

Emperor 3131

[Chapter 3131: Bronze Giant](#)

Only reticent breathing could be heard after Li Qiye entered the area.

No one knew how long he had been in there; they didn't care about the passing time either.

"Boom!" An explosion caught them off guard and the continent instantly collapsed.

"What?!" Zhe Long couldn't believe it. He had tried this method a while ago but this landmass exceeded imagination.

Alas, this was Fiercest, a person who had thirteen palaces. There was no point in being surprised by his success.

Many could see that this wasn't an ordinary collapse. Li Qiye didn't punch it into smithereens or anything.

The pieces fell in a particular manner, making it seem that the continent was assembled from numerous pieces placed together. They were simply falling apart right now.

Each piece was special and possessed its own laws. The continent looked like a perfect work of art made by a devilish master.

"Look at that..." A gigantic entity emerged and floated in space.

People saw that it was a colossal bronze humanoid, larger than any other statue in the world.

Of course, this thing was a living entity, not a statue. He seemed to be born in an ancient era.

His eyes were close, seemingly asleep with a peaceful expression. A faint glow surrounded him. This slumber could last until the world becomes old.

The impressive size understandably astounded the spectators. They then turned towards Luminous Master and the members of Bronze Immortal.

Their race was the same - born with a body made of bronze instead of flesh and blood.

However, they would change after cultivating. For example, Luminous Master gained a regular body. Of course, keeping their bronze body was another potential path.

Everyone instantly thought that this bronze giant might be a member of this race.

Alas, the knowledgeable ancestors have never read anything that would indicate that this race could grow to this size.

In fact, the ancestors from Bronze Immortal couldn't think of a forefather of this size either, at least not in the records and legends.

Now, everyone knew why Luminous Master said that the continent had something to do with their race.

Even if this giant wasn't from this race, he should be related to them in some ways.

“What a miracle.” Zhe Long became emotional and shocked.

So many bronze immortals kneeled and bowed towards this giant. Though they didn’t know his origin, their instinct forced them to do so. Some started crying tears of joy as well.

Luminous Master shot out two rays towards the giant, wanting to see some clues.

“May I climb up there, Dao Brother?” He asked because the giant belonged to Li Qiye.

“Why not, a harvest is up to your own fortune.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Thank you.” Luminous Master bowed before landing on the giant. He rubbed the body while becoming emotional. He was gentle as if he was caressing a lover.

Li Qiye headed straight for the chest area since he had a pretty good understanding of this giant. He had seen one before back in the nine worlds.

In fact, the Primordial Will consisting of twelve laws was taken from a chest held by that bronze giant.

“What’s that?” Some spectators noticed that the giant seemed to be sleeping with both hands placed on its chest.

However, there was a bronze bottle in its hands upon closer inspection. This bottle was actually massive but because of the giant’s size, it was easy to miss it.

They started thinking that it might contain the immortal artifact desired by Luminous Master’s group.

“That has to be it.” Everyone held their breath as Li Qiye was approaching the bottle.

They were naturally tempted, just too scared to do anything about it.

Luminous Master didn’t look at the bottle. All of his attention was focused on the giant.

“Another gift, I won’t hold back then.” Li Qiye stared at the bottle and smiled before grabbing the bottle.

Taking this bottle should be impossible but Li Qiye had reached the apex.

“Boom!” His thirteen palaces began suppressing and transcending everything again. Impossibilities became possibilities.

The crowd felt an unfathomable might and couldn’t stand up straight.

“Rumble!” Li Qiye seemed to be pulling on the world itself. If the world had a physical handle, Li Qiye could easily lift it up with one hand.

Everyone felt themselves being lifted up to the air during this process.

“Boom!” He successfully took the bottle in no time at all.

“He got it!” One spectator blurted out.

Some started fantasizing that it was them who got the bottle. It would be amazing since they would soar towards greatness.

“Good stuff.” Li Qiye looked at the content and praised.

Everyone couldn't help stretching their neck up a bit while wishing to see what was inside. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be.

Many wanted to ask him as well but the words returned to their throat. They didn't dare to ask plus he might not tell them anyway.

"Rumble!" The bronze giant became dazzling and started shaking at an increasing intensity.

"Time to go." Li Qiye put away the bottle and glanced over at Luminous Master before jumping off.

Luminous Master continued caressing the giant, not wanting to leave. This moment seemed too short but he had no choice.

"Rumble!" The shaking became violent by this point so Luminous Master leaped to the sky.

"Boom!" The bronze giant broke through the void and traveled through numerous domains, disappearing from the astonished spectators' sight.

[Chapter 3132: Battle Ends](#)

The bronze giant broke through the void and disappeared as everyone watched in a daze.

They didn't know who this figure was but he should have great significance. Just think about it, he came out of Uncrossable Expanse on top of still being alive and not turned evil. There must be something special going on in the background.

"What a shame." Luminous Master regretted not having enough time to learn since the giant left too quickly.

If he had more time, he would be able to learn more mysteries about it along with the origin of his race. He only managed to learn a tiny bit.

Alas, he also knew that given his power, he had no chance of holding the giant back. Its power and profundity were beyond his control so the only thing he could do was watch.

"Thank you, Dao Brother." He calmed down and cupped his fist towards Li Qiye.

Li Qiye was the one who gave him this chance. Though his harvest was limited, it was still a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"No big deal." Li Qiye said before looking at the sky: "It's getting late though, time for me to leave."

"You're leaving?" Luminous Master became startled, aware that Li Qiye was talking about Three Immortals, not just this place.

"Maybe I can stay a little longer, leave it up to fate." Li Qiye said.

Luminous Master's heart sank a little after hearing this. Anyone else would be happy because it wasn't a good feeling to have someone so strong looming above them.

However, the master viewed it as a great loss for both Immortal Lineage and him. It meant that he would lose his role model and an opponent who could serve as a teacher. As for Immortal Lineage, it would lose another layer of protection.

“In my opinion, it’s coming soon, very soon.” Li Qiye read his expression and stared towards the direction of Uncrossable Expanse.

