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## **TALES OF DEMONS AND GODS**

**CHAPTER 151.5**

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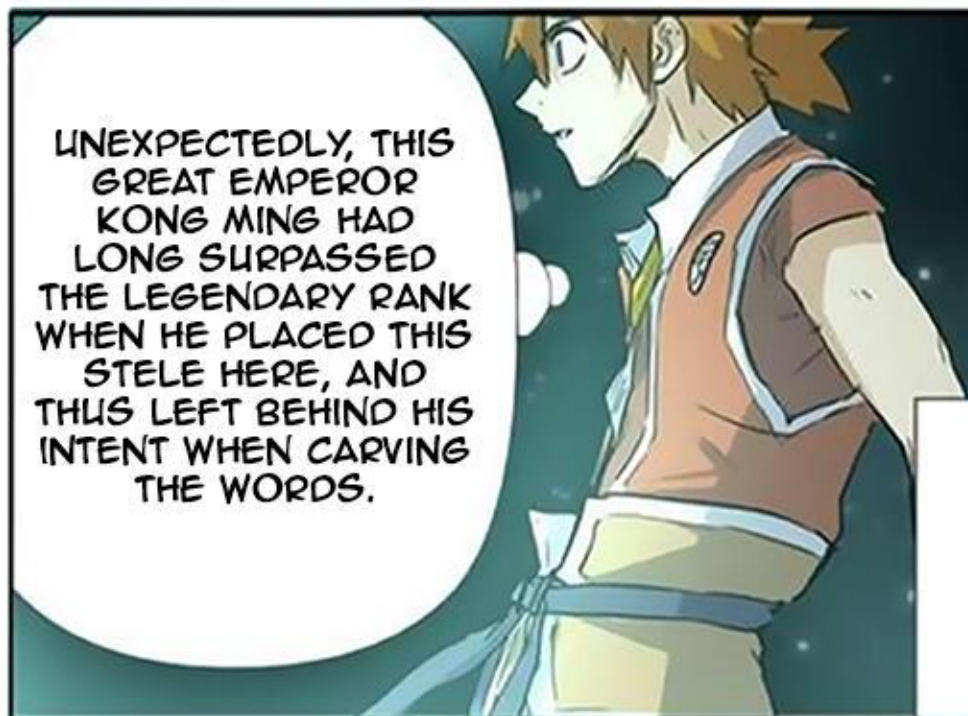




"WHO AM I? WHERE  
EXACTLY DID I COME FROM,  
AND WHERE AM I HEADED?"



UNEXPECTEDLY, THIS  
GREAT EMPEROR  
KONG MING HAD  
LONG SURPASSED  
THE LEGENDARY RANK  
WHEN HE PLACED THIS  
STELE HERE, AND  
THUS LEFT BEHIND HIS  
INTENT WHEN CARVING  
THE WORDS.



