name of these flames - a type rarely seen in any other place. Only here would there be so many of them.

No one would think that this was a special type of flame after hearing “squirm” at first. However, they had another name - Runic Flame of Life. Of course, very few knew of this name.

Squirm was accurate because these things crawled around like little worms. As for the other title, it clearly indicated the special and peerlessness of this flame.

Sky Pass was built on the wildland and lasted so long due to many factors. For example, old and precious metals and stones on top of blessings from numerous powerful masters.

But these weren’t the most important things. The reason why it had such a powerful defensive property was due to the source of its power - these “Squirms”. This factor allowed them to withstand attacks from progenitors.

Inside this source were numerous flames of life gathering together. This resulted in an unbelievable level of power, allowing Sky Pass to last for so long.

[Chapter 2994: Refinement](#)

These runic flames were as far as the eye can see. Perhaps this species originated from this place alone. Their squirming and wiggling were truly creepy, especially those right beneath one's feet. Who knows how long this thick layer extended down below?

The sensation of standing on a million worms could be too much to take for the weak-hearted. Overwhelming nausea and trembling would take over.

However, after getting used to their presence, people would feel especially comfortable.

This flame species was extremely rare and to a certain extent, also very domineering.

Alas, they didn't give off a hot temperature in the slightest. It felt as if people were walking on a nice, sandy beach instead.

The soft and refreshing sensation made a stroll very comfortable. These flames seemed so tangible, unlike other fire species. A soft elasticity would bounce each step back.

Li Qiye enjoyed this feeling the whole way. He seemed to become one with this "dead" land. It didn't take long before these runes covered him from top to bottom.

This special type of flame was actually alive. They could sense animosity and distaste, staying far away as a result.

However, when someone actually liked them, they would also become very familiar and stick to that person. Li Qiye was a good example of this.

Of course, they didn't linger on him forever and came in waves instead. They would climb up the front then go down on his back. From the distance, it would look like red mud was flowing around him.

Say, if this land was a river, then Li Qiye was an immovable rock at the bottom - taking in the currents for ages.

From a near perspective, it would look like worms were crawling around him. This was enough to make one's hair stand on ends.

In this process, Li Qiye didn't hate the flames and vice versa. They didn't consider him an outsider or an invader.

This process was harmony incarnated, fusing to be one grand dao.

He walked for a long time before reaching his destination - a massive mountain with flames crawling down.

After reaching the top, he found that it resembled a volcano. The flames gushed out of the mouth like lava - enough to drown out the entire world.

Naturally, the sight of worms crawling out of what seems to be their nest was awfully creepy. It also made people curious about the actual size of this volcano. How many "eggs" were down there? Perhaps the nest consisted of everything underground, hence the endless number of Squirms.

"This is the power source of Sky Pass. The runic flames empower the wall for many eras now." Li Qiye said with a smile while standing at the top.

There was a reason why the ancestors of Immortal Lineage chose the wildland as the base for Sky Pass. The flame source here allowed for Sky Pass to stay the same across history.

Li Qiye sat down and released an item into the hole.

It flashed brightly as if something inside wanted to break out. The moment it fell down, numerous flames rushed upward.

It became covered with numerous layers of Squirms. This process showed no sign of stopping. It became larger and larger in the shape of a fireball.

“Buzz.” One could hear a burning noise. Perhaps it was melting away.

The actual content was being exposed and came the sound of gales and thunder along with a terrifying divinity.

This divinity actually came from the high heaven itself, capable of murdering the gods and emperors.

Li Qiye was satisfied with this aura since it was exactly what he wanted.

“Time to create a suitable weapon.” He smiled while watching the unraveling process.

This thing had a frightening origin and Li Qiye hasn’t refined it until now.

It was taken from the Jilin Clan, a black boulder that fell back down after the expedition of Nightfall Immortal Monarch.

Later on, the experts from the Jilin had no idea what it was. They researched it for a long time to no avail. However, they still knew that it would be very useful.

Eventually, Li Qiye took it away from the clan. He used a supreme technique to burn away the rocky layer of this thing to reveal its true form, still shrouded by a blinding radiance.

Unfortunately, to craft this thing required immense efforts and certain conditions.

Li Qiye came to this place in order to borrow the boundless runic flame of life to craft an ultimate weapon.

It was time for him to go so he needed a powerful and durable weapon - one that exceeds all else. This was no small feat but Li Qiye had complete confidence.

