

Emperor 3191

[Chapter 3191: Sole Hook](#)

“As long as your heart has the other shore, it exists everywhere else. If your heart can be freed, there is no need to find the other shore.” Li Qiye said.

“Listening to you is better than reading for ten years.” The emperor laughed and said.

“You must have gone to many places in this boundless expanse.” Li Qiye smiled and turned towards the ocean.

“Indeed.” The emperor rubbed his palms and became slightly emotional: “I eventually lost sight of my desires after coming here and simply went sightseeing. Recently, I enjoy looking at unique sceneries or mysterious things. Just doing whatever on a whim. However, this place is just too vast, or maybe our heart is not vast enough. I can’t see all of it, I don’t think anyone has done so. Maybe only the three immortals.”

He paused for a bit and said: “Hmm, maybe this is my little wish, to be able to see all of the expanse before dying.”

Someone as powerful as him could travel through dimensions. Alas, this still wasn’t enough to see all of the expanse. Its size was unimaginable.

“There are plenty of incredible phenomena, just seeing a few of them makes life worth it.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Coincidentally, I have been thinking about going to one. There is a place called Sole Hook only appearing once every three million years. That date is coming soon. I believe it is on the way for you so would you like to go take a look?” The emperor said.

“Why not, I’m not in a hurry.” Li Qiye agreed since he had plenty of time here.

“Good.” The emperor clapped: “It is an honor to be able to go on a trip with you. Shall we start now?” He stood up with excitement.

Li Qiye also stood up, ready to go. People like them rarely wasted time doing nothing after making up their mind.

The emperor led the way and the two of them entered the expanse once more.

“Will you be staying at the expanse for a while or just passing by?” The emperor asked along the way.

“Just passing by but this is a great place to train. I’ll take my time polishing my grand dao. Ten thousand years might pass in the blink of an eye.” Li Qiye smiled.

“You’re right, it is good for training. Those who can survive here usually break through. Only a small minority gets nothing out of it. I’m sure if you stay here for ten thousand years, you will become peerless. The expanse is also brighter with your presence.” The emperor had great expectations and continued: “This place might be very lively soon enough, no more deathly stillness.”

Li Qiye didn't only serve as a deliverer this time around. He wanted to use this place to polish his grand dao.

His plan was already in motion. He needed to reach a new unfathomable apex in order to start a new epoch. This place could also serve as an appetizer, a battlefield for him to start massacring.

"The expanse used to be very rowdy in the past. People didn't want to return and tried to keep themselves entertained. However, after that thing came, many progenitors died in battle; others fell to the darkness. Some chose to hide as well in minor dimensions." The emperor said.

That thing mentioned by him was the dark overlord.

"It'll end soon. Uncrossable Expanse will return to its original self." Li Qiye's eyes became profound as if wanting to see through the entire ocean.

"I'm sure of it. I knew why you came the moment I saw you. Your suppression is sorely needed." The emperor was optimistic.

Though that dark overlord had killed or converted many progenitors, he was sure that Li Qiye would be able to change all of this.

After all, a member of the Ten Radiance like him could see that Li Qiye was far stronger than any member of the Decemvirate. He could actually challenge the dark overlord.

The two of them traveled through billions of miles in no time at all. Finally, they reached their destination - Sole Hook.

Many dangerous locations existed in the expanse, usually engulfed in tsunami and hurricanes.

However, this particular area was quite calm. The ocean was calm without winds and waves, almost resembling a mirror.

This calmness was a rare sight. It also had a soothing property for any visitor. They would soon forget their worries.

One skerry presided in the center, sticking out from the bottom of the ocean. It was the only thing disturbing the peace here. This was a special creation made with uncanny workmanship.

It was tall enough to pierce the sky vault, reaching the deepest part of space. It had the shape of a hook, seemingly wanting to fish out the stars.

The two of them climbed all the way to the top. They saw the stars circling around them, ready to be pluck.

While looking down, the area beneath looked like a mirror. As they tried to look farther ahead, only a vast and obscure expanse greeted them. There was no end in sight even when using a heavenly gaze.

They started thinking that the targets of this hook-like skerry weren't the stars. It was trying to fish something out of the expanse, some miraculous things for sure.

The two of them sat cross-legged. The emperor looked at the calm water and praised: "This is a perfect place to die. I'll definitely pick it when I'm close."

He had no qualm speaking about death as if it was no big deal.

Li Qiye sensed the serenity here for a bit. He eventually opened his eyes and smiled: "By picking this place, maybe your corpse will gestate a soul and you'll have to experience another cycle."

"Right. I definitely don't want that." The emperor also sensed the magical property of this place and nodded. He continued: "My corpse with a soul still won't be me, just an abomination with memories of its past life, a lingering intent. It's pointless to live again like that."

"Others would disagree." Li Qiye smiled.

The emperor only sighed and didn't comment, choosing not to criticize them. He saw people try to live longer by numerous methods. Some didn't mind paying any price in order to reincarnate or have a longer lifespan. They didn't care about the consequences either.

He looked down on doing so, especially becoming an abomination.

"A special event every three million years is worthy of us waiting for it." Emperor Zheng stared at the sky and said.

He wasn't here to search for treasure and strength, only to take a look at this uncommon event.

[Chapter 3192: Observing To Learn The Dao](#)

The night sky seemed gentle and inviting like the embrace of a loving mother. People naturally slept well without worries on their mind.

Li Qiye and Emperor Zheng sat quietly on top of the skerry, waiting for the incoming miracle.

After a while, a buzz sounded - muted and melodious like scattering powders.

A river came down, filled with starry crumbs along with individual sparks. Each spark seemed to be filled with the water of life. The water currents varied in color - gold, green, blue...

This river contained the essences and light of the stars, the particles of time, and light of life, and other youthful affinities.

It hit the skerry and split into two flows. The collision shot off numerous particles, akin to mercury colliding.

This was an ethereal and beautiful scene, almost dreamlike. Those immersed by this river would find themselves being able to see the changes in history, how the ocean turned into mulberry fields.

"Pop!" The tip of the skerry had splashes everywhere. The drops of water shooting out had images while falling down - flying phoenixes, prostrating gods, the heaven and earth began to move...

A world seemingly opened at the tip with five beautiful colors.

"Splash!" The flow of the river intensified. It had ancient runes and dao laws on top of the previous affinities. Some dao profundities also emerged.

Everything magical in existence seemed to be mixed together and turned into this river.

Waves began to form due to the powerful current, resulting in loud commotions. The two felt as if the myriad dao were rushing past them.