The master also did the same, becoming more and more dejected. He had stayed by the shore of that place for a bit but couldn’t calculate an exact date. Now, Li Qiye confirmed his suspicion.

A progenitor like him was considered invincible in Three Immortals. Alas, he had zero confidence to face the incoming calamity. What was coming? Perhaps a thing that Three Immortals didn’t want to face the most?

“Are you prepared?” Li Qiye asked the silent progenitor.

“I will try my best because it is my responsibility.” Luminous Master took a deep breath and replied.

“So duty-bound.” Li Qiye casually said.

“Dao Brother, please be merciful and aid us.” Luminous Master said with respect, asking for help.

Li Qiye’s involvement would give more hope for Three Immortals.

“I’m just a passerby so it’s not my responsibility.” Li Qiye said softly: “However, I do need to exercise more. If it comes during this period, I will warm up before my journey to build more enthusiasm.”

This was the same as accepting Luminous Master’s request. The master happily bowed towards Li Qiye and didn’t say anything else.

“Go get ready then.” Li Qiye glanced at him and said.

“See you soon, Dao Brother.” The master bowed to say goodbye, the same with all the experts from Immortal Bronze.

In fact, even the spectators in Sky Pass bowed because he had proven his worth with his thirteen palaces.

Everyone watched his departure in silence. He had become a legendary figure, almost like a real deity.

“Withdraw.” Luminous Master shouted out the order to his sect.

The army of Immortal Bronze hurriedly marched away, following their progenitor.

Many also bowed respectfully towards Luminous Master.

The two parties were gone from Sky Ruins now, leaving behind a creepy expanse.

“It’s finally over.” One spectator murmured.

The outcome of the battle betrayed many’s expectations. Nonetheless, most felt an unprecedented satisfaction after receiving the benefits.

They got to witness a fight between progenitors that left a lasting impression. They saw Luminous Master’s spark technique but most importantly, the one-and-only thirteen palaces in history - a true miracle.

“Maybe we’re the luckiest in history, to be born in the same generation as Fiercest. This is the only generation that has thirteen palaces.” One cultivator reflected.

“It’s also a source of despair.” Another ancestor smiled wryly: “The most brilliant and peerless geniuses will have to play the role of a side character from now on because of Fiercest.”

Others put on a bitter smile as well since he made too much sense. Fiercest was unreasonably powerful and unsurpassable. Everyone would pale versus his dazzling radiance.

“So can cultivators really create thirteen palaces?” A Supreme Everlasting began discussing this issue.

Now that this possibility has been proven, these top masters still didn’t know how to get one.

“What’s the actual method?” People racked their brains to no avail.

“I think regular people like us will never be able to have it.” Even the Supreme Everlastings became dejected.

“It’s nothing to be ashamed about. So many greater beings than us in history with incredible achievements, progenitors and Fardao Everlastings, they couldn’t do it either.” A friend consoled.

“You’re right.” The crowd felt much better.

After all, even the brilliant ones like Gao Yang and Fire Ancestor couldn’t do it. There was a big gap between them compared to these beings. Thus, so what if they couldn’t get the final palace?

“What Fiercest had done is really the miracle of the ages.” The failed experiments made people respect Li Qiye even more, realizing how peerless he was.

He was the only exception in history, the only person with the thirteenth palace.

“I think he should be the leader of the Decemvirate now.” One ancestor suggested.

No one refuted this claim since Li Qiye was truly qualified for the position.

[Chapter 3133: Worthy Of Investment](#)

An illusory space with flashing stars - a dreamlike location. This place was deep in Ascension Pond, a place where no one has been before outside of Li Qiye.

He was refining a weapon brimming with the power of the high heaven, majestic and mighty beyond imagination.

“You’re entering the expanse to kill?” An ethereal voice sounded.

“Not necessarily, just going with the flow. I do hope he’s smart enough to back off but the opposite is more than fine too, I’ll see how sharp my blade is.” Li Qiye looked up and smiled before glancing at his weapon.

“For what reason are you actually going? Those three old men?” The pond clearly questioned Li Qiye’s motives. It seemed capable of seeing the end of the world.

“There’s a potential shortcut there. If there’s a way in, there’s a way out.” Li Qiye smiled.

“You’re courting death, bringing a fat sheep straight to the tiger’s jaws.” The voice didn’t hold back at all.

“Is that so? Why not, that’s one way to bait the tiger, no?” Li Qiye chuckled.

“You’re not strong enough.” The voice eventually said: “You might think you’re strong and amazing, same with your dao heart, but once you go in there, only eternal damnation awaits.”

“I must be hearing things because it sounds like you’re worried about me. Makes me a little scared from being loved so much.” Li Qiye joked.

“You’re bringing a streak of tigers here, a calamity will turn everything to ashes.” The voice snorted.

“I’m aware, you’re afraid that once broken, Three Immortals is such a fat piece of meat. You’ll be the same.” Li Qiye said. [re] It’s unclear in this last line whether Li Qiye is saying that the pond will join in and feast on Three Immortals or it’ll become a target too[/ref]

“Die if you want but don’t drag the entire world down with you.” The voice coldly uttered.

“Who says I want to do that? Stagnation is the most fatal choice. Nothing stays the same forever, not in the past, present, and future. Three Immortals are certainly impregnable right now, this might not be true later.” Li Qiye said.

“The three geezers screwed it up, hmph!” The voice scowled.

“Maybe, but even without this issue, you don’t think something else will happen in the future?” Li Qiye said: “Nothing is unbreakable nor eternal. You and they are ancient enough to know this logic more than me.”

The voice didn’t respond this time. A lull took over.

“Of course, if you are willing to help me, I’m sure it’ll be good. This is the best opportunity.” Li Qiye leisurely said.

“No, I have no interest in falling down together with you.” The voice refused right away.

“Then you can keep on hiding in your shell like a cowardly turtle until you’re found, and that’s inevitable.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hiding and fighting, the result is the same. You can’t change anything, the same with me.” The voice said.

“Not necessarily. There are many unknowns in the world.” Li Qiye said.

“None. I know more and they know more than you.” The voice said.

“I won’t deny that.” Li Qiye nodded: “But I am me and they are they, there’s a clear difference.”

