

Emperor 3211

[Chapter 3211: Hidden Dao Star](#)

The phrase served as the foundation of an entire epoch. Everyone felt nothing but respect for the new “Dao Lord”.

In a seclusive and incalculable location at the expanse, a pair of eyes narrowed and flashed once before disappearing again.

This person remained cautious despite the safety of this area. Numerous masters were still searching for it.

The supreme dao rhythm eventually dispersed. The laws and dao of the world returned to their original rotation.

Progenitors heaved with relief once their grand dao returned to their body.

Just imagine, their supreme grand dao escaped their control just now. This was a terrible feeling, a cause for worries.

It meant that they would be fish on the chopping board regardless of how strong they used to be - akin to a mortal. The return of their grand dao meant that their power was back again.

Li Qiye crossed through space and traveled more across the expanse. He visited many incredible areas.

Today was a ruin from an older age. It contained chaotic space along with the cycles of life and karma.

The place was covered in resplendent starlights of various colors. This made it seem like a dream world. It had profundities worth researching. Progenitors tried their best here and couldn't grasp ten percent of the mysteries here.

Rumor has it that the three immortals and the top progenitors have been here before. Some even added the dark existences to this list.

All in all, the place was extremely famous. Newcomers to the expanse would eventually come here for a look.

Something big was happening today. The colorful chaotic temporal flow was forced back into order. They became rainbows of time and started flowing above the ruins.

In this place, Li Qiye was testing the various profundities and exerting control over them.

Both the cycles of life and karma seemed like mature peaches that have been casually taken by him and peeled, exposing the soft texture and plentiful juice - as wondrous as can be...

So many progenitors were watching Li Qiye pulling the ruins back into order in astonishment and awe. They have come here before and knew the difficulties present.

Just learning ten percent of this place was an amazing achievement. Now, Li Qiye mastered it in such a perfect manner, not to mention the little time it took.

“He’s at an unreachable height.” A member of the Decemvirate commented.

Li Qiye did something that a progenitor couldn’t even after trying for a lifetime.

“Maybe above the three immortals too.” One who has seen the three immortals quietly said.

They recalled their feelings when they saw the three immortals the first time in the past - shock and fear.

Though the world considered their realm to be the peak, they found themselves no different from little children compared to the three immortals. There was a long path to go and more room for growth after sufficient training.

However, they thought that they would never be able to reach that height.

The three immortals should be the paragons of their world. Nothing could be greater; there was no higher peak until today.

Some felt that Li Qiye might have surpassed the three immortals already.

“Will he become a true immortal?” This beckoned the question.

The three immortals themselves have said that they didn’t reach this level. What about Li Qiye?

There existed a star above the expanse, able to swallow all types of light yet still being the darkest star.

Its nature made it impossible to find but many progenitors were aware of its existence.

Its name was Hidden Dao Star. It contained mystical arts and dao, coveted by virtually all cultivators.

Just figuring out the mysteries of this star at an elementary level would be awfully beneficial.

Alas, it was too dangerous. Entering meant risking never being able to leave. Their own dao and fortunes could be swallowed by the star.

Today, Li Qiye had arrived. He opened his immortal-like eyes and unleashed a primordial light. The star’s mysteries had no place to hide from his gaze.

“Even Hidden Dao can’t hide from him.” The spectating progenitors couldn’t believe it and became envious.

They heard loud rumbles the moment he activated his grand dao. Everything from the star poured down and became his.

This was akin to someone standing at the entrance of a treasury. They simply opened their pocket and all the jewels and treasures inside competed to get in there.

Some have tried and failed to get a single art. Now, he had gotten all of them. There couldn’t be a bigger harvest.

“What a difference. It’s so frustrating.” Another member of the Decemvirate revealed a bitter smile.

Others felt the same way. A few among them spent several hundred thousand years there and only obtained one law.

Eight Edges Mountain, Saint Breath Ocean, Endless Well... Li Qiye eventually visited all of these famous locations in the expanse and took everything worthwhile.

“He’s treating the expanse like his own house.” One progenitor helplessly smiled.

“There’s no secret here for him.” His friend sighed.

Many top cultivators thought that the expanse was cryptic with too many secrets. This wasn’t the case for Li Qiye during his journey.

Thus, the progenitors came up with another conclusion. If the entire expanse couldn’t hide from him, then that dark existence shouldn’t be able to either.

[Chapter 3212: Seclusive Training](#)

Everything Li Qiye had done so far was in preparation for his new epoch, from establishing a foundation to readying its orders.

The dangerous areas and their mysteries couldn’t hide from him at all. The most obscured and cryptic laws would eventually be deciphered and added to his repertoire.

The places considered dreadful by others all fell into his grasp. Time came to a stop during his journey. A thousand years were no different than the blink of an eye to him.

Moreover, the expanse started changing due to his influence. The dangers found here gradually disappeared, such as the sea monsters that once rampaged the seas.

His supreme grand dao had reached maturity after he saw virtually all of the expanse, the same with his tree.

It was time to open the new epoch. Thus, he decided to go into seclusive training.

He didn’t bother finding a secret place for safety reasons. He picked a random sea and sealed the area before sitting down.

His seal condensed the myriad laws. The grand dao became as tough as steel. Karma became the gate; the samsara became the cornerstone; yin yang served as a line of defense; time acted as an offensive force...

The area immediately became an impregnable fortress, perhaps the most dangerous place in the expanse.

No one could break through this seal. Doing so would result in swift retribution, ending with being rendered to ashes.

