

Emperor 4411

Chapter 4411: Five-sun King's Divinity

Five-sun King's lightning eyes made others tremble. He seemed to be the lord of the myriad dao and all living beings.

His aura was ancient and majestic. One could sense a noble bloodline right away. Thus, the birds and beasts in the region had to come and greet him.

"The celestial eagle bloodline." Many were threatened by his aura and his bloodline, especially the demon cultivators. Their own bloodline trembled helplessly, forcing them down on their knees.

Prior to this, the evolution of Jian Qingzhu's bloodline had threatened the demons here. However, the pressure emanating from Five-sun King was far more powerful due to his cultivation.

Celestial eagles were divine beasts as well. Thus, no need to elaborate any further on their divine bloodline.

He stood there with a glow consisting of five layers, each a different color. From a distance, it felt as if there were five firmaments that he was responsible for upholding.

"Five-sun King!" Many bowed out of either respect or fear. They then looked up and saw just how magnificent he was.

"Can't ask for more out of a son." A last-gen expert became sentimental.

"None can match him." One youth said with the utmost admiration.

Top geniuses were always prideful. Alas, those in the audience had no choice but to lower their head in this case.

One ancestor gave him a thumbs-up and said: "Worthy of a being respected by all of Eastern Desolace. This is the making of a dao lord who will make the continent prosperous."

Most members of the audience believed that he was rather likely of becoming the next dao lord. It would be an honor to witness one's maturity process.

He then gazed at the crowd. As his eyes swept back and forth, they felt their soul nearly leaving their body and became immobilized.

"I apologize for making everyone wait so long." His words were the opposite of his divinity.

Others found it rather pleasing because after all, hearing a supreme being acting polite was not a bad experience in the slightest.

"You're being too polite, Virtuous Nephew. Everyone is eagerly anticipating your lecture, waiting a bit is no problem." Peacock Monarch laughed since he wasn't petty.

Five-sun King then turned towards Jian Qingzhu and said: "Congratulations on your peerless bloodline, Saintess."

The crowd turned towards Jian Qingzhu. Most have found out about her bloodline by now.

Some were surprised to see her participating in the lecture instead of being punished by Dragon.

“Phoenix and celestial eagle.” A spectator murmured.

“Yeah, both have a divine bloodline.” Another said softly.

Everyone could tell that this was a rare moment - two cultivators with divine bloodline standing in the same place. Though they didn’t know about the pureness of the bloodline, the two were still heaven’s favorites.

“Imagine an offspring between them.” One expert had this bold thought.

Though he kept his voice low, those nearby still heard him and exchanged glances.

One was the lord of the east, another was the saintess of Dragon. Now when taking their bloodline into account, wouldn’t they be a perfect match?

Even the big shots from the east and ancestors from Dragon caught wind of this conversation.

However, someone from the east muttered: “But there is already a candidate for the queen position, she has to be a concubine.”

The demons and members of Dragon glared at the speaker. How could their prestigious saintess be someone else’s concubine? Dragon would never accept this.

Jian Qingzhu looked at him and calmly said: “Thank you, Your Majesty. Alas, I’ve only obtained the very bare surface, it’s not worth mentioning.”

Five-sun King nodded slightly and didn’t continue this conversation. He turned towards the crowd and said: “Fellow Daoists, I’ve made progress with the dao recently and would like to discuss its mysteries with everyone here today. If I made some mistakes, please correct me.”

The crowd became attentive again after hearing this. No one wanted to miss a single word from this supreme genius, especially those from small sects.

“Dao follows the heart, the soul seeks the origin...” He began and spewed out the sound of the dao.

Harmonious words echoed across the area and grasped the audience’s mind. Even elders and ancestors became immersed in the lecture.

It seemed that his reputation was truly deserved. His dao enlightenment exceeded many ancestors’.

Golden lotuses and flowers manifested into reality as he continued. Whenever he came across a profound topic, his words echoed for days. The celestials, yin and yang, and the five elements seemed to be rotating around him.

However, no one saw these wondrous visual phenomena because they were fully immersed in his dao lecture.

Even Peacock Monarch and the ancestors from Dragon couldn’t help but praise him whenever he got to an interesting part.

Five-sun King had earned his current achievements through his own talents and power. He didn't only follow the footsteps of those before him. Some had toiled for a lifetime and didn't know as much about the dao as him.

Chapter 4412: My Son Has The Disposition Of A Dao Lord

The dao lecture was wonderful beyond words, evident by the accompanying visual phenomena and dao harmony.

Peacock Monarch himself praised the king repeatedly, and so did the other ancestors and high elders. The embedded profundities truly benefited the listeners.

It seemed that the myriad laws of the world were summoned during the speech as well. People thought that he was certainly worthy of being one of the five conquerors of Sky Border.

He won the crowd over and made them realize the reason why he became the leader of Eastern Desolace at a young age. The people of his continent believed that he has a high chance of becoming the next dao lord.

Not far from there was Demon Realm Palace. It started changing during the dao lecture as well and issued bright rays.

Whenever he got to a profound part, the rays would intensify. This was truly a magical combination.

Those from Dragon nodded approvingly, realizing that the king's understanding of the dao has been approved by the palace.

Eventually, he finished yet everyone was still drowning in the mysteries of the dao, unable to calm down.

