

Emperor 3121

### [Chapter 3121: It's Lonely Up High](#)

Invincibility bred loneliness.

Most wouldn't be able to say this without getting laughed at but not Luminous Master.

He has been unstoppable since his debut. So many have lost to him including the most talented ones in this generation. Even the mighty Everlastings from the previous generations failed to win.

All in all, calling him the number one in this generation wouldn't be an exaggeration.

Thus, others couldn't understand his loneliness, his desire to find a worthy foe or even a stronger combatant.

To have a powerful rival wasn't a threat in his mind. In fact, this could motivate him to move forward and work even harder. This goal would make his future more remarkable.

That's the reason why he wanted nothing more than to fight Li Qiye right now, a foe from the generation as him. The continent and immortal artifact weren't as important.

Li Qiye smiled while staring at Luminous Master's eyes. He couldn't be more familiar with this gaze. It had nothing to do with a love for battle, only a desire for a worthy foe.

The Immortal Emperors he trained back then also had the same expression.

"I guess I can entertain you. What should I do in order to stimulate your potential to the fullest?" Li Qiye smiled.

"All out." Luminous Master pondered for a bit before seriously answering.

"It'll be a quick fight then. When I go all out, maybe you will turn into ashes." Li Qiye smiled.

Luminous Master had thought of this possibility before but was still shaken. Li Qiye's casual demeanor showed that the guy had full confidence in defeating him.

Existences at their level had no need for blind arrogance nor humility. Li Qiye was simply stating facts.

Moreover, Luminous Master was strong enough to gauge Li Qiye's true power.

A foe that could kill him... Just the thought made him excited.

Very few could calmly face death. The ones that truly didn't care were either twisted in some ways or had no other choice.

Luminous Master was neither so his expression became austere.

Meanwhile, some members of the audience became unhappy, especially Luminous Master's fans.

"So haughty already before the start of the fight." One of them said.

The majority of Everlastings believed that Li Qiye definitely had the power of a progenitor. However, his confidence right now made them question themselves.

“Is he really that strong? No way.” They exchanged glances.

Because Luminous Master’s strength was well-documented, these top experts found it hard to imagine Fiercest easily killing him.

“An ephemeral radiance is still bright all the same.” Luminous Master eventually made up his mind and stared at Li Qiye: “A rock lasting for a million years will be nothing more than a rock, utterly meaningless.”

“Well said, a rock can’t comprehend the beauty of a bright ray. So be it, let’s fight.” Li Qiye nodded.

“Thank you, Dao Brother.” Luminous Master cupped his fist, looking excited.

The world suddenly became filled with his battle spirit. It was as if it didn’t emanate from him but from heaven and earth.

His battle spirit was different from Metalkin War God. The latter always put his battle spirit on display as if wanting to tell the world that he was craving for a fight and that provoking him would end with a clan massacre.

In reality, Luminous Master’s battle spirit far surpassed the war god. However, he had enough control over it to keep it as calm as the water in a well even during battles.

He was fearless during the most perilous situation or when facing the toughest opponents, always ready to fight to the end. This disparity made him a greater cultivator than the war god.

“Dao Brother, I will go all out.” His bright expression made others think that he was brimming with life.

This wasn’t to say that he was dispirited a while ago. He simply transformed from a supreme existence to a hotblooded twenty-year-old youth, a return to his early years.

“The period of frivolous arrogance and confidence is the best time in someone’s life.” Li Qiye commented with a smile: “Very well, I will show you the apex of the dao.”

“The apex of the dao...” Luminous Master was shaken by this domineering comment. Li Qiye sounded confident as if he was invincible across the ages.

“A fight between progenitors is happening soon, don’t miss it!” The spectators shouted excitedly.

Both the young and old couldn’t contain their excitement. A battle of this level was a dream come true for many cultivators - a life worth living.

As for the Everlastings and True Emperors, witnessing this was extremely beneficial for their dao search.

Who would want to miss something like this? Therefore, everyone paid full attention, not wanting to miss a single detail.

Of course, they were smart enough to back off from Sky Ruins and moved back to Sky Pass.

The destruction from this fight would be unreal. Maybe Everlastings could die from the shockwaves. Thus, moving back to Sky Pass was the safest choice.

Many systems started building temporary dao platforms in Sky Pass so that their disciples can have a better look.

Ordinary disciples normally wouldn't be able to see a single thing. These two progenitors were too far away on top of being too fast. They needed heavenly mirrors in order to learn anything.

Li Qiye started floating into Sky Ruins with Luminous Master right behind him.

They didn't wish to involve the innocent so fighting in deep space was the best choice.

Neither side exuded their invincible aura just yet during the start of this fight.

"Take out your weapon. You're not my match fighting bare-handed." Li Qiye smiled.

"Clank." Luminous Master took out a great hatchet and placed it on his shoulder. Just the sound alone showed just how heavy it was.

Well, it would have been obvious regardless since the hilt was as big as a mountain range; the head was as large as a continent. He was as big as an ant compared to his weapon.

### [Chapter 3122: Skysplitter](#)

Calling this hatchet gigantic wasn't enough. It was massive, enormous, and colossal... Its master looked smaller than an ant in comparison.

Some spectators were actually worried about him being crushed into a meat paste by his own weapon.

Fortunately, he held it on his shoulder without any issue, still looking relaxed.

Remember, he didn't have a stout, muscular build. Thus, this weapon should look out of place with him.

Strangely enough, people actually found the two to be a natural pair, perfect for each other.

The first impression they got was one word - invincibility!

Yes, it seemed that only this great weapon could be a match for Luminous Master's domination.

"Skysplitter is its name, left behind by Bronze Progenitor, capable of splitting the sky and separating the earth." Luminous Master calmly said.