From the distance, all of the various affinities making up this seal transformed into a crystallized form. They seemed unbreakable, to say the least.

“Li Qiye is cultivating.” Many progenitors and masters became startled.

The power of the seal simply sent out a massive shockwave. Even one strand of energy alone could destroy a progenitor.

Thus, everyone immediately knew what he wanted to do.

“Still?” One master took a deep breath. The guy was both shaken by the sheer power present in the seal but most importantly, why? Li Qiye was already monstrous enough.

In case of success, just how dreadful would he become?

Progenitors shuddered because they weren’t close to being on the same level as him. What if Li Qiye took another step forward?

The brilliant progenitors had a hard time imagining it. Breaking through the apex?

“A true immortal with everlasting life?” One member of the Decemvirate murmured.

Everlasting life was a goal for all progenitors and masters. That’s the main reason why they came to the expanse.

Unfortunately, regardless of their diligent efforts and talents, they still couldn’t make it to the end of this path. No one has been successful. Maybe Li Qiye had a chance if this session yielded fruit.

This matter naturally attracted everyone’s attention. Some would occasionally pay attention to the changes found here, wanting to know Li Qiye’s future height.

However, one year passed and nothing happened in the crystallized seal. Two years, the same story. Three years, nothing...

Ten years, twenty years, thirty years...

Three thousand years, thirty thousand years, one hundred thousand years...

The sea remained sealed and impenetrable. No one knew what was going on inside with Li Qiye.

One hundred thousand years weren’t that long for progenitors in the expanse. However, it was definitely a long period for others.

Three hundred thousand years went by in the blink of an eye, still nothing.

Meanwhile, numerous changes happened in each world. Talents and heroes fell; unknown mortals rose to greatness. Dao systems turned to ashes, replaced by another.

New progenitors emerged in Three Immortals. More Heaven’s Wills appeared in the nine worlds, meaning more Immortal Emperors. The thirteen continents were as lively as ever with waves of talents from all the races - Immortal Monarchs, Heaven Emperors, and Divine Emperors...

Alas, the crystallized seal remained the same. People grew to forget about it.

Back in the nine worlds, the people have forgotten about their Prime Emperor, the man with thirteen palaces. His stories turned into history then legends. Some began questioning his existence.

In the thirteen continents, the man called Fiercest who suppressed the three great races was also forgotten. The humans who used to take pride in him stopped talking about him.

In Three Immortals, future generations always brought up the darkness descend because of the bloody battles. Their losses were carved deep in the annals of each system. One man was always brought up - their savior, Prime Progenitor! The man with thirteen progenitors who had performed numerous miracles.

Right after the calamity, each system, sect, and individual considered him their savior and guardian. Individual households even established worship plaque for him. Unfortunately, as time passed, his brilliant deeds were laden with dust, forgotten.

Fewer and fewer people worshipped Prime Progenitor. Most of his statues and tablets couldn't stand the test of time.

Those that did were forgotten. No one would come to offer their respect any longer.

After all, it has been three hundred thousand years. Newer waves replaced the previous. Future descendants forgot about this character.

Only the old and knowledgeable existences remembered his stories in each world.

In the burial grounds in the nine worlds, some beings looked up in the sky. They knew that the dark wings of a crow would engulf the nine worlds again. The dark crow wouldn't fall so easily.

They knew that as long as the high heaven was still around, so would the dark crow.

As for the thirteen continents, many pairs of eyes hiding in the darkness continued to try and read the future - aware that the damned crow would return one day. This crow wasn't one to give up before defeating his enemies.

All in all, the crow's return would change everything about the nine worlds and the thirteen continents.

[Chapter 3213: Ephemeral Ages](#)

The redemption grounds in Three Immortals had people waiting too for this was only the calm before the storm.

Fiercest would stay true to his words and topple the current situation by opening a new epoch. Thus, they waited quietly for the right opportunity.

As for the expanse, some progenitors would occasionally glance over at the seal, wondering what Fiercest would become after coming out.

In a deeper and incalculable location, a certain being would sometimes gaze at the seal across the eras before disappearing.

Prime Emperor, Prime Progenitor, and even the dark crow; these titles were forgotten by most. However, at the apex where the real masters of the worlds stood, they still remembered and cared about his existence.

Those who feared him continued to slumber without crossing the line. This was a prudent choice.

Regular people had no idea about the inevitable storm. Everything would change soon enough.

Alas, the great existences were preparing for this tempest. All would start from the beginning once more.

Those who have experienced Li Qiye's might were afraid of his inaction. It meant that he was planning something frightening and heaven-defying.

The rules of the world wouldn't be the same once he came out of his cultivation session.

The new emperors and progenitors had no idea, let alone the mortals and normal cultivators. Little did they know that their familiar cultivation methods and common knowledge were about to change.

"It's coming." Today, a monstrous existence in a redemption ground suddenly felt something.

In the most clandestine place in the expanse, the dark existence had a bad feeling about what's to come but it refrained from taking action.

"So strong!" One master in the expanse gazed and praised.

The ones back in the nine worlds and thirteen continents were slower but still eventually sensed it.

"It's really happening... I hope he'll fail..." A being hiding in the darkness had a frightened expression.

"Another generation, will it be long before the final battle?" One being in a burial ground gazed at the deepest part of the sky and said.

"Prepare for war! It is time for our domination!" A deep voice ordered in an unknown location. It echoed like the wailing of a specter.

In fact, the first to sense this was the high heaven itself.

The azure started changing color with minuscule flashes. No one paid attention to this because they thought that it was only the flashing of the stars.