They could see the fundamental essences that make up the world, the birth of the grand dao...

However, the skerry stood strong in spite of the mighty waves. It looked like a hook wanting to pull down the entire river.

Eventually, two fish started swimming playfully down the current. They were the manifestation of the yin and yang. From yin and yang came the five elements.

“Raa!” A star dragon leaped out of the river, flickering with gorgeous starlight.

A phoenix joined in as well, carrying the five elements. Space rippled wherever it went while the myriad laws tagged along.

“Rumble!” The river continuously increased in size, eventually turning into a surging lake.

More phenomena and images took form. A divine diagram enjoying the worship of many followers. The rotation of the sun and moon; the birth of a thousand stars; an immortal tree with swaying branches...

Just one of them alone was shocking enough, unseen by the majority of cultivators. Moreover, just one drop of this lake contained the mysteries and profundity of the grand dao, the power of time and life...

This only happened once every three million years. Calling it a miracle wouldn't be an exaggeration.

The seasoned emperor became immersed at this wondrous sight. The lake eventually turned into an ocean. The visual phenomena became grander and more impressive, causing him to sigh in awe.

Nonetheless, the surging ocean wasn't enough to move the skerry one bit. It divided the ocean into two halves. This process happened in the past, present, and future.

Sitting on this skerry would give the impression of being on an eternal hook. They have become an unchanging existence across the ages.

This observation lasted for a long time. The immovable skerry allowed the two to watch without needing to worry about their safety.

The tides eventually receded, so did the great ocean. Everything returned to normal.

The sky found peace one more; the water below assumed the calmness of a mirror without a single ripple.

“How wonderful, the dao initially doesn't have a root. When the heart has the dao, it will take root there.” The emperor commented.

He then stared over at Li Qiye and saw the guy sitting still. He has been like this the entire time, not saying a single word.

His palaces were open to release his Primordial Tree. The primordial aura poured down like a waterfall as more fruits appeared on the branches.

Each fruit had reached maturity and became shining. They seemed to be gestating the most peerless grand dao with the greatest profundity - more than enough to shoulder the entire world.

The tree didn't look like one to shoulder the sky but each branch and leaf contained amazing mysteries. It could contain the past while opening the future.

One branch could push forward an era; a leaf could launch a new world. The entire tree itself felt like a new epoch, gestating numerous worlds and living beings.

The grand dao and primordial energy stemming from the tree had started an epoch. A system existed here, allowing its inhabitants to cultivate and learn the dao.

Meanwhile, the man sitting there, Li Qiye, was the source of all this. He would create a new epoch with a brand new system. His power would engulf his creation.

The emperor couldn't believe it; his mouth left agape.

He had met plenty of progenitors, including members from his own list and the Decemvirate. However, all of them were far from being comparable to this man.

A brilliant progenitor could start a new era but Li Qiye wasn't doing that. He was starting a new epoch.

In the future, after generations and generations of cultivation, each living being there would be affected by him. Their grand dao and peerless merit laws would be created in accordance to his rules. He would become a being similar to the high heaven.

The emperor knew what he was trying to do while staring at the primordial tree. This act was majestic, greater than anything else others have accomplished.

He wasn't chasing after invincibility or eternal life. This far exceeded that. It wouldn't be long till a new epoch would come.

The emperor began trying to understand the mysteries and profundities of the tree. His talents were nearly peerless.

He had seen the most complicated and magical grand dao before. Alas, they became insignificant now versus this attempt of genesis.

[Chapter 3193: I Shall Herald A New Dawn](#)

Li Qiye eventually opened his eyes and recalled his tree back to his palaces, the same with the primordial energy.

He looked calm and composed at the moment without exerting any pressure. Nonetheless, each breath made him feel like the master of the cosmo. Everything was within his grasp.

His natural aura felt transcending as if he had ascended in spite of his ordinary looks and attires.

The first impression of him would be that he was no longer part of this world. He was a being in the legends - an immortal.

"You look just like an immortal coming out of a painting, Sir." Emperor Zheng couldn't help but praise.

“Just an immortal from a painting? That shows it isn’t real enough, just a fake immortal then.” Li Qiye smiled in response.

“No, no. Your temperament and aura are that of an immortal.” The emperor shook his head.

“Definitely not. If I were an immortal, you might not be sitting here right now.” Li Qiye disagreed amicably.

“Immortals are scary indeed.” The emperor contemplated for a bit before adding.

“Well, the issue here is actually there is no path out, not that immortals are scary.” Li Qiye said with a profound gaze: “If one could get out, then everything will be fair and mild, they might be a true immortal. Otherwise, only pseudo and fake immortals can exist.”

“Sounds like I should be waiting with eager anticipation for the day you become a true immortal.” The emperor smiled.

“Don’t. That’s not my pursuit nor my path.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“Sir, you’re simply unfathomable for ordinary men like us, too hard to figure out.” The emperor praised.

Li Qiye chuckled and stretched, feeling quite good. He smiled: “This trip was worth it, a miracle every three million years, extremely profound.”

“You’re a god.” The emperor smiled wryly: “Just watching this current allowed you to understand more grand dao, fully grasping them. On the other hand, my idiotic self didn’t gain anything.”

“If you’re an idiot, there are no smart men in this world. It’s just that your heart isn’t in this.” Li Qiye glanced at him and said.

Li Qiye was right. A member of the Ten Radiance and the creator of Lucidity Scripture - most importantly, he was only a True Emperor yet he wrote something comparable to the Nine Secrets. His innate talents were as high as can be.

“If that’s the case, then I’m just a fish in the river, too lazy to even turn.” The emperor said.

“It’s very easy to start.” Li Qiye encouraged him.

“Self-awareness is a virtue. I know what my limit is. It doesn’t matter how hard I try to turn and struggle, I still can’t compare to the Decemvirate. Plus, with someone like you around, we won’t be more than ants.” The emperor disagreed and laid out the right reasoning.

He had nearly reached his limit, not far from the actual apex. Thus, there was no point in pursuing anything else.

Li Qiye didn’t push the issue. After all, everyone had their own choices to make. Emperor Zheng knew what he was doing even if his choice was different from most.

No one could interfere or change his mind.

“It’s fine, just appreciate what you have, that’s enough.” Li Qiye eventually concluded.

The emperor nodded back. In his mind, things in life were ephemeral. He didn't need to want anything as long as he could be himself.