"Buzz." Halos expanded from the palace and made it look even more mysterious than before.

"Creak." The thick and heavy gate slowly opened. Inside was a bright expanse. Crossing it meant entering a different dimension.

All the spectators naturally wanted to rush there. The members of Dragon took a deep breath.

"Fellow Daoist Five-sun, you may come in to learn." An ancient voice came from the palace.

"He got permission!" The crowd became stirred right away.

Even those from Dragon couldn't enter the palace but now, it opened its gate for him.

"I apologize for my hasty departure." Five-sun King nodded and told the crowd. He then flew up and disappeared into the gate.

"Creak..." The gate closed again.

"That's Five-sun King for you, always an exception to the rule." One expert said.

"He's a deity." A prideful disciple of Dragon admitted.

Few outsiders in the history of Dragon had the privilege of being invited into Demon Realm Palace.

“Let’s not make a big deal out of this. He’s a future dao lord anyway so it makes sense.” One Dragon member said.

“I’m sure he’ll learn something amazing in there.” Another added.

“You’re right, Senior Sister Qingzhu obtained a dao bone, he should get something like a supreme law or dao.” One fan said.

Thus, although the lecture was over, people still stuck around in order to see his harvest.

On another side, people came to congratulate his father who was happily smiling.

“Fellow Daoist, I’m sure Virtuous Nephew will do great in there.” An ancestor from Dragon said.

“Thank you, my son does have the disposition of a dao lord. He will find the last mystery of Demon Realm Palace.” The ex-sect master looked quite pleased with himself.

None could refute this because his son was indeed talented. His comment wasn’t unreasonable since his son was an heir - a true competitor to the future competition.

“Buzz...” The palace exuded halos and phenomena during the king’s visit.

“Screech!” People saw the various divine beasts - phoenix, dragons, kun pings... There were grand images of the cosmo as well...

The crowd was in awe and had a hard time keeping their eyes open.

“He is learning something special.” One Dragon ancestor said.

“These phenomena exceed the demon god’s back then.” One expert quietly whispered. He was referring to Nine-tailed God.

“Yes, he might be able to learn the last mystery of the palace.” An ancestor from the east added.

“Boom!” Eventually, the gate opened and released wondrous rays again.

People saw Five-sun King walking out. This time around, he was brimming with chaos energy and countless dao laws. It seemed that he had learned a grand dao from the primordial.

“I shall be entering isolated cultivation.” He said and took one step forward, disappearing into the horizon in the blink of an eye.

Meanwhile, the crowd stood there in a daze, not expecting him to leave so quickly. They had no idea what he obtained from there.

Nonetheless, they still remembered the visual phenomena earlier.

“Did his grand dao reach the next level? He wants to try and become a dao lord now?” Someone blurted out and made the ones nearby gasp in astonishment.

“No.” One ancestor saw it clearly and shook his head: “But it should be a great harvest. His form looked like the beginning of the grand dao, a shocking state. He must have seen an ancient grand dao in there.”

“Congratulations.” A Dragon Ancestor told the ex-sect master of Five-sun.

The latter returned the gesture and said: "Thank you for your support. Dragon and Five-sun should forge an alliance."

"No need to be so reserved with our speech, we're on the same side now." Peacock Monarch laughed.

"Since you've put it that way, Monarch, may I shamelessly suggest an engagement?" The ex-sect master asked with a smile.

"That's fine, please speak." Peacock didn't find this surprising.

"Your sect's saintess is the jewel of the south, a perfect match for my son. I, in my son's stead, ask your sect for permission." The ex-sect master said.

Everyone became startled and stared at Jian Qingzhu.

Chapter 4413: Engagement

The ex-sect master of Five-sun has officially asked for an engagement between his son and their saintess.

Jian Qingzhu became the center of attention right away. Though her status was inferior to Five-sun King, her future was awfully bright.

"This is a match made in heaven." An outsider commented.

Someone from the east whispered: "You're right but putting the two aside, it's a great development for both Dragon and Five-sun."

Many agreed. The alliance wasn't looking bad at all because it would create a bridge between the east and the south.

As for Dragon, it has been wanting to replace Lion's Roar. A marriage alliance here would make it seem as if Dragon was the representative of the south. Its new allies would boost its power and influence.

None could come up with an argument to oppose this alliance.

"The combination of two divine bloodlines should be enough to guarantee Five-sun's future in the east." One expert said.

Currently, Five-sun King was doing an amazing job. Many ancient clans have decided to support him so Five-sun was on the way to being the leader of the continent.

Alas, regardless of its meteoric rise, its starting point was far inferior compared to the ancient lineages. Thus, an offspring between these two would become an ace card. This nobler bloodline would pave a stronger foundation for the sect.

"I can't fathom how incredible the child will be." Some started speculating on the form and power of the combined bloodline.

Thus, eyes shifted between Qingzhu and Peacock Monarch, wondering about the decision. For Dragon's sake, it would be foolish to refuse because the marriage was absolutely advantageous.

"Didn't someone say that there is already a candidate for the queen position?" One cultivator asked.

“Yes, but given Five-sun King’s status, it’s fine for him to have more than one wife.” An eastern cultivator said.

“The saintess is the jewel of Dragon, how can she be a concubine?” One Dragon disciple didn’t appreciate this.