“All the same. Some had the same thoughts as you in the past. What happened in the end? They still became lackeys.” The voice responded.

“Yes, it’s not surprising at all. Nothing is scarier than the heart of men.” Li Qiye agreed.

“Truly terrifying.” The voice emphasized.

“But you’re not men, we are. Because of this difference, you all will never be able to become true immortals but we still can. See, now that’s the difference, one’s superior to the other.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hmph, insects, after all is said and done, are still insects.” The voice scowled.

“Then you need to be careful and avoid being bitten by them. Insects might be small but they can multiply, you all can’t. When you die, your kind will end.” Li Qiye said.

“Look at this world and history. So many epochs have ended but in the present day, the so-called insects are still alive. People have changed, same with the methods, but they keep on struggling beneath the sky.” Li Qiye paused for a bit before continuing: “On the other hand, when one of you dies, that’s one fewer, so you tell me, who is the real ruler of this world?”

The voice also understood this particular train of thought and didn’t respond.

“Have you thought of the day when you become a fat piece of meat? It’s not unprecedented.” Li Qiye went on.

“And?” The voice said.

“I can see that you do not wish to take action but there are other ways. For example, me. Don’t you think someone as handsome as me will always win? Do it right and I’ll become the only true immortal.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Stop fantasizing.” The voice coldly uttered.

“That’s one way to put it but think about the possibility. What if I become a true immortal? Or, we can take one step back and assume that I’ll fail. Nevertheless, my going all out is still a good thing for all of you. You reap all the rewards without doing anything, able to live and see the sun again.” Li Qiye continued.

“Are you threatening me?” The voice questioned.

“Feel free to see it however you want, but calling it a threat is rather shallow for people like us. It’s more of an investment. I’m definitely worth it!” Li Qiye smiled.

“You’ll die.” The voice said with absolute certainty.

“But if I don’t?” Li Qiye put on a serious expression, the same with his voice.

“What do you want?” The voice paused for a bit before asking.

“I know you all still have some good stuff.” Li Qiye let out a satisfied grin.

“No, I don’t, my resources are limited.” The voice became vigilant.

“No, I said you all, not just you, you all. Just you alone is not enough. I might be poor but not that poor.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hmph, don’t win an inch and want a foot, being too greedy will only result in trouble.” The voice didn’t like this.

“False, if this is considered greedy, then how are you going to invest in me? We’re considered big shots, right? So if we’re going to play, then do it big. Don’t be so small-minded now.” Li Qiye said.

“Even if I agree, it doesn’t mean the others will.” The voice contemplated for a bit before speaking.

“You can tell them my intent. As you can see, I’m quite busy, I don’t have time to go visit each one. Trust me, don’t miss this great investment, there won’t be another.” Li Qiye said flatly.

“I understand.” The voice replied.

“It’s a deal then. One day, you will all be joyous for this will be the most fruitful investment of your life.” Li Qiye smirked.

The voice scowled but didn’t bother to retort this time around.

However, right at this second, a pair of eyes seemed to be opening in this deep space. It gazed towards Uncrossable Ocean.

“It’s coming.” The voice said.

Li Qiye stopped refining his weapon and stood up, also gazing towards the expanse.

“Yes.” His eyes turned cold after penetrating the void.

[Chapter 3134: More Visitors From The Expanse](#)

The title of Fiercest once again echoed across Immortal Lineage after the battle.

Everyone knew him and how strong he was by this point. They believed that he was the strongest and most brilliant progenitor in this generation.

Some took it a step further and thought that he would be the greatest progenitor in history.

Serenity returned to Immortal Lineage. All geniuses immersed themselves in training.

A while ago, these top cultivators would like to go outside to show off their achievements. Alas, watching that battle made them realize the gap between themselves and the apex.

Because of this, the prideful and arrogant ones no longer dared to act haughty or cause trouble. Fiercest aside, even Luminous Master was far superior to them. Thus, they began to cultivate without giving up, hoping to catch up to these two.

Unfortunately, this peaceful period didn’t last long. Something happened in Uncrossable Expanse again today.

Something flashed brightly on the ocean and moved with great speed across. It pulsed from the rotation between submerging and emerging. Each jump left behind bright spots on the ocean that would last for a long time - akin to heavenly scars.

Remember, heavenly scars were caused by a supreme power, virtually indelible. Now, this jumping light had this destructive capability as well.

“What’s that?” As the light moved closer to the shore, it was finally spotted by a master.

He reported this to the others. The news spread quickly. It didn't take long before the people in Sky Ruins, Sky Pass, and the rest of Immortal Lineage heard about it.

The spotlight returned to Uncrossable Expanse and the jumping light. Too many things have been happening in this once-quiet expanse.

"Definitely not a good thing." An ancestor felt something ominous happening.

The mighty emperors and Everlastings sensed the sky being surrounded with thick, black clouds. A terrible darkness has begun engulfing Immortal Lineage.

The jumping light finally made it out of the ocean and landed on the sandy beach.

"Buzz." The light emanated into a large circular formation with loud detonations.

Numerous stone pillars merged and assembled something akin to a large fortress - enough to accommodate a great army.

At the same time, the spots left behind on the ocean also lit up and formed their own formations, resulting in what looks like numerous connecting bridges.

"What's going on?" Even a fool by this point knew that something strange was happening.

"Spatial leap at the ultimate level." An Everlasting noticed this and took a deep breath: "A terrible character wants to open a traveling path using coordinates there. They want to return."

There have been numerous legends regarding the expanse. One constant remained - no one who went there had returned or sent any message back.

People speculated that returning was very difficult. Why? Because the space there was extremely chaotic and always changing. Even a progenitor would find this prohibitive.

"Incredible, creating multiple coordinate points on that ocean, this is an enormous project that must have taken hundreds of thousands of years or even longer. Because the coordinates there are always changing, making a path required consolidation after each step. This meant spending immense resources and manpower! Now, someone had just opened so many at the same time to complete this spatial leap, but who?" A supreme existence deep in Five Element Mountain wondered.

"Not even the members of the Decemvirate can do this." Another invincible Everlasting got chills in an ancient abyss.