"Sir, you're about to start an epoch?" The emperor became curious about Li Qiye's plan: "To be able to witness this with my own eyes? I will have no regrets in life."

"Three Immortals is a unique world with its own laws, I won't break it." Li Qiye denied.

"True, any change might not be suitable for Three Immortals." The emperor thought about it and agreed.

"The reason why it is still here is due to the effort of the wise sages and the three immortals. My epoch is not about lasting forever, it's about making a change, a turning point of sorts. This is necessary before thinking about the final battle." Li Qiye said.

"This might not only be a turning point for your world but all other worlds, including Three Immortals. Your success might change everything. Your benevolent and contribution will cross all worlds. You will herald a new future for us all." The emperor spoke with sincerity and respect.

"That's certainly not my intention, I'm not that great of a person and am only doing my own thing." Li Qiye chuckled, clearly amused.

He then stared straight at the emperor and said: "Moreover, greatness might not be a good thing. Putting someone too high on a pedestal might end with trouble."

"You're a symbol of virtue regardless of whether you admit it or not." The emperor bowed towards Li Qiye: "The result might be unintended but the future will still change."

"It's too early to say." Li Qiye replied: "This is only the beginning, there is still a long way to go and more accumulation required to be used in order to reach the next step."

"I'm sure that day will come and hope to be able to see it. May I ask when?" The emperor asked.

"Very soon, just a little bit left before my grand dao is perfected. That's when I start." Li Qiye narrowed his eyes.

"You wish to reach your limit at the expanse?" The emperor realized.

"Is there a better place?" Li Qiye smiled: "This place is vast and can withstand anything, the best type of battlefield with all kinds of danger. It's the best place to obtain perfection, then it would be time to fight."

"Yes, this is the perfect polishing stone for an immortal blade like you, Sir." The emperor understood. He also knew who Li Qiye wanted to use in order to sharpen his blade. That day would be monstrous.

"Very nutritious too." Li Qiye gazed deeper into the expanse with a smirk on his face.

The emperor shuddered. Someone had become Li Qiye's target. The guy must have been aiming for this person ever since he got here.

As for when? It didn't matter. His prey wouldn't be able to escape from being slaughtered anyway.

“Where are you heading to next?” The emperor calmed down and asked.

“Just moving on.” Li Qiye smiled and didn’t have a particular location in mind.

He was only following his whim. Only those unfortunate enough would meet him on this random path.

“If you wish to train, I know a dangerous nest. Many progenitors have tried to no avail. Some even died from it. But I think it’s a good place for you.” Emperor Zheng thought of something.

“Then let’s go take a look. I hope I can kill all I want there.” Li Qiye’s lips curled into a smirk.

The emperor shuddered since he could already imagine the scene of carnage. Someone was about to get very unlucky.

“I won’t be tagging along though. I heard there is a very rare flower, a blue-crossing flower, allowing one to dream about the other shore so I have to find it.” The emperor said.

He just did whatever he wanted in the expanse with no other goals.

“Go then.” Li Qiye didn’t wish to have a companion either.

“I hope to see you another day, Sir.” The emperor bowed before leaving.

[Chapter 3194: Burdens Nest](#)

The name of the dangerous area mentioned by Emperor Zheng was Burden, a famous place in Uncrossable Expanse.

According to the emperor, there were nine great monsters in the expanse, the strongest and the most dangerous. They have devoured numerous existences. Even some progenitors weren’t lucky enough to escape.

Moreover, though they were monsters, they have gained great intelligence, eventually gathering other monsters and became their kings.

Burden was a nest of one of these nine, also the name of the monster. Most people knew to avoid this place.

Some progenitors have entered in order to destroy Burden, only to be killed by it.

Of course, for others, this was a good place for training. As long as they didn’t go too far inside, they could still leave unscathed.

Too many dangerous monsters presided there which could be a good thing. A few progenitors, when bored, would go there to improve their cultivation.

Li Qiye shared the same thought. He wanted to exercise using these monsters to polish his completed grand dao, further sharpening its edges.

He could sense a violent aura while standing outside of the nest. From the distance, the entire place was shrouded in a mist with an ashen hue. There seemed to be monsters spewing out miasma in there.

This miasma was naturally toxic, capable of corroding flesh at a rapid rate. Only powerful progenitors could withstand it.

The water there was muddled, almost as if infused with ink. It wasn't black entirely but had some strange affinity that could corrode any spectator's soul. Staring at it for a long time would result in being dizzy and confused.

Li Qiye gave it a quick glance before smiling and entering this area. The mist immediately latched onto him. "Zzz..." Its corrosive nature invaded his body.

However, just one flash from him was enough to purify this type of miasma. The other danger was looming in the water.

Looking at it would result in a mental instability; the true fate would shake too, resulting in being dazed and potentially dropping unconscious. That's when the fatal blow would come.

"Splash!" A massive claw stretched out of the water, large enough to easily crush a mountain.

Li Qiye's surroundings turned dark due to the sunlight being blotted out. Alas, he only smiled while looking at the claw.

"It's about time, I've been waiting for a slaughtering." Li Qiye roared and reached for the claw.

"Crack!" He easily tore it in half.

"Ooo-" Something bellowed. Next came a loud boom with a tsunami rising out of nowhere. A gigantic monster the size of an island emerged from the darkness.

It resembled a lobster with numerous sickle-like legs to the left and right. Each swing from one could massacre thousands.

Its shell was gray, seemingly made from countless bones assembling together. Perhaps it didn't have flesh and meat within, only more bones.

Anyone would have goosebumps while staring at this hellish monster. It used to have two claws but unfortunately, the other one has been destroyed by Li Qiye.

"Ooo!" It angrily swung the other one down, causing more tsunami. The world seemed to be flipped over as a result.

"Boom!" One hundred thousand miles of sea around Li Qiye caved downward. Water rushed up like circular walls around him.

Time came to a still - Li Qiye easily stopped the claw with one hand.

"Too weak, can't train my body with this." He shook his head, disappointed.

This scene was truly unbelievable. Li Qiye was smaller than an ant in comparison yet he had no problem stopping this claw, even going as far as making fun of its strength.

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" The infuriated monster immediately resorted to using its legs as blades.

These divine, sharp bones made direct contact. Fiery sparks shot out but he was completely untouched.

“Weakling.” Li Qiye leaped into the air and punched its weak spot. “Boom!”

“Crack!” Numerous bones broke down so the monster fell.

He then tore it apart, ending its life. It didn’t even have the chance to scream. He threw the remains down the ocean.