The melting process was near completion so Li Qiye took out his Myriad Cauldron.

“Poof!” He activated it and placed the thing inside.

Something miraculous occurred. The runic flames also crawled into the cauldron and turned into a regular fire in order to refine this thing.

A million volcanoes seemingly exploded at once inside as more and more Squirms made their way inside to strengthen the cauldron’s fire.

[Chapter 2995: Things From Uncrossable Expanse](#)

Sky Pass was peaceful while Li Qiye was inside its source to refine his weapon. Many big shots were still lingering around, such as Supreme and Holyfrost True Emperor.

Unfortunately, this peace was short-lived.

“Look, over there, what the hell is that?” An astonished person pointed towards Uncrossable Expanse.

The crowd nearby became alarmed and followed the direction of his finger.

In the beginning, many didn't see clearly at all. Some didn't notice a thing.

“There's nothing, what are you shouting for?” One complained.

“Look carefully, it's flying out of Uncrossable Expanse. Don't you see the black dot?” The one issuing the warning pointed again.

Many activated their heavenly gaze and finally saw it - a plank that has been cut into two halves. Only one side was floating towards Immortal Lineage; the other side seemed to be gone.

“It's only a plank, why act so shocked?” A few people didn't think about the implication.

However, one big shot nearby immediately said: “Only a plank? How many things have left Uncrossable Expanse outside of that meteor before?”

This reminder woke everyone up. They started glancing at each other in confusion.

The guy was right, nothing has ever come out of the expanse outside of the previous expanse. This seemed to be a special occurrence. The nervousness from the previous ominous event still remained.

So many powerful beings have entered in history, only to disappear and never to be seen again. No person or item ever came out of this place.

Common sense from experience eventually dictated that nothing would come out from Uncrossable Expanse. However, the meteor that nearly smashed into Sky Pass broke this belief.

Right now, the broken plank also instilled the same fear.

“Something else will happen?” One Eternal said with a heavy heart because of this ominous sign.

“Look, another thing is floating out!” Another person shouted.

Sure enough, the crowd saw more debris flying out from the expanse - broken planks and random pieces of metals...

No one could tell what they were right away due to the damage suffered and the archaic styles...

However, after a long while, some still came up with different conclusions.

“This, this looks like a shipwreck...” A half-step Everlasting claimed with uncertainty.

“A wreck?” People exchanged glances.

“Hmm, many emperors and progenitors used ships to go there, right?” Someone quietly said.

Everyone's expression sank after hearing this. Remember, so many powerful beings have entered; their fate unknown.

Now, the debris from a potential wreck was floating out of Uncrossable Expanse. This certainly made minds wander.

"Maybe it's a ship from one of them?" Another said.

This filled the crowd with dread even more. In history, these powerful beings rarely traveled alone into the expanse.

Even some progenitors came with groups - not with their legions but their most powerful generals or other emperors and Everlastings.

In short, these expedition groups were extremely powerful, certainly strong enough to sweep through Immortal Lineage.

If the speculation was true, then what happened to these powerful masters? Where were they right now?

"Don't be so shocked." One crowd member said: "A ship will eventually break after being overused. And, it's just a ship. They can't use one ship forever."

"Right, maybe they made it to shore and abandoned these ships. They floated out of Uncrossable Expanse by themselves, broken." A different expert added.

This deduction made sense as well. However, it seemed optimistic as if they were trying to make themselves feel better.

Alas, more and more people became unrest and filled with doubts.

"Look, more!" A shouter attracted the attention of the crowd.

Numerous pieces were flying out now. They were large enough for the spectators to tell what they were - the keel or a side of a ship.

"There, a complete one!" A smaller-sized boat finally came out, seemingly torn asunder by a powerful force, evident by the uneven rifts and broken spots.

More and more debris continued to leave Uncrossable Expanse. Meanwhile, the crowd held their breath; their mind overwhelmed with darkness.

These broken pieces didn't flow down to Sky Pass. They were heading for Sky Ruins.

All the big shots in Sky Pass have noticed this event, including Supreme True Emperor and the young geniuses.

Commander Tai Yinxi received news and climbed up the observatory for a better look. His expression became serious.

"All units, return to your position. Recall the members on holiday." Tai Yinxi immediately sent an official order.

“So what the hell is going on?” Everyone in Sky Pass became tense by this development.

As time passed, the bigger ships could be seen now. Some had the same outlines as the past.