Sure, the marriage alliance carried numerous benefits. However, Qingzhu was Dragon’s saintess and had an impeccable background.

They naturally didn't want her to be a concubine. That queen position should be hers.

Peacock Monarch coughed once and said: “I appreciate your enthusiasm, Sect Master. We feel honored as well.”

He didn’t refuse and answered cordially.

“So it is decided, Sect Master?” The ex-sect master pushed the issue, wanting to confirm it right now.

“The pair is undoubtedly a good match but we do need to deliberate and also ask our saintess for her opinion.” Peacock smiled.

The crowd opinion thought that Dragon should just agree. Numerous princesses and saintesses wanted to marry a talented cultivator like Five-sun King.

Now, his father was here asking himself. Nothing could be better.

“An excellent match indeed. This is fine.” An ancient voice sounded.

The crowd noticed an emaciated treant sitting nearby since who knows when? His eyes had a frightening murderous intent, seemingly capable of draining people dry.

“The ancient ancestor from Dragon Platform.” An audience member revealed.

“Ancient Ancestor.” The members of Dragon kneeled.

“Ancient Treant, he’s here too?” Outsiders found this surprising.

“So the engagement is decided?” Another whispered.

One of the three ancient demons had spoken about this matter. It seemed rather inevitable at this point.

“Thank you for your approval, Senior. This is great news for our sect.” The ex-sect master became ecstatic since he cared about Qingzhu’s bloodline, not just Dragon’s power.

Who would dare to go against an ancient ancestor?

“Very well, I also agree, Ancient Ancestor.” Peacock Monarch nodded happily.

On one hand, it might be better for Dragon to keep her in the sect due to her bloodline. But for him and Dragon Platform, it was best to send her away.

He was young and could rule for two or three eras. However, if Qingzhu were to stick around, she might challenge his status eventually due to her bloodline and potential. Therefore, marrying her off to Five-sun School was killing two birds with one stone.

"I refuse." A confident voice interrupted them.

The happy atmosphere suddenly became frozen and intense. The opposer was none other than Jian Qingzhu herself.

Normally, this type of engagement wasn't rare. Even saintesses and princesses needed to contribute to the sect when necessary. A marriage alliance was one way to do so.

Chapter 4414: Oppose

One of the two parties decided to oppose the rather favorable marriage alliance.

The crowd stared at her in confusion, especially the various ancestors. Even noble girls would need to make sacrifices for the sake of their sect.

This particular engagement was full of pros and not a single con. In reality, the sect would make the decision here; her opinion was meaningless.

The future of the sect was far more important than the girl's happiness and consent.

Moreover, an ancient ancestor and Peacock Monarch have publicly agreed. Even if Qingzhu were to oppose, she should have protested in private. To do otherwise meant putting the sect in a tough position.

"Ahem, we'll talk about this later." Peacock Monarch cleared his throat.

The ex-sect master smiled and added: "Young one, you can decide later. My son will certainly prove his dao and become a dao lord, he'll help you embark on the path of immortality."

This wasn't a small promise. Five-sun King being a dao lord could certainly prolong Qingzhu's life and help her on the next path.

Pursuing immortality was one of the core goals for cultivation. This included the weak and the strong.

It seemed that the ex-sect master was very serious about the engagement and valued Qingzhu greatly. Though she wouldn't be the queen, the promise was still indicative of her status.

"Five-sun King is a unique being nowadays, completely peerless. Marrying such a man means living a life with no regrets. Moreover, he might become a dao lord too, being his wife is an honor, let alone the immortality thing." A young female cultivator murmured.

"Right? I would love to be his concubine, I don't even care about becoming immortal." A female fan added.

"Thank you for considering me, Senior, but I am just a nobody, not a good match for the king. Please take back the request." Qingzhu cupped her fist.

She spoke calmly yet firmly. This made it difficult for the ex-sect master and Peacock Monarch as well.

“Who the hell does she want to marry then? Hmph, let me marry him instead, does she think she’s a fairy or something?” A saintess from a different sect complained.

A female noble from a clan said: “I would agree right away, this saintess is not making sense.”

“Maybe she has someone she likes already.” One expert speculated.

“Who, that Li Qiye?” Members of Dragon started gossiping.

“That sorcerous fella? Hmph, doesn’t matter, he still can’t compare to a future dao lord. A fool knows the right choice.” A female disciple said.

“My son can become a dao lord, Virtuous Niece. It is a joyous event if you two can get together.” The ex-sect master repeated with a firmer voice.

“It is decided.” Ancient Treant spoke as well. Though his voice wasn’t loud, he had enough authority to deter anyone from speaking up.

All eyes were on Jian Qingzhu. Resistance seemed futile now.

“Ancient Ancestor, thank you for caring but our clan does not need your help on this issue.” An impressive voice came from a distance.

The crowd became tense and stared in that direction. They saw none other than Goldbird Monarch, the leader of the Jian.

“Is Dragon about to split?” This became the main question.

“No, the three branches have always been together.” An expert with a good understanding of Dragon said.

“Brother Goldbird, focus on the grand scheme of things.” Peacock Monarch’s expression darkened: “The youths might be naive but you’re a demon monarch.”

“Goldbird, it has been decided.” Ancient Treant narrowed his eyes and intimidated everyone.