The already-dark water suddenly turned black this time as if more ink had been added. In reality, it was just a bunch of bony feeders around the size of a finger. They coiled together like chains and came up from the bottom, instantly devouring the large monster.

Gnawing noises resounded. It didn’t take long before the monster was fully eaten, only behind a few dregs.

They didn’t seem to be satisfied and turned their attention towards Li Qiye.

Black rays shot out from the ocean as they flew forward towards the next prey with extreme speed. They resembled divine needles that could pierce through space, instantly appearing in front of Li Qiye’s forehead.

“Treating me as prey?” Li Qiye smiled and raised one finger.

“Boom! Boom!” Numerous lightning bolts shot out of the tip and weaved together to form a net.

The feeders in the sky couldn’t get away, the same with the ones in the ocean. All of them died inside the lightning net.

The water surface had another black layer on top now due to their corpses. They unfortunately chose to mess with the wrong man.

“How disappointing.” Li Qiye smiled and moved forward.

“Boom!” He didn’t get far before another explosion detonated.

Large tentacles with bone spikes on them drilled out of the water. These spikes flashed with a chilling glint.

“Woo!” One tentacle opened its mouth and tried to suck Li Qiye in.

“Bam!” He slammed one foot down, stabilizing himself. The insane suction force failed to pull him even an inch away.

[Chapter 3195: Two Progenitors](#)

Li Qiye didn’t hold back in this nest, killing every step along the way, whether it be monsters or poisonous fiends.

They couldn’t escape from his grasp and had to face their doom. It didn’t take long before screams echoed and corpses piled up on the surface.

He eventually made it to the far regions of the nest, leaving behind carnage and blood in his path.

A while later, two figures flew towards his direction. They tried to converge their progenitorial aura but each of their actions still seemed imposing and mighty. They were, without a doubt, powerful progenitors.

One of them wasn't especially tall and sturdy but still gave off the sense of being an immovable pillar or mountain. His body seemingly possessed incalculable weight.

He was slovenly dressed with no shirt on. This made him look quite bold and adventurous. His muscles were built beyond imagination. His abs had clear outlines; each muscle had been sculpted through numerous trials. His tanned skin looked like bronze. Thus, he gave off a reassuring presence.

The muscles on his arms bulged like upward, looking like dragons. He could probably push up the sky or tear a true dragon apart.

This was clearly a physique cultivator capable of withstanding powerful attacks from weapons.

The other progenitor looked elegant in comparison. He rode a group of clouds, wearing a robe embroidered with red clouds. He looked like a transcending immortal from above with his whisker.

He had the bearing and temperament of a scholar. People would assume that he had read plenty of books.

This was quite an interesting pair - a scholar and a musclehead; brain and brawn. They made up for each other's lacking, perhaps.

"Brother Wu, you're still not giving up?" The scholar told the muscular progenitor.

"My physique is at grand completion so I'm giving it a shot. Time to challenge Burden, see if I can take it down." The man named Wu laughed and responded.

"Brother Wu, we've been friends for so long so excuse me for being blunt. I think it'll be difficult. Remember, White Ash tried to do it before to no avail. This nest is too large and dangerous. Once you'll get in, it'll take a lot of effort to leave." The scholar shook his head.

"I know. That's why I invited you in the first place. We'll take turns. You lure it out from the nest and then everything will be easy. We'll surround then maybe we can take it down." Wu smiled.

"I still think it will be difficult. Burden is pretty much an intelligent demon by this point, probably just as smart as us." The scholar wasn't as optimistic: "Several of our peers have been swallowed by it, both their essences and intelligence stolen. It has been growing stronger all this time."

"Yes, all nine of them are like this, pushing their border. It won't be good if this continues." Wu sighed and said.

"This is still the expanse, let it happen naturally. Even if we kill these nine, maybe ten thousand years later, a different ten or whatever will pop up. There is no lack of monsters here because the place is perfect for gestating these creatures. We're the outsiders and they're the real natives." The scholar smiled.

"Well, natives or not, let's just kill this one. This place has so much more freedom than Three Immortals. We don't need to hold back." Wu said.

The scholar smiled, agreeing with the sentiment. After all, progenitors worried about too many things back in Immortal Lineage.

A battle or a war couldn't be fought trivially because using too much power might result in piercing through their own system.

This wasn't the case here at the expanse. They could fight to their heart's content and destroy the area. Plus, the place was large enough that no one else would notice. It became the best battlefield where these progenitors could go all out.

That's another reason why they didn't wish to return to Three Immortals even if they could.

"Don't you want to have a good fight, Brother Yun?" Wu smiled: "I know that you have created a secret art recently, it should be at grand completion, no? Time to try it then."

"It's not a secret art or anything, just a formation technique. I've gathered great materials in the last one hundred thousand years and refined them into a grand formation." Yun smiled.

"Perfect." Wu continued: "Let's lead it out and use your formation to trap it, then we can kill it."

"Still very difficult. My formation can definitely stop it from returning to the nest but not for long. It's far smarter now and can break the formation." Yun replied.

"It's fine, it's fine. We're just testing our blades. If we can't do it this time, we'll just return another day or get other brothers to help out. We just need to come up with something that can really take it down." Wu said.

"So in the end, you just want me to be the bait." Yun grumbled.

"It can't be helped. I'm just a brute and can't do anything that requires finesse, my movement techniques are crappy compared to yours too."

"You might as well say that I'm the best at running away." Yun smiled wryly.

"Hey, that's a good skill to have. Not everyone can do what you do, I can't and envy your cloud-dodge art. No one will be able to catch me then." Wu laughed.

Their pleasant conversation suddenly halted the moment they entered the nest.

This place was red now instead of being black. The thick stench of blood assaulted the tip of their nose.

Numerous corpses floated on the surface, some as big as a mountain and others as small as a fist...

They were massacred in a direct manner - torn to pieces or pierced completely. These wounds were clearly inflicted by a barehanded combatant.

The two progenitors exchanged glances.

"Someone is one step ahead of us." Yun became serious.

They slowed down while looking at the corpses and imagining the battle.

"So brutal and fierce, that must have felt good." Wu acclaimed.

“Far, far stronger than us.” Yun had a good judge of this combatant’s power.

“A member of the Decemvirate?” Wu put on a serious expression as well.

“No, things have changed after that disaster. The lucky survivors wouldn’t have the time nor the mood to do this.” Yun said.

“That frightening existence then?” Wu grimaced.

A powerful progenitor like him was still afraid of that dark existence. They stood no chance at all.