"Skysplitter." Everyone found this name to be suitable. It was as if the hatchet was created specifically to fit this name.

However, the older experts became startled: "It's not just a name, this hatchet can really split the sky apart!"

Bronze Progenitor was born in an ancient era, too old to be assigned a particular date. He was at the immortal level. Rumor has it that he might have been a member of the Decemvirate if he had been born later.

This hatchet was left behind by him. It's unknown whether he was its creator.

"Good weapon." Li Qiye nodded approvingly.

Earning such praise from Li Qiye naturally wasn't easy. He wouldn't react to just any ancestral weapons.

"Please take out your weapon, Dao Brother." Luminous Master remained respectful.

"Hmm, don't have any suitable one, let me see." Li Qiye scratched his head before searching.

"Isn't he too careless?" One dissatisfied spectator said.

They were fans of Luminous Master and thought that Li Qiye was putting up an act in an attempt to be cool.

"Does he want to fight bare-handed against that hatchet?" One expert felt the same way.

Of course, a few ancestors didn't think so. Li Qiye hasn't used a weapon ever since his debut. The only exception was the Sword of Repentance.

"Clank." Li Qiye finally revealed his weapon - a spear.

"Not using a weapon is a little disrespectful." Li Qiye smiled and took a look at his weapon: "Hmm, this should be okay."

The crowd was surprised to hear Li Qiye insinuating that he would be fine fighting without a weapon against Luminous Master and his ancestral hatchet. Such confidence was unbelievable, to say the least. Just facing Luminous Master alone was tough enough without taking Skysplitter into account.

Many began staring at his spear. It was black from top to bottom with miasma circling around, clearly born from the darkness. Even a fool could tell that this thing was dangerous.

"This spear is from a forbidden ground." Luminous Master became surprised as well.

"You know your stuff. It was born in Fiendish Ground, an extremely dangerous weapon." Li Qiye nodded and smiled.

"Fiendish Ground!" Those who knew this place became frightened.

"Yes, it has to be a monster among weapons." An Everlasting murmured.

Fiendish Ground was dangerous enough to startle people upon hearing its name.

"Thank you for being considerate. Let's start then." Luminous Master knew that Li Qiye was being respectful by taking out this weapon. The guy was clearly confident in beating him without one. Nonetheless, he still took out something quite impressive.

"Go." Li Qiye smiled. The ghastly miasma floating around the spear looked like specters wanting to rush out.

This particular spear was taken from Solar Daoist with the name of Terra Damnation.

"Excuse me then." Luminous Master took a deep breath and held his hatchet with both hands.

Luminous Master began exuding his progenitorial aura like the rising tides. This process lacked loud explosions and lights.

However, even those back in Sky Pass became frozen because of his aura. Their throat became gripped by an invisible hand.

They felt as if they were fish on a chopping board. They had no chance to resist. In fact, they couldn't even kneel down to worship him right now.

"Boom!" The aura finally erupted in full force. He turned into the rulers of the nine heavens and ten earths, the sun and moon supporting three thousand worlds.

The celestials floated around him even in Sky Ruins. His position became the source of many galaxies.

All existences needed to prostrate before him. They would lack the courage to even look straight at him.

This was Luminous Master - a being capable of destroying a world or excavating boundless space.

"Luminous Master!" A few people suddenly became emotional after looking at him, crying hot tears of joy.

"Die!" He let out a roar that can intimidate the gods or break the courage of a true dragon.

"Boom!" The hatchet simply slashed vertically forward.

The high heaven split apart. Lightning bolts rushed out like a galaxy from above in a fascinating manner.

The spectators naturally became frightened. They felt as if their body, system, and world had been torn asunder. The only thing they could do was watch. This made them realize how unbeatable the attack was.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye remained nonchalant and raised his spear.

"Boom!" A world of darkness appeared with numerous fiends and ghosts, ready to devour the world of the living.

The spectators became shocked once more, shuddering with fear.

"Boom!" The hatchet immediately cut this dark realm into two halves, killing millions of fiends in the process and bringing light back to the world.

"Clank!" Skysplitter struck Eternal Damnation directly and sparks went flying. Each spark could crush an entire planet or melt part of the galaxy.

The resulting detonation looked like the most beautiful fireworks in history. This was the most magnificent scene some have ever witnessed in their life.

After the smoke and fire dispersed, they saw the spear successfully stopping the hatchet.

### [Chapter 3123: Immense Power](#)

Skysplitter's power far exceeded regular ancestral weapons. This applied even at the immortal level.

Its power in addition to the full swing from Luminous Master resulted in a cut true to its name - splitting the sky.

It was enough to split a mighty system into two halves. In case of a direct impact, Skysplitter should have been sharp enough to nick another ancestral weapon. However, Eternal Damnation managed to stop it without suffering any damage.

One could see how tough this spear was. Just what materials was it made of?

Viewed in a vacuum, one would guess that the spear was actually superior to the hatchet.

People took a deep breath after seeing this. They didn't know the origin of this spear since it wasn't as famous as Skysplitter.

At the same time, they thought about how Fiercest just picked out a random weapon? How deep was his actual arsenal?

On the contrary, the actual experts placed their focus on Fiercest instead of the spear.

They noticed that Li Qiye didn't move at all from the impact despite the destructive swing. He just stood there and leisurely blocked it.

"Go!" Li Qiye whirled his spear and pressed down on the hatchet first before thrusting it at Luminous Master.

This move seemed to be without thought but still contained a mighty force.

"Boom!" The celestial bodies surrounding Luminous Master instantly crumbled as a result of the thrust.

Dazzling radiance suddenly appeared all over the sky in the form of waves.

"Time is flowing backward!" One Everlasting shouted after seeing this.

Li Qiye didn't perform a merit law for a temporal reversal. Just his spear alone made the temporal domain flow backward, resulting in bright flashes wherever the spear went.

