

Domination 771

### **Chapter 771: Phoenix**

Even the two God-Monarchs took deep breaths at this moment. They knew more than outsiders and recognized what the deathfire that had just burnt the entire city was. However, this fire was something impossible for beings like them to fathom.

Ever since that year, no one could make the raging fire emerge again. It was just like a piece of wood that burnt halfway then extinguished. A very long time later, even if one set it on fire again, it wouldn't be the same fire as the past.

Thus, it was impossible to make the firewood relive the same past fire. It was impossible even for Immortal Emperors unless they were capable of reversing time or communicating with the underworld!

But now, the deathfire that had engulfed this city appeared once more, and the two God-Monarchs knew what it was.

Li Qiye shouted: "Appear now, it is time for me to harvest!" A hurricane of death energy sprung from the Death Chapter and turned into a universal law that drilled into the ground.

"Thump, thump, thump." A series of monstrous heartbeats resounded as if a gargantuan heart was thumping.

The ancestral ground quaked with each beat as if something was about to break itself out of the ancestral ground.

"What is that thing?" Everyone in the city could hear the heartbeat. They couldn't help but look towards the ancestral ground in shock.

"Junior, we can't allow you to live any longer!" The disturbed monarchs cried out and attacked with reckless abandon at the same time, disregarding the cost to their blood energy. The two imperial true treasures unleashed their power!

"Begin..." Li Qiye simply snorted in the face of two invincible treasures. Countless laws from the chapter emerged, and death energy appeared in the flame!

"Screech!" Amidst all the commotion, the skeletal bird let out a loud cry and spread its wings. The deathfire covering the city seemed to have absorbed a great power and surged towards the bird's body like a flood bursting through a dam. After the absorption, an unbelievable heatwave swept through the city, and the bird underwent monumental changes as if it had been revived.

"Screech!" A Phoenix's cry resounded as an immortal brilliance erupted from the bird. At this time, the bird in the sky ceased to be a mere bird, it had become a Phoenix!

"A Phoenix..." All were stunned after seeing the transformations taking place in the sky. Even an ancestor from a great power screamed out in fear!

A Phoenix, a real Phoenix. These beings were extremely holy and sacred. Nothing could imitate their supreme presence as they appeared before the world.

“A Phoenix, the legend of Alchemy City is real!” An old undying from an ancient lineage had to cry out.

“Boom!” The attack from the Brightflame Cauldron came forth murderously, capable of suppressing myriad laws and destroying all things!

However, the moment the Phoenix soared to the sky and attacked, even the God-Monarch with his cauldron was powerless. The beast swept through the invincible imperial aura and instantly blew the monarch flying with spurting blood.

“Zhang zhang!” The tunes of a zither accompanied the endless power of the Divine Beast Zither that surged forward! One could hear different roars within the tunes as well as images of divine creatures jumping out: True Dragon, Phoenix, Qilin...

The Phoenix’s roar echoed across the nine heavens as it glided down from above. It tore apart everything in its path. In an instant, one could see it killing the beastly images from the Divine Beast Zither.

Such a scene was truly moving! Tearing a dragon and splitting apart a phoenix! This made people’s hearts want to jump out from their fleshly cages; no one could look straight at this overbearing and domineering spectacle.

“A fake is still a fake in the end. It doesn’t matter if the weapon uses universal laws to create them, they can’t compare to a real Phoenix.” Li Qiye nodded after watching the Phoenix killing the beasts from the zither.

The madam emotionally spoke: “This Phoenix is so powerful...”

Li Qiye shook his head: “More like it is too weak. Strictly speaking, it is not a real Phoenix since it took form from one’s corpse. If it was still alive, then it would be unfathomable. Keep in mind that when it wanted to be reborn via fire, it was already comparable to an Immortal Emperor! Unfortunately, something unexpected happened that resulted in its demise!”

“This majestic creature actually existed in this world?” Yuan Caihe was in awe.

Li Qiye slightly shook his head: “Strictly speaking, it does not belong here, at least not in this world!”

“Poof!” The monarch could no longer bear it. Although he had recklessly expended his blood energy to fuel the zither, it couldn’t turn the tides. Even more divine beasts surrounded the Phoenix only to be torn apart by it. Eventually, this monarch vomited blood. An imperial true treasure required the support of a large amount of blood energy, so he could no longer sustain it.

While all were horrified by this scene, someone murmured: “They have to unleash an Imperial Massacre or Heavenly Annihilation!”

However, the monarchs also knew very clearly that once they unleashed a Heavenly Annihilation, their death would be a foregone conclusion because of their withered longevity blood. A Heavenly Annihilation would require the support of all of their longevity blood! Once the blood was used up, only death would await them!

“Buzz!” In the blink of an eye, another imperial aura rushed out from the ancestral ground. The moment it appeared, the thumping of the heart finally died down.

An ancestor felt this aura and exclaimed: "A third Immortal Emperor True Treasure, the one from Immortal Emperor Yao Zu!"

The Alchemy Kingdom using all three of its defining treasures would frighten just about anyone!

"This is all of you forcing my hand." Li Qiye's eyes turned cold. He opened his mouth and sprayed out more longevity blood on the Death Chapter.

"Buzz." The death energy of the chapter turned into a tidal wave that rushed into the ground.

Longevity blood was extremely precious to cultivators, but Li Qiye had spat out two mouthfuls. He grew pale since his loss was considerable this time around.

'Rumble!' At the center of Alchemy City, a gigantic divine tree rose from below. One could hear crackling noises the moment this tree emerged as it was instantly burned by the deathfire.

The endless deathfire turned this divine tree into a fire tree. Great spiritual souls jumped inside the deathfire. This was the result of the divine tree burning.

"Screech!" The Phoenix sang again. The moment the phoenix flame on its body turned into a vortex, the burnt divine tree also flew upward. The phoenix carried the tree on its back, and the spiritual fire on the tree's body rushed into the phoenix's body, empowering its phoenix flame and making it even more dazzling!

With another screech, the Phoenix's chest opened. Waves of immortal universal laws emerged in a dazzling manner before turning into a vortex.

"Thump, thump, thump." The deafening heartbeats resounded again, even stronger than before.

"Stop it!" The two wounded monarchs from the Alchemy Kingdom were alarmed. They knew what the Phoenix wanted to do.

However, even if the kingdom wanted to suppress the thing being sealed, they were powerless. This Phoenix didn't only have its own phoenix flame, it also had the divine flame from the tree. This made it extremely powerful!

"Boom!" Eventually, after a loud blast, an extremely mighty force tore apart one location in the ancestral ground. An item then flew out from below!

It soared out and instantly flew into the Phoenix's exposed chest. Under the protection of the immortal laws, the phoenix's chest immediately closed.

An ancestor with great eyesight saw the thing that flew into the Phoenix and exclaimed: "That, that was a heart!"

"Oh god..." Tie Yi dropped to the ground with a pale expression, absent-minded as he murmured: "The legend is real, the kingdom was really storing that item... So unbelievable, they actually had a phoenix's heart!"

"The legend is real. Alchemy City used to be called Phoenix City!" Someone who knew the old legends became stupefied.

This legend stated that a very long time ago, this land had a divine tree and a phoenix. Eventually, the phoenix aimed for rebirth and burned the divine tree. However, it couldn't reach its goal and was instead burnt to ashes!

"No..." The monarchs from the kingdom screamed unwillingly after seeing the heart rejoin the body of the Phoenix.

"Buzz..." After regaining its heart, the immortal rays of light from the Phoenix's wings began to pulse.

It was as if multiple Immortal Worlds were appearing inside this pulsing brilliance. The Phoenix appeared to be invincible at this moment. Even ancestor-level characters were completely suppressed!

"Junior, don't even dream about leaving today!" The two monarchs grimaced!

"Rumble!" A series of thunderous detonations rang out. Terrifying figures emerged from the ancestral ground, accompanied by a blinding radiance that illuminated the entire Alchemy Kingdom!

However, it did not stop there. After these terrifying figures emerged, a series of huge imperial formations appeared in the depths of the ancestral ground. These formations that were capable of imprisoning the heavens rushed to the sky!

Meanwhile, imperial weapons appeared one after another. They emitted invincible auras to protect the entire ancestral ground. At this moment, the ancestral ground had turned into a citadel protected by Immortal Emperors. Even a God-Monarch would feel chills in their heart upon arriving at this scene!

### **Chapter 772: Conclusion Without Fighting**

The floating imperial formations were being guarded by weapons along with many legendary masters, eternal existences in the divine light, and the two God-Monarchs.

At this moment, outside of Godkings as of yet unrevealed, the Alchemy Kingdom had unveiled their entire hand. However, it was still not their ace!

Those who were lucky enough to see it all were shocked and frightened by this terrifying scene. No matter who they might be, they were at a loss for words.

This was a true foundation! A few Heavenly Kings and ancestors took pride in their sect's foundation, but compared to the Alchemy Kingdom's, any other foundation would suddenly seem poor and unworthy of mentioning!

"The Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family... This is the real deal!" A great power's ancestor became dejected after realizing that his sect's hidden power was nothing compared to the kingdom's.

Li Qiye stood on the back of the Phoenix that emitted swaying divine fire from the tree. His body seemed to be infected by its divinity, causing him to resemble a god.

"The power of the Alchemy Kingdom, eh?" Li Qiye smirked: "I wonder if the ultimate method left behind by the three emperors will be able to save your kingdom or not; just this won't be able to do anything to me. I'll tell you anyway, the Phoenix below me is a real phoenix. But of course, you know this better than I do since its heart was in your possession. You should also know that once this Phoenix is truly revived... Ah, I don't need to say any more about its power."

“Junior, hold your gloating.” The monarch coldly said: “Wait until it’s actually revived, then you can say that again. There is no need for our ultimate method just to suppress it right now! Our current power is plenty enough!”

The other God-Monarch added: “Junior, this is the final warning. Hand over the Phoenix or else don’t even dream about leaving this place alive!”

All the spectators were holding their breaths. Many of them understood that any cost was worth it to the kingdom if Li Qiye handed over the Phoenix.