“That one over there... it looks like it is from Eight Treasure System.” An Eternal quietly said.

This ship was large enough to accommodate hundreds of people. Alas, only one-half of it remained as if someone had severed it.

“What makes you say that?” One spectator didn’t notice anything.

“Look closer at the railing, there’s an insignia that looks like the one from Eight Treasure.” The Eternal elaborated.

There was indeed a faint insignia carved there but since so much time had passed, they couldn’t really confirm.

“In the past, Eight Treasure had an amazing Everlasting reaching the Fardao level. He led a group of masters into the expanse.” A cultivator versed in history said.

[Chapter 2996: Ghost Ships](#)

The ships and broken pieces definitely belonged to the top masters who have entered Uncrossable Expanse in the past.

This realization frightened the crowd, causing them to think about the possibilities.

They had no idea what happened to these masters or their experiences in the expanse. However, the worse outcomes seemed more likely given the appearance of these broken ships.

“Where are the progenitors?” One person quietly asked.

None here could answer him. All had a look of confusion. The creepiest thing that not a single master could be seen, not even a corpse.

“This is truly bizarre.” An older Eternal shuddered.

Just imagine, there’s a chance that something bad has happened to these top masters. Ordinary folks like them would stand zero chance.

“So what’s actually inside Uncrossable Expanse? Could these dangerous things come down to our world?” An expert broke the silence and made it even worse.

The first meteor seemed to be a sign of what to come - the dangers looming in Uncrossable Expanse.

So many emperors and progenitors have fallen to them, or so it seemed. Could the current Immortal Lineage muster enough force to stop it?

People weren’t so sure, not even the Everlastings.

Supreme, Holyfrost, and Tai Yinxi had a solemn expression. They knew that a calamity might descend at any moment now.

“Don’t be nonsensical.” An older ancestor said: “Progenitors are invincible. So many brilliant warriors have gone there - Gao Yang, Sword Saint, and the ultimate army of Fire Ancestor. Even the legendary Zither Empress has done so as well. The dangers there couldn’t have stopped them. In fact, let’s not even bring the emperors and Everlastings into this. Just the progenitors alone were enough to sweep through the ages. The first of them all, Bao Pu, the brilliant Gao Yang, or the miracle of the ages, Five Element Progenitor. Then we got top masters like Sacred Spirit Ancestor and Sword Saint too.”

“Just think about it, how could these progenitors be stopped?” A different senior immediately chimed in.

These comments seemed to calm people down.

Unfortunately, these seniors themselves didn’t believe their own words too much. They simply didn’t know if the progenitors were actually alive there.

“Look! Look at that ship!” Another person shouted.

Everyone saw a massive ship coming out of Uncrossable Expanse. It was an actual complete ship unlike the damaged ones before.

It clearly had powerful defensive blessings and barriers before. Unfortunately, they have been taken down. It had holes and visible damages as well despite maintaining the general frame. It seemed to still be operational.

Numerous more broken pieces floated out alongside this ship. It looked like a mountain floating in space in a silent and creepy manner just like a haunted ship.

“That’s a battleship from Skyhigh.” A keen-eyed spectator noticed the ship’s insignia.

“Really?” Most couldn’t tell because it was from so long ago.

“Yes, this warship is indeed from Skyhigh, it should be a first-generation ship.” An old Eternal took a careful look and confirmed.

“Elder Du, is that your system’s warship?” A big shot from this system just happened to be in Sky Pass.

Skyhigh was a powerful system with a long history in Immortal Lineage.

“Yes, a first-generation ship.” This ancestor named Du nodded after taking a look: “According to our records, our progenitor entered Uncrossable Expanse with three True Emperors, six Everlastings, and more than one thousand True Gods.”

“That’s a mighty team.” Many exchanged glances after hearing this.

Nervousness returned to the spectators since the mighty team was nowhere to be found, only their warship.

“Where is the progenitor?” Someone said softly. Of course, everyone was wondering about the same thing.

“Come, let’s go take a look.” The ancestor from Skyhigh leaped to the sky along with his fellow disciples.

“Will there be anything inside?” A curious soul asked while watching.

Everyone stared at the warship with bated breath, wanting to know the answer.

“Not good!” A cry came from inside the warship along with battle commotions.

“Ahh!” Screams emanated before a deadly silence took over.

“What the hell?!” Someone on the ground shouted while using their heavenly gaze.