“It’s unlikely. He had disappeared for a long time. If he were to show up, he’ll definitely be ambushed on all sides.” Yun said.

[Chapter 3196: Massacre](#)

The two became increasingly astonished as they delved deeper into the nest.

This was a brutal and one-sided slaughter. Calling it a massacre wouldn’t be an exaggeration.

This nest consisted of one hundred thousand miles of sea. The entire place was red now due to blood flowing - truly a terrible sight to behold.

Most importantly, corpses floated all around. Some were as large as mountains while others the size of a fist. Dead schools of evil fish were seen as well. All in all, all the monsters in this area have been massacred down to the last. Not one was lucky enough to survive.

Moreover, they were killed by a single move each. It was apparent at first glance that none had a chance to resist or scream.

The two progenitors became cautious as a result.

“Who is it?” The scholar wondered, unable to come up with an answer.

In all of Uncrossable Expanse, those with the ability could be counted on one hand.

Yet, all of these beings were preoccupied right now. They certainly weren’t in the mood to sweep through this area.

Nevertheless, the two moved on, wanting to see the killer.

As they delved deeper, they finally heard loud explosions and loud splashes near Burden’s actual lair.

This central area had dangerous, densely-packed reefs and torrential waves.

Deeper in there was a gaping hole, seemingly the result of weathering after millions and millions of years from the seawater. Inside were numerous wind tunnels with howling winds as if devils were screaming down there.

It was as dark as can be with no end in sight, seemingly connected to hell itself. This was the actual nest of Burden, a sea grotto.

Ever since it started dominating, the entire region became its territory. Not to mention regular existence, even progenitors needed to exercise caution in this place.

These nine monsters were just too powerful. Burden had killed and eaten a progenitor before.

However, the waves weren't as loud as normal in this central region. The reefs were covered with corpses, stopping most of the regular currents that have been painted red from reaching the grotto. Thus, only streams of blood dripped down instead in a horrifying manner.

In front of the entrance was a massive corpse - a creature looking like a sea lion except that it had nine skulls along with bone spurs sticking out of its spine.

This was the main thing stopping water from reaching the grotto due to its sheer size.

The two progenitors recognized this monster - the strongest follower of Burden, a Heaven Devouring Lion.

"I couldn't kill it the last time I was here for training." Wu murmured.

"Crackle." They heard the sound of fire burning nearby and looked around.

They saw a bonfire on top of a large reef with a spinning skewer. The tendon on it was gigantic, more than enough to fill ten people.

It was clear and sparkling; its greasy fat dripped down the skewer with a golden hue. The smell could make anyone salivate.

Even a fool knew that this meat was the good stuff, extremely nutritious.

The two saw a youth busy barbecuing by the bonfire. He looked like an expert; each move was skillfully and easily.

The youth looked as normal as can be and could easily be mistaken for a mortal. In this scenario, he looked like a brat selling meat on the street.

Alas, this wasn't the prosperous street from the mortal world and he was no meat seller. Who else could it be but Li Qiye?

The two progenitors shuddered and felt a sense of respect while looking at him. They were strong enough to have a good gauge of his actual power. That's why they didn't dare to show any disrespect and bowed towards him.

He leisurely gestured, telling them to come over: "Come have a taste of this lion foot tendon, quite delicious."

It clearly belonged to the Heaven Devouring Lion.

The two of them came over to help him roast this foot. It didn't take long before this delicious feast was ready.

They were above needless conventional etiquette and hurriedly took off part of the meat to have a bite.

They didn't hold back and loudly chewed. Liquid gushed out from each bite and streamed down the corner of their lips. The smell spoke volumes about its deliciousness.

They ate like a storm and easily finished a portion meant for ten. Li Qiye belched with satisfaction after finishing.

It seemed that Wu had a bigger appetite compared to Li Qiye and Yun. He licked his lips and said: "That was good, really good." He clearly could go for more.

"There's still another foot." Li Qiye smiled.

"I'm going, this is just too good to miss." He laughed and instantly stood up to cut off the other foot for another roast.

As he was roasting, Li Qiye slowly picked his teeth while trying to digest.

"My title is Cloudcrossing, he is Brother Martial Ancestor, how should we address you, Senior?" The elegant progenitor bowed towards Li Qiye. [1]

Martial Ancestor was the progenitor of Vermillion Martial Court.

"Li Qiye, and no need to call me senior since I'm only eighteen." Li Qiye casually responded.

"It is an honor to meet you." Cloudcrossing said with respect.

"Not the first time. We've met before when I killed his heart devil." Li Qiye glanced at Martial Ancestor.

"So it still escaped." Martial Ancestor stopped and could guess what had transpired. He commented: "The descendants are foolish and greedy, only caring about treasures."

Martial Ancestor had some craziness in him, resulting in a heart devil. He couldn't kill it and had to suppress it in his system. Later on, the martial court eventually released it.

"Thank you for helping or many would have died." Martial Ancestor bowed deeply towards Li Qiye.

"Just a matter of coincidence. And a touch of fate spared your system from me." Li Qiye smiled.

"The unfilial ones probably deserve it in that case and it wouldn't be your fault, Senior." Martial Ancestor sighed.

He had spent a lot of effort on his system but since he had left for so long, those he cared about were no longer there.

Thus, he wouldn't really mind it if Li Qiye had destroyed his system.

It had nothing to do with the emotionlessness of a top master. This was an issue of time erasing everything.

[Chapter 3197: Martial Dao](#)

Li Qiye only chuckled and didn't dwell on the topic. Destroying a system to him wasn't a big deal.

"You're peerless, Senior." Cloudcrossing Progenitor praised: "We'll never be able to catch up to you on the path towards the dao."

"Yes." Martial Ancestor joined in: "I think only one or two people at the expanse are at your level."

“Your martial dao is fleshed out enough to be its own school.” Li Qiye smiled at the muscular man.

“I’m turning back again to the rugged path, that’s why I’m starting from the basics, building up this bag of skin.” Martial Ancestor begrudgingly said.

“It’s not necessarily a bad thing.” Li Qiye replied.

“If this body is useful and can endure, there is still hope. Otherwise, all of my efforts would have been in vain. All of my fortunes and resources are in it now, it’s a huge risk.” Martial Ancestor responded.

He used martial arts to reach the dao back then. In the beginning, he trained mortal martial arts and eventually abandoned them for the dao.

However, after becoming a progenitor and training at the expanse, he once again embarked on the path of martial arts with a focus on the physique. He wanted to refine his body into the strongest weapon and container - excelling at both offense and defense on top of containing many grand dao.