"Activate!" Luminous Master retaliated by raising his hatchet to the sky for another vertical swing towards the spear.

"Boom!" More temporal particles crumbled from their attacks.

This ended with Luminous Master being sent flying, breaking through the temporal walls. The chaotic flow poured down like a surging river wherever he went.

The crowd had a hard time reacting to this scene outside of leaving their mouth wide open. Some felt suffocated, akin to having a stroke and nearly falling to the ground.

A fight between progenitors was too devastating. Systems would have been destroyed if it was taking place in Immortal Lineage.

The most shocking thing was Luminous Master being sent flying after one thrust. So many viewed him as their role model, thinking that he had achieved the most in the current generation - an unsurpassable peak.

However, he had lost his first exchange. His fans themselves felt that they were the ones being sent flying.

“Can... can Fiercest already be an immortal-level progenitor?” One spectator murmured in awe.

This shouldn't be possible since it would be too cruel to the spectators.

“It has been a while since I felt this good.” Luminous Master stood up among the ruins.

Though his golden radiance was unstably flashing, he looked to be in great spirit.

Anyone else's mental state would be affected negatively. After all, from becoming invincible their whole life to being beaten in the first move?

Luminous Master, on the other hand, became more invested in the fight. His battle spirit surged. He wouldn't regret dying in battle right now after finding such a powerful foe.

“Not bad, your cultivation is decent enough to put up a fight.” Li Qiye nodded.

People would have chastised him a while ago for making these arrogant comments. Alas, they didn't say anything now since he looked unbeatable at this moment.

“Your power is immense, I've never seen anything like it. It would be disrespectful if I don't use my grand dao and an overestimation of myself.” Luminous Master said.

“The world praises you for your brilliance, let's have a look at your grand dao then.” Li Qiye laughed.

“It doesn't compare to the wise sages of the past but I'll gladly show it to you.” Luminous Master smiled.

The crowd regained their wits and became excited again.

“He's about to use his grand dao.” All eyes were wide open in anticipation.

Luminous Master's grand dao was brilliant. He reached it and jumped out of the grand dao belonging to Immortal Bronze Mountain. He was eligible to create his own system but didn't do so yet.

He became invincible after proving his dao so the world rarely saw it again. That's why everyone became so excited.

“Buzz.” He recalled his auras - both his progenitorial presence and divine lights.

The stars and three thousand worlds also disappeared, the same with his laws. He seemed to be degenerating from a progenitor to a mortal.

All cultivators were mortals once. They gained strength through training and cultivation. Now, cultivation atrophy was happening to Luminous Master.

People would question if he was still the same person if it wasn't for his determined expression and profound eyes.

Though he looked like a mortal youth, his temperament and gaze remained unchanging - still that of a progenitor.

His figure slowly disintegrated like snowflakes in the sun, eventually turning into water and seeping into the soil. He was a part of this world now; the individual seemed to no longer exist.

However, everyone felt something extremely magical. He seemed to be omnipresent instead of being gone.

A falling leaf? Luminous Master. A strand of light? Also Luminous Master. The same with a speck of dust...

People looked around and felt his presence all around.

#### [Chapter 3124: Luminous Origination](#)

No one could spot the real Luminous Master as if he had vanished into thin air.

The area became silent; the atmosphere was replaced by a suffocating feeling. They felt as if they were living under his shadow.

Whenever they looked up, they could feel a massive figure looking down. This type of invisible pressure could drive someone crazy or force them to submit.

Luminous Master had returned to the origin and withdrew all of his progenitorial aura and divine might. Alas, this new state of his made it harder on the spectators.

The world and all living inhabitants were living beneath his reign.

“Luminous Origination. This is his grand dao, all laws returning to their origin.” One Everlasting said.

Those who have experienced this grand dao before still felt fear. They knew just how mighty this progenitor was.

Among the spectators were actually invincible Everlastings that have lost to this grand dao before. They still remembered this grand dao’s aura so well.

Of course, they should be proud because after becoming a progenitor, he rarely needed to use his grand dao in a fight. The fact that they were lucky enough to lose to this grand dao was a testament to their strength.

It had escaped the boundary of Immortal Bronze Mountain and could open a new dao source for another system.

“Pop!” A ray of golden light emerged out of nowhere with enough power to shoulder the various worlds.

One person walked out from this ray - Luminous Master, albeit different than normal.

Previously, he was definitely a supreme progenitor. Now, the one walking out of the ray looked young and vigorous. He carried a simple temperament that could last an eternity.

As he walked out of this ray, all of his time reverted back to when he was eighteen.

Regardless of whether he came from the past or the future, he would still have this youthful form.

“Excuse me, Dao Brother.” He appeared before Li Qiye and instantly unleashed a vertical palm strike - direct and simple.



It felt like the attack of a mortal martial artist during a spar, lacking loud explosions and crackling. Nonetheless, this casual strike encompassed everything - Three Immortals and all of its inhabitants. Everyone felt themselves flying into the air; they and the world were being lifted up by Luminous Master.

His hand and everything else became the ultimate weapon. Just imagine the force behind this swing - it had the weight of all of Three Immortals. That should be enough to crush the strongest masters into meat paste, or even specks of dust.

Li Qiye retaliated by swinging his spear with both hands in order to stop the incoming hand.

“Boom!” The impact resulted in a massive earthquake everywhere.

The spear slightly bent as a result while Li Qiye tumbled backward.

Just imagine, Skysplitter failed to damage Eternal Damnation earlier but Luminous Master had successfully done so. After all, the entities encompassed within that strike earlier were insanely heavy.

Luminous Master unleashed a flurry of punches next, acting as an unstoppable tornado. It was as if all of Three Immortals were slamming into Li Qiye.

“Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!” Eternal Damnation was being bent to the limit from the barrage.

The spear was bent repeatedly and would morph back to its initial appearance. However, due to Luminous Master’s nonstop flurry, the bending position couldn’t spring back fast enough. It might actually break if this continued.

The impact point has been accumulating power all of this time. Once it reached the limit, it exploded and headed straight at Li Qiye.

“Boom!” He got smashed into the empty expanse, crushing through one dimension after another. When he came out of one dimension to be in another, people saw his body being surrounded by primordial chaos. Stars were destroyed in the process too in a dazzling manner.

The blow was strong enough to not only crush space but also revert it back to its origin.

“So strong.” One spectator shouted after seeing this, thinking that just one smash would have been enough to kill him, let alone a non-stop barrage.

His fans became excited enough to turn red.

“Yes, that’s how you do it! Teach him a lesson! Luminous Master is unbeatable!” One of them raised their fist into the air and applauded.

“That’s right! You’re unbeatable!” The other fans joined in: “Teach this arrogant man a lesson!”

“Luminous Master will always be triumphant!” They were immersed in his invincible style and crazily chanted.

“Luminous Master, forever triumphant!” These chants echoed across Sky Pass.

The experts from the previous generation and the ancestors smiled wryly after hearing this. Some could sympathize because Luminous Master has been dominating in recent years.

Li Qiye flew for a long time and Luminous Master took advantage of this. He caught up and swung his hand again towards Li Qiye's head without showing any mercy.

Li Qiye had no defense while the master was extremely fast.

"It's not looking good!" Many blurted out. A successful strike would certainly end with death.

"Clank!" A heavy sword hymn resounded as if numerous sword embryos were forming in the three thousand worlds.

A heavy sword dao emerged and surrounded Li Qiye like a defensive earth barrier.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" Luminous Master didn't relent and struck the dao several times.

However, this dao was immensely thick and tough. It flashed with a bronze shimmer, seemingly eternal. Luminous Master's flurry failed to breakthrough.

"Earth's Immensity!" Li Qiye roared and activated his sword dao, finally launching an offensive.

#### [Chapter 3125: Limitless Weight](#)

Li Qiye walked on his sword dao and turned into a sword immortal.

The dao has been accumulating even before he had a sword in his hand. It felt as old as heaven and earth.

"Clank!" All swords started resonating as a result. The experts felt their own swords waking up, seemingly possessing spirituality.

"Rumble!" The sword users suddenly fell to the ground.

This wasn't due to an external force; their sword simply became too heavy and dragged them downward.

This scared the hell out of everyone. Sword users naturally understood their sword the best out of anyone on top of possessing perfect mastery.

So why did their swords become so heavy? It was as if it was no longer theirs.

"Clank!" Li Qiye finally raised both hands and swung down. This slash relied on pure weight, nothing else.

"Crack!" The immensity of the sword crushed space and time along with the karmic and reincarnation cycles.

Three Immortals World was certainly heavy. Alas, it felt as light as a feather compared to this slash.

This sword dao surpassed everything in terms of weight. Even the most massive world started from a single point. This sword dao was as heavy as that start and more.

Luminous Master was surprised to see this incredible dao. He roared and grasped the yin and yang then life and death, throwing all of these affinities forward.

A might suppressed the nine heavens and ten earths. The existences in Three Immortals couldn't breathe.

"Boom!" The slash cut through the various affinities and struck the progenitor, resulting in a destructive explosion. Blood splashed in space, looking beautiful yet sad.

He got sent flying for who knows how long? An indelible scar remained in space.

Luminous Master protected himself with the affinities but still suffered grievous injuries. Others would have died on the spot.

The spectators naturally trembled as a result. Some became paralyzed on the ground. The weaker ones pissed in their pants after seeing this insane power.

Everyone was glad that this fight was taking place in Sky Ruins. Numerous systems would have been destroyed otherwise.

"Damn." One pale ancestor regained his wits and said.

Who could actually stop that slash earlier? Not even Luminous Master and his grand dao.

His fans became deathly white, no longer having the courage to cheer.

It was hard to describe the slash with anything other than "unbeatable".

Luminous Master eventually returned. He coughed out blood but still looked calm.

"The weight of that slash is peerless, what technique is this?" He praised.

"Finality Sword, one of nine dao." Li Qiye smiled and said. [1]

"Finality Sword, everything ends with the sword. True indeed, that slash was incredible." Luminous Master said while staring at Li Qiye: "I'm not a match for you in terms of grand dao. Your power far exceeds mine."

Many stood there in a daze after hearing him as chills ran down their spine. This was especially true for those who believed in Luminous Master and his fans.

They felt quite uncomfortable and distressed, even sorrowful. They knew that Luminous Master had accepted defeat to Fiercest.

They considered him to be the peerless genius in this generation, the very unreachable apex. Thus, the reality was too difficult to accept.

On the contrary, Luminous Master took it quite well and wasn't affected like the spectators.

After all, becoming a progenitor meant experiencing numerous trials. Losing was part of being a warrior.

Plus, being defeated in a fair duel to someone stronger? There's nothing shameful about it.

"It's no big deal." Li Qiye smiled.

This nonchalant attitude of his was too much to take. Defeating a progenitor like Luminous Master was unimaginable for most people - a matchless honor and an achievement worthy of pride.

However, Li Qiye didn't care at all as if it was just another day to him.

If a progenitor was an easy defeat, then what about the rest of the world? From this, it made them wonder who would be a worthy foe for Li Qiye.

"This loss is an honor, I only regret that I still have one unused move." Luminous Master said.

His fans suddenly found hope again after hearing this.

"Luminous Master still got something else up his sleeve?" One expert became excited.

"Sounds like you're very confident with this move." Li Qiye became interested.