The ship continued to float without any new development.

The rest exchanged glances, not knowing what happened inside that ship.

“What is in there...” Those who knew that this ancestor from Skyhigh was very powerful. Alas, the guy appeared to be dead now.

“I refuse to believe this. Let’s go.” An Epoch Eternal finally took charge and roared.

Several other Eternals followed suit and landed on the warship.

“Rumble!” Battles ensued within.

“It’s fucking haunted!” A loud cry on purpose could be heard back all the way back to Sky Pass.

“Haunted?” The listeners on the ground didn’t understand.

“Ahhh!” Waves of agonizing screams came again before silence ensued.

“Shit! Shit! What’s actually happening?!” Panic took over.

Two groups have entered the warship but not a single person has returned, only screams.

Sky Pass became silent, overwhelmed with confusion and anxiety.

[Chapter 2997: Ghosts In The Ship](#)

The warship from Skyhigh quietly floated like a specter in space.

The atmosphere became solemn due to the bizarre circumstances. People could only watch the ship and the nearby wreckage move towards Sky Ruins.

In the back were more broken ships but none was on the same level as the one from Skyhigh. They were heavily damaged in comparison.

Even a fool could see that they weren’t abandoned and eventually floated out here.

They have suffered terrible onslaughts, eventually crumbling - the signs of a monstrous battle.

Remember, the ones riding the ships used to be progenitors, emperors, and Everlastings.

They were nowhere to be found now. Were they killed in battle or did they successfully escape?

The latter was acceptable but people didn’t even dare to think about the former possibility due to the terrible implications.

“It’s not looking good.” Holyfrost True Emperor spoke.

The mightiest group in Sky Pass observed with a heavy heart. They could feel a storm rising soon enough.

“So there are ghosts in there?” One spectator wondered after hearing the screams earlier.

Everyone felt a chill coursing down their spine.

“Ghosts don’t exist. People only mistake a few bizarre phenomena or grudgeful intents as ghosts.” A powerful Eternal scowled.

Nevertheless, the crowd still felt unrest. Something seemed to be bothering them and there was no way to calm down.

“Look, another large ship!” A spectator pointed upward.

Sure enough, another ship comparable to the previous appeared.

This one was even more perfect with very few damages on the hull and still had flashing runes. Though this defensive barrier has been broken through, it still managed to protect the ship.

The ship looked relatively new compared to the previous ones. There was a big difference between this one and the one from Skyhigh.

The latter was clearly a warship meant for battle. On the other hand, this one looked like a royal ship with towering pavilions on deck - looking splendid and noble.

A ship like this should be used for an emperor traveling across his kingdom.

“That... that’s a ship from High Sun Pavilion...” The emblem on the side was finally recognized.

“Impossible!” The first reaction was disbelief.

Once the ship got close enough, the weaker cultivators finally got a good look.

“Yes, he’s right... it is from High Sun.” One ancestor confirmed.

No one could refute the clear evidence any longer. This ship was indeed from this great power. None was stupid enough to pretend to be them.

The group near Supreme Emperor started staring at him. He has been watching the entire time as well.

His eyes flashed with great divinity; the rays materialized into something tangible. This was an attempt to search the ship.

People had trouble breathing now as if their heart was being gripped.

All in Immortal Lineage knew of High Sun Pavilion. It wasn’t a system but still plenty strong enough. No other systems would dare to provoke it.

In fact, it didn’t have many members, and even fewer masters were allowed to use its emblem. Even Supreme Emperor didn’t dare to say that he was a disciple from there. He only said that he was taught by a senior from that place.

Thus, whoever had a ship with this emblem clearly had a high position in High Sun Pavilion.

“Is it Gao Yang?” This question popped up.

People became afraid, not daring to face the answer. They waited for a response from Supreme Emperor.

He stared for a long time before speaking with a grave expression: “Yes, this ship is from High Sun Pavilion.”

The listeners felt as if there was something stuck in their throat - a very uncomfortable sensation stemmed from anxiety.

“However, this isn’t Gao Yang’s personal ship. It belongs to another senior.” Supreme Emperor pondered for a bit before revealing with confidence.

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief in response.

Gao Yang was one of the most brilliant progenitors in history, a member of the Decemvirate. In fact, some believed that he was among the top five.

Just think about it, even a being of this level couldn’t make it? It meant that no one else in the world could take on this danger looming in Uncrossable Expanse.