“Martial art and the dao are the same things.” Li Qiye said: “All laws start from a single thought or thing, even the tiniest creation and the weakest thought can become a supreme grand dao. Your body is a grand dao that can accommodate everything once you reach that level.”

“Thank you for your words of encouragement, I will keep going.” Martial Ancestor bowed.

Using regular martial arts to reach the dao wasn’t easy. Training this art again after becoming a progenitor was even harder.

He spent all of his vitality and resources on rebuilding his body, a different path from the other progenitors.

“Brother Wu’s determination is something else, that’s why his future height will be far greater than mine.” Cloudcrossing Progenitor added.

“Brother Yun, please don’t tease me, I’m simply risking it all for a bet, who knows if this will work? It’s only an experiment.” Martial Ancestor shook his head, lacking confidence.

“Yes, we can’t compare to the wise sages of the past and are nearing the end so we need to take shortcuts in order to break through.” Cloudcrossing replied: “I just don’t have the same boldness as you. Picking the martial dao again is an amazing choice.”

He was telling the truth. Though they were quite powerful, there were others above them such as the members from the Decemvirate. They would never be able to surpass these characters since they were inferior in all aspects.

Since these ten served as the peaks, they could see where they stood as well as their limit. They had no chance of surpassing the Decemvirate, let alone breaking through the limit of the grand dao.

That’s why Martial Ancestor made a bold move - picking martial arts. This was a path unwalked.

Of course, regular mortals have turned into cultivators by perfecting martial arts. However, he was doing so while being a progenitor.

The regular path of orthodox cultivation wouldn't allow them to defeat the top ten progenitors. On the other hand, the martial dao might open an unprecedented path, a new height.

Martial Ancestor might not be able to beat the ten with this path, but at least he still created something new. Just surpassing himself could be considered a success.

"Life is unpredictable, who knows, maybe I'll need your help in the future to stay alive again." Martial Ancestor said.

These two have seen and experienced enough to make light of death by this point.

"You must be chasing the darkness here, Senior." Cloudcrossing asked Li Qiye.

"You can put it that way, it's just out of convenience though, a minor task while I train and kill." Li Qiye smiled.

Though he put it so nonchalantly, these two smiled wryly at each other. They looked around and saw the carnage.

What if he were to get serious? Maybe a tsunami of blood would engulf all of the expanse. They didn't dare to think about it much longer.

"I'm sad to say that we couldn't help with that." Martial Ancestor said.

"It's not your fault. You have only entered the martial dao again when Zither Empress mobilized, not enough time to accomplish anything." Cloudcrossing revealed.

Darkness invaded the expanse in the past. Zither Empress and the other progenitors formed an alliance against it.

Martial Ancestor was too weak back then to join the battle. Cloudcrossing also stayed behind in order to protect him.

"This will end eventually, the expanse belongs to Three Immortals. We will never let it fall to foreign invaders." Martial Ancestor said while gazing towards the horizon.

"Soon." Li Qiye had a calm expression.

"It's a shame that the mastermind behind this had disappeared without a single trace. Many have searched to no avail. Some are still looking." Cloudcrossing put on a helpless smile.

The war back then was shocking. Numerous progenitors fell as a result. These two didn't participate so they didn't know the actual outcome.

However, the dark lord disappeared afterward along with many brilliant progenitors. Later on, they found out that some progenitors have died while others chose the darkness. The latter group also stopped showing up.

Their side kept on searching but couldn't figure out the dark lord's hiding location. The expanse was just too vast. A powerful being of that level wouldn't have a hard time hiding at all.

“An opportunity will arise unless he wants to be a turtle forever, no longer wanting to divide the spoils.” Li Qiye smiled faintly.

“I hope I’ll be able to join that battle and contribute to this world.” Cloudcrossing said.

“Count me in as well. I’ve lived long enough already.” Martial Ancestor laughed.

Both of them sounded quite heroic at this moment.

“Rumble!” Suddenly, loud quaking came from below, culminating in monstrous tsunamis.

A terrible aura oozed out of the grotto. “Boom!” The water inside the grotto surged to the sky like a spring.

“Burden.” Both progenitors recognized the aura.

“Finally came out.” Li Qiye stood up and laughed: “It hid in there earlier. I’m full now, time to kill it too.”

The two knew that Burden was dead for sure today regardless of how powerful it was.

A while later, dark energy surged out from the grotto. This dark energy instantly swept through the stars above, causing them to fall down like shooting stars. This was a testament to Burden’s might.

“Not bad, it survived one punch earlier too. Okay, time to take it down.” Li Qiye smiled at this sight.

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“Whoosh!” The darkness from the grotto instantly surged towards Li Qiye with extreme speed and surrounded him.

Upon closer inspection, this wasn’t a wave of dark energy but numerous bat-like fiends. They had sharp teeth and numerous hooks on their wings, sharp enough to cut a victim’s throat with ease.

They were Burden’s parasites, normally living off it. However, whenever Burden needed it, they would also attack by surrounding their prey. Their aura could induce paralysis.

“Scram!” Li Qiye roared with a punch.

“Boom!” The bats exploded into blood, unable to withstand a single blow.

In the next moment, boundless darkness came out of the grotto.

However, Li Qiye leaped upward for a downward kick. The entire grotto nearly exploded as the darkness was crushed by Li Qiye’s monstrous power, reduced to blood.

Meanwhile, the two progenitors have gotten up to get a better look. They also needed to block the massive waves emanating from the location of the fight.

“I am the supreme lord of all! The...” Burden crazily roared from inside the grotto.

It couldn’t finish before being cut off by an explosion and more earthquakes. A great battle ensued. The grotto started breaking apart with boulders flying everywhere.

The battle noises from below made the two progenitors feel bad. Of course, they weren't worrying about Li Qiye but rather pitying Burden for the terrible beating.

"Ahhh!" Finally, a miserable cry reached the white clouds, instilling chills into the listeners.

The two exchanged glances, aware that Burden was finished.

Sure enough, boulders chaotically shot out from the entrance as a person flew up while carrying a large skull.

"Boom!" He tossed it into the ocean. Its eyes were still wide open in disbelief, not expecting to be killed in this helpless manner.

"You're unbeatable, Sir, killing Burden in no time at all." Cloudcrossing Progenitor praised.

"Would have been one or two moves if it wasn't for the complicated grotto." Li Qiye smiled.