These reclusive supremes haven't shown themselves for a long time. They were virtually unstoppable but still felt dread after seeing the wondrous spatial leap. The person capable of doing this far exceeded their imagination.

"Someone's returning from the expanse!" This shocking news spread across Immortal Lineage.

The world erupted with clamors; so many inhabitants were shaken.

"A progenitor?" An ancestor said.

"Maybe it's our progenitor, that would be great!" One youth became excited and loudly said.

“Don’t be so quick to celebrate.” The ancestor had a more pessimistic approach: “Even a progenitor returning might not be a good thing. Who knows what had happened in the long period of time?”

His group found this chilling statement reasonable. Their progenitor had entered the expanse for so long. Why return now? Who knows what happened in the expanse to cause this?

The floating ships a while ago showed something bad happening there. Thus, the excited youths felt as if someone had just poured cold water over their head.

“I hope it’s not something evil.” One expert quietly prayed.

It didn’t take long before most became dejected from the ominous development.

“Oooo-” A war horn sounded in Sky Pass and echoed across the entire sky moat. It traveled far enough to reach the shore of the expanse and Sky Ruins.

“Cultivators outside of Sky Pass need to return now. Sky Pass will close in one day and will not allow entry. Be aware of the consequences by staying out.” Tai Yinxi declared.

The legion of Sky Pass mobilized with haste, entering a state of battle. The soldiers returned to their post and various gates.

“Let’s go back now.” The experts outside immediately retreated.

They knew that this wasn’t a joke. Something earth-shattering was about to happen. They wouldn’t be able to return to Immortal Lineage once the sky moat closed. Thus, they moved with their fastest possible speed to return.

“It’s really coming.” All the systems in Immortal Lineage knew the gravity of the situation since it has been years since the legion of Sky Pass entered a state of battle.

[Chapter 3135: Darkness Arrives](#)

Many systems prepared by ordering all of their disciples to return and entering a state of battle.

“Rumble!” Deep and low explosions came from deeper inside the expanse. The entire place seemed to be quaking. Many felt that Immortal Lineage was quaking along as well.

“I don’t like the looks of this...” One guy was afraid of Immortal Lineage toppling over, resulting in immense destruction.

Fortunately, this state didn’t last long and eventually halted.

“Look now!” One frightened spectator shouted. Of course, numerous masters all over Immortal Lineage were already looking.

Black dots appeared all over the vast ocean, seemingly coming from the depth. No one knew how they got there before the entire sky was blotted out.

“Buzz.” The dots followed the bright coordinates and started leaping, gradually drawing closer towards the shore.

The powerful masters became slack-jawed as a result.

“That’s a legion, right?” One ancestor shuddered.

These black dots were none other than numerous battleships shrouded in black fog, perhaps originating from a realm of death.

Thousands of ships floated on the water and continued moving through the existing coordinates.

A while ago, the ships coming out of the expanse were damaged from fierce battles. Now, these ones were as new as can be.

Their sheer amount and close vicinity made the whole thing look like a continent covered in a black fog.

“Boom!” They eventually made it to the shore but didn’t immediately head for Immortal Lineage.

They camped near the existing fortress as more and more ships docked. This great army painted the beach black.

The ships didn’t exude any powerful aura but one could still sense that this army could destroy a world.

“What kind of military strength is this...?” Many felt their legs trembling with fear.

These spectators couldn’t get a good view of the armies, only the ships. However, the content of the ship should be obvious.

“Sky moat, activate!” Tai Yinxi shouted, knowing that retreat wasn’t an option.

“Rumble!” The sky moat became resplendent enough to illuminate all of Immortal Lineage and the space above Sky Pass.

Countless ancient runes of varying sizes appeared on the walls. Some were as big as mountains; others as small as boulders.

“Boom!” These heavy runes stacked on top of each other and assembled a great barrier.

This barrier was a hundred times taller than the actual physical walls that make up the sky moat. Thus, this immediately separated Immortal Lineage from the outside world, a perfect seal of sorts.

“Boom!” A boundless power emanated from the ground of the moat and all of Immortal Lineage. It seeped into every corner of the barriers, firmly stabilizing each rune and brick.

Both the physical and energy walls seemed to be one - an impregnable defense without a single gap.

Visual phenomena emerged as a result - golden dragons were on top of the walls. Phoenixes guarded the sides and other primordial beasts guarded the gates.

The moat had a majestic aura and became the toughest defense possible for Immortal Lineage.

“True to its name.” Those seeing this for the first time became amazed.

As long as this barrier was activated, no one inside could come out and no one outside could come in.

“Is it really unbreakable?” One cultivator asked.

“In theory, not even a progenitor can break it. Who knows if there’s a way.” An ancestor solemnly said.

“Then we don’t need to worry about anything.” The cultivator heaved a sigh of relief.

“We don’t know what’s over there in the expanse.” An Everlasting saw more ships gathering by that black fortress and became nervous.

“Activate our defenses.” The kingdoms and sects back in Immortal Lineage also activated their dao sources to start the barriers.

Though Sky Pass was fully activated, they didn’t know who they were facing or what might happen.

“Open a communication line with all dao systems, keep it on.” These systems began working together. Some even had dao portals at the ready.

Systems who once fought against each other temporarily put aside their difference, choosing to become allies when necessary to face the disaster together.

“Rumble.” Meanwhile, more ships still gathered by the beach. The fortress had plenty of pavilions and encampments, becoming a world of war with a majestic aura that could be sensed from Immortal Lineage.

The world became silent after the great army had fully gathered. The bowstring has been drawn; the swords unsheathed.

Everyone held their breath, aware that a war was about to start.

“There’s someone at last.” Someone shouted while looking at the beach encampment.

One man finally showed up from that camp - the first.

His face remained shrouded by black fog and darkness just like a messenger of death. His pace remained leisurely as if he was taking a stroll.

People could feel that he was unfathomable despite not exerting any aura, as vast as an ocean with no end in sight.

No, it would be more accurate to view him as a bottomless abyss, capable of pulling anything or anyone down there. One fallen, it would be eternal damnation - never to see the sun again.