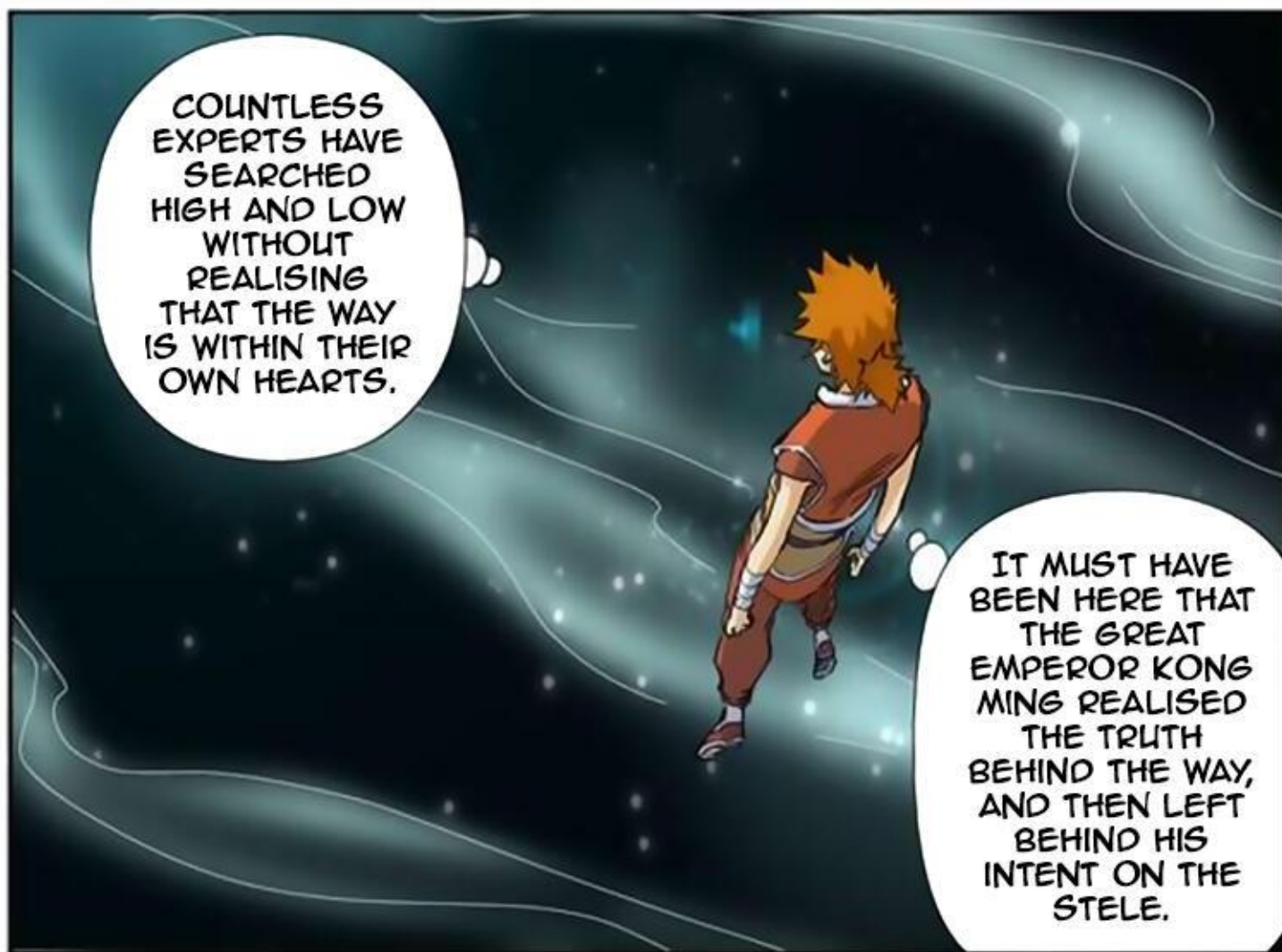
"WHEREVER I LOOK,  
COUNTLESS LIVES  
CONTINUOUSLY FADE  
AWAY, WHILE  
COUNTLESS LIVES  
ARE BORN."







[Note: This technically translates as tens of thousands, with 10000 being a number traditionally and commonly used in Chinese culture to indicate an undefined large number.]



[Note: The term used here, "Wuji", is the opposite of "Taiji" in Daoist philosophy. "Wuji" signifies the most primordial form of the Way which has no properties (and thus no beginning), while "Taiji" is that which contains all properties. Philosophically, "Taiji" is said to emerge from "Wuji", before then manifesting into existence as we know it as a collection of different objects.]





THE  
TEN-WORD  
MAXIM?!



"INFINITE NOTHINGNESS HAS NO  
BEGINNING; NO BEGINNING MEANS  
NO END." BACK WHEN I WAS IN  
THE SPACE WITHIN THE TEMPORAL  
DEMON SPIRIT BOOK, I ALSO  
SAW THIS PHRASE.



THE ME AT THAT TIME HAD ALREADY  
LONG SURPASSED LEGENDARY RANK,  
YET WAS STILL UNABLE TO COMPREHEND  
THIS PHRASE. AT THE TIME, I HAD  
WONDERED WHICH SUPREME EXPERT HAD  
LEFT THIS PHRASE BEHIND, BUT NEVER  
THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE SOMEONE  
LIKE GREAT EMPEROR KONG MING WHO  
HAD ONLY JUST BROKEN THROUGH TO  
THE LEGENDARY RANK.