Unfortunately, some still felt the same dread. High Sun Pavilion had extremely stringent rules about those able to use its ships or emblems. Only a few masters could do so in history.

“Buzz.” Supreme True Emperor took out an imperial cauldron.

“Boom!” A noble energy encompassed with grand dao billowed in the air.

He took one step forward and the world seemed tiny in comparison. The ones nearby felt suppressed by his pressure.

Just one step was all he needed to appear on the ship. He disappeared from sight after entering the cabin. [1]

Everyone became attentive, not wanting to miss a thing.

Nothing seemed to be happening, not a single sound. The tension rose again as they prayed for him to find an answer.

“This cannot be!” His voice finally came from inside.

“Boom!” The entire ship shook back and forth after a loud explosion.

“Break!” The emperor roared and his aura soared upward like a True Dragon ravaging the nine firmaments.

“Rumble!” Multiple powerful forces drowned out the region.

“What’s going on?” Everyone could tell that a great battle was happening inside that ship.

“Boom!” Something broke a hole on the side of the ship. Debris flew everywhere. A second later, Supreme Emperor leaped out from the hole.

In this split second, everyone saw a massive shadow through the hole - one that could be described as a frightening devil king.

Strangely enough, this shadow didn't chase after him and receded back to the ship hold.

The spectators tried their best to calm down while Supreme Emperor was returning.

He landed in Sky Pass, looking to be in a sorry state.

[Chapter 2998: Expedition Ship](#)

Supreme Emperor's clothes were ragged; his hair a disorderly mess. Some blood stained his upper robe, who knows if it was his or someone else's?

He clearly fought a fierce battle on that ship. Moreover, his foe was strong enough to put up more than a good fight.

This made people take a deep breath. Everyone knew about his power.

Some said that he had eleven palaces; others said twelve. Moreover, he came from High Sun Pavilion and should have incredible treasures. This meant that he should be far stronger than his peers at the same cultivation level.

Nonetheless, he looked so beaten after just a short battle and needed to escape. Just how powerful was this enemy?

Fear, curiosity, and wild imagination occupied the crowd's mind.

They stared at him, hoping to hear an answer.

“Dao Brother.” Holyfrost Emperor came over while remaining prudent, afraid that the thing inside the ship might come here.

Strange enough, it retreated to the hold as the ship continued to drift away.

“It's not looking good. I need to see Sir Yinxi and prepare for the worst.” Supreme answered vaguely before running off to see Tai Yinxi.

He was a disciple trained by several masters in High Sun Pavilion. Thus, his knowledge and power far exceeded ordinary people. Alas, the thing inside still instilled dread upon him.

“Activate all lines of defense on the wall.” After their conversation, Tai Yinxi sent out another official command for all units to man their post.

Sky Pass entered a state of war with a permeating fierce atmosphere.

“Something big is happening.” Everyone knew that Sky Pass was the first line of defense for Immortal Lineage.

In the case of invaders or something else from Uncrossable Expanse, Sky Pass would be the first place attacked.

They haven't mobilized for so many years. Thus, this battle-ready state indicated the gravity of the situation.

"So what was inside?" The crowd stared at the ship from High Sun with great curiosity and fear.

Unfortunately, Supreme Emperor didn't want to reveal this and went to see Tai Yinxi instead.

Of course, it must be something dreadful to intimidate these two.

Many big shots started leaving Sky Pass. They needed to prepare for the worst as well. Their system and sect must have the right strategy, just in case.

"Haha, the calamity is coming. Run now when you still have time. Of course, it's all meaningless anyway." The bull laughed and gloated at these big shots.

People noticed that it was standing on the wall with a girl on its back. These two were staring at the floating wreckage.

The bull seemed to be amused, not worried at all. It was one of the few capable of escaping the calamity if necessary.

As for the inexperienced Liu Yanbai, she didn't know how serious it was just yet. Her eyes brimmed with curiosity while staring ahead.

Of course, everyone knew this bull by now. It was together with Fiercest and wasn't one to be trifled with. Thus, no one dared to talk back despite their annoyance.

"Master, is the thing on that ship very powerful?" Liu Yanbai asked.

"It's not much. Far weaker than your master, far weaker, haha!" The bull laughed.

It didn't care for these floating ships and only paid attention to the depth of Uncrossable Expanse. A flash of anxiety could be seen in its eyes.

It knew that the monsters on these ships were nothing. The real threat was coming from deeper inside Uncrossable Expanse.