After all, numerous stars and planets were up there. These flashes were as normal as can be.

As time passed, the lightning bolts became thicker and thicker, enough to form massive arcs.

The masters from the various worlds finally realized that something big was going on.

"The sky is changing, what's happening?" One worried Immortal Emperor looked up.

A Divine Emperor tried to take a closer look but it was too far away. He only knew that something monumental was happening.

"Should I go to the expanse?" A new progenitor of this generation stood on Sky Pass, nervous.

The world was filled with a power beyond his comprehension by this point. He knew that he was as insignificant as an ant in comparison.

"Finally!" The top dogs in the expanse paid attention to the sealed sea. The place was shiny just like the past but they knew that the time had come.

“An era of immortals?” An emotional progenitor found this new power to be unique.

His more knowledgeable peer disagreed: “No, such an era won’t belong to our world anyway. Ours can’t gestate a single immortal, let alone allowing everyone to become one. That’s impossible.”

“Right, Sir isn’t here to become an immortal. Even if he wanted to, he wouldn’t have picked the expanse.” A progenitor who spoke with Li Qiye before shook his head.

The pair of eyes hiding in the expanse slightly opened again, surprised at this new power spreading across the realms.

Remember, this being was terrible enough to control members of the Decemvirate. Nonetheless, it still felt fear because this was a power capable of starting an epoch! No, this went beyond that.[1]

This power was created to challenge the high heaven itself! Many have tried to do this; all have failed.

Why was it afraid? Because there was a possibility of success for Li Qiye! It was strong enough to know the significance behind this, hence its fear.

Its stealth ability was impeccable but this slight emotional fluctuation allowed someone else to immediately spot it.

“There’s activity!” A person near the other shore of the expanse wanted to calculate the location.

“No need, he’s Daoist Li’s target, not ours anymore.” Another shook their head.

They have been searching for this dark being for so long now. Alas, this being hid too well after its last escape.

Its momentary jolt of fear made them notice it. In the past, they would have pursued, not wanting to miss this opportunity.

This was no longer the case. Li Qiye had appointed this dark being as a polishing stone. They didn’t need to ruin his plan and continued to guard their areas.

As for the dark being, it realized that it has been spotted. Alas, this didn’t matter as much. It only cared about one enemy right now.

Numerous thoughts popped up at the speed of light - it calculated countless possibilities and methods. Unfortunately, there was only one result - death!

It hesitated at the outcome. It had no better plans right now and plus, this was the expanse. It could only fight alone here.

“Don’t succeed.” It eventually looked up at the sky and thought.

There was only one thing that can stop Li Qiye right now - the high heaven! That damned villainous heaven.

However, the lightning arcs might have gathered up above but showed no signs of attacking. The heavenly tribulation it desired so much didn’t seem to be descending.

[Chapter 3214: Primordial Tree](#)

A million years moved by as fast as a galloping stallion. This time period was considered endless for ordinary people. So many clans and dynasties would rise and fall; the changing of countless generations.

Cultivators would consider this a long period as well. After all, most would never reach a high cultivation level. Geniuses would fall; territories would have different masters.

As for the emperors and progenitors? A million years was only a cycle, a part of life.

As for the top masters or those being buried underground? It was nothing. Most progenitors in the expanse have been here for much longer.

This was only the length of one cultivation session for some. However, a session like Li Qiye's was unprecedented.

One million years didn't dampen everyone's anticipation in the slightest. They patiently waited for him to come out.

The overlords back in the nine worlds and the thirteen continents also did the same.

Li Qiye's power has already filled the three thousand worlds, even those currently unknown... It seeped into every inch and corner of the land.

Normal people naturally didn't notice this in the beginning, unlike the frightened overlords.

They didn't hope to see this at all nor a potentially new epoch. Alas, it has escalated beyond their control.

Those who once cursed the high heaven even prayed for the most terrible heavenly tribulation. They wanted the villainous heaven to destroy this new power.

Alas, the accumulation of lightning arcs the size of an ocean remained above. The high heaven seemed inactive against Li Qiye.

The frightened overlords saw this and realized that it was decided. No one could change or stop the grand momentum created by the dark crow.

As time passed, the fusing of the power into the various worlds became stronger. It became a part of the world itself. Some masters naturally noticed this but could only watch.

By this point, his power was one with their world. Strangely enough, it would still be around if one were to go extreme enough and destroy their own world.

His power became the source of all things, giving birth to the myriad creations and world laws and dao. This became the established case the moment the majority noticed it.

"Pop!" Today, all living beings in three thousand worlds heard a pop. It didn't ring in the ear but rather came from the heart.

They felt as if an egg had been broken. This fluctuation affected their heart and mind, ranging from the human mortals to the powerful Immortal Emperors. Even the trees and grass somehow sensed it.

A new life had just broken through its shell - a new world, perhaps. The existing worlds returned to the chaos, including the nine worlds, thirteen continents, and even Three Immortals.

They seemingly fused into primordial chaos in the shape of an egg. Of course, this was just a feeling. They weren't actually fusing, only engulfed in primordial chaos.

When people raised their hands, they could touch the chaos. The oceanic force was omnipresent by this point.

"The power of chaos... so pure and mighty." Numerous masters became excited.

Even the top dogs found it difficult to change their energy into primordial chaos. Now, this energy source was everywhere, hence their excitement as they began absorbing and cultivating.

The overlords, on the other hand, remained wary. They sealed their senses and severed the samsara, not daring to absorb this energy.