“It seems like all of you think that you have the ability to hold me down since my Phoenix has yet to undergo rebirth.” Li Qiye smiled: “Very well, you still have a secret move and my true ace has been prepared as well! Come! Let us battle!”

“Buzz.” The moment these words were spoken, endless immortal lights shot into the sky. The Phoenix sent out countless immortal laws like inverse waterfalls, climbing higher and higher in the sky. Each law by itself could suppress the heavens. Even before the Phoenix attacked, the entire ancestral ground was already trembling.

The entire world was shaken from the Phoenix emitting its aura as well. Many existences even had the illusion that an Immortal Emperor was arriving.

Archaic eyes opened and gazed towards the Alchemy Kingdom. This scene left even these ancient existences quiet for a long time.

A majestic pillar of light rose from the ancestral ground. Its imperial aura ravaged the earth and suppressed myriad ages. The entire kingdom trembled at this time as all the experts continued to prostrate on the ground from the pressure.

At this minute, it seemed like the Alchemy Kingdom was ready to fight to the bitter end. This was no longer a simple personal feud to them. Li Qiye had stolen their Phoenix’s heart, and they would never let this go.

“Venerable Ancestors, please halt.” At the moment when tension ran high on both sides, the prelude to the great battle, a supreme melodious voice came about.

An unparalleled beauty drifted through the sky from the depths of the ancestral ground as if she was a fairy from the nine heavens — kingdom toppling and intoxicating.

“Ming Yexue...” A big shot recognized her and became startled.

“Fairy Ming!” The moment the younger generation saw her, they immediately lost their minds due to her charm. Many of them even forgot about the upcoming battle!

The majority of them had only heard of her name and had never seen her in person. However, upon seeing her today, the younger generation was enchanted as they indulged in her beautiful appearance.

The ancestors of the kingdom grimaced after Ming Yexue’s sudden appearance when the battle was about to begin, especially after hearing those words.

One of the God-Monarchs frowned and said: “Xue’er, it is not the time to talk.”

Ming Yexue slightly shook her head: "This disciple respects all the decisions made by Venerable Ancestors. However, Ancestor Wushuang ordered for my arrival, so please, Ancestors, harmony is to be prized." [1. She is saying stop the battle.]

"Ancestor Wushuang's order?" The other monarch deepened his tone: "Xue'er, this matter has grave implications for our kingdom's honor. We cannot take it lightly!"

All of the ancestors wanted to take Li Qiye down. They would not let go until this was accomplished!

"This disciple also knows that this relates to the honor of our sect, so Ancestor Wushuang allowed me to come with his seal so that I could calm this storm." Having said that, she slowly raised an old seal.

The two words "Wushuang" were carved on this seal. The moment this seal appeared, the aura of a Godking assaulted everyone as if one had personally arrived. [2. Wushuang = Peerless/Unmatched.]

"The seal of the ancestor!" Even the two monarchs were moved, bowing their heads after seeing this seal. As for the other ancestors, they immediately prostrated and kowtowed in worship three times.

"Ancestor Wushuang of the kingdom is actually still alive, this is incredible. After so many years, he still lingers in this world. If it was a different ancestor, they wouldn't be able to handle this arduous journey across time even with Blood Era Stones." Anyone would feel their heart sink after seeing this seal.

Ancestor Wushuang was a legendary existence. Some said that he had an unmatched constitution. Others said that he had three saint aptitudes. There were also those who praised that both his cultivation and alchemy were peerless. Then there were the worshippers who claimed that his lifespan was without equal, believing that he was the oldest living existence in the kingdom, a legend that had always been buried in Blood Era Stones in the deepest location of their ancestral ground! [3. Notice how all of these adjectives are synonyms of his title/name, Wushuang.]

Although the atmosphere was tense to the extreme, the monarchs and the ancestors eventually retreated. However, their piercing gazes remained fixated on Li Qiye.

"Young Noble Li, I am coming with utmost sincerity to calm this storm." With boundless grace, Ming Yexue walked forward alone to see Li Qiye.

Li Qiye stared at Ming Yexue while standing on top of the Phoenix. He was silent and didn't reply.

Her eyes that were as bright as the stars above in the night sky and as clear as flowing water looked straight at him: "I hope Young Noble Li can stop this battle."

"So it has eventually come to this." Li Qiye sighed softly. In the end, he didn't attack. He had nothing to fear when it came to the kingdom, but he was not willing to massacre them even if he intended to do so since Ming Yexue came out.

Li Qiye calmly said: "I need a word with you in private."

Ming Yexue didn't think twice and agreed to his request.

This was vastly different from what people expected. Even the monarchs and the ancestors didn't expect this development.

“Fairy Ming’s charm is boundless, even Li Qiye was captivated by her.” The last generation lamented after seeing this.

Many people assumed that Li Qiye had lost to her charm, but they didn’t know that this was not the case at all.

The two of them entered a room at a secretive location, unknown to third parties. Ming Yexue spoke with sincerity: “This trouble was due to a misunderstanding between Young Noble and my kingdom. I came at the request of my ancestor with goodwill to quell this disturbance.”

“Yexue, whether this is a misunderstanding or not does not matter to me.” Li Qiye lightly waved his sleeve: “I can pretend that nothing had happened, I can even return the Phoenix’s heart to your kingdom. Moreover, I can assist all of you, and perhaps, the Phoenix can truly be reborn in the future!”

After hearing this, Ming Yexue quickly responded: “Your benevolence will be met with appreciation by our kingdom...”

Li Qiye shook his head: “No, Yexue, there is no free meal in this world. I have a condition!”

Ming Yexue took a deep breath as she braced herself with a solemn expression: “What is Young Noble’s condition? If it is within our abilities, then everything is negotiable.”

Li Qiye chuckled and gave his answer clearly: “My condition can either be difficult or easy. It all depends on you. I only want you, for you to follow me!”

I only want you! Such an overbearing statement! Any outsider hearing this would have strange thoughts, inevitably thinking that Li Qiye had become fascinated by her.

Ming Yexue didn’t think that this was a confession. She was slightly dazed and found another meaning to his words!

“If I can do something for the sect, if I can prevent this disaster, then I am more than willing to follow you.” Ming Yexue responded in a serious manner: “But Young Noble, you must know that I am a disciple and I cannot make a decision regarding this matter. This isn’t something the ancestors decide either.” She gently sighed.

Li Qiye chuckled: “This is up to Hundred-Life, right?”

Ming Yexue remained unperturbed like calm water at the bottom of a well and nodded: “If Young Noble requires me to go with you, then I will have to ask the forefather. Only with his permission would we be able to agree to your demand.”

### **Chapter 773: Close Conversation**

Li Qiye nodded with narrowed eyes: “Good, since Hundred-Life is still alive, everything will be easy for me. I want to meet Hundred-Life!”

“I’m afraid Young Noble misunderstood something.” The moment Li Qiye put on this expression, Ming Yexue had an unspeakable feeling of familiarity: “Forefather knows nothing about this conflict. Moreover, he has not asked about the world in a very long time.”

“No matter.” Li Qiye smiled: “If you didn’t come forward, I was more than happy to flip over the Alchemy Kingdom. Your kingdom has maintained a low profile for too long and has forgotten a couple things. A few people have become restless!”

Ming Yexue paused for a moment. She didn’t wish to discuss this matter further, so she softly said: “We can try to arrange a meeting if Young Noble wants to meet our forefather. However, this will take some time, I hope Young Noble can wait.”

Li Qiye didn’t say anything else while looking at Ming Yexue. A moment later, he gently reached out and lifted Ming Yexue’s finely sculpted chin.

Such an action was extremely frivolous. No one had ever dared to treat Ming Yexue this way, but she didn’t reject him. She closed her pretty eyes to embrace this atmosphere.

The two of them were inches from each other, and they could even hear each other’s breaths. It seemed as if time stood still. A long while later, Li Qiye gently caressed her soft and beautiful face.

In the minds of many, Ming Yexue was an untouchable fairy. She could only be worshiped from afar and was not to be tainted with obscene thoughts!

Ming Yexue, with her eyes closed, sensed Li Qiye’s rhythm and aura. An indescribable sense of familiarity invaded and overwhelmed her mind.

“Young Noble, there are many things I don’t understand.” After a long time, she lifted her head to look at him, a hint of doubt in her charming eyes.

Li Qiye withdrew his hand that still carried her sweet fragrance: “I will tell you later. At least, not before this matter with the Alchemy Kingdom concludes.”

“Can Young Noble not live in peace with the kingdom?” Even someone as supreme as Ming Yexue couldn’t help but sigh. When she sighed softly, the whole world would swoon over her. Her sentimental demeanor would break the hearts of countless cultivators.

Li Qiye dismissively replied: “Peaceful coexistence cannot be achieved. To put it bluntly, when the kingdom sees me, it should retreat or act as my subservient subjects!”

Ming Yexue was slightly startled; she knew that this had something to do with a past unknown to her!

Li Qiye continued: “You know, if I really wanted to take you away, the Alchemy Kingdom wouldn’t be able to stop me. I can even erase your memories of anything related to the Alchemy Kingdom. However, I would only do so if there was no other way; I do not want this to happen because you are still you, you are not a puppet but rather a living being with your own mind!”

He wistfully sighed at this point. After millions of years, some changes were inevitable.

“I am very grateful for your consideration.” Ming Yexue answered slowly, her words full of sincerity.

Li Qiye said dismissively: “Very well, this time will be a warning to your kingdom. If I truly wanted to destroy it, then I wouldn’t be sitting here with you! Tell those old-timers for me that this is not the time for your kingdom to have any funny ideas and use this chance to break the promise from the past. If it wasn’t for Hundred-Life, your Alchemy Kingdom would have ceased to exist!”



Li Qiye's eyes became serious as he sneered. To outsiders, the ancestors of the kingdom appearing was to suppress Li Qiye and to take revenge for the deceased Alchemy Ancestor! However, Li Qiye was well aware of the true reasons behind the whole thing!