The two smiled wryly. Martial Ancestor didn't have that much confidence in killing Burden yet Li Qiye could do so in one or two moves. The gap between them was insane.

"Sigh, I have to change location again." Martial Ancestor said while staring at the skull and shook his head.

He wanted to use this place for training. Who would have thought that Li Qiye would kill every last one here?

"It's burning." Li Qiye smiled at the ancestor.

"Right, right." He calmed down and took off the roasted foot, cutting off a piece and blowing on it.

"Sir, are you eating again?" Cloudcrossing sat down and asked Li Qiye while feeling a little hungry.

"No, I'm still full. Gonna go find another place to play." Li Qiye smiled and flew to the sky.

The two of them bowed towards his direction until he was gone. They sat back down to eat.

"Sigh, Brother Wu, I think you don't need to find the nine monsters anymore to train." Cloudcrossing took a bite then said: "Sir is definitely using them to warm up. I'm sure they'll be dead when you get there, all of them, no time for you to train."

"Right, I wanted to stay here for ten years or so, seems impossible now. Looks like I need to find another dangerous area." Martial Ancestor sighed in response.

"Well, there's no lack of dangerous areas in this damned place." Cloudcrossing smiled.

"Whatever, let's just eat." Martial Ancestor's mouth was covered in grease from eating too fast. He eventually said: "This is really good, I never realized how good tendon can taste."

"Let's find another next time for a feast." The two of them became gluttonous and focused on filling their stomach.

Their laughter echoed in this ocean of blood and corpses.

Li Qiye continued heading into dangerous locations to kill monsters, training while journeying.

He didn't rest a single day despite having a finished grand dao. He still worked hard than anyone else, wanting to polish this dao and its profundities.

This wasn't only about him. He needed to polish an entire epoch's cultivational outline. That's why he needed to have an immaculate understanding of this grand dao.

He kept on deriving the dao to its limit. Even the tiniest law would be transformed to its max form. Then from this complicated yet powerful, he chose to make them as simple as possible and turn them into easy methods.

This was for the sake of the future descendants. They would have an easier time obtaining a firm foundation.

He wouldn't have needed to do all of this for his own cultivation since he already had a perfect grasp on his grand dao.

For this goal, he separated his grand dao into seven cultivation incantations, as short as can be. Moreover, they could be combined together as well.

These seven could allow anyone to reach the peak of cultivation or even break through the limits. When all seven combined into its original form, that would be Li Qiye's grand dao.

He carefully chose each word and phrase for the incantations then kept on transforming and deriving them. His focus was on simplifying the cultivation process.

After finishing this task, he sealed the seven incantations into his Primordial Tree, fusing them together.

Some of their names were: Chaos, Heavensplit, Ascension, All-things...

The seven were different and had their own focus. However, none was necessarily better than the others.

Unfortunately, creating a new cultivation system for an epoch was easier said than done. He continued to polish the tree so that it would have numerous dao fruits, large and heavy.

Meanwhile, he was also unstoppable. The strongest monsters all fell before him. He left nothing but a trail of blood and destruction since he didn't need to hold back in the expanse. He could utilize his power while not involving the innocent.

This was an incredible feeling; no wonder why many progenitors liked this place.

The conditions here were quite harsh and dangerous compared to Three Immortals but the progenitors felt quite comfortable here, as free as a bird in the sky and a fish in the ocean.

"Boom!" Blood splashed out of a gigantic monster. It fell to the ground.

Another one of the nine has been killed by Li Qiye. As the years went by, he had taken several of them down and destroyed their territories. This one wasn't lucky enough to survive either.

The next area was quite dangerous due to the colossal hurricanes and lightning bolts present. They were tearing space apart.

Even the great monsters didn't want to stay here for long.

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The hurricanes and insane lightning bolts ravaged the area, wanting to return it back to the origin.

A progenitor could die here by not exercising enough caution. However, Li Qiye didn't stop at all and let the lightning bolts and hurricanes hit him. Not even a single strand of hair was damaged.

He sauntered through the region and saw space rippling - something akin to the opening of a portal. Alas, these ripples have been sealed and intentionally shrouded by someone.

Li Qiye stretched his palm forward and performed a spatial dao. The deepest hidden dimensions couldn't escape from his calculation.

He eventually locked onto a particular set of coordinates among numerous dimensions and pulled it out.

"Buzz." A starry door appeared before him. Its blinding radiance made it seem like an entire galaxy was engraved on the surface.

He instantly knew what it was right away after looking at it: "A minor dimension? Finally get to see one today then. I wonder who hid the entrance."

He met many progenitors in the expanse and they have told him about it. The expanse contained numerous minor dimensions hidden throughout.

It certainly wasn't easy to find them. The progenitors who were lucky enough to see them would stay there for a long time. Some successfully transformed them into their dao system - a new home.

That's another reason why many progenitors never returned to Three Immortals. They have taken roots in the expanse. Henceforth, Three Immortals didn't matter as much.

Li Qiye actually only came here by chance after killing his way through the big monster's territory. He didn't expect to find a minor dimension.

"Pop!" He stepped inside without any hesitation.

It didn't matter who was inside - a progenitor or a monster. He could travel freely anywhere given his current power.

Billowing spirit energy greeted him. Standing inside this dimension made him think that it was quite peaceful and not that different from a system back in Three Immortals.

The sun and moon were present along with other celestial bodies. This place was very habitable.

The spirit energy here had distinct differences compared to its counterpart back in Three Immortals. Nonetheless, it had a recovery property; wounds of the flesh would heal faster for those bathing in it.

The inhabitants would find this energy impressive. However, Li Qiye didn't find it special. He could swallow all of this energy in one gulp.

Of course, he wouldn't do so. He wasn't greedy plus the amount was insignificant in the first place.

He found the natives living there for many generations now and didn't bother them. He acted as one while walking through the minor dimension.

He quickly found that the mortals here lived in the same manner. One main difference was that their lives were more simple, almost like farmers. They didn't have the same wiliness found in the cities.

They would work at sunrise and rest at sunset. None was particularly rich but they still had enough to eat.

This simplicity lessened competition and war, resulting in peace. These natives could cultivate but they only had access to basic incantations.

These incantations wouldn't give them superpowers found in cultivators, only strengthening their body.

As he moved on, he found that there was something else going on in this simple and serene land. Upon closer inspection, he noticed that there was a pair of invisible hands guiding the direction of this world.

"Interesting." He smiled.

This wasn't actually a bad thing since this guidance granted peace and relative prosperity. He became interested in the underlying intent and decided to stay longer in order to see this dimension's development.