It belonged to a new epoch. Doing so would mean submitting to it. Otherwise, absorbing it would be awfully disadvantageous for them.

Meanwhile, the inhabitants of all worlds slowly realized that there was something changing within them.

The strong cultivators figured out this quickly. The established classification of cultivation became muddled.

Godking? Dao Saint? Virtuous Paragons? All were a complete mess. A new ranking system was needed for cultivation.

"Boom! Boom!" A light flashed while they were stricken with anxiety about the unknown.

This light came from the sealed sea in the expanse, bright enough to illuminate three thousand worlds.

"Boom!" Everyone heard an explosion in their head, one loud enough to start a new epoch by splitting heaven and earth into existence.

This primordial flash clearly defined all creations - pure energy floated up and impurity went down; chaos started separating karma and defining the samsara.

It was as if they saw a flash of light in the darkness. It lasted for only a blink of an eye yet this was enough to determine everything.

The overlords immediately understood that Li Qiye was about to come out of his cultivation session.

"Buzz..." More strands of light oozed out of the crystallized seal. Incredible visual phenomena emerged next.

Among them were true immortals heading east; a praying dragon god; the radiance of three thousand worlds.

The light strands weren't restricted by space and time, able to be seen by anyone at any location.

They seemed to be emanating from the eyes and mind. That's why even the blind could see it.

They served to illuminate all living beings' world and their dao heart.

"Buzz." The phenomena eventually spread enough that everyone could see the visual phenomena regardless of their location.

Eventually, they finally got a complete picture - a tree never seen before by anyone - the Primordial Tree.

This tree was the thing exuding the visual phenomena and light strands. On the branches were dao fruits containing peerless laws, dao, and orders...

The tree shouldered three thousand worlds and everything in them.

[Chapter 3215: Opening A New Epoch](#)

The Primordial Tree accepted the past and opened the future. The shimmering spots on the tree represented the birth of space, the accumulation of karma, the samsara process, and many others...

The tree became the origin of the world. It began constructing a new framework of laws and orders. It assumed the center area of three thousand worlds, resulting in endless possibilities.

"Boom! Boom!" Numerous tribulations finally took form in the sky. One could hear the wrath of the heaven from the thunderous explosions.

Everyone became threatened, from the weakest existence to the mightiest progenitors.

This was the fury of the highest existence. That's why all lost their strength and dropped paralyzed on the ground, cowering in fear. They were mere worms trembling below the foot of a giant.

"The high heaven is finally furious." Radiance started gathering above as the high heaven was prime to send down pure destruction on Li Qiye.

Those in the shadows started celebrating. Perhaps this tribulation would end this trouble.

"Boom!" The ocean of lightning finally descended straight at Li Qiye at the expanse.

"It's coming!" The hiding overlords shuddered, feeling their soul leaving their body at this sight. They remained hiding in the safest spot, not moving an inch.

Meanwhile, regular people could only prostrate on the ground. They became empty-headed and lost their sanity before this overwhelming force.

"Crack!" The world borders instantly collapsed as this ultimate tribulation drowned out three thousand worlds.

Everyone was scared out of their mind. Numerous pissed and soiled their pants from fear.

The Primordial Tree suddenly floated up. Its massive branches exuded primordial lights straight at the broken hole.

The tribulation breaking through the world borders was stopped right away. These barriers immediately reformed themselves, causing the tribulation to stop.

This was akin to a flood assaulting the dam, successfully breaking a hole. The next event should be devastation but the hole was suddenly patched and the disaster prevented.

The tribulation was stopped in the dimension above, unable to infiltrate the worlds below.

“What?” The elusive overlords gasped in response.

“His wings are fully-fledged.” One overlord took a deep breath and said: “He’ll attack the heaven sooner or later.”

“Boom!” After successfully isolating the tribulation, the roots of the tree stretched towards the nine worlds, the thirteen continents, and many others.

Eternal radiance engulfed these two worlds. Its land started brimming with a new power. Countless dao runes emerged, filling up and recrafting the fabrics of reality.

“Clank! Clank! Clank!” New dao laws and rules were being created in this process in a harmonious manner.

Finally, all worlds opened a new page. The new epoch finally started.

From today on, all living beings could look up and see the primordial tree growing in their world.

One side of its main root was drilled into the nine worlds; the other in the thirteen continents. The treetop reached all the way into Three Immortals, shrouded by primal mist and fogs. Its branches and leaves stretched to the other worlds.

The new orders and rules of life have been created in accordance with the tree’s criteria.

“A new epoch and a new order.” The powerful overlords had no choice but to accept the new epoch.

Even the high heaven stopped reacting, seemingly accepting the epoch as well.

“How can this be? A new epoch is here before the destruction of the old one.” An overlord in the shadows murmured in awe: “Using the old epoch as fertile land to create this tree. This dark crow has accomplished an unprecedented feat.”

Some other lords started becoming nervous at the dark crow’s success. There was a chance that he would sweep through the three thousand worlds first before attacking the heaven. At that point, they would need to either surrender or risk being destroyed.

Today would go down as legends in history. Later on, some would refer to this date as the Primordial Start, Dawn of the World, or Epoch Creation...

New pilgrimages began with the existence of the tree. Some began cultivating the dao near and beneath it. Those capable of climbing up the tree showed their impeccable talents.

Many things took place in the next thirty thousand years. One person successfully proved their dao first by the tree. Golden light illuminated the entire world as this person assumed a golden form and uttered the title - Dao Lord!

Later on, a swordsman with a diamond-like body rode their sword here and became enlightened with the dao. This earned them a dao fruit.