"Young Noble, I will certainly convey your message." Ming Yexue was able to guess some of the details, but she was not completely clear. Only ancestor level characters knew this matter completely.

"What about the Phoenix's heart?" Ming Yexue had to ask. The heart was too important to the kingdom. It was a priceless treasure that had been gestated by the kingdom for countless moons. Its value was no less than an imperial true treasure!

"I want the heart of the Phoenix." Li Qiye lightly said: "The Alchemy Kingdom should remember this matter! A few people do not need to play dumb!"

"I'm afraid it is not up for me to decide this matter." Ming Yexue bitterly smiled, but even her bitter smile was very beautiful.

"It is not up to the Alchemy Kingdom either." Li Qiye said: "Even if your group of geezers do not want to do so, they must give it up regardless! You can tell Wushuang! It doesn't matter whether old Wushuang is in charge or if Hundred-Life is in charge or anyone else for that matter! In short, the sole reason why I am stopping for now is out of consideration for you. Your kingdom shouldn't try me again, or else I'll massacre a whole group before you can even respond!"

Ming Yexue gently sighed. It seemed that there was no room for negotiation regarding the Phoenix's heart: "Can Young Noble talk about the Phoenix? Can you really revive it?"

"Revive?" Li Qiye stroked his chin as his gaze wandered towards the horizon.

The legend regarding Phoenix City was true. In a very ancient age at Phoenix City, there was a divine tree and a Phoenix.

A very long time later, both of these existences neared their ends. The Phoenix burned the divine tree in order to use it to attempt rebirth. Although there were no Immortal Emperors during this era, this Phoenix was a real and matured Immortal Bird. Its power was definitely no less than an emperor's.

However, it still failed to be reborn in fire. Under the endless divine flames and the boundless tribulation, it was completely annihilated! The divine tree shared a similar fate.

However, it left behind a certain something despite its failure and subsequent demise. There was still a little piece of its heart that was not turned into ashes in addition to some bone fragments.

However, these burnt bone fragments were far less impressive than the small piece of the heart. This heart was lost in the deepest parts of the earth and guarded by countless dangerous sealing formations after this disaster!

Later on, Immortal Emperor Yao Zu found the path to the Alchemy Vein and built the ancestral foundation for the Alchemy Kingdom. He obtained that piece of the heart below Alchemy City!

Moreover, he was quite lucky since he coincidentally had a supreme Immortal Medicine. He used it after obtaining the heart to actually revive it and formed one drop of Phoenix's Blood.

With this first blood drop as well as the heart, the emperor was able to use this land to gestate this little heart. After many years of nurturing, a complete Phoenix's heart finally appeared.

In a future generation, Li Qiye also explored this land. However, he gave up after finding the bone remnants. Although these bones belonged to a Phoenix, they had become useless after being refined countless times by the tribulation and fire; they were no different from animal bones. Even an Immortal Emperor would not be able to instill any divinity into them.

However, in this generation, Li Qiye had obtained the Death Scripture, shifting the entire paradigm. After coming to Alchemy City, he specifically chose this mountain, the old roost of the Phoenix.

He once again found the useless bones underground and used the Death Chapter to communicate with this land before immersing it in his death energy.

The Phoenix's rebirth ultimately failed, but its divinity returned to the land. Normally, nothing could revive one's dead divinity. However, the Death Chapter was able to do so. This was the mystical and frightening aspect of the Nine Grand Heavenly Scriptures!

Through the mysticisms of the Death Chapter, Li Qiye finally reached through this earth with his death energy and allowed the Phoenix's bone fragments to reform to defeat the monarchs of the kingdom!

This process was easier said than done. In fact, if Li Qiye was not already familiar with its mysteries from his past efforts, he wouldn't be able to reproduce the Phoenix despite cultivating the Death Scripture!

"Can the Phoenix come back to life?" Ming Yexue asked again. Curiosity got the better of even a fairy-like lady like her. A Phoenix! This was a real Immortal Bird that did not exist in this world!

The big question was about the past Phoenix in this land. Where did it come from? This would remain an unsolvable mystery! The rebirth of a Phoenix would be completely unfathomable!

"Although your Alchemy Kingdom has gestated the heart for many years to the extent that it has completely recovered, it is still difficult beyond words to revive a real Phoenix." Li Qiye said: "This process requires massive effort from your kingdom! Moreover, success is not certain."

He chuckled here before continuing: "If your kingdom really wants to try, then I can attempt it once. Of course, the cost will be beyond your imagination. I can even say that when the creature revives, I won't need it and will give it to your kingdom!"

Ming Yexue was slightly jolted after hearing this. A Phoenix was definitely something that could drive the world crazy. The kingdom would surely want it if Li Qiye was willing to hand it over!

However, as Li Qiye said, the cost must be beyond imagination. Even their kingdom would not be able to bear this price!

"Fate cannot be forced." Ming Yexue gently shook her head: "In that case, just let it be."

"I won't force it." Li Qiye gently caressed her cheek: "Well, because of you, forget it. I only need the Phoenix's heart this time, nothing else! Just tell those old men to not provoke me again!"

Ming Yexue quietly bemoaned the situation. Although she hoped for this outcome, it still wouldn't be so easy.

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### **Chapter 774: Duel Against The White Haired Alchemy God**

The conversation between Li Qiye and Ming Yexue finally came to an end. The moment Li Qiye reappeared before the world was back in Alchemy City, immediately coming under the eyes of many. Every spectator wanted to know how this storm would end.

Eventually, the imperial auras disappeared and the imperial family recalled their formations and weapons while Li Qiye stopped his attack.

After seeing this, everyone understood that the battle had come to a peaceful conclusion. The two sides did not reach an all out war.

They were very curious and wanted to know what Li Qiye and Ming Yexue talked about. For what reasons did the tyrannical Li Qiye agree to end this conflict?

Different speculations arose. Some thought that Li Qiye was charmed by Ming Yexue. This speculation was not strange at all. Ming Yexue had been deified as the number one beauty of the Stone Medicine World. No one was free from intoxication after seeing her.

Others guessed that the Alchemy Kingdom made concessions and eventually handed over treasures to end this battle!

Although the battle had come to an end, it was far from finished. After leaving the ancestral ground of Alchemy City, Li Qiye headed straight for the White Hair Alchemy God's place.

This action immediately attracted others. They knew that Li Qiye was about to deal with the white hair alchemist.

"This guy really wants to sweep over everything. Now, even the white hair alchemist is about to suffer!" A big shot murmured after seeing this.

"I wonder how many experts from the previous generation the alchemist will be able to mobilize. If he doesn't have enough, then he will be in grave danger. It might not be too late for him to run back to the Bailian Clan right now." An alchemist was quite worried.

Prior to this, many people would've thought that Li Qiye didn't know his own capabilities by going to challenge the white hair alchemist. Everyone knew the alchemist's influence. With one word, countless near-death old monsters would be willing to work for him. However, it was another story now. A devilish person like Li Qiye was able to shake even the Alchemy Kingdom. This was more than enough for the world to look at him twice!

Many alchemists hoped that white hair could leave the city before Li Qiye's arrival. Li Qiye had already killed Cao Guoyao, so they didn't wish to see the white hair alchemist being disposed of as well.

However, the alchemist did not escape. When Li Qiye reached his abode, he was already standing outside of the door, waiting. He resembled a swan among a flock of hen — extremely brilliant. Especially his hair, as black as jade, that caused him to stand out.

"You're finally here." The alchemist was not surprised to see Li Qiye. He was well prepared for this moment.

The crowd prepped themselves, wanting to see how the alchemist would deal with this trouble. Whether he would bow and apologize or call for old undyings to help him and fight Li Qiye to the bitter end, everyone wanted to know.

"I heard you wanted my life. Very well, here I am, right in front of your door." Li Qiye sat in his carriage and lazily stared at the alchemist.

The alchemist took a deep breath. He had always been a proud person no matter the occasion! He laughed proudly: "Li Qiye, your abilities are heaven-defying and devilish — I know this very well. However, you have killed the disciples of my clan, so regardless of whether I have the capability to gain vengeance or not, I will not back down!"

"Is that so? You have piqued my curiosity, what is your plan?" Li Qiye didn't bother explaining the sacred doctor's death. It didn't matter that the Bailian Clan viewed him as the murderer.

He smiled leisurely and continued: "I'll play with you if you want my life. Use all of your abilities now so that no one can say I didn't give you a chance."

The anxious spectators were all watching closely to see how the alchemist would deal with Li Qiye in this unfavorable situation!

The alchemist composed himself with a deep breath. Even when Li Qiye was fierce enough to fight against the Alchemy Kingdom, he still held his head high and looked straight at Li Qiye.

"Li Qiye, regarding methods and war, I am not your equal! I can admit at least this." The alchemist proudly said: "However, I want to change the battlefield! I am someone who has studied longevity medicines my whole life! I want to compete against you with one batch!"

Li Qiye couldn't help but smile at the proud alchemist: "It seems like you are completely confident in your dao of alchemy."

The alchemist chuckled: "I cannot compare to you regarding wood mastery and insect mastery. However, I claim to be a king at refining longevity medicines! No one in the younger generation can compare to me!"

Despite knowing Li Qiye's ability full well, the alchemist was still able to utter such proud words. However, his words rang true since he was indeed unmatched in the younger generation!

The alchemist held his head high and continued: "Do you dare to bet? If I lose, then there is no need for you to do anything, I will end myself! If you don't dare, then I am standing right here, come and take my life!"

Everyone was caught off guard to the point of being astonished after hearing the alchemist. No one thought that he would use this type of method. What if Li Qiye refused? Wouldn't he just be killed on the spot?

Li Qiye asked: "Is this a dare?"

The proud alchemist responded: "Think of it as you please. In short, if I lose to you in refining longevity medicines, then I will accept my death willingly. My clan also won't come to bother you!"

The onlookers watched with bated breaths. They were waiting for Li Qiye to make a decision. Anyone else would not accept this bet with the alchemist and would just directly take his life instead. Li Qiye had the absolute advantage right now — this was as clear as day to everyone!