A few thought that it was bragging about its power but kept their mouth shut out of fear towards this petty beast.

"Senior, do you know what is happening?" Holyfrost came over and bowed her head.

The bull naturally enjoyed being revered by a high-status emperor. It looked at her and said: "What else can it be but a calamity? Little girl, run back to Academy of Light. Ninety percent of Immortal Lineage will fall but not your academy. You're lucky enough to have a protector."

It kindly pointed out the right path for her, a rare showing of kindness.

"I'll keep that in mind, what about Dao Brother Li?" She looked around and didn't see Li Qiye.

“Haha, I got no clue where the brat is but don’t rely on him though. He’s not interested in your academy and will leave eventually.” The bull shrugged.

Holyfrost sighed and didn’t say anything else. Nothing could be better if Li Qiye were to preside in their academy as a lord. Unfortunately, their humble abode couldn’t keep a dragon like him.

Just imagine, powerful cultivators like Metalkin War God, Brightking Buddha, and Violet Dragon Empress were willing to join the academy as students. They might not learn that much at the academy due to their already high level. Nonetheless, they still accepted this status and stayed in her system.

This wasn’t the case for Li Qiye. In her opinion, he didn’t give a damn about the academy in the slightest.

“Look, another large ship!” A spectator noticed something during this ominous time.

People stopped pondering and looked up. They saw a massive ship among the floating wreckage.

“It’s huge.” Someone said with astonishment. It was so many times larger than the ones from Sky High and High Sun.

“It looks so familiar.” A person thought that he had seen it before but couldn’t remember the place.

However, someone stared back at Sky Pass and screamed: “Isn’t, isn’t this the auction house of Arrogance Enterprise!”

“What?” Everyone looked over and sure enough, the auction house over yonder was still there. It didn’t move an inch from the spot.

However, this gigantic ship looked virtually identical.

“What’s going on, why is Arrogance Enterprise floating out of Uncrossable Expanse?” Confusion struck the crowd.

“I can’t believe how similar they are.” Another thought they were seeing things.

“It’s not the auction house, it’s the expedition ship of Fire Ancestor.” An older ancestor turned pale and murmured: “Damn it all, damn it all... even Fire Ancestor’s ship is floating back...”

“Fire Ancestor’s ship? What’s going on? Did Arrogance Enterprise build this ship?” A youth became curious.

[Chapter 2999: Boarding](#)

This ancient warship was massive and appeared before the world once more.

In the olden days, Fire Ancestor’s mighty force was praised to be the strongest expedition in history.

Arrogance Enterprise created a peerless warship - a feat enough to shock Three Immortals.

After so many years, this great ship showed up in Immortal Lineage once again. Alas, the crew was nowhere to be found.

No one was in a jolly mood right now despite seeing something so magnificent.

“The expedition ship is back?!” The elders of Arrogance Enterprise heard this news and immediately activated a heavenly mirror in order to get a better look.

“Yes, that’s Fire Ancestor’s ship.” They exchanged glances afterward.

“How can this be? That group back then could only be described as unmatched...” One of them turned pale. He was lucky enough to see the creation of this ship along with the crew back then. That crew was utterly peerless - one and only in history.

“...” The crowd shuddered at this realization.

“This is unimaginable. Fire Ancestor’s group back then was unreal. He had four other progenitors with him, more than ten full-strength emperors, and a hundred Everlastings... That’s enough to suppress the entire world.” A person lucky enough to be born in that era saw the expedition in person.

Four progenitors who were living reclusively back then actually came along with Fire Ancestor. These top masters accepted the summon and prepared to enter Uncrossable Expanse. Alas, none of them could be seen here.

The crowd became even more frightened after hearing the details. Many have heard about the great expedition before but didn’t have a good idea of the actual scale until now.

It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to call that group unbeatable.

“So where are they...?” This question came next.

There would be obvious signs on the ship if they were alive. This was certainly not the case.

However, the other morbid possibility was just too much to accept. If all of them have died, then...

“I just don’t know...” The crowd wanted to know what had happened to this great ship.

They found it hard to breathe because of the ominous atmosphere. Nonetheless, no one dared to enter that ship.

Those who have tried to do so with the previous ones have met their maker with the exception of Supreme Emperor who ran for his life. The unknown entities up there were horrifically powerful.

Going up there might end in death. That’s why they weighed themselves against the emperor and chose to survive instead.