Many others managed to learn various arts and skills before disappearing from the world...

Monumental changes occurred in both the nine worlds and the thirteen continents. This period of thirty thousand years became known as the Resplendent Age.

One day, the Primordial Tree suddenly disappeared from sight. This development shocked all inhabitants since the tree heralded the new epoch and the grand dao.

The overlords didn't say anything. Those who can see Uncrossable Expanse kept their mouth shut.

No one knew what was going on or where the tree was now. Some Dao Lords tried to calculate for an answer to no avail.

Fortunately, everything remained normal even though the tree was gone. The nervous inhabitants gradually forgot the tree in time.

Enough generations passed that the tree only belonged in the historical books. Some future descendants even questioned its existence.

Only a selected few had a full grasp of the transpiring events.

[Chapter 3216: Against The Monstrous Existence](#)

During the Resplendent Age back in the nine worlds, something big was also occurring in Uncrossable Expanse.

"Boom!" The ocean was nearly flipped over by a terrible force, resulting in numerous huge tsunamis everywhere.

All of Three Immortals quaked from the impact. Everyone there could see a wave so large that it blotted out the sky.

"Look at that tsunami!" They felt as if it was coming straight at their world and shouted in horror.

This terrible wave could strike all of Three Immortals at the same time. The systems were as fragile as leaves floating on an ocean during a storm.

Everyone became as nervous as can be. Fortunately, the tsunami fell back down in the expanse, allowing them to heave a sigh of relief.

"Fiercest is starting again." Numerous progenitors and top masters in the expanse knew that Li Qiye was back.

"Buzz." A dark world opened and instantly invaded this sea. Both the stars above and the fish under the surface instantly joined this affinity.

"Shit, the darkness is erupting!" The observing progenitors became frightened. Many instantly fled or sealed their area in order to stop the dark transformation.

As the darkness swept by, the stars turned into fiendish planets engulfed in flame. They looked like huge eyes in the shadows, enough to instill fear upon anyone.

“Buzz.” The fish and shrimps in the ocean grew to an insane level, becoming fiendish soldiers.

One fish became a creature towering at several thousand feet with countless sharp, white teeth. Another shrimp grew long thorns capable of piercing the sky.

This dark power was enough to travel across the expanse all the way to Three Immortals.

“Damn it!” Many could spot the incoming dark power from Three Immortals.

Powerful existences tried to flee from the incoming darkness. Alas, it drowned out the world so quickly. Virtually all beings in Three Immortals turned evil in the next second.

“Ahh!” Scales started to grow on these cultivators. Their body became warped, face twisted; their limbs turned into claws.

Even the vegetation and tree became evil entities. The world became a horrifying dark domain.

“No, this dark power is too much.” Many progenitors at the expanse shuddered with fear.

No single progenitor could stop this power directly, not even a member of the Decemvirate when alone.

However, a fiery ray with meteoric speed crossed through the world and swept away the darkness.

“Buzz.” The dark affinity became ashes regardless of its power. The animals and people from Three Immortals returned to their original form.

Li Qiye finally showed up at the expanse. The immortal light around him flickered like fire.

Space and time no longer restricted him. Thus, even those back in Three Immortals could see him clearly as if he was right in front of them.

“Who is that?” This was the first time they have seen this divine character. Most were already on their knees even though he didn’t let his aura erupt.

After so many years, he had become a legend. Those who knew about him were few in number, let alone recognizing him.

“He... he is the legendary Prime Progenitor!” Someone back in the old era was still alive and buried through time in order to prolong his lifespan. He was a nobody back then but now, an invincible ancestor.

Nonetheless, he still got on the ground and smashed his head onto the concrete in order to show respect.

“Prime! Our savior who stopped the darkness back then, he’s here again to save us all!” Tears streamed down his cheeks.

“Prime Progenitor!” The awakened ancestors started crying.

They survived the dark war back then thanks to him. History was repeating itself once more.

“Our savior! Prime Progenitor!” His title echoed across Three Immortals again.

Future generations have nearly forgotten the dark war and their Prime Progenitor until today.

They once again basked in his blessing as he saved them from the darkness. Gratitude overwhelmed and moved them to tears.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye didn't look back at Three Immortals, only focusing on the darkness before him.

Since he had swept away the dark waves, the remaining darkness gathered and formed the shape of one person - the dark existence that has been hiding in the expanse. Only his eyes were revealed, one as dark as the night sky.

His identity and face remained hidden. He also didn't exert his aura and might yet still resemble a bottom abyss that could swallow those who got close.

Even progenitors trembled with fear after seeing him. Everyone else would naturally become paralyzed, unable to even look at him.

Normally, he would completely dominate his foes with just his aura and prestige. Alas, he seemed to be the underdog versus Li Qiye. Exerting his momentum and aura couldn't affect Li Qiye in the slightest.

“Will this existence be able to run again?” A progenitor murmured after Li Qiye's power forced the dark existence out.

This was actually not the first time. When Li Qiye planted his tree in the nine worlds and thirteen continents, he also forced out this dark existence.

In the beginning, the latter put up a good fight but eventually suffered a major setback with heavy injuries and had to flee.

[Chapter 3217: Unbeatable](#)

The two fought numerous times in the last thirty thousand years.

The dark existence was confident in his power during their first attempt, only to lose. Later on, he focused on surviving and running instead of lingering around. That first fight made it abundantly clear that he wasn't a match for Li Qiye.

Worst of all, he was alone in the expanse and couldn't find help. He has been wanting to bring his allies into this world but the time wasn't right.