The pressure caused Goldbird to stagger one step back.

“Demon Monarch, Five-sun King is a peerless genius. When this engagement goes through, your name will go down in history because you’ll be a dao lord’s father-in-law. How wonderful.” An old man tried to persuade Goldbird.

Ancestors from the east nodded approvingly after hearing this.

“Featherhat Paragon.” Someone recognized him: “One of the eight paragons, very influential.”

“Let us know why you’re against it. I, Treasure, Myriad Sword, and many others will help solve your issues.” The paragon continued.

“Yes, tell us why you object to this wonderful marriage.” Treasure Ancestor said.

The ancestors from the east began persuading Goldbird as well. It seemed that the upper echelons of Dragon and the east wanted this alliance to happen. Failure was unacceptable.

The crowd believed that Goldbird would cave to the immense pressure. Most wouldn't be able to handle it.

Chapter 4415: Yes Or No?

The crowd sympathized with the awkward situation these seniors have been put in.

The ex-sect master of Five-sun publicly asked for a marriage alliance. In theory, this should have been easy because Five-sun King was indeed popular. Moreover, he has just shown his worth by successfully gaining a fortune in the demon palace.

Peacock Monarch and Ancient Treant have agreed as well; no other disciple would have refused. Thus, none expected Jian Qingzhu to oppose the engagement in such a resolute manner.

This put Dragon in such a tough position; Peacock Monarch and Ancient Treant lost face as well. Now, even Goldbird Monarch has joined in.

The ancestors from the east have voiced their support. It seemed like the rest of the world was against the father-and-daughter duo.

If they insisted on refusing the marriage, they would be antagonizing everyone on top of severing the new alliance between Dragon and the east.

One could say that her stubbornness would make her into a sinner of the sect, being reviled by all.

Most thought that their effort was futile given the circumstances. Saying no would only make them appear to be ungrateful for ruining the sect's future.

Goldbird and Jian Qingzhu's expression soured since the tides were against them. These great powers were pressuring and forcing them into submission without using force.

"This marriage will be a song for the east and south to sing. This is a monumental event for Dragon, one supported by all of its members..." Peacock Monarch jumped in, telling them that they would be going against the sect for refusing.

Their status and reputation would go down the drain as a result.

"I oppose as well!" Suddenly, a disciple interrupted him.

"Oh?!" The crowd clamored as a result. It was obvious that this disciple has chosen the wrong side. Peacock Monarch and the ancestors might hold a grudge.

The punishment could range anywhere from imprisonment or even expulsion.

"He's the first brother of Tiger Pond." Some spectators became startled after seeing the man.

No one expected Celestial Tiger to oppose this marriage. Jian Qingzhu was a powerful rival and they had just fought earlier. It ended with his defeat.

Thus, he should be the one wanting this marriage the most. She would be sent away to the east. His chance of becoming the next successor would rise as a result. In other words, her presence in Dragon prevented his ambition.

Therefore, for both personal reasons and taking the sect's future into account, he should absolutely support the marriage. His contrarian decision surprised everyone.

Peacock Monarch's expression darkened. It was one thing for Jian Qingzhu to refuse since she was an involved party.

"Celestial Tiger, leave." Ancient Treant spoke with enough force to freeze the youth.

Few dared to oppose the three ancient ancestors in Dragon. It would be considered disrespectful and expulsion might be the punishment.

"Ancestor, Sect Master, Junior Sister Jian will be our pillar in the future." He took a deep breath and mustered courage: "Moreover, our sect allows for freedom in love. She might be the saintess but she still has the right to decide."

"First Brother is right." Some whispered among themselves.

An older disciple mused for a moment before responding: "He's right, if Senior Sister Qingzhu can't decide her own partner, none of us can. It set a terrible precedence."

Peacock Monarch was visibly livid; Ancient Treant narrowed his eyes.

"I disagree." Featherhat Paragon smiled and said: "Niece Jian is the heaven's daughter who has inherited the phoenix bloodline. Only someone as capable as Five-sun King is worthy of her hand in marriage. Furthermore, because of her prestigious bloodline, she has a great responsibility to pick the right husband. His Majesty is the perfect choice."

"Well put, Paragon. A saintess and a dao lord, a song to be sung for eras to come." An eastern ancestor said.

Another capable cultivator from the east laughed and said: "No one else in the world is a better match for the saintess, let alone just Dragon."

This comment offended the young generation of Dragon. Though they knew that they weren't on the same level as Five-sun King, they couldn't let others talk down to them in this manner.

"What did you just say?!" One of them shouted.

"I'm merely speaking the truth." The cultivator smiled and said: "Not to mention His Majesty, I'm confident sparring with any of you."

He spoke as if he alone could sweep through the young generation of Dragon.

"You!" This further infuriated the youths.

"Not convinced? Then come, I'll show you." The cultivator sneered.

The atmosphere suddenly became tense and combative.

Some members of Dragon were angry enough to think about drawing their weapons. However, their seniors stopped them.

Chapter 4416: Shenfan

The geniuses of Dragon swallowed their pride before Five-sun King, a potential dao lord. This didn't mean that they were afraid of those from the east.

After all, they were the second strongest sect of the south. They have always walked the world with arrogance and pride, thinking that they were superior. Some wanted to fight the provoker but their seniors held them back.