Under such favorable conditions, taking the alchemist's life was the most simple method. Only a fool would take the bet against the alchemist. Everyone knew that he was unequalled in this regard, so who would be willing to compete against him?

However, Li Qiye had always acted as that fool time and time again. On the matters that others didn't dare to do, he would do so without hesitation!

"Somewhat interesting." Li Qiye stroked his chin a bit: "I am a person with a little hobby, and that is to break the pride of people so that they can taste despair. Very well, I will use the longevity medicines that you know so well to defeat you; I will let you have a taste of despair! The bet is on!"

Li Qiye's choice left everyone rolling their eyes. This was simply too crazy. To give up his absolute advantage and choose to compete in the enemy's field of expertise... Only a madman would do such a thing!

"This decisiveness and charisma... No one in the younger generation can compare to him!" An ancestor emotionally said: "So young yet so domineering!"

"Well then, how do you want to do this?" The alchemist became even more confident after Li Qiye voiced his agreement. He knew that he was inferior compared to Li Qiye regarding martial strength, but he was certain of victory in a competition of longevity medicine refinement.

Li Qiye cheerfully said: "If we are going to do it, then let's make it interesting by refining emperor medicines!"

"Very well, emperor medicines it is!" The alchemist responded without any hesitation even when emperor medicines were brought up. This was indicative of his confidence regarding alchemy!

Everyone, especially the great powers' ancestors, was shaken after hearing that it was a bet involving emperor medicines. They became quite excited and only wished that this bet would happen even faster.

Emperor medicines were the highest level of longevity medicines. At least, this was what the majority of people thought. Although they were referred to as emperor medicines, they were nearly exclusively used by Virtuous Paragons.

Generally, Immortal Emperors would not use emperor medicines unless they were of the highest level. Immortal Emperors rarely used longevity medicines because normally, there were other options for them!

But as for Virtuous Paragons, longevity medicines were priceless treasures. The better they were, the more precious they would be. At this time, the crowd's anticipation ran high. The spectating ancestors were hoping that they would be able to buy the medicines if given the chance. Nothing could be better!

"Since we are betting with emperor medicines, we have to select the alchemy ingredients first." The alchemist told Li Qiye.

Li Qiye didn't seem to care too much as he answered: "It isn't difficult to select the ingredients. You can decide the exact specifications and I'll follow suit."

Emperor-rank longevity medicines required ingredients of three million years or older. When the ingredients had varying quality, the quality of the end result would change as well.

"If Fairy Yuan doesn't mind, the ingredients can be specified by you. The cost will be borne by us." The alchemist sought Yuan Caihe's assistance.

"If Daofriend Bailian can trust me, then I can select two batches of ingredients from the Serene Garden." Yuan Caihe pondered for a moment before nodding her head.

The garden stored the most precious ingredients in the Stone Medicine World. It was not empty words when people said that the garden was the best at cultivating plants and medicines.

### **Chapter 775: Secret of the Phoenix**

The white hair alchemist spoke: "Fairy Yuan is respected by all the lineages in our world, so I trust your reputation!"

Yuan Caihe looked at Li Qiye and was met with a nod as well. After gaining the consent of both parties, Yuan Caihe said: "In that case, I will prepare two batches of ingredients with the same age. However, I need some time, at least three days."

The alchemist decisively asked: "Good, we will settle our wager at Stonecauldron Peak in five days, do you agree?"

Li Qiye chuckled at the alchemist's great confidence and said: "Five days it is. No problems here." Having said that, he left with his group.

The alchemist also went inside and didn't show his face again. He didn't meet any guests as he was changing his mindset, preparing to defeat Li Qiye!

Li Qiye went back to his mountain with the group. However, Yuan Caihe had to go back to the Serene Garden to prepare two batches of ingredients, so she borrowed the Alchemy Kingdom's portal to expedite the trip.

Alchemy City became quite lively after hearing of the longevity medicine competition between Li Qiye and the White Hair Alchemy God. The alchemy conference had yet to start, but there had already been many storms. The first was the death of Cao Guoyao, and now the white hair alchemist wanted to compete against Li Qiye. How could the crowd not be excited?

The alchemists all wanted to see the two's supreme dao of alchemy. Back when Li Qiye fought against Cao Guoyao, all the alchemists understood that Li Qiye had the ability to challenge the four prodigies.

Needless to say, the white hair alchemist was considered the number one expert regarding longevity medicines in this world, at least among the younger generation.

Both of them were worth watching, and either could broaden any alchemist's horizons! As for the other cultivators, they were quite thrilled as well. The younger generation took it well since they did not need longevity medicines. However, this was not the case for the older generation, especially characters of the ancestor level. They wanted nothing more than for this showdown to start already.

In normal circumstances, it would be prohibitively difficult to ask an alchemist to refine one batch of supreme longevity medicine. In fact, alchemists capable of such a task could be counted on one's hand in the entire Stone Medicine World.

But now, two batches were about to be refined. For the ancestors, this meant that they would have a chance to buy these longevity medicines, so how could they contain their excitement?

After returning to his garden, Li Qiye showed that he simply didn't care for the bet. Madam Zi Yan also had confidence in her Young Master. She would be worried in the past, but after watching her Young Master's methods and his dao of alchemy, she was certain of his victory before they even began!

Tie Yi was injured, so he went to rest first. Li Qiye took out the pentagate to seal the room before solemnly taking out the Phoenix.

The Phoenix, at this time, was very different from the Phoenix that had been controlled by the Death Chapter. It only had an incomplete skeletal structure along with the Phoenix's heart.

It didn't have the immortal presence of supreme laws. However, the heart was still jumping up and down with blazing sparks. After devouring a huge amount of deathfire, it was able to produce a phoenix's flame again.

Despite its heart beating powerfully, this bird was still dead without any flesh or blood, only bones that resembled divine metals. Needless to say, it didn't have a soul or life either.

The madam couldn't help but ask while gazing at the bird: "Young Master, can this Phoenix be revived?" After seeing its supreme presence, anyone would want to see what a real living Phoenix looked like.

Li Qiye slightly shook his head: "Very difficult. Few people in this world could truly reverse life and death. This Phoenix tried to, but it met a terrible tribulation and was annihilated completely. Strictly speaking, it is dead without any hope."

The madam couldn't help but ask: "Is there really no way? Not even with your supreme dao of alchemy?" In her mind, her Young Master's dao of alchemy was without peer in this world.

“Zi Yan, this is not related to the dao of alchemy.” Li Qiye slightly shook his head: “Normally, this dao could save a dead cultivator — this would be the reversing life and death that people usually talk about. However, this does not apply to a phoenix, at least, not just with the dao of alchemy alone.”

“If Young Master puts it this way, then there is still a chance.” The madam was delighted to hear this. This was a phoenix! If it could be revived, then she would be the first to rejoice in her Young Master’s stead.

“An opportunity is there.” Li Qiye earnestly said: “Strictly speaking, this wouldn’t be called reversing life and death, it’s simply rebirth.”

“Rebirth?” The madam was startled after hearing this. This topic was too grave and shocking. In fact, for tens of millions of years, many invincible people vied for true rebirth, hoping to live on for another generation, but this was simply impossible!

Even the most legendary and mighty existences would not be able to live for another generation, let alone others.

Li Qiye rubbed his chin and said: “If it is a human, then no matter how strong they might be, wanting to live once more or obtaining rebirth is simply a dream. However, a phoenix has such a chance! A Phoenix’s ability to rebirth via fire is not just a legend, it can actually do so.”

“Rebirth via fire...” The madam murmured to herself.

People had heard this phrase many times before, but when it came from Li Qiye, it seemed to not just be a description but rather reality, a tangible legend!

The madam curiously asked: “Young Master, is there really a phoenix in our world? What about the other divine beasts?”

Li Qiye smiled at this question and answered: “Zi Yan, your question is of two different concepts, of our world and divine beasts. This depends on how you define our world and divine beasts.”

“I am listening closely, Young Master.” The madam smiled. She was always gentle like flowing water with a trace of playfulness that didn’t take away any of her charm.

Li Qiye smiled: “The world in your view and the world in mine are not necessarily the same. If you are talking about the nine worlds and pure blood divine beasts, then I can only say that our world does not have divine beasts.”

“But what about this Phoenix? Are you saying that this one is not a pure-blood?” The madam slightly jumped and looked at the skeletal phoenix before her.

Li Qiye shook his head: “No, on the contrary, this is a pure-blood Phoenix. Moreover, it used to be an adult Phoenix — unbelievably powerful!”

The madam reacted very quickly after her initial spurt of surprise: “This is a pure-blood Phoenix?” She looked at the Young Master and movingly said: “Young Master is saying that this Phoenix, it came from somewhere else?”



Such a notion was hard to believe. Every cultivator knew that although this world was vast, there were only nine realms! But now, her Young Master revealed a truth different from common knowledge to the madam.

“Young Master, are you saying that there really is a tenth world?” The madam had to ask. She knew about the legend, a legend that no one would believe. Some even openly refuted its existence.

“I don’t know either.” Li Qiye rubbed his chin and smiled.

After following him for some time, the madam understood that whenever he showed this expression, it meant that he knew more than he was letting out. He simply didn’t want to say it, that was all.

The madam kept on pressing: “Young Master, please continue. If our world does not have divine beasts, then why did this Phoenix appear in Alchemy City?”

The gentle madam was acting quite coquettishly, giving her an even softer and cuter demeanor.

Li Qiye smiled after seeing her appearance. He looked towards the Phoenix, and his eyes suddenly became profound, as if he had lost himself in memories.

“The truth is that I don’t know how this Phoenix appeared in Alchemy City. However, a few things can certainly be speculated. During that era ancient beyond tracing, some events had happened beyond the imagination of man. If I am not wrong, then during those events, the Phoenix luckily managed to flee to the Stone Medicine World and Alchemy City.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but gently sigh.

“Although we can’t verify those matters that happened in the distant past, clues still remain in many places, a few matters...” Li Qiye became silent here as he recalled unforgettable memories.

The madam no longer wanted to ask after seeing his melancholy. She knew that it had sparked some of his old thoughts.