[Chapter 3136: Messenger](#)

From the east came a floating figure shrouded in black fog, seemingly a part of the darkness and capable of devouring everything.

Strangely enough, he didn’t give off an evil presence but rather an independent and transcending temperament.

He seemed to come from an outer realm and unstained by the mortal coil, an independent existence from everything else.

Even if he were a devil king, the first impression one would get was not of his evil affinity but how special he was - a crane among a flock of chicken.

This was a strange feeling, to say the least. Theoretically, a being coming from the darkness or representing evil should be vile and frightening.

This person didn't give off that feeling in the slightest. He seemed exceptional wherever he went and the fog didn't affect his aura.

This feeling was ridiculous but still manifested before everyone.

"Definitely an incredible character." Even the powerful Everlastings didn't dare to look down on this opponent.

The guy remained unfathomable but just this unique aura alone spoke plenty of his might.

"Who is he? Definitely not an unknown if he came from Three Immortals." An ancestor began speculating.

No one dared to throw out a name since it would be disrespectful to accuse the wise sages and progenitors of the past. Thus, they could only think about it.

This person went to Sky Pass and stood before the gate with great patience and calmness.

"Who might you be?" Tai Yinxi asked.

"A friend returning from abroad, are you the guardian of the sky moat?" This person slightly bowed and asked.

Returning. This made it clear that he came from Three Immortals. His actual identity remained unknown. Everyone started hoping that their ancestors could recognize this person.

"I am the commander of Sky Pass Legion, responsible for protecting the sky moat. May I have your name?" Tai Yinxi narrowed his eyes, focusing on figuring out this person.

Unfortunately, his piercing heavenly gaze couldn't even see the person clearly, let alone finding out anything.

Remember, he was a Supreme Everlasting. Very few people in Immortal Lineage were above him in power yet he still failed.

This made him shudder because he knew that this guy was far stronger than him. That's the only reason why he couldn't guess his power.

"No need to be so polite, I am only a speck of dust, completely insignificant and can't reach the apex. I'm merely here as a messenger, so my name doesn't matter." The person said.

He spoke with sincere humility. This didn't seem like an act at all.

This made people take a deep breath. People this strong usually weren't humble unless they were forced to act this way from experience.

"Then what is your message?" Tai Yinxi said with a solemn expression.

So many ancestors in Immortal Lineage were watching this conversation at the moment.

The messenger glanced over at Sky Pass and Immortal Lineage right behind it, seemingly immersed in reflection and forgot to answer.

Tai Yinxi patiently waited.

After a while, the messenger withdrew his gaze and said: "Some friends wish to return to this beloved land, please open the gate and welcome them."

The listeners became shaken while exchanging glances with those nearby. They then shifted their attention towards the fortress by the beach.

They understood that their wise sages were returning, and not just one or two. Numerous were on those ships right now.

So many progenitors, Everlastings, and emperors have entered the expanse in the past. Some of them were definitely back along with their followers.

A while ago, the cultivators in Immortal Lineage would find this exciting and celebrate. After all, these men included their old ancestors or even their system's progenitor! This was worthy of celebration, to say the least.

This was no longer the case. A terrible feeling struck the listeners after hearing about these "friends" returning.

To be perfectly blunt, many didn't wish to see this at all. They actually hoped that these wise sages have died in expanse rather than returning.

They feared for the worst, that the darkness has taken over these progenitors and wise sages.

Just think about it, the descendants had nothing but pride in their progenitors and ancestors.

If one day, these men were no longer worthy of this, these descendants would instantly lose their totem of hope.

Tai Yinxi knew this long ago but while actually facing this moment of truth, his heart grew heavy.

After all, he wasn't facing primordial beasts or devils from the darkness but rather, the well-respected seniors of the past.

"Sky Pass pertains to the safety of Immortal Lineage and I bear a heavy burden. It's different today. I and the rest of Immortal Lineage naturally welcome old friends returning. However, in order to enter Sky Pass, they must undergo a thorough investigation. I hope you understand and forgive us, Senior." Tai Yinxi spoke with as much civility as possible since he was talking to the old sages.

"And if we refuse?" The messenger said softly.

"Then I'm afraid that no one will be able to enter Sky Pass. My apology." Tai Yinxi said.

"I get it." The messenger nodded without becoming angry: "Just know that it doesn't matter how tall and thick these walls are, they won't be able to stop the inevitable."

This wasn't a blatant threat but the meaning was as clear as can be.

The listeners back in Immortal Lineage felt their hair standing on end with dread. The thing they worried about has finally happened.

“Senior, forgive me for being presumptuous but I must ask, is it really just a visit, or do you have other plans?” Tai Yinxi remained firm with a cold gaze.

“It’s all the same. We illuminated this world in the past and we are returning to give it hope.” The messenger said.

This casual comment frightened the crowd. It seemed to indicate that these men were certain progenitors coming back. Who knows which ones and how many...

They then thought about the terrible prophecy years ago and became even more dejected.

“What kind of hope are you talking about, Senior?” Tai Yinxi said.

“Embrace an entirely new world and break new ground for a vaster horizon.” The messenger said.

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Everyone held their breath after listening to the messenger.

“What new world do you speak of?” Tai Yinxi asked.

“An eternal world originating from the deepest part of your heart, from a desire to build this world. It will let you see the true source.” The messenger spoke in a flowery manner.

Many Everlastings shuddered. There was temptation in such words to them.

“This eternal world you speak of is the darkness?” Tai Yinxi naturally understood. He had more knowledge of this than others.

“It’s just a name, a word, nothing more.” The messenger said: “Light and darkness are classifications of ordinary men, there’s no right and wrong, no justice and evil. They’re both just a form of power coming from the heart. The affinity itself has no morality, it is dependent on the user.” The messenger said.

This confirmed the existence of the darkness and shattered many people’s hope. Some ancestors had a pretty good idea of what was going on but they still held on to a sliver of hope that this might not be the case.

Alas, the messenger destroyed this little hope. The worst had happened. Their most respected progenitors might have fallen to the darkness.