"No, I don't have confidence in this move. But, I'm confident about you." Luminous Master said.

"Oh? Interesting." Li Qiye replied.

"This move is my finest creation but it's too dangerous. I believed that no one could survive it until today." Luminous Master revealed with a serious expression.

The spectators took a deep breath. Someone like Luminous Master wouldn't make baseless comments. This move should be monstrous indeed.

"I would like to experience and see how magnificent it is." Li Qiye smiled.

"This move is not only dangerous to the opponent but to me as well." Luminous Master pondered.

The spectators exchanged glances in astonishment. It sounded like the creator of the move himself would be in danger, not having complete control over it.

"A forbidden art that will hurt both sides?" One Everlasting speculated.

This wasn't unprecedented in history. Progenitors have created moves like this in order to defeat enemies stronger than them. The price was high, potentially fatal.

"What a shame." Li Qiye said.

"But since you are willing to see it, I should have the courage too." Luminous Master's eyes flashed as his battle spirit rekindled.

"If you dare to use it, I'm willing to be your target." Li Qiye declared.

"Very well, it's not easy to find a tough opponent, especially someone like you who can also serve as a teacher. I can't ask for more." Luminous Master laughed and made up his mind.

### [Chapter 3126: Luminous Spark](#)

Luminous Master was in high spirits, seemingly experiencing the proudest moment of his life.

Some could understand why he looked like that, akin to a mortal scholar placing number one on the official test.

Losing shouldn't have been an exciting moment. Others would be dejected right now but the opposite was true for the master.

As a progenitor, he had experienced numerous happy events before but none made him feel this way.

However, only the Everlastings or top cultivators present understood why. Finding a foe that could also serve as a teacher wasn't easy for an invincible progenitor like him. On the other hand, losing was no big deal at all.

Furthermore, to have an ultimate art yet no worthy foe? That's a terrible feeling similar to a master sculptor creating the finest piece yet he was forced to hide it and be the only person who could see it.

Today, the sculptor could finally show it to a friend who could appreciate it - a truly joyous moment in life.

"A fight to the utmost of the dao, what more can one ask for in life?" The spirited master said.

"Everything is possible through the dao, go for it." Li Qiye smiled.

"I named it Luminous Spark, where there is life, there will be light." The master said.

"Luminous Spark." Li Qiye murmured, carefully sensing the guy's dao rhythm.

The name actually didn't impress the surprised crowd at all. Luminous Master considered this to be his ultimate move and virtually unstoppable.

In their opinion, it should have some domineering title. Just spark alone seemed insufficient and rather common - not fitting with its prestige.

Meanwhile, a few powerful ancestors and Everlastings held their breath to also sense his dao rhythm.

Only those at a certain level could sense this uniqueness - a power at a higher level. Ordinary cultivators couldn't touch this realm. In the rare chance of reaching it, they would already be near death.

"What is this?" The big shots noticed this strange dao rhythm emanating from him. It seemed like gentle ripples in a lake permeating across the world.

This magical feeling didn't seem dangerous at all. In fact, these big shots thought that this power level was incompatible to Luminous Master's might.

This progenitor might not be a match for Fiercest but he could still easily suppress the firmaments or cause incredible devastation. Now, this dao rhythm seemed as gentle as can be.

"Wait, I can't move!" One ancestor shouted in astonishment.

This made everyone else notice that they couldn't move either.

"What is going on?!" Even the powerful Everlastings were immobilized. They utilized their strongest merit laws in order to escape to no avail.

Normally, this type of imprisonment was oppressive and obvious. In this case, the power at work was intangible. People didn't even notice that they were imprisoned until it was too late. The ripples worked in a gentle and mysterious manner.

Moreover, it was capable of trapping Everlastings and everyone else.

“Why do I feel like I’m a scandal right now?” One Everlasting said.

“The thing burning is your hope.” Luminous Master said softly but still made everyone shudder and become extremely afraid.

“Quite magical. As long as there is hope, there is desire, and that’s the fuel for binding.” Li Qiye was also immobilized.

“He’s not the one trapping us. We’re trapping ourselves.” One ancestor understood Li Qiye’s point and took a deep breath.

Some big shots, upon hearing this, immediately tried various methods to break it. Unfortunately, these methods seemed useless.

Why? Because there was no opponent to resist. Everything came from oneself.

For example, a muscular warrior could lift anything but not himself. That’s the scariest thing about this dao.

“Burn away without regrets, the same with my desires. Thank you for fighting me, Dao Brother.” Luminous Master sighed.

“Poof!” He seemed to be incinerated to nothingness, only leaving behind a flashing radiance.

“Buzz.” Li Qiye instantly lit up, entering a powerful defensive state.

Luminous Master no longer existed by this point, only a flickering light around the size of a soybean and on the verge of extinguishing in any second.

Despite its feeble nature, it still strangely looked eternal while burning away all desires in this world.

Heart, hope, and desire - all existed together and were being burned.

“Spare us!” One Everlasting felt the threat and shouted.

“Poof!” Others heard a fire-starting sound and saw themselves being lit on fire.

“Not good!” They activated their strong merit laws but couldn’t do anything to stop or avoid the burning process.

“Why is it like this?” Some were scared out of their mind after failing to extinguish the fire.

Each inch of their flesh was burning, eventually spreading to their muscles and bones, dao foundation, then true fate while they could only watch.

Power and invincible treasures were useless here.

Even the imperious ancestors started panicking as pieces of ashes fell off their body.

“Our various desires and emotions are burning - ambition, survival instinct, love, hate, kindness... even a little bit is enough to fuel this fire. Your heart needs to be as cold as ashes, devoid of hope and desires. Otherwise, it’ll burn you to nothingness.” One Eternal realized the flame’s property.