“Does Young Master plan to revive this Phoenix?” She asked softly. She didn’t want him to be saddened by old memories, so her tone was very gentle, as if it was the most tender and caring touch.

Li Qiye’s mind returned after hearing her sincere concern. He looked at the skeletal phoenix and said: “I am powerless as well with regards to truly reviving it. However, I can give it a chance. If it wants to be reborn, then it’ll require the most refined essence in this heaven and earth. For example, the Alchemy Kingdom’s ancestral vein.”

“I’m afraid the kingdom will not agree to this.” The madam wryly smiled and gently shook her head: “The ancestral ground is built on the entrance of the Alchemy Vein because they do not want to share the mysticisms of the location with others! Wanting their ancestral vein is the same as wanting their life source. They would rather die protecting this ancestral vein.”

[spoiler title='775 Teaser']The white hair alchemist spoke: “Fairy Yuan is respected by all the lineages in our world, so I trust your reputation!”

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The alchemist decisively asked: "Good, we will settle our wager at Stonecauldron Peak in five days, do you agree?"

Li Qiye chuckled at the alchemist's great confidence and said: "Five days it is. No problems here." Having said that, he left with his group.

### **Chapter 776: The Phoenix Rebirth**

"This is true." Li Qiye chuckled and slowly said: "That does not mean that there is no chance, though."

The madam couldn't help but stare at him after hearing this. She understood the hidden implication in his words.

"What does one have to do exactly to let this Phoenix rebirth?" The madam had to change the subject.

Li Qiye answered: "The most crucial thing is dependent on the Phoenix. I can only play a minor role."

"This depends on itself? The bird is completely dead, so can it actually do anything?" The madam was a bit perplexed.

"This is why phoenixes are so amazing." Li Qiye smiled: "Of course, we still need to thank Immortal Emperor Yao Zu of the kingdom. Without him, even if the Phoenix was more incredible, it still wouldn't have an opportunity for rebirth."

"Can Young Master elaborate?" The madam was also very curious about the heart of the Phoenix obtained by the kingdom.

Li Qiye replied: "During the tribulation of that year, the Phoenix could be said to have been completely annihilated. However, it still left behind a very small piece of its heart. The emperor obtained this tiny piece and used a supreme immortal medicine to extract a drop of phoenix blood. This blood drop made it possible for the tiny heart to eventually gestate into a phoenix heart."

The madam felt amazed after hearing about such a magical event. She thought that the heart had been complete from the start and didn't know that it actually grew from a little drop of blood.

"For me, having this phoenix heart will save a lot of effort. This is no different from water following the current of a river. However, it is not the same for the kingdom. In their possession, the phoenix heart will always remain a phoenix heart. Nevertheless, it still has its uses, but they would never be able to revive a phoenix." Li Qiye said.

"Even the kingdom can't accomplish this?" The madam asked in surprise. In the Stone Medicine World, it seemed that impossible was not a word that could be used to describe the kingdom.

Li Qiye shook his head and smiled: "The kingdom is indeed very powerful, but there are some things outside of their reach."

For example, the Death Scripture. Of course, Li Qiye didn't reveal this. Just like he said, despite having the heart, the kingdom couldn't revive a phoenix.

Li Qiye was different than before as well. With the Death Chapter, he would be able to reignite the deathfire and once again rebuild the divinity of the phoenix to give it a chance for rebirth. In terms of a lamp, the heart of the phoenix would be the core of the lamp while the divinity was the oil.

Li Qiye gently patted the skeletal phoenix and felt the pumping heart: "I can refine it and eventually put its body together then use the heart so that it can rebuild its flesh and blood."

He paused for a moment and narrowed his eyes: "However, in order to rebuild its flesh and blood and fill it with divinity... this step requires the essence under the Alchemy Vein."

The madam didn't comment on this matter. She understood that her Young Master wanted to use the essence of the kingdom's ancestral vein. However, he didn't take action because of Ming Yexue, or perhaps someone else. It was definitely not due to the kingdom's power.

The madam asked: "After reinforcing its flesh and blood, would the phoenix be reborn?"

Li Qiye shook his head: "No, in this process, its flesh and blood is not the most important thing. The most important aspect is the soul, or the true fate in the mouths of cultivators!"

"The soul is the source of all." Li Qiye pointed at his head and said: "For cultivators that reach a particular level, the body can be rebuilt and the physique can be trained again. Even when the fate palaces are destroyed, a sufficiently powerful being can reform them all. However, without the soul, without the true fate, there is nothing. Everything will be gone, nihility is the result..."

"The true fate is everything." The madam could understand this rationale as a Heavenly King. This was something understood by all cultivators. A cultivator could survive the destruction of their body, but the destruction of their true fate symbolized true death.

"When you are strong enough, you can use one drop of blood to gestate a new body. However, you cannot create a new true fate out of thin air! Unless a residual soul fragment remains which allows for repair. However, soul creation is out of the question."

Li Qiye paused here before continuing: "Creating existences with life out of nowhere is something left to the villainous heavens. Only he would be able to do such a thing! For others, including even Immortal Emperors, this remains a pipe dream!"

The madam had learned about the topic of life creation before, but she was far from being as involved as her Young Master.

Li Qiye went on: "I can use other items and techniques to steal from the heavens in order to gather some spirituality for the Phoenix. However, this ultimately would not be its soul or true fate. It has to rely on itself for this!"

The madam inquisitively asked: "What does it have to do to obtain a soul and true fate that belongs to itself?"

Li Qiye pointed at the sky and said: "This secret... is known only to the Phoenix! A phoenix's rebirth involves a grand secret of the heavens! For millions of years, many invincible existences have researched rebirth, but in its truest form, no one has ever been able to do so. Although there have been those

praised for successful resurrection, they were only gimmicks. If the person actually died completely, then they absolutely would not be able to obtain rebirth...”

“... Only a phoenix is capable of doing so after true death. This is why rebirth via fire is considered the truest form of rebirth! Thus, the rebirth of a phoenix was widely researched by many masters. However, they merely touched the surface of its profundities. Only phoenixes remain privy to the true mysteries of rebirth.” Li Qiye explained.

After listening to his explanation, the madam pondered for a long time before calming down. She greatly benefited from this and even felt as if a new door had opened for her.

She had never tried to research rebirth before due to a few reasons. She was still very young, far from being affected by this issue. She was also not powerful enough to be able to explore this field. It was only now that she realized just how difficult this topic was for the many invincible beings that had yearned for it across time.

After a while, the madam composed herself from the topic of rebirth and gently asked: “Young Master, I have something on my mind, but I don’t know if I should say it or not.”

Li Qiye smiled and gently stroked her hair: “Zi Yan, I am not very tolerant towards other people, but you have no need to be so reserved.”

The madam couldn’t help but smile tenderly after being so valued by her Young Master. She said in a serious manner: “Young Master, although Fairy Ming can temporarily stop the ancestors of the kingdom, I do not believe they will give up. Fairy Ming is not in power and is definitely not powerful enough to deter the ancestors. The worst scenario will be the ancestors rearing their ugly heads again. This might just be a matter of time.” The madam ruled her own country and understood this matter very well. She reminded her Young Master so that he could prepare, lest his overconfidence become his demise.

“Zi Yan, the kingdom is not a problem for me.” Li Qiye gently smiled: “I do not have to select the Alchemy Vein in order to rebuild the Phoenix’s body. There are three grand ancestral veins in the Stone Medicine World, right? Of course, I personally want them to attempt to cause trouble so that I can justly tear apart their ancestral vein.”

“There are a few in the Alchemy Kingdom that have become impatient, in contrast to the Jianlong Clan. Some of its ancestors are quite restless!” Li Qiye smiled dismissively: “I can’t blame them though since they have always wanted to return to the world. However, they have forgotten who had forgiven them and allowed them to exist in the distant past, allowing their land to not become ruins!”

A terrifying murderous glare emanated from Li Qiye’s eyes after saying this!

The madam was slightly shaken. These words revealed some information unknown to the world. Until now, the strongest existences in the Stone Medicine World had been very low-key. The Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel — all of these behemoths had been very reclusive. Only the Heavenhoof Ravine was an exception.

In fact, many cultivators believed that the kingdom already stood at the peak with nothing else to strive for. Because of this, they hid from the world and chose not to compete.

Of course, there were also a few older existences who thought that there was a reason for their reclusion, but no one knew the exact reason.

After hearing her Young Master, Madam Zi Yan could faintly pick up some ancient information, an earth shattering secret behind why these behemoths chose to act this way!

“Zi Yan, you don’t have to worry about me.” Li Qiye smiled: “This time was only a warning to the kingdom. It is not difficult for me to actually destroy them! If they don’t know life from death, then it could only be said that they asked for it.”

The madam gently sighed. Although she didn’t know what her Young Master had up his sleeves, she understood that if the Alchemy Kingdom wanted to try again, then it would be a suicidal and self-inflicted end. Her Young Master was ready!

### **Chapter 777: The Bet Begins**

Five days quickly flew by. Finally, under many eager eyes, the confrontation between Li Qiye and the White Hair Alchemy God had come.

Atop the appointed peak, many cultivators could already be found present, especially the alchemists. These alchemists would never miss a top level duel like this lest they regret it for their entire lives!

The area outside the peak was even more packed, with multiple layers of cultivators. Many experts came flying from the distant horizon. Even the ancestors who didn’t want to show their faces had no choice but to be here.

If there were things that could tempt these old geezers, longevity medicines were definitely among them. These people absolutely desired this type of medicine!

The first to appear was Yuan Caihe. She had prepared two batches of emperor ingredients for the duel. They had been meticulously selected and would be able to fully reflect the capabilities of the participants.

The white hair alchemist came just in time before the crowd. His robes were fluttering in the air, giving him a gallant appearance. His dazzling dark hair would be an object of focus no matter when or where he went. It was difficult for others to not notice him.

However, his punctual arrival was admirable. In the last five days, he could have escaped, but he chose not to and arrived on time! People had to admit that he was indeed an arrogant and proud person with great dignity. In this regard, Cao Guoyao couldn’t compare since he wanted to escape right away after losing!