“Darkness is darkness, no excuses. Those who fall to the darkness are no longer one of us and certainly harbor treacherous thoughts. They deserve death!” Tai Yinxi coldly uttered.

Since he was in charge of the first line of defense, his attitude, to a certain extent, also represented Immortal Lineage’s stance.

“People have different perspectives, there’s no forcing it.” The messenger calmly said: “If you won’t obey, then let’s settle this with force. I’m afraid you won’t like the outcome though.”

The powerful listeners trembled again. They might have to fight against their own ancestors until death...

"I don't understand something, Senior. You are a progenitor and I'm sure your side has more capable combatants. You all have become unbeatable and dominated your eras, even contributing long-lasting achievements. You have seen everything, all the trials and tribulations. What made your dao heart wavered?" Tai Yinxi put it tactfully.

The others wanted to ask the same question. In their era, progenitors were the top existences that have done it all.

In fact, becoming a progenitor showed how firm one's dao heart was. Otherwise, they wouldn't have gone so far on the path towards the dao.

Alas, these determined progenitors have fallen to the darkness and now, they were here to attack their own world. How did it come to this?

"The world is too vast, there is always a better man and a higher mountain. We're nothing more than regular people, no, insects." The messenger said.

He spoke with neither happiness nor sadness, only stating a mere fact.

Unfortunately, the listeners didn't take it well. They felt as if they had fallen into an ice pit.

If progenitors were mere insects, then what about them?

No one knew what these progenitors have experienced in the expanse but it must have been something unimaginable.

"Senior, I'm not trying to be arrogant here, but a vaster world and more powerful enemies still can't conquer our Three Immortals. We had experts appearing in waves, brilliant progenitors and mighty masters, the Decemvirate and Ten Radiance..." Tai Yinxi wasn't intimidated.

Some of the listeners nodded in agreement. Three Immortals had produced so many masters and could handle any disaster.

"Yes, we had some brilliant geniuses indeed, the golden age of men and competition, always surging forward with great momentum..." The messenger became slightly emotional again, seemingly recalling his high-spirited past.

His expression said it all so everyone, including Tai Yinxi, became startled. This messenger was clearly a progenitor and a top one at that.

The group immediately had an assessment of the guy's cultivation level - maybe an immortal-level progenitor.

An immortal-level progenitor becoming a hound of darkness was a terrible thing to think about.

Some Everlastings felt their legs shaking after finding this out. No one could stop an immortal-level progenitor in their world. Moreover, there were more than just one.

All of them started praying and hoping for the sky moat to stay strong. Otherwise, all of Three Immortals were done for.

“But so what? The world is larger than your imagination. A Supreme Everlasting like you is impressive in Immortal Lineage but in that vast world, you’re nothing more than a speck of dust. When that day comes, our Three Immortals is nothing more than a fat piece of meat.” The messenger stopped reminiscing and said.

He paused for a bit before finishing: “Instead of struggling in futility, it is not too late to surrender. This is the only way out for our world.”

The listeners fell into silence. A progenitor falling into darkness should be spurned. This still didn’t change the grim reality that such a powerful being was converted. Some felt despair as a result.

“I might be a speck of dust but I still won’t give up. I, the commander of Sky Pass and a member of Three Immortals, will protect my home instead of letting invaders trample on it! I will die fighting without taking half a step back!” Tai Yinxi took a deep breath and powerfully responded.

This declaration woke the ancestors drowning in despair up like the morning bell, driving away their confusion.

“He’s right, this is our home. We can’t let evil trample on it.” Many ancestors and Everlastings agreed.

“We can’t yield or we’ll have no place to go, our descendants won’t be able to live.” Others clenched their fists.

“Let’s fight to the very last man, don’t let the future generations become slaves to the darkness.” Their battle spirit surged.

Their opponents might be powerful and dangerous; some might be their progenitors and forefathers. However, they had no other choice but to fight for the sake of future generations!

“Very courageous, I’m proud of you all.” The messenger nodded slightly: “Then let’s fight. I hope you can persevere till the end.”

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The messenger didn’t linger after speaking his part and returned to the beach fortress.

“Maintain your guard, men, be ready to fight.” Tai Yinxi gave the order afterward.

The soldiers received the order and let out an echoing battle chant. They unsheathed their weapons, ready for the battle.

“It’s happening.” The spectating ancestors knew that the storm was coming.

“We’re joining too when necessary to aid Sky Pass.” Some ancestors also prepared.

Numerous dao systems began mobilizing in order to help Sky Pass whenever necessary.

They have put aside personal interests by this point. Even a fool could see that the destruction of Sky Pass would leave Immortal Lineage vulnerable to the invaders.

Moreover, no systems had a better defensive line than Sky Pass. That's why as long as Sky Pass was there, there was still hope for all of Immortal Lineage.

"Rumble!" The ships back at the shore began flying towards Sky Pass, blotting out the sky and intimidating the spectators.

The dark clouds of war have engulfed Immortal Lineage. Its inhabitants cowered in fear, not knowing how long it would last nor how it would end.

However, they knew that the wails of lamentation would echo across the land. Many sects and kingdoms would turn to ashes.

No one was lucky enough to avoid this disaster. The only path right now was to unite and fight.

As the ships approached, an austere air took over. They didn't directly attack Sky Pass right away or try to catch it off guard. They simply declared war first before marching.

This clearly showed how confident they were in their own strength. It didn't matter how powerful Immortal Lineage was, the same with its defenses.

Thousands of ships have arrived but this was less than half of their full force. The rest continued to stay at the fortress.

This perplexed many ancestors and Everlastings. Why did they only mobilize half of their troops? Were they confident in conquering Immortal Lineage without going all out?

If that's the case, what's the point of mobilizing so many troops in the first place? What were they meant for?

"Boom!" The warships have completely surrounded the airspace above Sky Pass in numerous layers.

Immortal Lineage suddenly turned into a chilling prison in hell. However, the massive and impregnable walls still gave everyone solace and hope.

"One last warning, surrender or you will be shown no mercy." A powerful voice came from one of the ships.

Just his voice alone resembled millions of lightning bolts exploding, fully frightening the listeners. Everyone could tell that he was a progenitor.