The seniors of Dragon, especially the ancestors, didn't want to see more trouble. Even if an alliance couldn't be formed, they didn't have to become enemies.

"Fellow Daoist Shenfan, you're out of line." Celestial Tiger stepped forward. As the first brother of Dragon, he didn't allow outsiders to insult them.

"I disagree." Shenfan Tianjie was one of the thirty-six sovereigns under Five-sun King, a genius capable enough to sweep through his peers: "How many in Dragon are actually worthy of the saintess' hand in marriage?"

The youths of Dragon became ashamed and angry while the ancestors watched silently. The former found it hard to retort because this was indeed the case.

None of them had a bloodline on the same level as Jian Qingzhu. Of course, they didn't appreciate the blatant contempt.

"Her marriage is her personal matter, not for us to worry about." Celestial Tiger uttered coldly: "You have insulted us several times now. Although you are an esteemed guest, you will have to apologize since this is unacceptable."

"Damn right!" The young members applauded.

Outsiders nodded in agreement, thinking that Celestial Tiger was doing a great job as the first brother of Dragon.

"That's why he is our representative." The youths appreciated him standing up for them.

"Seems like you wish to fight for your sect members' honor. Fine, let's duel. If you win, I'll take back what I've said earlier. If you lose, don't blame me for not holding back." Shenfan Tianjie proudly said, completely confident in his own power.

This was a blatant challenge; Celestial Tiger couldn't refuse.

"I can't back down before your challenge." He wasn't one to be afraid of trouble either. His tiger eyes became fierce.

"Let's see what you can do then." Shenfan Tianjie stepped forward and said: "I've heard how you have defeated the geniuses of our continent. It's a shame that I was away from home and didn't have the chance to fight you. Well, today is as good a day as any, let's do this."

"There is no need to cause a rift by fighting a guest." An ancestor from Dragon wanted to stop this fight.

However, Treasure Ancestor from the east spoke: "It's fine, let the youths fight it out."

Peacock Monarch slightly frowned after hearing this but didn't stop Celestial Tiger from fighting.

“Fellow Daoist, let’s see who is stronger between the two of us!” Shenfan Tianjie took out his weapon - an ancient banner made from the dao bone of a primal chaos beast. Obscured runes were embroidered on the cloth, forming a divine spider spitting out webs. It looked animated, seemingly on the verge of leaving the banner.

“Soaring Spider Banner.” The members from the east became surprised.

“Tianjie used this weapon to beat many geniuses before losing to Five-sun King and joining him.” One cultivator commented. This was the weapon that helped Tianjie become famous.

The Shenfan Clan was renowned for their banner-making ability. Everyone desired to have one made but it wasn’t so easy.

Shenfan Tianjie started with his top weapon right away, clearly taking Celestial Tiger very seriously.

“Clank!” Celestial Tiger summoned his tyrannical spear and uttered coldly: “I’ve heard of your battle feats long ago. Today, I will overestimate myself and see how I fare against you.”

“Don’t worry, you’ll be utterly convinced. The reason why you won against the east was that you didn’t see me or His Majesty. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have returned triumphantly.” Shenfan Tianjie arrogantly declared.

“We’ll see if you live up to your reputation.” Celestial Tiger uttered coldly.

“Since you’re the first brother of Dragon, if you lose, I hope your fellow members will shut up from now on and know their place. Only His Majesty is worthy of marrying a divine bloodline.” Shenfan Tianjie barked back.

The annoying insult carried an undeniable truth. No one else in Dragon had a similar bloodline. Thus, they were mere frogs wanting to eat swan meat if they wanted to court Jian Qingzhu.

“Go.” Celestial Tiger didn’t want to keep on talking. It was hard to argue against someone who kept on bringing Five-sun King up.

“Very well!” Shenfan Tianjie gathered his power and released twelve fate palaces. He became engulfed in chaos energy with haste.

“Buzz.” Two supreme grand dao appeared and circled around him.

Visual phenomena emerged behind him - a banner blotting out the sun and the celestials. Beneath the banner were roaring beasts, deep abysses, bloody moons...

He had fused the laws of his weapon into his own grand dao to reach utmost proficiency.

“A two-dao sovereign.” The crowd was impressed due to his age.

“My turn!” Celestial Tiger also roared and became engulfed in chaos energy. A gigantic dragon image coiled around him with an impressive aura. His spear became resplendent as well.

Chapter 4417: Ancient Banner

Celestial Tiger and Shenfan Tianjie glared at each other while preparing their weapon.

Spectators watched with bated breath during this tense atmosphere. It was a relatively significant battle - Dragon versus the east.

"First Brother got this." The members of Dragon were furious at Shenfan Tianjie. If their first brother were to lose, they wouldn't be able to keep their head up again. Moreover, Dragon would lose a justification to stop the engagement.

"Shenfan Tianjie is exceptional." A neutral expert from the east tried to be objective and said: "He was given the name Tianjie, a testament to the boy's talent." [1]

"Right, the two should have fought back then." An eastern clan member said.

Celestial Tiger had traveled to the east and defeated numerous geniuses there. However, Shenfan Tianjie was not around. Otherwise, a fight between them would have been inevitable.