Li Qiye eventually came. He sat on his carriage as it slowly arrived. Next to him was the madam and Tie Yi as his driver.

Today, Tie Yi remained inconspicuous and was still a driver, but no one dared to view him with disdain. Some were even in awe! As an existence capable of fighting against the Xian Alchemy Ancestor, one could easily imagine his strength.

After reaching the peak, all eyes fell upon Li Qiye and the alchemist. The entire scene suddenly fell silent as the spectators held their breaths in anticipation for the duel.

At this time, another carriage slowly made its way forward. The moment it reached the top, a supreme beauty came out. It was Ming Yexue of the Alchemy Kingdom.

“Fairy Ming is also here.” The atmosphere changed after the crowd saw her. She immediately attracted their gazes, and many young men swooned head over heels for her.

A young man said while intoxicated: “We can finally see her divine looks again. No matter the outcome of this duel, this is already worth it.”

Ming Yexue had always kept a low profile and rarely showed her face. Few could see her true appearance, but she recently appeared twice, so how could the younger generation not become excited?

“Today, I am honored to be the referee for this duel after receiving the request. If the parties are ready, then we can begin.” The enchanting Ming Yexue spoke with a very pleasant voice.

Of course, she wasn’t invited by Li Qiye. The request was from the white hair alchemist out of fear that Li Qiye would renege on the bet. Since Li Qiye was so powerful, he wouldn’t be able to do anything if that happened, so he asked for Ming Yexue to be the referee.

She was the Alchemy Kingdom’s main descendant. The kingdom was famous for its dao of alchemy, plus she was quite influential. Nothing would be better than to have her here as the witness.

Of course, Li Qiye didn’t mind at all. If the alchemist absolutely required Ming Yexue here, Li Qiye wouldn’t deny his request.

The white hair alchemist took a deep breath. He was in high spirits at this time, giving off a keen aura as if he was the master of all things. He was actually very confident with regards to longevity medicines; everything was within his grasp.

The alchemist was at his peak condition. While exuding his readiness, he challenged Li Qiye: “I am ready, what about you, Li Qiye?”

“Me?” The carefree Li Qiye lazily said: “I am ready anytime. If you are ready, then we can start.”

Seeing as how there were no objections from both sides, Ming Yexue announced: “Then this duel shall begin.”

Yuan Caihe opened the two prepared batches of alchemy ingredients and displayed them in front of the crowd. These ingredients were all three million years of age or older. After they were laid out, the enclosing area was engulfed in a medicinal aroma!

Many people were amazed after seeing the two batches. A countless number of the crowd wouldn’t be able to gather just one full batch, let alone two whole batches.

“The Serene Garden is so incredible, truly worthy of its reputation as the lineage most versed in plant cultivation.” One of the spectators praised in astonishment.

Under Ming Yexue’s lead, a few famous alchemists from the previous generation checked the two batches of ingredients. After their inspection, they found that there were no problems regarding the spirit essences from the plants.

Eventually, Li Qiye and the alchemist each picked one batch. The alchemist became very confident after taking his ingredients. He was ready to fight as he gazed at Li Qiye and said: "Let us begin our cauldrons then."

"No, you should start first." Li Qiye gently shook his head and said: "I know you are very confident, but if I open my cauldron first, I'm afraid you won't even have the courage to begin your refinement. Since this is the case, I might as well let you start first to completely focus on refining this longevity batch. It wouldn't be too late for my turn then, and others can't say I didn't give you a chance."

"You..." The alchemist turned red after hearing this. The alchemy dao that he was so confident in was viewed with disdain by Li Qiye, resulting in his anger. Even the most powerful alchemist in the Alchemy Kingdom or even in the entire world wouldn't dare to treat him so contemptuously!

The spectators all felt that Li Qiye was being too confident. Although many of them admitted that Li Qiye had incredible methods and was capable of fighting the Alchemy Kingdom alone, no one should look down on the white hair alchemist when it comes to longevity medicines. But now, it seemed that Li Qiye did not put him in his sight at all!

The alchemist took a deep breath and calmed the anger in his heart before solemnly saying: "Very well, since you're letting me start first, I'll open the cauldron then! I will show you a convincing loss!"

The alchemist was still a prodigy in the end. He subdued his anger in a short period of time and once again entered his purest peak condition.

"A bit interesting. This is a real alchemist, pure and full of self-confidence." Li Qiye looked at the alchemist and was not miserly with his praise: "I actually do like you. You are much stronger than that Cao Guoyao."

Li Qiye's words were not lies. Regarding one's mentality during refinement, the alchemist was much stronger than Cao Guoyao. He was even more headstrong and pure when it came to alchemy while Cao Guoyao spent a lot of his thoughts on schemes and plans.

The alchemist formally took out his heavenly cauldron. With a buzz, universal laws fell down like waterfalls the moment they came out, covering everything in the surroundings. The cauldron, amidst these laws, was like a divine mountain — majestic and towering. It emitted an immense aura as if a king was standing there. Just this cauldron alone was enough for others to feel a sense of respect.

"The heavenly cauldron of the Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Emperor..." Even those who had seen it before marveled at its sight once more.

The alchemist's cauldron belonged to the old Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Emperor. This cauldron alone was enough to cause all the alchemists in this world to salivate. [1. Hundred-Refinement = Bailian. Alchemy Emperor Bailian.]

Legend states that the emperor was a Hundred-Refinement Alchemy Vine enlightened in the dao. While he was alive, he was extremely proficient at longevity medicine refinement, and he left behind a cauldron that was a supreme treasure for this. Over the years, countless people coveted this cauldron.

However, although this cauldron was unfathomable, not just anyone could inherit it. Even the descendants of the Bailian Clan were not necessarily able to use it. The descendants from every generation all wanted to inherit this cauldron, but they couldn't gain its recognition.

In the clan's history, there were very few descendants who successfully gained its recognition, and the white hair alchemist was recognized by this cauldron at a very young age.

When it came to his incredible and peerless skill in creating longevity medicines, this cauldron played no small part in it.

"Start." After receiving Ming Yexue's signal, the alchemist immediately opened his cauldron and added the ingredients. He moved very quickly with great mastery. From the addition of the ingredients to fire control to the refinement process... everything was done in one fell swoop without any help from an assistant.

Although the cauldron was hidden so no one could spy on the refining process or the fire control technique, each of his actions available for view amazed the spectators.

This was especially true for knowledgeable alchemists. They were reveling in his smooth finesse. Despite not being able to steal the pill formula or fire control technique from the alchemist, his normal actions from adding the medicines and mixing the liquids to fire manipulation allowed for them to learn many things.

Before the large crowd, the alchemist remained calm. Each of his actions and changes in his control was full of confidence. It was as if he was not refining pills but rather just taking a leisurely stroll.

His style left many alchemists in admiration. They felt that he was not just performing alchemy but rather creating a flawless piece of art!

[spoiler title='777 Teaser']Five days quickly flew by. Finally, under many eager eyes, the confrontation between Li Qiye and the White Hair Alchemy God had come.

Atop the appointed peak, many cultivators could already be found present, especially the alchemists. These alchemists would never miss a top level duel like this lest they regret it for their entire lives!

The area outside the peak was even more packed, with multiple layers of cultivators. Many experts came flying from the distant horizon. Even the ancestors who didn't want to show their faces had no choice but to be here.

If there were things that could tempt these old geezers, longevity medicines were definitely among them. These people absolutely wanted this type of medicine!

The first to appear was Yuan Caihe. She had prepared two batches of emperor ingredients for the duel. They had been meticulously selected and would be able to fully reflect the capabilities of the participants.

The white hair alchemist came just in time before the crowd. His robes were fluttering in the air, giving him a gallant appearance. His dazzling dark hair would be an object of focus no matter when or where he went. It was difficult for others to not notice him.



However, his punctual arrival was admirable. In the last five days, he could have escaped, but he chose not to and arrived on time! People had to admit that he was indeed an arrogant and proud person with great dignity. In this regard, Cao Guoyao couldn't compare since he wanted to escape right away after losing!

Li Qiye eventually came. He sat on his carriage as it slowly arrived. Next to him was the madam and Tie Yi as his driver.

### **Chapter 778: Longevity Medicine Refinement**

Minutes turned into days. Although the sun rose and set, the peak remained quiet. It could even be said that the entirety of Alchemy City was silent.

Countless eyes watched the alchemist refine his longevity medicine. This was of the emperor level, so anyone would give their utmost attention. Once finished, this would definitely be a batch worth coveting.

The key moment finally came as the alchemist was about to insert the most important ingredient into the cauldron, longevity blood. The moment the longevity blood flowed down, a glossy amber shade movingly appeared as if nothing was more enchanting than its radiance.

“Raarr—” A fierce roar echoed like an unceasing and ferocious storm, as if a beast wanted to overturn this entire land.

This was longevity blood of more than three million years of age. This type of longevity spirit was extremely powerful when alive. Even though it was dead, its longevity blood still contained its mighty intent.

The blood turned into a powerful spirit that wanted to flip over the cauldron in order to escape. This was a test for an alchemist's abilities. At this time, the alchemist's blood energy soared to the sky. Inside his hand was an alchemy rune. The moment this rune imprinted itself onto the cauldron, it immediately activated the cauldron's great power.

This cauldron that once belonged to the great alchemy emperor instantly emitted its power to suppress the howls of the blood.

As the alchemist stood firm on this land, his dao of alchemy emerged with divine trees everywhere along with flowing true fire. The alchemist was using his dao to connect to the heaven and earth to borrow its momentum.

In this moment, Alchemy City's momentum seemed to be at his command. This momentum combined with the cauldron allowed the alchemist to suppress the longevity blood and refine it in a short period of time.

“Amazing, an alchemy dao capable of borrowing the momentum of the world! “ The older alchemists showered him with praises.

Some alchemists were awed while others were intoxicated by the white hair alchemist's techniques! Although they couldn't steal anything, they gained a lot of experience in pill refinement.