"At least two progenitors." One ancestor shuddered and said.

The messenger earlier was one, now another had shown up on that ship.

However, more than just two were returning. Everyone knew this much.

The soldiers of Sky Pass Legion gripped their weapon tightly while gazing at the battalions of ships.

Some started sweating but maintained their post. They knew that they were the first line of defense and also the most important one.

It would be a lie claiming to be fearless at this moment since they were about to face their forefathers and perhaps several progenitors.

Most knew that this would be their last battle. Alas, behind them was their home. Yielding was not an option. Tai Yinxi felt the same way and was prepared to die.

"We'll never surrender regardless of how many waves of us fall down. Sky Pass will still stand strong after our death." Tai Yinxi said with resolution.

"So be it." The voice spoke again.

"Buzz." One of the ships lit up and out came a monstrous creature.

This was a gigantic dragon that looked like a lizard with fleshy thorns protruding on its back. It had thick armor on top of possessing a hammer-like tail.

It was as tall as several dozen mountains stacked on top of each other. Its eyes looked like two suns brimming with lightning.

One could hear continuous crackles from the lightning bolts moving across its body. This lightning was comparable to that of a heavenly tribulation.

"This is a power at the progenitorial level." Everyone became afraid.

"A lightlord dragon, a hybrid offspring of a true dragon and a thunder lizard in the primordial era, a true monster." One Everlasting recognized it and took a deep breath.

"Boom!" The dragon swung its tail hammer on the wall with the force of three thousand worlds. Countless lightning currents came together to form a beam as well. These two separate attacks ravaged this particular section.

This magnificent scene intimidated all spectators; the explosions temporarily deafened them.

"Nooo!" So many cultivators fell to the ground since all of Immortal Lineage was shaking.

"Is it down?" They were scared out of their mind after witnessing this incredible power.

Once the dust settled, that lightning attack couldn't break the barrier, only managing to disrupt the light ever so slightly.

"It's fine..." They heaved a sigh of relief.

"The sky moat lives up to its fame." Most were in awe after seeing the toughness of this defensive line.

"Boom!" Unfortunately, another monster teleported out of a ship - a massive armadillo, slightly smaller than the lightlord dragon.

It seemed to be wearing the sharpest armor. Its scales flashed with a frightening glint. Its head looked just like a large drill that could pierce through anything in existence.

The area became filled with the stench of blood. Its red eyes were nightmarish, to say the least. This creature must have killed numerous beings to have this aura.

"A heavenly armadillo, a legendary beast that can kill the gods and devils!" A knowledgeable ancestor shouted in horror.

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This heavenly armadillo was another ferocious ancient beast also possessing the power similar to a progenitor. Its aura made heaven and earth tremble.

“Rumble!” Its drill-like head began rotating and instantly struck the wall.

Sparks went flying like waterfalls with enough power to destroy the world.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Everyone felt the sky moat being pushed back by this devastating drill.

This was also the case for Immortal Lineage. The ground beneath was being pushed downward. Everyone felt nervous at this development; even their energy was churning from the chaos.

Meanwhile, the dragon continued smashing the wall without taking any break using both its body and tail.

These ancient beasts have robbed the peace from Immortal Lineage. Remember, they were as strong as progenitors so this offense was as devastating as can be.

The inhabitants below turned pale as a result as if doomsday was incoming.

Many have lost hope because the progenitors and the army on the other side haven't even attacked yet. No one in Immortal Lineage could stop them. They started praying for the sky moat to miraculously stop the enemies - this was the only way.

“Rumble!” The light of the sky moat continued to disperse in the impact areas but the runes on the bricks would gather again.

They condensed into layers to stop the drill and the dragon, preventing the crystal barrier from being damaged while rebuilding as well. Thus, the actual walls remained untouched.

In short, the sky moat had two lines of defense - the actual walls then the crystal barriers made from the power underground. It was extremely tough to take down the crystal barriers due to its regenerative property.

“Rumble!” The two beasts continued their onslaught to no avail so everyone started relaxing a bit.

“We're so lucky that the sky moat is there.” Many placed their palms together and quietly prayed.

The consequences would have been unimaginable without these walls. Just these two beasts alone would have been enough to destroy systems.

“The forefathers were so wise to create the sky moat.” Some experts became grateful, on the verge of crying.

On the other hand, they felt that there was something wrong with this statement.

The sky moat was created by their forefathers but now, their forefathers were also the ones attacking Immortal Lineage.

“Not all ancestors have fallen to the darkness.” One insightful spectator said: “The peace we have today is still thanks to our ancestors. Maybe they’re still fighting the darkness right now back in Uncrossable Expanse. That’s our actual first line of defense.”

Many suddenly became spirited and found hope again after hearing this.

It was quite a blow at the start to know that their well-respected ancestors were their enemies. If these great men fell to the darkness, how were they going to stop it?

Now, just thinking about the possibility of some ancestors still fighting back and potentially risking their lives gave everyone courage and determination. Their battle spirit surged once more.

“Rumble!” Meanwhile, the two beasts still didn’t accomplish anything.

Nonetheless, the soldiers in Sky Pass didn’t dare to be careless. They maintained their post and added their power to the important areas of the wall.

Tai Yinxi still had a serious expression despite seeing the beasts’ failure. He knew that this was only the beginning - the worst was yet to come. He didn’t know how much longer the walls would last.

He was certainly very confident in the sky moat but also knew that there was no such thing as an unbreakable defense.

“Unbreakable” only applied when the enemies were weak. However, they were facing progenitors. These men would eventually find the weak spots.

Suddenly, one ship left the rank and started flying towards the sky moat.

No one noticed any potential danger outside of Tai Yinxi. It was drifting on the barrier as if searching for something.

Since the two beasts were attacking, various runes were rippling and moving in order to replenish the crystal barrier.

Thus, the ship was following the movement of the runes in order to find something.

“Damn!” Yinxi immediately thought of one problem.

The ship stopped right after his shout by a section of the wall. “Buzz.” A large platform appeared on top of the ship.

Resplendent light emerged with a pure and terrible power. It eventually created a mirror with a convex surface. The protruding part of this mirror was set against a tiny gap on the wall.