"Fellow Daoist, watch out now." Shenfan Tianjie's eyes pulsed coldly.

"Boom!" He slammed the pole of his banner into the ground, nearly penetrating the entire thing. The banner started fluttering and expanding upward.

The sky immediately turned dark and caught spectators off guard. The banner seemingly turned into the skyvault and encompassed everything.

"He's strong indeed." The ancestors from both sides couldn't help but praise. It was obvious that he has surpassed the majority of the young generation.

"His clan has true masters of creating banners. They have been doing this for eras now, the banner in his hand is definitely made with the clan's top secrets." A big shot from the east said.

For the Shenfan, creating banners wasn't only a way to create weapons and treasures. This was also a type of merit law for cultivation.

"If you lose while being trapped under my banner, I'm afraid you'll die because I might not be able to control it from refining you into a puddle of blood." Shenfan Tianjie's voice echoed in the darkness. He disappeared and became part of the night sky.

"Don't hold back." Celestial Tiger wasn't afraid in the slightest: "If I turn into a puddle of blood, I can only blame myself for being weak. However, the opposite applies as well if I kill you."

Both sides didn't hide their animosity and brutality. Neither would hold back in this fight.

"Good. Sky Obliteration!" Shenfan Tianjie began right away.

The audience felt violent trembling; some turned pale as a result. The entire sky seemed to be falling down - the start of an apocalypse.

"Dragon Ascension!" Celestial Tiger roared and thrust his spear into the sky.

Boundless golden radiance rushed out and turned into a dragon's head with a tsunamic aura.

This naturally impressed the audience and made them bellow in astonishment.

"Raa!" The dragon head smashed the falling sky. Numerous pieces scattered downward as a result.

“Tyrannical Dragons!” He roared and focused more energy onto the tip of the spear. Nine dragons fully materialized and clawed the sky.

“Sky Shower Banner!” Shenfan Tianjie retaliated by releasing nine banners large enough to coil around the dragons.

“Boom!” The dragons struggled and tried to tear the banner to pieces. Alas, this proved to be futile.

“Dragon Inferno!” Celestial Tiger ordered the dragons to open their bloody jaws, seemingly wanting to devour the world.

They spewed out endless lava, assaulting every conceivable direction. This successfully burned the restrictive banners.

“Devil Wind Banner!” Shenfan Tianjie waved his hand and tornados descended, destroying both the ground and the fiery torrents.

The auras of two sovereigns ravaged the entire battlefield. They exchanged dozens of moves in the blink of an eye, not holding back in the slightest.

The weaker cultivators had a hard time keeping up. Some became paralyzed from the pressure of this even fight.

Nonetheless, this was an eye-opening experience. Most were completely immersed in watching their impressive techniques; some loudly blurted out praises.

“Ancestral Coil Banner!” Shenfan Tianjie took it more seriously and summoned numerous godfiends.

They turned the world into a blanket with Celestial Tiger stuck in the center. It wrapped tightly and immobilized him.

“There is no escaping this technique. He’ll be refined into a puddle of blood in there.” An expert from the east was horrified by this technique.

“Really?” Those nearby became startled, especially the ones from Dragon.

“Watch out, First Brother!” One of them shouted.

“Fellow Daoist, you’re in trouble now.” Shenfan Tianjie was glad to see Celestial Tiger unable to dodge his technique. He had seized the upper hand.

Chapter 4418: Ace Card

Ancestral Coil Banner was a top technique of his clan, capable of trapping everything inside. It was the embodiment of the clan’s mysteries and enlightenment.

Some believed that it was impossible to dodge or oppose this move unless there was a significant power disparity. His clan relied on it to dominate the region and propel its fame.

“What an amazing technique, no wonder why others spoke so highly of it.” One ancestor said.

“A very small number of cultivators in history can escape this trap.” A big shot from the east praised.

“Is it our loss?” One Dragon member murmured.

The youths from Dragon naturally didn’t want to see this humiliating outcome.

“Looks over to me, Celestial Tiger can’t solve this technique.” A high elder observed Celestial Tiger being trapped by the technique.

“Fellow Daoist, you will be reduced to blood in less than ten minutes. You were lucky not meeting me during your conquest.” Shenfan Tianjie couldn’t contain his excitement and gloated.

“We’ll see about that. Activate!” Celestial Tiger remained calm in face of adversity.

“Buzz.” Something seemed to be open and caused space to tremble once. His chest became resplendent and numerous spots emerged.

“Not good!” Ancestors and influential characters from the east certainly felt a sense of danger from the incoming waves of power.

“Boom!” Countless rays shot out from his chest and pierced through the containment, turning the blanket into a sieve and destroying it.

“Omniscient Eye!” Those from the east could tell that something was happening.

They then saw eyes opening on his chest - the sources of the rays.

“A dao lord secret technique.” The power and aura of the dao lord type made this rather obvious.

“I can’t believe how strong it is!” An eastern ancestor shouted.

“Bulwark Banner!” Shenfan Tianjie waved his banner. An ancient spider appeared and spewed out enough spiderwebs to surround the entire battlefield, creating a cocoon around him.

This was enough to stop the incoming rays. Though they did break through several layers, more web came out of the banner and created additional ones.

The defense seemed endless and unbreakable. It didn’t matter how many layers of web went down because more would be erected right afterward.