Interfering with a world was a topic he delved and experimented on previously, hence his interest in this minor dimension.

In reality, many progenitors have started developing these minor dimensions. After many years of effort, these dimensions slowly became what they wanted. The progenitors were no different from creation gods.

There was one special thing about this particular one. Everyone wore a cloak, from the young and old to the poor and rich. They all had a cloak at birth. Thus, those without a cloak would stand out like a sore thumb.

Li Qiye began researching its history - a forte of his. He eventually knew all the major events like the back of his hand.

Finally, his knowledge reached a point where he didn't need to use a technique or calculation and still knew the location of the person leading this dimension's development.

"Not a bad place, just not enough to deal with the real calamity." Li Qiye came to this conclusion.

He entered an ancient ground - the reclusive home of this hidden master.

The area had plenty of hidden traps and dangers. No natives could infiltrate this place but this didn't matter to Li Qiye at all. He instantly solved them and moved forward.

"Who is it?!" The person behind the scene was alarmed.

Alas, he didn't have time to react because someone was standing in front of him right now.

He has been living in this minor dimension for a long time while being the strongest, that is until he saw the man in front of him.

[Chapter 3200: A Dead Man](#)

The man immediately took one step backward and focused on the youth ahead.

His common appearance was hiding a terrifying power. Each strand of power coming from that frame could annihilate the heaven and earth.

This made the man recall something in the past, causing him to stand there with a frightened expression.

“Who are you?” He put on a defensive state, ready to fight at any moment.

Li Qiye stared at him - a brilliant looking man with an amazing pair of eyes, as bright as the stars.

However, his hair was white and his complexion was an unhealthy gray.

Who knows whether it was because he hasn't seen the sun for years or some other reasons? All in all, he seemed rather sickly.

“I'm not here with malice.” Li Qiye saw the defensive stance and smiled: “Or you would be dead already.”

The old man agreed with this and relaxed his arms, recalling his vitality and energy. Just think about it, the guy entered his minor dimension and he didn't have a damn clue.

Moreover, all of the traps outside weren't effective. The intruder was already in front of him once he realized it.

This person must be insanely monstrous, more than enough to kill him.

“How should I address you, Sir?” The old man bowed to show respect.

He was a progenitor with amazing achievements but Li Qiye's power was worthy of the highest respect.

“Li Qiye.” Li Qiye spoke and then sat down without any reservation.

“I'm sorry, I've been away from the world for too long, I don't know anything about recent events.” The old man hasn't heard of Li Qiye.

“It's fine, I've met you before and didn't expect to see you again. A little surprising.” Li Qiye waved his sleeve.

“We've met?” Now it was the old man's turn to be surprised. He searched his memories and couldn't come up with anything.

Logically, he would remember meeting a monster like this before.

“It's understandable that you don't remember. I saw your corpse back at Moneyfall.” Li Qiye interrupted the old man's rumination with a smile.

“Ah, I see. You’re very insightful for recognizing me. Maybe we’re actually connected by fate.” The old man bowed his head.

“Didn’t expect you to be alive and here in the expanse. The world thought that you, Regalia Progenitor, have died in Moneyfall.” Li Qiye chuckled. [1]

So it turned out that this progenitor had entered Moneyfall and called out the strongest lord there to fight. People believed that he died from this battle.

Li Qiye went there and saw his remains and regalia. Who would have thought that he was still alive and hiding in a minor dimension at the expanse?

“I called out the most domineering lord there, too reckless, I suppose. I thought that I could kill it but my cultivation was too shallow and couldn’t beat it. I suffered grievous injuries and managed to escape thanks to my regalia. Alas, I had to run for my life while leaving my body behind.” Regalia smiled wryly and helplessly said.

Just imagine, a dominating progenitor needed to abandon his own body to run. That’s utter defeat, something impossible to accept.

“My true fate was on the verge of dying then, I lived a borrowed life using medicine but it’s impossible to heal the injuries back in Myriad Lineage. Thus, I thought about leaving while not letting anyone know.” He continued.

He had to leave Myriad Lineage in secret. It wasn’t only out of saving face nor prestige, just mainly safety.

Becoming a progenitor meant participating in many battles. He had plenty of enemies that would be very happy to know about his injuries. They would have taken advantage of this to kill him.

Thus, Regalia left without telling anyone, not even his closest confidants. That’s why everyone thought he had died in Moneyfall.

“I found many different herbs and materials in Three Immortals but they couldn’t fully heal my injuries.” Regalia went on.

The incurable debilitation was too much for a progenitor to accept.

“That’s why you went to the expanse.” Li Qiye understood the progenitor’s mindset.

No one wanted to sit there waiting for death. They would cling on to any potential sliver of hope.

“It was the only choice I have.” Regalia said: “There might be more materials in the expanse so I risked it all.”

“It wasn’t easy for you to live until now.” Li Qiye said. This wasn’t an insult.

Just think about it, this place was dangerous enough to kill Regalia at full strength, let alone his wounded state. He was no different from an ant that could be trampled on whenever.

“The high heaven must have been watching.” Regalia nodded with a tinge of emotions: “I was lucky enough to not die along the way. Unfortunately, the expanse didn’t have medicine that could cure me. I just happened to find this minor dimension with spirit energy capable of healing my wounds.”

After so many years here, his wounds have been healed by about seventy to eighty percent. Since he had stayed for so long, he eventually considered this place his home.

He used various means to pass down some foundational incantations so that the natives could learn and strengthen their body.

Of course, he didn’t pass down the heaven-defying merit laws that could turn them into cultivators. Doing so might result in a disaster when some became too powerful for their own good.

“It’s a wise move. People say, with great power comes great responsibility. There’s another saying, with great power comes greater ambition.” Li Qiye agreed with the progenitor’s choice: “Letting them cultivate powerful merit laws will take away the peace. Only the flames of war are left behind.”

“Yes. Not to mention that the expanse is even more dangerous. Letting them go outside is the same as letting them go to their death. In fact, they could even lead the danger back here.” Regalia said. This progenitor had enough experience to understand the greed of men.

If he were to teach them his best merit laws, they would definitely start killing each other for resources. The ones strong enough to leave would die outside anyway. Plus, that would risk exposing the existence of the minor dimension.

Therefore, he sealed the entrance away from the outside world on top of limiting the natives’ cultivation.

This granted peace for millions of years in this place. No disaster, no large-scale wars, only peace and prosperity. He took great pride in this achievement.