The experts realized that it had nothing to do with power and laws or even the grand dao. One needed to be a rock or be emotionless. Otherwise, death seemed inevitable.

“No, this can’t be true!” Some started yelling while watching their body being burned away.

### [Chapter 3127: Thirteen Palaces](#)

“No!!!” Screams bellowed across the realms, filled with despair and unwillingness.

It was one thing to be crushed by an ultimate technique or killed by an unbeatable treasure. At least they lost against absolute force.

However, there was no chance to even resist this flame. They felt like fish on the chopping board - powerless and hopeless.

Even the powerful ancestors and peerless Everlastings were subjected to this torment.

This scene was magnificent. Virtually every cultivator was experiencing this.

No one could move an inch while dying to their own desires. It sounded unbelievable but all of this was unfolding in real-time.

A hush fell upon the land as if all of its inhabitants had been burnt to ashes.

This lasted for a long, long time before being interrupted by a loud exhale. All of the “dead” finally leaned forward slightly.

This sensation was bizarre. They thought they were dead earlier but now, it seemed like a dream.

“I’m, I’m okay.” They instantly looked down and saw that their body was still intact.

“We’re alive!” Someone yelled excitedly. To come back to life was an incredible feeling, inferior to none.

They realized that they weren’t ashes now. However, then what was that experience before? They clearly felt it deep to their bones.

“It’s because Luminous Master is merciful.” One Everlasting quietly said: “He didn’t ignite us, we were only experiencing an illusion beneath his power.”

The crowd took a deep breath in response. This meant that Luminous Master could have repeated the same thing on a whim, except for real. Peerless Everlastings and emperors would still die without being able to fight back.

Their lives were completely in someone else’s grasp - this was a scary thought.

They turned their attention towards the battle and Luminous Master was still in the form of a tiny light.

“Luminous Spark.” The spectators quietly repeated this name - something that they would never forget.

This rather common name was more domineering and impressive than anything else in their mind.

“Boom!” A loud explosion suddenly dazed all of them.

“Fiercest is still burning!” They saw a pulsing light coming from Fiercest deep in Sky Ruins.

Each inch of his body was on fire just like everyone else earlier. He was using a supreme technique and various merit laws but they didn't stop the flame.

Even a monster like Fiercest couldn't stop this technique, let alone them.

"It's unavoidable if one has hope and desires." One ancestor sentimentally said.

Luminous Master only served as a catalyst. Hopes and desires were the things fueling the flame. They were the ones killing themselves, not Luminous Master.

Someone as strong as Fiercest should have an ambitious desire and pursuit. Thus, this technique became even more effective.

"What a terrifying move." People finally realized why Luminous Master was so confident in this technique.

It had jumped out of the boundary of power and grand dao. This was a historically-great invention.

Moreover, they also knew why he hesitated. In order to use this technique, he needed to lit himself up as well.

"Poof!" The fire on Fiercest eventually reached its limit, culminating in him fully turning to ashes.

"He's dead." One spectator concluded.

"Fiercest is dead..." An ancestor couldn't believe it.

"This technique is insane. Even Fiercest couldn't handle it." Some of the crowd gasped, thinking that this was the greatest technique they had ever seen.

"Boom!" Bright radiance suddenly came from his ashes and multiple palaces flew out.

"Look, his palaces, he's still alive." Someone commented.

"How can this be? He was reduced to ashes!" Even the ancestors were astounded.

All of them have experienced this technique and failed to overcome it, albeit in an illusory state.

"Boom!" The palaces suppressed the firmaments, stopping all techniques and forbidden arts.

"What the hell, are you guys seeing this?!" One spectator screamed.

"Thir-thir-teen palaces!" Jaws dropped to the ground in disbelief.

"Thirteen palaces really exist?" A Supreme Everlasting became frozen.

First a terrifying technique, now a miracle like having thirteen palaces? The crowd couldn't take much more.

Everyone knew that twelve palaces were the limit regardless of how strong a cultivator might be.

So many brilliant progenitors have appeared in history - Gao Yang, Desolate Saint, Five Element Progenitor...



These peerless beings only had twelve palaces. Now, Fiercest had broken this conventional wisdom and a limit in cultivation.

Alas, this was not a dream. Thirteen palaces, as real as can be, were floating in the sky right now.

### [Chapter 3128: Unique In History](#)

The thirteen palaces horrified the world, causing people to become empty-headed.

So many said to never think about obtaining the thirteenth one. Sure enough, this was indeed the case.

None has ever surpassed the hard limit of twelve palaces, not the top emperors or the brilliant progenitors. This was true at least in the historical records.

Today, an existence with thirteen had broken everyone's understanding regarding the palaces.

"Thirteen..." The crowd remained stunned, unable to accept this fact.

"Th-this is impossible..." One person said despite witnessing it in person.

The floating palaces were just too much to take. Numerous figures have attempted to break this limit to no avail. Thus, what Fiercest has done was simply unbelievable.

No one knew how he achieved this miraculous feat.

"Fiercest... is he also the number one in history..." An Everlasting felt nothing but respect.

From now on, he would have a long section written about him on the river of time. In fact, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to call him "Prime", meaning that he was the greatest of all time. [1]

"Fiercest should be a member of the Decemvirate." One True Emperor said softly.

"No, this achievement is enough to earn him the number one spot." A timeworn Supreme Everlasting said.

Some actually became emotional and contemplated. They eventually nodded and conceded, thinking that this evaluation was about right.

The Decemvirate was a list of the most peerless cultivators and biggest contributors in Three Immortals. Only the best of the best made it here. For example, Gao Yang, Desolate Saint, and Fire Ancestor...

Today, no one would really object listing Fiercest among them. A few actually believed that he deserved the number one spot for having something as unprecedented as thirteen palaces.