After the alchemist refined all of the longevity blood, everything seemed to change. In a split second, all of the hills in a one hundred mile radius were encompassed by an alchemy energy.

Inside this alchemy energy was the aroma of medicinal herbs. Anyone who smelled this aroma would become spirited and refreshed and feel as if they were decades younger. This was an extraordinary feeling.

Moreover, as the alchemy energy became denser, roars could be heard resounding inside as if there were divine beasts lurking around. The crowd could feel their powerful presence.

“The medicine is about to take form.” The spectators were even more nervous than the alchemist. Many people wished for both sides to succeed in refining the longevity medicines, regardless of how the competition ended.

“Omm...” Finally, clouds gathered in the sky until they formed an ocean. A vortex appeared above the alchemist, emitting a sound that grew increasingly loud.

“This is not a longevity reduction, it is an imperial warning! If he can withstand the imperial warning, then the medicine can definitely take form.” An alchemist from the previous generation exclaimed after seeing the vortex inside the clouds growing bigger and bigger.

Longevity reduction, simply put, was a tribulation. The moment a saint or emperor medicine was about to take form, the longevity reduction would become extremely dangerous. If the alchemist was not able to suppress it, then it would devour their life!

Moreover, if it successfully devoured the life of the alchemist, then the efficacy of the medicine would actually become stronger. However, a failed attempt to devour the alchemist would result in the failure of the batch.

Either way, when the alchemist couldn't control their cauldron and allowed for a longevity reduction to appear, they would lose some of their lifespan. Such a situation was extremely dangerous and could even result in death.

An imperial warning was a phenomenon that only occurred for emperor medicines. During the refinement process, even if the alchemist could handle the longevity reduction, this did not mean that the batch would come out successfully. However, once an imperial warning appeared and passed, the medicine would definitely be formed.

An imperial warning meant that this batch of longevity medicine had alarmed the high heavens. This indicated that the quality of the medicine was superb! Only great quality emperor medicines would be able to cause imperial warnings!

“With this imperial warning, this medicine is absolutely of the finest quality.” Even the ancestors could no longer calmly remain in their chairs. For those who needed this type of medicine, they were ready to pay a monstrous sum.

“Omm—” The imperial warning finally materialized. A rune descended from the vortex, creating a huge buzzing sound. This sound was very unique and belonged only to the dao of alchemy. It resembled the sound of the heavens or the singing of angels.

The moment this sound appeared, the alchemy rune dove straight down while carrying a mighty momentum. During its descent, the sounds of the imperial warning continued on as if it was urging the medicine in the cauldron.

“Open!” The white hair alchemist turned serious after hearing this sound. He shouted and caused the cauldron to unleash its universal laws along with the cauldron flame to protect the medicine within.

With a loud detonation, the fire source of the cauldron spewed out a towering inferno like a volcanic eruption. This inferno turned into a monstrous Heavenly Hound. It shouted then soared into the sky to meet the descending imperial warning head on. [1. A Heavenly Hound is the source of inspiration from the more well-known Tengu from Japanese mythology. Tengu is an accepted translation for this, but the image evoked due to western culture is different in this case, so I chose Heavenly Hound instead. The wiki lists it as Heavenly Dog, but hound sounds better.]

“Immortal Emperor Bailian’s technique, Sun-Eater Heavenly Hound!” An alchemist who was familiar with the Bailian Clan was overwhelmed with emotion after seeing this technique.

Legend stated that this was the ultimate technique of the Bailian Clan. Across the generations, very few in the clan were able to successfully train this technique, but the white hair alchemist had done just that.

“Phuff!” The hound rushed into the sky and devoured the imperial warning completely. In just a moment, series of explosions occurred inside the hound’s body as if it was about to be blown apart by the warning.

The cauldron under the alchemist’s control was affected by this powerful backlash as well, making it seem like it could collapse at any second. With a serious demeanor, the alchemist’s blood energy reached its highest point as he used the most fortified alchemy dao to stop it from collapsing.

With a final blast, cracks appeared around the hound’s body. However, nothing else happened afterward. The clouds in the sky also dissipated along with the imperial warning.

“That was one imperial warning!” An alchemist commented: “This is already quite amazing since imperial warnings are very rare!”

Imperial warnings had nine sounds in total. The more imperial warnings sounded out, the better the longevity medicine would be. However, the difficulty of successfully refining the medicine increased accordingly. This was because the higher imperial warnings were vastly more powerful!

After another cry, the Heavenly Hound turned into a flame and reentered the cauldron.

“Success!” Many nervous cultivators couldn’t help but cheer after seeing this scene. A group of ancestors also grinned excitedly: “Another batch of good longevity medicine!”

The white hair alchemist finally opened the cauldron to take out the medicine. He stored the medicine in a pouch before calming the fire source and recalling the cauldron.

“It really isn’t easy. This is a longevity medicine with an imperial warning. Even older Legendary Alchemists would not necessarily be able to refine this level of medicine.” The exciting atmosphere was infectious.

“Fairy Ming and gentlemen, please appraise the medicine.” After properly dealing with everything, the white hair alchemist solemnly opened his pouch, and the medicine finally appeared before everyone.

Layers of bright spheres emerged. Just these lights alone were already tempting enough. Inside the pouch was an item with the shape of a resting Heavenly Hound. It seemed animated, as if it had its own life.

“It is a longevity medicine that has taken shape — how unfathomable! This is indeed the Heavenly Hound, the most famous symbol of the Bailian Clan!” Even those who didn’t know much about alchemy were amazed by this scene.

A longevity medicine that could take physical form was only found at the emperor level. Moreover, their price would be tens or even a hundred times higher than ordinary medicines.

Although this phenomenon wouldn’t innately increase the medicinal effect, it could offset the user’s resistance. For example, after a cultivator used one, the second time they took it would be less effective. What should have increased their lifespan by one hundred years would now only be fifty or even less.

However, it was a different story for medicines with special forms. They could bypass the resistance and allow the user to gain sixty to seventy more years!

In an instant, many people held their breaths, waiting for Ming Yexue and the famous old alchemists to appraise the medicine. The ancestors were even more anxious since they definitely wanted a medicine of this level.

Eventually, Ming Yexue and the others came to a consensus while everyone else stared at them and awaited their announcement.

Meanwhile, the white hair alchemist was completely confident in his longevity medicine. He had a smile on his face as he looked at the judges. He secretly knew that this batch was one of the best he had ever refined, and no one in the younger generation could do a better job.

### **Chapter 779: The Most Unbelievable Refinement**

Eventually, an old alchemist made an announcement before the eager crowd: “After we collectively examined this medicine, we have come to a unanimous conclusion — this is a batch of the finest quality. Regarding the medicinal strength, we have no answer for the God-Monarch and Godking realm as well as people with withered lifespans. As for those who still have some longevity blood left, if they are an eternal existence level paragon, then this medicine will be able to increase their lifespan by two hundred years. Of course, this is for the first dosage.”

“Two hundred years!” Many people were moved after hearing this. For a near-death paragon, two hundred years was long enough.

There were many factors that affected the potency of these medicines. For example, cultivation; the higher the realm, the weaker the medicinal effect would be. This was because the powerful users had stronger longevity blood, so they needed a more powerful medicine to condense new longevity blood drops!

“What about if it is the second time using an emperor level medicine?” A great power’s ancestor couldn’t help but ask after hearing the result.

Many experts here had used longevity medicines before, so they wanted to know the exact details so that they wouldn’t regret paying a sky-high price for this particular batch.

The old alchemist responded: “This is difficult to determine. Assuming that all the conditions remain the same and it is the second usage, it should be able to increase one’s lifespan by fifty to eighty years. However, since this particular medicine has turned into a Heavenly Hound, it will be able to offset a certain amount of resistance so it should be able to add seventy to ninety years to your lifespan.”

“What if it is the third time?” A more powerful ancestor inquired. In fact, after reaching the paragon realm, any ancestor would try to obtain longevity medicines.

All of these old paragons had used longevity medicines before. Those with great heritages would have consumed them dozens of times, resulting in complete resistance.

“The third time...” The old alchemist felt some hesitation: “One cannot determine this. If you really want an answer from me, then ten years for the third usage, or maybe even just one year. This is mere speculation as I cannot confirm it.”

This had always been the case with longevity medicines and its diminishing returns after repeated usage.

“Very well, let’s leave it to someone who can use it.” This ancestor with an incredible background sighed disappointedly after hearing this answer. This kind of ancestor had consumed too many medicines so the effect of this type of medicine was tiny to the point of being trivial.

“In my own situation, I estimate that living for another hundred years shouldn’t be a problem with this batch.” One of the ancestors became quite eager to try it.

“This is a must-buy if possible. A pill in the form of a Heavenly Hound that experienced one imperial warning — an emperor level longevity medicine of this quality is hard to come by. Unless the Alchemy Kingdom or the Jianlong Clan are willing to sell from their inventory... it is best to buy it as soon as possible.” More than just one ancestor was tempted.

Even those who had used longevity medicines once or twice were intrigued as well. For them, even if it was a sky-high price, they would still buy it even if it would only increase their lifespan by one year! For those who were near death like them, treasures had become worthless. Only their lifespan was worth something!

In a short moment, many people hoped that this showdown could end early so that they could begin the buying process.

After the appraisal, the happy white hair alchemist turned around to say in a deep tone: “Li Qiye, your turn.”

However, after turning around, he only saw Li Qiye sleeping in his carriage. This scene infuriated him. Li Qiye’s attitude was simply treating him with contempt!

Until now, everyone was preoccupied with the alchemist's pill refinement and nearly forgot about Li Qiye's presence. But now, seeing him sleeping during a duel left many of them speechless; they felt that Li Qiye was being too outrageous.

"Does he really think he can beat the White Hair Alchemy God? This is an emperor medicine in the form of the Heavenly Hound with one imperial warning!" Someone was quite annoyed with Li Qiye and snorted.

Madam Zi Yan, who was waiting by Li Qiye's side, gently woke him up. He rose and asked: "How long have I been asleep for?"