“I don't understand, you might be stronger but still shouldn't be able to find me so quickly.” The dark eyes stared at Li Qiye. Being weaker didn't make him lose his composure.

His stealth art was peerless, allowing him to hide for so long from the three immortals.

Strangely enough, after Li Qiye found him the first time, the guy had such an easy time repeating the subsequent attempts. It was as if his peerless stealth was not worth mentioning before Li Qiye.

He had absolute confidence in this ability and didn't believe that Li Qiye could do so with his own power. Alas, this was indeed the case. He could run however and Li Qiye could still effortlessly find him.

He was a supreme existence. Not to mention regular people, even progenitors were insects compared to him.

Now, the scenario was reversed. He found struggling useless and futile. This would eventually end with his death.

This sapped him of any confidence since there was no getting away from his pursuer. The most heaven-defying method to shroud himself or the most secretive location simply didn't work.

"It's not hard for me to find you. But the truth is that in order to do it so fast, I have outside help." Li Qiye chuckled and revealed.

He then took out a box and tapped it: "I have to thank Fire Ancestor for this. He left behind some clues."

"I knew that he had ulterior motives!" The dark eyes narrowed and shot out the sharpest rays.

Li Qiye got this box from the cauldron during the rebirth ceremony in the expedition ship. He chased Fire Ancestor away and obtained it.

"Who knows? Maybe you can ask him when you see him down in the yellow river. He might tell you then." Li Qiye smiled.

"I should have destroyed him!" The existence said with regrets. Just one wrong move and he lost everything, being chased like a dog right now.

So it turned out that the item was a piece of hair and a fingernail. Fire Ancestor secretly took it away.

This wasn't considered a special artifact or anything like that. However, it served Li Qiye quite well.

The items contained the existence's aura and karma. That's why someone as strong as Li Qiye could use it to find the existence. Hiding became impossible.

"Don't be sad about it, I can still find you without it. It'll just take longer." Li Qiye smiled.

"What do you want?" The existence stopped dwelling in the past and stopped caring. It was just one little mistake in his long life.

"Nothing, just using you to warm up, a polishing stone of sorts." Li Qiye said.

The top masters heard this and exchanged glances, speechless. They felt dread whenever this dark existence was brought up but Li Qiye simply didn't treat him like a real enemy.

But this was still understandable. The current Li Qiye had reached an insane power. His comment wasn't outrageous or anything.

The dark eyes narrowed. He found this extremely humiliating and frustrating since Li Qiye was stronger than him.

"You don't have to run, you know? Go all out, risk it all." Li Qiye said.

The existence didn't respond. Even insects wanted to live, let alone him. He had done many things in order to live until now. He wouldn't be here right now if he could face death with equanimity.

For his kind, staying alive was the most important thing. Time wasn't an issue at all.

That's why he kept on running away without worrying about reputation and prestige when facing Li Qiye. None of that mattered.

"Killing me won't change anything." The existence shook his head: "It is inevitable. You and the three thousand worlds won't escape. It is destined."

"Who says? I can kill all of you and change that." Li Qiye chuckled.

"No one can deny your power, definitely stronger than me. However, you're sorely mistaken if you think you're unbeatable. What you will face in the future is beyond your imagination. You'll be nothing more than food." The dark existence stared straight at Li Qiye in response.

"Stronger than the villainous heaven? I don't think so." Li Qiye retorted.

"How can we be?" The dark existence said.

"Don't compare, just kill it if you're as strong as you think you are." Li Qiye nonchalantly said.

"That's what I will do, so I don't care how amazing all of you are. Nothing more than stepping stones for my final battle." Li Qiye said.

The existence remained silent after hearing Li Qiye's intention. He wanted to kill the villainous heaven. What about them? If they could do so, they would have done it long ago.

Thus, Li Qiye never put them in his eyes. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that he was simply viewing them as stepping stones.

For example, this whole pursuit was just another training session, a warm-up. Li Qiye's final goal wasn't them.

The dark existence's eyes narrowed. They have always viewed others as ants but today, they have become someone else's prey.

[Chapter 3218: Defeat](#)

"I'm actually looking forward to it, I'm sure I won't be let down." Li Qiye smiled and said.

The dark pair of eyes suddenly converged, turning into the most charismatic and tempting black hole. Progenitors wouldn't dare to look at this form since their soul would be sucked inside, unable to get out.

Of course, this was completely useless against Li Qiye.

"You'll be entertained for sure." The dark existence spoke: "It depends on the level you can reach, perhaps once you're high enough, you'll be able to meet that person."

In this split moment, he started thinking about someone who hasn't been seen for a long time now. Even old beings like them have started forgetting.

However, regardless of how many eras have passed, he knew that this person was still around. It's just that no one got the chance to see him and his current abilities. [1]

"I have heard of this person before so yes, I do look forward to the meeting." Li Qiye had a glimpse of amusement in his eyes.

"I'm afraid the you right now, can't." The dark existence stopped recalling and shook his head.

"Hmm, I'm aware." Li Qiye's emotions didn't fluctuate in the slightest as he nodded and smiled: "But it's only a matter of time, very soon."

The dark existence contemplated. He knew that Li Qiye was polishing his grand dao and of course, he was the current target.

"Must we do this? I can show you the way, you'll need a guide if you wish to topple everything." He eventually said.

The other top masters heard this and became frightened. This suggestion was truly tempting because Li Qiye and this dark existence would make a mighty duo, enough to instill despair upon anyone.

"No, I don't need a guide. If there's no path, I'll just create one." Li Qiye shook his head.