"Boom!" The palaces lit up and turned into a matchless sky filled with primordial chaos.

Time reversed for the sake of creation. The palaces could do whatever they wanted, allowing Li Qiye to be the lord of all.

Many felt as if he had transcended everything, even standing above the high heaven. They watched this vast expanse in awe.

The incinerated Fiercest began reforming his body but this process was completely different than others. Time was reversing, allowing him to have a clean start without any problem.

Fiercest appeared before the crowd again. The flame on him was no longer there. Not even a strand of hair was missing.

Meanwhile, the thirteen palaces floated above his head, looking quite peaceful.

No one dared to breathe loudly, thinking that they might bother him.

He stood there without exerting divinity or aura. He had no defensive barriers either, looking like a regular mortal that could be found anywhere.

Of course, one couldn't use the word "regular" or "common" to describe him when the floating palaces were up there.

This alone made him extraordinary - a supreme existence commanding respect and fear. He was the master of Three Immortals and the universe right now.

Fiercest didn't need to say anything. Everyone already knew that Luminous Master had lost.

However, losing to Fiercest and his thirteen palaces was an honor, nothing to be ashamed of. Just being able to fight him was indicative of one's might.

Fiercest has become a sort of test for all cultivators, similar to a tribulation. Reaching this level alone proved one's worth.

"Boom!" The palaces started flying outward with enough force to pierce even the eternal high heaven.

They surrounded the flashing golden radiance that was Luminous Master.

"Poof!" The light stabilized and everyone could hear a fiery ignition.

Luminous Master appeared again, surrounded by progenitorial laws and flames. He was clearly burning himself too; more than half of his body had turned to ashes by this point.

This double-edged technique was outside of his control now. He could no longer extinguish this flame and it wouldn't take long before death.

Many shuddered at this sight. A brilliant progenitor was going to die to his own technique - quite a sad ending.

Sadness took over some members of the crowd because Luminous Master was worthy of respect.

"Thirteen palaces..." The progenitor had an astonished expression. This was obviously his first time seeing thirteen palaces: "I have no regrets in life after seeing this miracle. Losing to you is an honor, same with dying to these palaces."

He seemed cool and collected without fear despite knocking on death's door. How many people could face death in this manner?

Strangely enough, a few twisted minds in the crowd actually became envious of him. After all, everyone would eventually die. Being killed by these palaces would be a heroic and impressive way to go.

[Chapter 3129: Eternal Separation](#)

Various emotions struck the silent spectators.

Luminous Master had plenty of future potentials. So many respected and viewed him as a role model in Immortal Lineage. Alas, he was about to die in battle today.

Nonetheless, this was as good as it could get - dying to Fiercest.

“Any last words?” Li Qiye smiled and stared at him.

The tense crowd held their breath and stared at him, waiting to listen.

Death was inevitable. It’s just that Luminous Master was still too young. He had plenty of things left to do in life.

The initially calm Luminous Master knew that he didn’t have much time left so he sighed with a sad expression.

He turned towards the direction of Creek King - the kingdom-toppling beauty with few peers.

“I have no regrets in life. Being lucky enough to marry you is the greatest happiness and honor.” He looked at his wife and said softly with love-filled eyes.

“Becoming your wife is the proudest thing I’ve done in life.” Creek King’s eyes were also filled with love as she gently responded.

The two of them stared at each other and time came to a halt.

Meanwhile, the crowd became sentimental and said. This couple was a match made in heaven - perfect for each other and made everyone else envious.

What more could a man ask for after marrying someone like Creek King? The same applied to any woman and Luminous Master.

This tender moment seemed to be lasting for an eternity. No one dared to make a sound and interrupt the love between these two.

They didn’t need words to express their feeling, just one glance was enough.

A long time later, Luminous Master eventually withdrew his gaze and looked over at Zhe Long.

“Thank you, Senior, for protecting me all this time. I apologize for letting you down.” He said.

“No, you are my most excellent student, my pride.” Zhe Long said.

“I apologize for letting all of you down as well.” Luminous Master then told the members of Immortal Bronze Mountain.

They kneeled and bowed towards their worthy leader. Words weren’t necessary for them to show him the greatest reverence.

The ancestors and Everlastings felt sad too. They have been watching this young progenitor all this time.

“As I am near death, may I make a request, Dao Brother?” Luminous Master solemnly asked Li Qiye.

The flame was about to burn his entire being. Only ashes would be left soon enough.

“What is it?” Li Qiye smiled.

“I’m not afraid of death but I do wish to go out in a certain way if you are willing. Help me by using the power of the thirteen palaces to destroy me.” Luminous Master said.

The crowd stared at Li Qiye, aware that Luminous Master wished to go out in a different manner. Dying to his own flame seemed tasteless versus an honorable death to the thirteen palaces.

“It’s too early to talk about dying.” Li Qiye chuckled and shook his head.

Luminous Master froze for a moment before smiling wryly: “I know how terrible my creation is, only death awaits me once ignited. Not even an immortal can save me.” [1]

“I might not be an immortal and there might not be one in this world, but I do have thirteen palaces.” Li Qiye calmly said.

“You can save me?” Luminous Master became surprised, the same with all the spectators.

First, putting aside his ability to do so, Luminous Master was still his enemy. There was no need for Fiercest to save him when he’s dying to his own forbidden technique. They probably wouldn’t save him if they were in Fiercest’s shoes.

“I’ve killed plenty so saving one is no big deal. Plus, there are a lot of people in the world but only a few are interesting.” Li Qiye leisurely responded.

Many took a deep breath and found Li Qiye worthy of respect. He was powerful but also had plenty of haters. However, even this group found him slightly more tolerable.

“Boom!” The thirteen palaces suddenly oozed out a light bright enough to illuminate the entire world.

This dazzling radiance enveloped the progenitor and stabilized the flame burning him.