“Break!” Celestial Tiger was undeterred. He resorted to using his largest eye and released a beam.

The world turned dark as a result. Many cultivators lost their vision and didn’t know what was going on.

This time around, the multi-layered cocoon couldn’t stop the tyrannical beam. It pierced through all of them and struck Shenfan Tianjie’s chest.

“Shit!” Some eastern cultivators bellowed since a dao lord secret technique might be able to kill Shenfan Tianjie.

On the other hand, the members of Dragon cheered loudly after seeing the reversal.

Just when everyone thought that Tianjie was dead, he summoned a treasure and swung it forward to stop the beam.

“Rumble!” A magnificent exchange occurred next.

Celestial Tiger's main beam and all the other rays focused on a single point. Alas, Tianjie was able to stop it by using a little banner the size of a palm.

It was ancient and embedded with inscrutable runes. It looked rather tattered yet wielded immense power, one capable of shifting the cosmo.

Nonetheless, the concentrated beam didn't stop from attempting to break through.

"His clan's ancestral banner!" An eastern ancestor shouted.

Yes, he had summoned his clan's heirloom. It shouldn't be underestimated despite its tiny frame. This was the pinnacle of all banners.

Shenfan Tianjie's own power couldn't stop Celestial Tiger's Omniscient Eye. However, this wondrous treasure had no problem doing so.

He had used the Ancestral Coil Banner before but this was only a technique. Now, he took out the real heirloom - one created by a peerless ancestor of his clan.

"Even the Omniscient Eye can't break it." One spectator noticed that the beam was being stopped.

"Your eye is impressive but it can't beat me." Shenfan Tianjie heaved a sigh of relief, realizing that he would have died without the ancestral banner. Nonetheless, now that he had used it, victory was his for certain.

"We'll see about that, go!" Celestial Tiger roared crazily and kept on attacking his complacent opponent.

Chapter 4419: One Shot

"Boom!" Celestial Tiger summoned a treasure that immediately release immense dao lord power.

A crystal eye appeared above him, seemingly alive. Its presence felt the same as if a dao lord was here in person.

"A dao lord weapon!" One ancestor shouted.

Its aura swept people off their feet or forced them down on their knees. They trembled and couldn't look straight at the eye.

"Pa-" The eye suddenly opened and froze everyone. They could see a dao lord standing there in the void and looking down at everyone.

It could see the outlines of everything in existence. Nothing could hide from its all-seeing gaze.

"Omniscient God Eye!" An ancestor from a different sect couldn't believe it.

An expert from Dragon whispered: "Looks like Tiger Pond truly values Celestial Tiger as its successor."

This was a supreme treasure left behind by Myriad-eye Dao Lord. He created it by using his unique ocular merit law.

The ancestors of Tiger Pond were in charge of it but now, it was in Celestial Tiger's possession.

This was decided ever since he lost to Jian Qingzhu. They worried about his safety and wanted to boost his power.

After all, he had done a great job learning the Omniscient Eye. With this treasure, he became a tiger with wings.

“Boom!” The rays and beam coming from his chest suddenly disappeared. Now, the eye shot out a ray only as thick as a thumb.

However, it had a crystal form and looked to be tangible. All spectators felt themselves being penetrated despite not being its target.

“Ahh!” They bellowed due to a sharp pain in their eyes. Weaker cultivators’ eyes started bleeding profusely.

“Go!” Shenfan Tianjie was astounded to see the crystallized ray. He immediately channeled all of his power into the ancestral banner.

Its power reached the limit and poured down divine flames. Gods and ancestors appeared to protect him with the mysteries of the dao.

Alas, this dao barrier was still not enough to stop the crystallized ray. After all, the ray consisted of the power of a dao lord on top of Celestial Tiger’s special eye technique.

The astonished crowd thought that this move was unstoppable. Only death awaited the target.

“Boom!” It became obvious that the dao barrier wouldn’t be able to stop this attack.

“Be careful!” An ancestor from the east bellowed.

Those from Dragon felt the same way. Peacock Monarch shouted: “Hold back!”

Unfortunately, it was already too late.

“Damn!” Shenfan Tianjie felt the threat of death and used his best evasive maneuver, soaring away like the wind.

His swift reaction and speed weren’t rewarded this time. “Pop!” The ray pierced through his chest, causing blood to splash everywhere.

“No!!!” He bellowed in horror and screamed while his body fell to the ground.

“Bam!” The corpse smashed to the ground; its blood stained the soil red.

Silene took over the scene as people stared at the bloody hole on the corpse’s chest.

The victor was obvious - Celestial Tiger.

“He couldn’t stop the dao lord weapon.” One ancestor quietly commented.

In terms of power and cultivation, perhaps even talents, the two were rather even. Both were two-dao sovereigns.

Shenfan Tiejian had the upper hand when he used his clan's techniques. Even a dao lord secret law couldn't defeat him.

This all changed the moment Celestial Tiger took out his dao lord weapon and decisively settled the match.

The Shenfan's peerless banners and merit laws were still inferior to a dao lord weapon.

The crystal eye and Celestial Tiger's innate gift made the attack similar to one of a dao lord. It would be strange if Shenfan Tianjie could actually survive.

"It's a matter of ace cards. Dragon is still above a regular clan." One high elder commented.