"True. Seems like I'll have to die in this world." The existence nodded.

"That's for sure if you can't beat me. Don't worry, you won't be lonely for long. Your friends will be coming." Li Qiye smiled.

"Let's go!" The dark existence had nothing else to say and raised his hand, grasping reality within his palm.

"Buzz." Three Immortals and the expanse twisted into a strange shape, seemingly in the process of being refined.

Time and space were turned into a dao seal. This dao seal could instantly seal anything, capable of destroying more than a hundred progenitors in the blink of an eye.

This didn't matter to Li Qiye who retaliated with a punch. Not to mention this seal, even three thousand worlds would turn to dust if they tried to block it.

There was no divinity or fire to speak of. The punch suppressed all existences, forcing them to the ground. This included regular progenitors and the Decemvirate.

"Boom!" It easily crushed the dao seal, once again proving Li Qiye's supremacy.

Others who claimed to be invincible were simply lying when he was around. They wouldn't be able to withstand a single blow.

The existence feared by many progenitors lost the first exchange.

"Boom!" His next move was to meld with space and time, becoming omnipresent. Merit laws and rules were no longer able to avoid him.

The darkness rushed forward like the tides, starting with Li Qiye's hand. This dark existence clearly wanted to take over Li Qiye's body.

"No, he wants to take over Sir!" One progenitor became startled and shouted.

This progenitor saw with his own eyes how one of his brilliant peers immediately succumbed to the darkness after being touched by a single drop of blood from this dark existence. There was no coming back.

Now, the dark existence threw everything he got at Li Qiye. This conversion power could have converted the entire world earlier. Now it was focused on a single location.

“Scram!” Li Qiye roared and released his immortal light. A force erupted and repelled the darkness.

The dark affinity splashed outward like black water. Li Qiye didn’t stop and clapped his palms together on the water.

This power was enough to crush a progenitor like a mosquito, crushing their bones and flesh.

Black liquid rained down, meaning that a large portion of the dark existence’s body had been destroyed just now.

The remaining water gathered into a black light. It jumped into the expanse in order to escape.

The dark existence clearly lost again on top of being grievously injured. Fleeing was the only choice here.

He would never give up as long as there was a sliver of hope at survival. The future had countless possibilities and he could always bounce back.

Li Qiye smiled in response and crossed through space.

“Boom!” He unleashed another attack at the existence’s hiding place, destroying the sealed area entirely.

The existence continued fleeing, not daring to stop for a split second.

“I’m waiting to see your ultimate moves, don’t hold back now.” Li Qiye pursued with a smile.

The dark existence knew that Li Qiye wanted to figure out their profundities by fighting him. With this, Li Qiye could learn about their kind, allowing him to know how to truly destroy them by the source.

That’s why the dark existence couldn’t use his best moves. He knew that once Li Qiye saw and understood them, the guy would kill him since he would have lost his usefulness.

He was extremely close to being immortal but if Li Qiye could see his source and origin, Li Qiye definitely had the power to fully annihilate him.

[Chapter 3219: Lost Dog](#)

Li Qiye and the dark existence played a game of cat and mouse, causing trouble all over the expanse.

The former was in no hurry to finish the battle. Thus, during this pursuit, Li Qiye kept on trying to figure out the dark existence’s true source. The latter naturally understood this and kept on dodging instead of actually going all out. This was the only way for him to stay alive longer.

The inhabitants of the expanse were afraid the entire time. Even those back in Three Immortals felt the pressure from their battles.

Both sides were just too strong. Each of them could suppress the firmaments with each move. That's why all living beings couldn't handle this and felt like ants.

"Just end this already." One progenitor started praying. They knew that Li Qiye wanted to torture this existence but this pressure was too much to take. They spent each day living in fear. Alas, they were too powerless to do anything about it.

As time went on, earthquakes and explosions became common at the expanse. Everyone started growing used to it.

The dark existence kept on losing in the skirmishes but persevered and escaped each time. Injuries and defeat didn't make him dwell in despair. He would always flee when given the chance without thinking about giving up.

His dao heart actually earned him respect from the spectators. In fact, this pursuit served as an educational lesson for the top masters in the expanse. They saw what a tough dao heart looked like - something extremely beneficial for cultivation.

Some of them would have given up after losing numerous times and exhausted all merit laws and techniques. Accepting death might be the easier choice when there was this big of a gap. The dark existence didn't do so. He remained unyielding while not caring for anything else just to survive.

"Boom!" Today, he lost again. His darkness dispersed after another explosion and he was sent flying towards the horizon.

Nonetheless, as long as there was some darkness left, he still chose to run.

Strangely enough, Li Qiye stopped and didn't follow him this time.

"Fine, I'm done playing. I'll give you a chance to recover." Li Qiye smiled and shook his head before disappearing.

This sudden abandonment naturally astounded everyone.

"Why isn't he pursuing?" No one understood why. Li Qiye clearly could kill this existence whenever regardless of the latter's heaven-defying methods and artifacts.

"It will be a disaster for the expanse and Three Immortals, letting him roam free." One progenitor became worried.

"Maybe this is a plan. Sir has something up his sleeves." Another insightful peer raised his brows and said.

In reality, even the dark existence was confused. He shared the same thought as many others - that Li Qiye was up to no good.

That's why he chose the best hiding spot and patiently observed. Intuition told him that Li Qiye wouldn't let him go like this. There must be something amiss.

Anxiety and fear naturally came next. This plan of Li Qiye was definitely bad news for him.