“Zzz...” The palaces then exuded light particles that successfully extinguished the flames.

“He’s actually doing it! It’s working!” Thunderous applause resounded.

Luminous Master couldn’t believe it just like everyone else. His devouring flame was subsiding.

“Boom!” The palaces then poured down primordial chaos and forcefully reversed time while adding life affinity. This chaotic expanse began reconstructing Luminous Master’s body.

This gave a clear answer as to whether Li Qiye could save the master or not so everyone heaved a sigh of relief.

“Incredible, thirteen palaces are special indeed.” One Everlasting commented.

Those at their level knew just how impossible it was to stop that flame. Treasures and merit laws were useless.

However, Fiercest extinguished the flame on top of helping Luminous Master create a new body.

“One and only in history, a miracle of the ages. I think we shouldn’t be surprised that it can create more miracles.” Another ancestor said.

Others nodded in agreement. Thirteen palaces should be far more magical and profound compared to twelve palaces.

Thus, they became curious - what else could these palaces do?

### [Chapter 3130: Total Domination](#)

The re-created Luminous Master was still the same, a peerless progenitor. He didn’t show signs of pessimism nor dejection after losing. His temperament and style were still as dominating as ever.

Cheers, shouts, and other emotional exclamations could be heard. Some were in awe at the thirteen palaces’ abilities and Fiercest’s magnanimity in this case. Only someone like this was worthy of being considered number one.

“Fiercest has the heart of a peerless progenitor, he’s suitable to take charge.” One ancestor said.

“Well, there are great aspects of him that should be imitated.” Those who didn’t like him before had to admit that he had made a good choice.

Many considered Fiercest to be invincible right now on top of showing mercy and compassion when applicable.

Luminous Master would never kneel to anyone but today was an exception. He got on his knees and said: “My gratitude is boundless since you have given me a second life. If you ever need me or Immortal Bronze Mountain’s help in the future, just say the words.”

Creek King and the members of Immortal Bronze also bowed towards Li Qiye - a magnificent and enviable scene.

A progenitor had pledged his allegiance, the same with his sect - truly a mighty and useful force.

Fiercest alone was unbeatable enough but he had plenty of supporters too - Academy of Light, True Dragon Court, Longevity Hall, and Immortal Bronze as well.

He would have no problem ruling Immortal Lineage and the two other worlds at the moment.

“Three Immortals has a new ruler now.” One spectator quietly said.

The ones here believed that no one would try to stop Li Qiye from taking over. They were powerless anyway.

Fiercest didn’t need to conquer the individual realms because he had become a crownless king with total authority. No one would dare to disobey him.

Back in Sky Pass, many experts and even the ancestors also got on their knees. Those who didn’t like him still lowered their head to show subservience.

Fiercest stood there calmly as others paid their respect. He didn’t exert any pressure on the crowd since it wasn’t necessary.

They wholeheartedly respected an existence with thirteen palaces that can defeat progenitors.

“Rise, no need for this.” Li Qiye glanced around before nodding.

“We can have peace of mind now that there is a master like you in charge of Three Immortals. It’s time to retire for me.” Luminous Master stood up and said, slightly emotional.

The comment garnered decent support. Because Fiercest was so powerful, everyone else in this generation paled in comparison. No wonder why Luminous Master felt an urge to be reclusive.

“I’m only a passerby, coming here in a hurry and will be leaving just as quickly. I won’t leave anything or do anything for this world. It is still yours and it requires your effort and protection.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“Dao Brother, this normal world can’t hold you. If there are immortals, ascension is only a matter of time for you.” Luminous Master understood Li Qiye and eventually said.

Some Everlastings jolted after hearing this. It was a topic rarely discussed in public.

There are limits to their growth. What was next after reaching this point? Many sages and progenitors chose to enter Uncrossable Expanse, hoping that there was a path towards ascension. Of course, this was nothing more than mere speculation.

“There are no immortals.” Li Qiye refrained from delving into this topic since there was no need.

The progenitor carefully thought about it before nodding. He let out a sigh and said: “You’re right, this world still needs us.”

“Yes.” Li Qiye smiled. A conversation with a smart man was so easy.

He turned his attention towards the depth of the continent with a gaze profound enough to pierce through the entire thing.

“What kind of artifact is it?” Luminous Master stared in the same direction.

“It came from an ancient age.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “As you said, this thing has a deep connection to your sect. Take a look later. See if you can benefit from it.”

“I’ll try.” Luminous Master didn’t dare to be careless at this mysterious continent.

Li Qiye finally started moving deeper into this place, the master right behind him.

“Fiercest is going to take that immortal artifact.” One spectator enviously said.

“What is it? A grass that can give immortality? Or an immortal fruit?” Discussions sprung up all around.

People surely desired this artifact capable of boosting a progenitor to the next level. However, the competition was Fiercest right now. To provoke him right now meant courting death regardless of one’s backing and power.

“So if this continent has deep ties with Immortal Bronze, it must be extremely old. Immortal Bronze is one of the oldest races in our world, some believe that they were around during the era of the three immortals.” One person speculated.

This made people exchange glances because this era belonged only in myths and speculations.

No one denied that the Immortal Bronze Race was old but the exact timeline remained unknown. The members of this race themselves had no idea.

"I'm so damn curious." Another said while patiently waiting.

Zhe Long and Creek King became tense as well. They have analyzed and understood this continent more than the others. However, numerous unsolvable mysteries remained.

They couldn't open certain places, hence the lack of harvest. However, they believed that Li Qiye should know how to unlock these secrets, having absolute confidence in him.

This was especially true for Luminous Master. He watched Li Qiye's entry and noticed something, slightly raising his brows and his expression became dignified.

Others noticed the change in his expression but didn't see anything special.