"We shouldn't underestimate Dragon." A big shot from the east told his fellow members.

In fact, Celestial Tiger didn't have access to all of Dragon's resources, only Tiger Pond's. If he could become the next sect master, he would turn considerably more powerful.

"He's dead, this is a bad development." Someone from Dragon whispered.

Death occasionally happened during duels. The loser could only blame themselves for lacking skills.

However, this circumstance was different. Shenfan Tiejian was considered an esteemed guest. This might negatively impact the relationship between Dragon and the east.

"Five-sun School and the alliance have lost face." An elder from Dragon shuddered and became worried.

The atmosphere reflected this. The ex-sect master of Five-sun and the other ancestors' expression darkened.

Chapter 4420: Forceful

The stench of blood wafted in the air. The crowd exchanged glances, aware of the potential complications.

The east came with good intentions, hoping to form an alliance with Dragon. Now, one of their thirty-six sovereigns has been killed.

He was an influential character, being the successor of the Shenfan - an ancient clan of the east.

How could the alliance return and tell the clan about his death? The other clans wouldn't appreciate this either since it appeared that their continent was being mistreated and looked down upon.

"Sect Master, your disciple is out of line." The ex-sect master of Five-sun said with a serious tone: "We came as guests but now, blood has been shed. We demand an explanation."

Without his sun, he was the leader of the alliance. It would be difficult for him to return to the east and tell the other clans.

Peacock Monarch slightly frowned. Death during a duel was normally not a big deal. Alas, this could destroy their alliance.

“Monarch, your disciple was too cruel. Killing an emissary is detrimental to our friendship.” Featherhat Paragon shook his head.

The members of Dragon naturally disliked their accusation. Their First Brother won fair and square. Moreover, Shenfan Tiejian was the one pushing the issue.

“He could only blame himself for lacking skills.” Celestial Tiger spoke up.

“Virtuous Nephew, you’re still too hot-headed. What if you were the one who was killed during your trip to the east?” Featherhat retorted.

“It was a friendly spar, not a fight to the death. It should have stopped much earlier. Does Dragon want an enemy instead of a friend?” Another ancestor from the east said.

“Are you sincere in forming an alliance with us?” Treasure Ancestor, an influential character, asked.

Peacock Monarch couldn’t answer right away. As the sect master of Dragon, he naturally wanted to form an alliance with these powers. It would be a great contribution to the sect.

“We will give you a reasonable answer.” Peacock Monarch ordered his underlings: “Capture Celestial Tiger.”

Dragon sect members exchanged glances of confusion. They wouldn’t want to capture their first brother. However, the worst-case scenario could be war with the east.

Some of them had to obey and surrounded Celestial Tiger.

“Who dares?!” Celestial Tiger roared and intimidated them.

Putting his impeccable power aside, the group didn’t want to capture him because he killed Shenfan Tianjie who insulted them.

“Celestial Tiger, stay home and ponder your mistakes. Know better than to rely on brute force all the time.” Ancient Treant spoke.

First, no one would dare to challenge this ancient ancestor. Moreover, he was actually protecting Celestial Tiger by placing him under house arrest.

“Yes, Ancestor.” Celestial Tiger was furious about this situation and stomped his foot, albeit still obeying.

“We will make it up to you.” Peacock Monarch cupped his fist after Celestial Tiger was taken away. He knew that reparation was necessary in order to quell their anger.

“Let’s come up with a date for the engagement then. We come with full sincerity.” The ex-sect master of Five-sun said, not wanting to miss this opportunity. Jian Qingzhu’s bloodline was extremely important for their clan.

“Of course, it would be great if Five-sun King can become our sect’s son-in-law.” Peacock Monarch smiled.

“We’ll be waiting for your saintess then.” The ex-sect master agreed.

“Ex-sect Master, please reconsider.” Qingzhu humbly interjected: “An ordinary girl such as myself is unworthy of Five-sun King.”

The ex-sect master’s expression became unsightly. He said: “Virtuous Niece, marriage is arranged by the parents. In this case, leave it to your sect.”

“Hahaha, you don’t need to worry about us. I, her father, don’t dare to climb up your branch.” Goldbird Monarch laughed.

This naturally humiliated the ex-sect master.

Featherhat Paragon jumped in: “Monarch, His Majesty will become invincible later on. You will soar along with him.”

“Think about your daughter’s future. Nothing is better than being married to a dao lord.” Peacock Monarch said.

In reality, the experts and ancestors agreed with this viewpoint. They would love to have a female disciple eligible to marry Five-sun King.

“I appreciate the thought but if my daughter doesn’t want to marry, that’s final.” Goldbird refused.

“Gold, reconsider.” Ancestors who had a good relationship with him came over and said.

In theory, this marriage alliance should be a cause for celebration. Moreover, to refuse meant not giving face to Five-sun Sect and a potential dao lord in the future. This carried significant implications.

“Brother Gold, think about it again.”

“Goldbird, focus on the sect instead of your own whim.” Ancient Treant finally spoke: “Take your leave, now.”

He then increased his aura and froze everyone. Even Goldbird staggered backward from the pressure.

Ancient Treant believed that only good could come from this marriage so he has made up his mind.

Thus, the atmosphere became extremely tense for the involved parties.