However, Li Qiye really did stop worrying about the dark existence. He reached another side of the expanse and meditated in a remote area.

He waved his hand and sealed it right away. Time and space, the samsara, karma, yin and yang, the six dao - all became crystallized.

This crystal barrier served as both the strongest defensive measure on top of being awfully dangerous.

Any intruder would die for sure. Not to mention the progenitors, even that dark existence wouldn't dare to come here.

"Sir... he's cultivating again." The spectators couldn't believe it.

In their mind, he was already the strongest existence, the apex among apexes. That dark monster had no choice but to run like a dog with its tail tucked between its legs against him.

Thus, Li Qiye represented the highest peak of cultivation. There was no surpassing this, or at least, they couldn't imagine it. What would his next step be? No one really had a clue.

"Again?" The dark existence confirmed that Li Qiye wasn't after him any longer. He had a better understanding of cultivation levels compared to the others and knew what Li Qiye was aiming for.

They have previously talked about this topic before. He said that Li Qiye still had a way to go before reaching "that person". Li Qiye answered that it was only a matter of time, very soon.

"He's really doing it." Now, he realized why Li Qiye said so. It wasn't only a plan; Li Qiye truly wanted to do it.

"Is extermination coming? Or a revolution?" He murmured with dread.

He began to calculate the possibilities once more. Unfortunately, there was no answer.

Despite being incredibly mighty, this was still a level beyond his divination and derivation. The outcomes he came up with were merely hypothetical, potentially far different from reality.

"What if it's really that person?" The dark existence thought about someone else that has been gone for a long time.

[Chapter 3220: Cultivating Again](#)

The man at the apex was training again to everyone else's dismay. This included the dark existence.

He wanted to run as far away as possible. Alas, he couldn't leave this world.

The expanse was unimaginably large. It was impossible for anyone to travel its whole length. A while ago, he himself thought that it was large enough with plenty of hiding places unreachable by even progenitors. Today, he found it tiny with no place to hide.

This was because Li Qiye was too strong on top of having visited virtually the entire expanse. That's why hiding became useless.

Fortunately, Li Qiye took a break to train so he could live a little longer.

Meanwhile, everyone started speculating about Li Qiye's state after coming out of this session.

"Perhaps an entirely new realm, redefining the apex?" One progenitor said.

Li Qiye had done so once already. He stood at a height no one else had reached, not even the three immortals.

"I can't imagine it." One progenitor murmured. Some of them have tried their entire life to get stronger so that they could defeat the dark existence.

Alas, Li Qiye found this extremely easy and had beaten the guy numerous times.

That's why it became difficult to imagine someone so strong growing even stronger.

The three immortals paid great attention to this second session. Li Qiye might be able to break through their known limit.

They have been stuck in this realm for a long time. Reaching the next step was exceedingly difficult. In fact, just catching up to Li Qiye right now would take a lengthy period. Unfortunately, he didn't seem to be stopping. His improvement speed far exceeded their calculation and imagination.

Everyone assumed that he would cultivate for tens of millions of years or even longer. On the contrary, it only took several thousand years.

This shocked everyone because several thousand years was only the blink of an eye for masters like them.

"He's coming out." Though the crystallized sea had the same dazzling glow, many top masters could sense something different at this moment.

No one could see Li Qiye but they knew that he had stood up and was on the verge of leaving.

"Yes, you're right." He seemingly appeared in their mind without an invitation nor reason.

This naturally frightened these masters despite their rich experiences in life. They have tasted pain and tribulations so their dao heart was quite tough.

Of course, they weren't unbreakable or anything, just stronger on a relative scale.

Thus, breaking into their mind remained a difficult task. A successful mental infiltration meant total domination. This wasn't possible for those on the same level.

Alas, none of them felt a thing. They didn't even have the chance to resist before Li Qiye entered their mind.

He became their god, their soul, their everything! And this made them drenched in a cold sweat. Just one thought from him would be able to turn them into a devil or a Buddha, or simply ashes. He had absolute control over their fate.

Remember, he hasn't even shown up yet. His invincibility had reached the next level, able to destroy a billion without putting in any effort.

This was the mythical state of being able to destroy an era with a single thought.

The dark existence immediately felt it as well and sealed his six senses along with his mind. He was as nervous as can be.

“Just like that person.” He recalled once more.

He was a supreme being that could devour a world and hasn't felt fear after millions of years. He eventually lost this feeling as well until now.

He knew that if Li Qiye were to take over his mind, he would be done for sure. This wasn't the same as his previous defeats. He suffered grievous injuries but could still escape.

He didn't actually feel fear because he always thought that he had a good chance at survival.

This might no longer be the case. If Li Qiye were to come out with a determination to kill him, he would truly be gone from existence.

He had fought mighty foes before and lost. Alas, he managed to survive. For someone like him, as long as he had a single intent left, he would still stay powerful a million years later.

Only a being of Li Qiye's level would be able to truly kill him.

“I have to kill him!” The dark existence made up his mind. His immortality wasn't enough to save him from this foe.

“An immortal ascension, a true immortal?” The three immortals took a deep breath after seeing the domineering mental takeover from Li Qiye.

An old man among them shook his head: “No, I understand him. He won't become a true immortal since that will stop him from being himself, Li Qiye. That's not his pursuit.”

“I hope so.” Another of the three said, still shaken.

The consequences would be unimaginable if Li Qiye wanted to become a true immortal. That would truly be the end of the worlds.

Dark overlords and terrible existences weren't worth mentioning. All three thousand worlds, not just Three Immortals, would fall as a result.