AND NOW...



IF I THINK BACK TO MY  
PAST AND PRESENT LIVES...  
THIS TEN-WORD MAXIM  
APPEARS TO BE TALKING  
ABOUT THE MEANING OF  
LIFE, AND HOW THE  
INHERITANCE OF LIFE IS  
CONTINUOUS AND ENDLESS,  
BUT I STILL DON'T REALLY  
GET THE MEANING OF THE  
WHOLE PHRASE.










WHY THEN DID I NOT  
COME ACROSS A  
GENIUS LIKE THAT IN  
MY PREVIOUS LIFE?

THEN AGAIN, WITH  
A MULTITUDE OF  
WORLDS OUT THERE  
ENCOMPASSING SO  
MANY DIFFERENT  
PHENOMENA, THE  
PLACES I WENT  
TO ARE BUT A  
CORNER OF THE  
VAST UNIVERSE.  
THERE'S STILL A  
WIDER WORLD OUT  
THERE.



PERHAPS THE GREAT  
EMPEROR KONG MING  
WENT TO EVEN MORE  
DISTANT WORLDS.



"USING THE GREAT  
CHANGES\* HEAVENLY  
CALCULATION TECHNIQUE,  
I HAVE CALCULATED THAT  
THERE WILL BE FIVE  
PEOPLE WHO WILL BE  
ABLE TO OBTAIN THIS  
TEN-WORD MAXIM OF  
MINE. EVERY ONE OF  
THEM WILL BE A BRILLIANT  
INDIVIDUAL, AND EACH OF  
THEM WILL HAVE A UNIQUE  
UNDERSTANDING OF THIS  
TEN-WORD MAXIM."

"THESE FIVE  
PEOPLE SHALL  
FIGHT EACH OTHER  
TO THE DEATH,  
AND IN THE END  
ONE OF THEM  
SHALL DEVOUR  
THE OTHER  
FOUR PEOPLE'S  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
THIS TEN-WORD  
MAXIM, AND COME  
TO MEET ME."

[Note: Probably a reference to the Book of Changes, which is the basis of much of both Confucian and Daoist thought.]

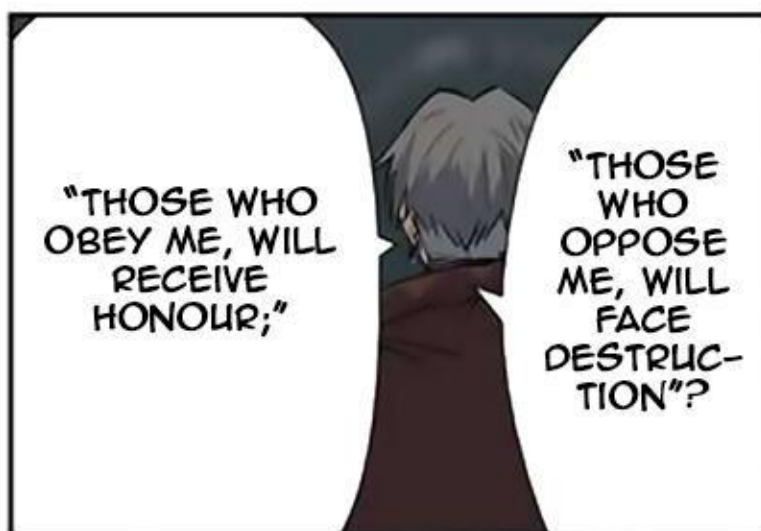








I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
THAT THIS  
GLORY CITY  
WOULD HAVE  
A PLACE  
LIKE THIS;  
LOOKS LIKE  
I HAVEN'T  
WASTED MY  
TIME  
COMING  
HERE.



"THOSE WHO  
OBEY ME, WILL  
RECEIVE  
HONOUR;"

"THOSE  
WHO  
OPPOSE  
ME, WILL  
FACE  
DESTRUC-  
TION"?



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THIS GUY MUST HAVE  
BEEN MENTALLY ILL  
OR SOMETHING?