“Shit! We didn’t fix that hole?” Tai Yinxi shouted.

“Sir, we couldn’t fix the last brick. The last batch of materials is en route!” A vice general’s expression soured.

“...” Tai Yinxi knew that this was a terrible development but couldn’t do anything about it.

Li Qiye had told him about the numerous flaws in the walls before. He also listed the positions and methods of fixing them.

Moreover, Five Element Goddess Hui Qingxuan gave her support and her system gave him numerous resources.

Alas, the sky moat was an insane project. Just fixing one hole required immense expensive resources. Their legion couldn't have finished without the help of Five Element Mountain.

They have tried their very best during this period of time to fix all the holes except this final one. The materials were still on the way.

The enemies clearly didn't rely on the two beasts to break the wall. They only needed strong enough destruction to force the runes to move.

These returning forefathers clearly knew about these flaws and this was how they were going to break down this defensive line.

"Buzz." The mirror gathered the brightest light in existence and illuminated all of space. This light eventually came together to form the most terrible beam.

[Chapter 3140: Entering The Broken Wall](#)

"What is it doing?" Those capable of seeing the assault wondered.

"This isn't good." An ancestor who had participated in the fixing effort became alarmed: "Sky Pass won't be able to stop it!"

The knowledgeable ancestors understood the enemy's intention right away.

"Boom!" A frightening beam instantly shot straight towards the wall.

It felt as if the wall was being flipped over by this terrible force. So many people back in Immortal Lineage got swept off their feet and fell on the ground.

This particular section of the crystal wall couldn't stop the beam and instantly crumbled. Remember, on the actual wall itself was a missing spot. That's why the beam also shot through the wall and entered Immortal Lineage.

This was akin to a wall having a tiny hole with light passing through.

"Not like this!" One ancestor bellowed, paled.

"Buzz." The beam instantly sent back the right coordinates and opened a dao portal.

A massive gate instantly floated above the sky of Immortal Lineage.

"Enter." The powerful voice from one of the ships spoke again.

"Rumble!" Explosions detonated without pause before anyone could react.

The thousands of ships entered the mirror, including the massive lightlord dragon and heavenly armadillo.

"Boom!" Sure enough, they appeared on the other side - Immortal Lineage.

These ships blotted out the sky and instilled fear into the natives. They have successfully made it through Sky Pass.

“Alert, activate our defenses!” The members of many systems became scared out of their mind.

One could hear gong clanking all over the world as all systems entered a defensive state.

“Boom!” Divine lights soared to the sky and became barriers.

Panic and anxiety overwhelmed the land since the enemies appeared too quickly.

A while ago, these systems have made preparation but this still caught them off guard.

The battalion of ships separated into four groups and rushed towards their destination - east, south, west, and north.

They wished to outflank all defenders by extending and making sure that their firepower could reach any place in Immortal Lineage.

“They’re trying to overwhelm us!” Many ancestors could read their intention.

Allowing them to spread out would result in utter defeat for Immortal Lineage. There would be no place to hide or to consolidate a retaliation.

Everyone assumed that Sky Pass would bear the brunt of the assault. Who would have thought that the enemies could skip through it with such ease?

Of course, some Everlastings weren’t too surprised at this. Taking down the sky moat would require immense resources and power. Thus, focusing on Immortal Lineage first was the right choice. They could take their time with the wall later. It wasn’t going anywhere in the first place.

“Commander, are we mobilizing to assist the systems?” One general asked for guidance.

“No, we’re staying in Sky Pass. Give the orders to expedite the material transportation. We need to repair that last brick.” Tai Yinxi refused since his focus was still on the expanse.

Though thousands of ships have made it to Immortal Lineage, there were still more back on that shore.

This majority has yet to act. Who knows what they were trying to do? Thus, Tai Yinxi believed that this remnant force was even stronger than the vanguard.

He simply wanted to fix the hole while preserving his men. This would allow the sky moat to be effective again or Immortal Lineage would be done for. The next step after that would be to prevent any reinforcement from entering Immortal Lineage.

“Rumble!” The ships flew towards the various directions with insane speed, crushing space in the process.

Cultivators and mortals cowered in fear as the ships were flying through their systems. They prayed that their system wasn’t the first target.

Though they knew that a broken nest wouldn't have unbroken eggs, the ones targeted first wouldn't even have the chance to run. The more time, the better. At the very least, they would be able to run away.

"Boom!" The southbound ships finally stopped and picked a system - Metalkin Divine Court!

The spectators shuddered after seeing this. Metalkin Divine Court wasn't only a system. It was also the headquarters of the metalkins. Billions and billions of this race lived there. The court itself was only one part of this system.

The previous battle with Fiercest weakened them since they lost Metalkin War God and an army. However, in the grand scheme of things, this wasn't too big of a deal for their race. It consisted of tens of thousands of lineages. The war god and his group were only the current representatives.

"It's not too late to surrender to me." A supreme voice came from one of the ships, enough to make others tremble.

"Boom!" Golden pillars flew out of the ground from the divine court. Beast totems were carved on the pillars and exuded immense strength.

At the same time, their ancestral hall also sent out a massive totem. When this figure appeared, a murderous aura instantly took over the realm.

"The heavenly pillars and the soaring cicada dao source!" Some said softly, feeling a little bit of hope.

These pillars were the ultimate ace card of the metalkins. They have been around since the start of this race and allowed it to prosper by protecting them.

As for the dao source, it was left behind by their Soaring Cicada Progenitor and was their strongest entity.

"I know the pillars and the dao source more than any of you, they are useless against me. Surrender is your only path or prepare to die." The voice sternly said.

It paused for a bit before declaring: "You have the time of three incense sticks to figure it out."

The ships have surrounded the divine court by this point. It would be difficult for anyone to escape.

"Boom!" Meanwhile, the northbound ships have also chosen a target - a system filled with treasure lights of various colors. It seemed easy to find precious stones and metals here.

"Eight Treasures!" Many became startled because this was also one of the strongest systems in Immortal Lineage.

They were the best at creating treasures, rumored to possess the most treasures in the world.