“It’s really not looking good...” The bull murmured after seeing the expedition ship: “Looks like it’s even worse than expected. Just what the hell is it over there?”

“It has always been monstrous, you just didn’t realize it before.” A faint voice answered the bull.

It looked back and saw Li Qiye standing there since who knows when?

It heaved a sigh of relief and said: “Sir, take a look and see what it is.”

Li Qiye’s eyes narrowed as he stared at the expedition ship, capable of piercing through it.

“Fiercest is here.” A spectator spotted him and said quietly.

A while ago, many were annoyed at him for various reasons. However, seeing him now made them feel better.

After all, having a big shot present served as a calming medicine.

“Let’s go take a look.” Li Qiye chuckled after the first observation.

“Haha, I’ll go wherever you go, Sir. You can even shoulder a falling sky, this is no big deal.” The bull laughed.

“May I come with you, Dao Brother? I offer you my service.” Holyfrost Emperor appeared and cupped her fist.

“So lucky...” Some still felt jealousy towards him despite the grim situation.

Holyfrost was mighty, talented, and one of the prettiest women in Immortal Lineage. So many men had a crush on her right now. Alas, none could win her attention until Li Qiye.

“Haha, little girl, you’re very smart.” The bull looked at her and laughed.

“That’s fine.” Li Qiye didn’t refuse and began heading for the expedition ship.

She followed right behind him, floating just like a fairy. Her cold demeanor made all the men go crazy.

“Haha, I’m going too.” The bull told Liu Yanbai to get on its back again before chasing after the other two.

The three disappeared inside the ship while the spectators watched on.

The expedition ship was still silent as ever. This went on for quite a while, akin to the group sinking to the bottom of the ocean.

“What should we do?” Some wondered. Fiercest was immensely strong yet still disappeared like the rest.

“Let’s go take a look.” A youth with great divinity and halos showed up and flew towards the ship.

“Shen Guzhan! He’s going!” Someone recognized him and shouted.

“We’re going too.” Several old men cloaked in black from top to bottom also appeared on the deck of the ship.

“Ancestors from Arrogance Enterprise.” Some still recognized them.

“It’s time to go.” Other ancestors couldn’t wait after seeing so many up there already, especially those at the Everlasting level.

“Don’t miss out on this.” People grew bolder and followed suit.

However, when their feet made contact with the ship, they were no longer on top of it.

The scene before them changed. They saw a massive plain with rolling mountains to the distance. Sky Pass was nowhere to be found.

“Where, where are we?” Some became startled.

“The ship is an independent world.” An ancestor noticed.

“Haha, that’s right, Arrogance Enterprise didn’t only create a ship. They went as far as building a base for a minor world. They created an entire celestial system here too for the crew.” A voice revealed.

[Chapter 3000: Liu Sanqiang Again](#)

The speaker was a merchant - Liu Sanqiang.

“How do you know all of this?” Someone asked since he looked weak and insignificant.

“Haha, I, Liu Sanqiang, am good at three things - eating, doing errands perfectly, and being trustworthy. Gentlemen, would you like to buy an embark pass? This is a rare opportunity, don’t miss it.”

“Embark pass? First time I’ve heard of this. What is it?” Many ancestors were interested.

“It is exactly what it sounds like, hehe, but to put it frankly, it is used for running. For example, when you wish to get off this ship, we can set up a time, or not, it doesn’t matter. Basically, when you want to leave, I will be there to take you away. Of course, the price is negotiable, relative to the level of danger.”

“Embark pass, huh...” People liked this name since it sounded better than “escape pass”.

Naturally, some didn’t believe him due to his appearance, thinking that he was a scammer.

Thus, not a single soul bought a pass from him.

“Embark pass, only one for sale today so please hurry, there’s no second chance. Don’t miss this opportunity and be filled with regrets in the Yellow River.” Sanqiang shouted as loud as possible.

“Look, Fiercest is over there.” Something else was attracting everyone’s attention.

It turned out that Li Qiye’s group didn’t get far. They seemed to be going on a stroll, not scouting this expedition ship.

“Hey, brat, come over here, now!” The bull heard Sanqiang and gestured for him to come over.

Sanqiang’s expression soured after seeing this group. Alas, he had no choice but to acquiesce.

“What’s going on, Sirs...?” Sanqiang had a smile that was uglier than if he were crying.

Of course, only the bull bothered to tease him. Li Qiye focused on feeling the ship instead.

Sanqiang was right. This expedition ship acted as an independent world with its own celestial system.

Thus, Fire Ancestor wasn’t just riding a ship into Uncrossable Expanse. They controlled an entire world to get there.

“Brat, aren’t you selling an embark pass? How much?” The bull smiled deviously.

“Sir, I only have one, just one. It’s not right for your group.” Sanqiang still had the same painful expression.

Li Qiye took his entry ticket last time and didn’t pay him a single coin.

“What? You think we can’t afford it?” The bull glared at him.

“Of, of course not! Your group is as wealthy as can be, paying a billion isn’t a problem, a completely insignificant amount. I would never dare to think of such a thing.” Sanqiang immediately flattered before murmuring to himself: “But still didn’t pay for the ticket last time...”

“What did you say?” The bull said aggressively as if wanting to make mincemeat out of Sanqiang.

“I didn’t say anything.” He replied with haste.

“Okay, stop bullying him.” Li Qiye shook his head and joined in: “You got enough from me already, be content and stop selling tickets.”

“You’re right, Sir, my mistake.” Sanqiang seemed more respectful towards Li Qiye than the bull.

“Brat, are you treating him differently because he got money? You’re looking down on me?” The bull became unhappy.

“Of course not, my respect for you is as unending as the current of a great river. You are the king of Sacred Mountain, the lord of the ages, no one can compare to you...” Sanqiang immediately went to work.

The bull seemed satisfied and nodded repeatedly. It eventually said: “However, I am buying this ticket of yours.”

“Sir, you don’t need this ticket at all. Just one stomp of yours is enough to move anywhere. Nothing can ever hold you back.” Sanqiang begged for forgiveness.

“No, it’s not for me. It’s for my disciple.” The bull gestured at the girl sitting on his back.

“Well...” Sanqiang stared at Liu Yanbai and hesitated.

“Sir, aren’t you here? The lady will be perfectly fine under your protection and won’t need a ticket.” He smiled wryly.

“Haha, you didn’t specify a time limit to the ticket. She can use it in the next three million years if she wants to.” The bull laughed.

“Sir, I’m afraid I will be nothing more than dust after three million years.” Sanqiang didn’t expect this.

“That’s okay, your clan will still be around to carry it out. Name the price now.” The bull said.

Don’t underestimate the bull. It was probably richer than any dao system.

“...” Sanqiang didn’t dare to say the price.

“Make it free.” Li Qiye chimed in again.

“Fr-free?!” Sanqiang started stammering in response: “Sir, that’s, that’s funny.”

“I’m not joking around, it will be free.” Li Qiye asserted.

“Sir, remember, I have family members to take care of. We’re barely getting by with my little earning, giving it for free will starve us.” Sanqiang put on a pitiful expression.

“That’s fine, starve then.” Li Qiye said: “Business is always about making a profit but there are exceptions where morality comes into play. The stonecarvers contributed greatly to Immortal Lineage, and Bao Pu, in particular, is the first vanguard who blew away the fog and mist. This is a merit that should never be forgotten, so look at this girl again, should the ticket be free or not? Do the right thing to not ruin your shop’s reputation.”

His voice was calm but this definitely was a criticism.

Sanqiang stood in a daze, unable to respond.

“Brat, did you hear him? The bull became serious, no longer messing around.

Sanqiang regained his wits and took a deep breath. He bowed towards Li Qiye and said: “Thank you for your guidance, Sir. I’ve memorized these words and we will not forget about morality even when doing business. Please forgive me for my shallowness.”

Having said that, he took out an old badge and presented it to Liu Yanbai with both hands: “This badge is a token of my sincerity and can be considered the embark pass. You can use it whenever you want.”

His solemn expression indicated the preciousness of this badge.

Liu Yanbai didn’t dare to take it. She glanced over at Li Qiye then her master, waiting for their direction.

“Take it.” Li Qiye nodded.

“Mmm, that’s more like it, brat. At least you still have a little conscience and know where to stop.” The bull agreed.

Yanbai finally accepted the badge from Sanqiang.

“Let’s go.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve and stopped picking on Sanqiang.

“Sirs, remember, I’ll be around if you ever need an errand boy or have some business to do.” Sanqiang smiled and ran away with haste.

“Haha, the brat learns quick.” The bull shook its head.

“Embark pass, just one! Don’t miss this chance!” Sanqiang started advertising to the other experts.