"For some time now." The madam gently helped him up: "Young Noble, it is your turn."

Li Qiye stepped down from the carriage and looked at the alchemist's emperor medicine while nodding: "Not bad, to be able to refine an emperor medicine to this level at such a young age... definitely worthy of being called a heavenly alchemist. However, claiming to be an alchemy god is too egotistical."

Li Qiye's words left the alchemist annoyed, so he responded with a scowl. The alchemist didn't know that this was already a very high evaluation from Li Qiye. This was Li Qiye showing his appreciation for talents.

"Can you start already?" The alchemist impatiently said after seeing Li Qiye's nonchalant attitude.

Li Qiye smiled and looked at Ming Yexue. He nodded his head, prompting Ming Yexue to announce: "You may begin now."

Li Qiye summoned his Myriad Heavenly Cauldron and casually threw all the ingredients inside with the exception of the longevity blood.

"Is he insane?" Many people were stunned after seeing the swift addition of the ingredients. What kind of alchemy was this? It was common knowledge that even the methods of adding the ingredients was a field of study.

When to add certain things, such as holy water, required attentiveness. One wrong step would result in the destruction of a fine batch of ingredients.

But now, Li Qiye threw everything inside besides the longevity blood. This was too much to take in. What left the crowd even more dumbfounded was that at this time, Li Qiye's cauldron seemed to be out of power. Its flame was weak and seemed like it could go out at any time as it burned the herbs.

"Is this still alchemy?" The crowd was stunned. This had no semblance to refinement but rather just a simple burning of ingredients.

Golden Spring Water, Sacred Turtle Dew, Pure Pillfruit, Silver Maplegrass... each of these ingredients was burning from the inside out. What was even stranger was that this flame was flickering as if it was burning with wet firewood. This made the spectators very worried that it might go out any time.

This simple process turned out to be very scary. The nervous spectators felt that Li Qiye was crazy for attempting such a thing with this feeble flame. It was akin to torture; some felt that Li Qiye's failure was guaranteed. They began to feel pain because this was a batch of ingredients over three million years of age. Such priceless treasures!

Eventually, something incredible happened. This weak flame that could be extinguished at any time finally burned the ingredients, leaving behind the true essences in the cauldron.

The Golden Spring Water was turned into a single golden drop of liquid. The Sacred Turtle Dew resulted in a jade-like ointment the size of a fingernail. The Pure Pillfruit was now a small cup of green water, and the Silver Maplegrass only had a little bit of watery essence left as well...

These different medicinal essences completely separated from each other, disappeared, then suddenly fused into one. In the blink of an eye, a newly refined essence emerged from within.

Again, people were astounded because no one had predicted this result, especially when essences of different affinities integrated together in harmony without the slightest signs of discord. This process was too difficult to imagine.

"This is the mythical gossamer flame." Ming Yexue emotionally stated: "A divine flame refines wondrous pills while the gossamer flame tempers heavenly essences! The vast majority of flames are easy to come by, but the gossamer flame remains elusive to all!"

No alchemist understood Ming Yexue's comments. Some even found it strange since this type of weak fire was not part of the common knowledge of a cauldron's fire.

However, Ming Yexue stared at Li Qiye in astonishment because she had heard of a particular legend, a legend that was painstakingly chased after by generations of the kingdom's best alchemists.

The gossamer flame tempers heavenly essences! This legendary secret technique had only been grasped by one person across the endless eons, the legendary Alchemy God!

Many alchemists from the kingdom had tried all this time, but no one had ever been successful. However, Li Qiye actually used the gossamer flame to force out the essences. How could Ming Yexue not be shocked by this?

"This little girl is still the most knowledgeable." Li Qiye couldn't help but voice his praise. Very few people could recognize his method, let alone see through it.

He then threw the longevity blood into the cauldron towards all the different medicinal concoctions.

When everyone thought that the longevity blood would become violent and try to escape by flipping the cauldron over, it actually galloped around like a stallion. It playfully jumped around then rolled within the essences as if it was having too much fun.

Eventually, the blood rolled around in the essence mix like a stallion rolling around in mud. It was enjoying this blissful feeling.

The whole process was not violent with howls, contrary to what the crowd imagined. It was as if this was the natural order of things.

The blood eventually joined the different essences like snow encountering spring. It slowly melted in a very warm process with no signs of fierce retaliation!

No one could describe their thoughts with words. Shock and amazement were common in those witnessing this scene like snow encountering spring, warmth... the entire process seemed incredibly natural and gave people a feeling of enjoyment!

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## **Chapter 780: Heavenly Medicine**

When the longevity blood melted, the new medicinal concoction in the cauldron slowly flowed down like a spring. It seemed that at this moment, it had its own life. While watching it flow, others could feel the blood inside their bodies flowing, resonating along to the same rhythm as well.

Many were immersed in this scene and forgot that this was a duel. Back during the white hair alchemist's refinement, the people here were also lost in the process. However, the two intoxicating feelings were completely different from each other.

People were lost in the alchemist's refinement technique and great mastery. Each of his actions was full of beauty. Even those who weren't alchemists could understand the meanings behind his movements.



Li Qiye's refinement was different. Although people were also drunk in its wonders, they forgot about Li Qiye's actions. No one paid attention to his fire mastery or how he controlled his cauldron.

At this time, the only thing in their eyes were the changes in the concoction within the cauldron. It was as if the scene playing out had turned into the most fascinating event in this world.

If one was to say that the white hair alchemist's actions were full of beauty, then the transformation of Li Qiye's medicinal concoction was a supreme work of art.

The alchemist's personal skill let people know that he was an incredible Legendary Alchemist while Li Qiye was showcasing his medicinal concoction to let people know that this newly refined essence was peerless.

As the concoction continued to change, clouds began to gather in the sky. Once the layers of clouds were thick enough, a vortex appeared above Li Qiye and emitted an increasingly louder sound.

"The imperial warning is coming." A person exclaimed in fear: "To witness two imperial warnings within such a short amount of time... This duel is truly spectacular."

People were holding their breaths to witness the attack of the imperial warning. They wanted to see if Li Qiye could withstand the warning's might or not. If he could, then another emperor medicine was about to come into existence.

"Om—" Powerful detonations resounded from within the vortex as if the grand dao was dancing. An alchemy rune had been successfully formed inside.

Another loud blast echoed. This alchemy rune came sweeping down with a ferocious momentum as if god himself sent down this warning. The rune seemed to be the culmination of the Heaven's Will!

However, when everyone thought that Li Qiye was about to having a fierce battle with the imperial warning, the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron suddenly opened its mouth and immediately devoured the imperial warning like a predator feasting upon its prey.

After it was eaten by the cauldron, the imperial warning's sound stopped, like a clay ox drifting into a sea. [1. Meaning: to disappear with no hope of returning (like a clay figurine dissolving in water.)]

"Boom!" The second imperial warning descended.

"Pluff!" However, before people could react to its presence, this second warning was also devoured by the cauldron!

Devour! This scene left everyone standing there silly. Everyone knew that a cauldron under an alchemist's control could stop tribulations and fight against heavenly flames. However, no one had heard of a cauldron eating imperial warnings before.

At this moment, people seemed to have forgotten that this was the second imperial warning since everyone was still shocked from the scene of the cauldron devouring the first warning.

"Damn, even if you're hungry, you shouldn't act like this. Leave some for me!" Li Qiye couldn't help but curse after seeing the cauldron eating two warnings instantly.

“Boom!” The third imperial warning descended. Li Qiye was one step ahead of the cauldron this time. He grabbed it and soared into the sky.

With a loud roar, Li Qiye’s main fate palace emerged and opened. His pillar of life flew out, towering all the way to the firmament as if it was supporting this entire world.

“Boom!” This third warning was caught by the pillar of life. A mysterious ancient rune appeared along with a strange rhythm. The rune sent out divine chains that coiled around the imperial warning and pulled it back to the pillar. Countless runes then instantly overwhelmed the warning.

The crowd was dumbfounded as their jaws dropped to the ground. A cauldron devouring imperial warnings were shocking enough, but Li Qiye was now using his pillar of life to seize the warning directly!

What was even more bizarre was that his process of subduing the warning gave birth to a peerless illusion depicting the warning as mere prey while the pillar was a spider’s cave. The pillar’s divine chains were webs capturing the warning and dragging it deep into the cave.

This ludicrous scene was still hard to believe even when everyone saw it with their own eyes. It was testing the limits of logic.

“Boom!” The fourth warning descended. However, the result was the same. The divine chains from the pillar of life instantly locked onto this warning and dragged it inside again.

Eventually, this warning was swallowed by Li Qiye. The clouds dispersed, signaling the end of the tribulation. This batch of longevity medicine was finally completed!

Meanwhile, Li Qiye still seemed to be unsatisfied despite having swallowed two imperial warnings. His pillar of life seemed to be changing, giving off an even more mysterious and profound feeling. There was a hint of the alchemy dao within the pillar’s runes.

The spectators couldn’t calm down. After a long time, someone regained their wits and realized that there were a total of four warnings, so they exclaimed: “This, this was four imperial warnings!”

By this time, Li Qiye had recalled his cauldron and handed a box that contained the medicine over to Ming Yexue.

Those who appraised his medicine were immediately astounded. This medicine had taken form, but its form was a bit strange. It looked like a piece of manure tinted yellow. Anyone would be grossed out by its appearance.

“What? This doesn’t make any sense. How could it take this form after triggering four imperial warnings?” Many of them were at a loss for words after seeing its shape.

They thought that the medicine would definitely take form after triggering four warnings. In their minds, this medicine should at least be a golden dragon, a divine phoenix, or a white tiger at the very least!

However, Li Qiye’s medicine seemed to be a pile of manure. No one could accept this readily as it was too illogical.

In contrast to the others, Ming Yexue’s knowledge was quite vast. She startlingly exclaimed after checking Li Qiye’s medicine: “Medicine morphing into a Longevity Fruit!”

Other famous alchemists also quickly gathered. After a meticulous examination, they nodded: "That's right, this is indeed a medicine in the form of a Longevity Fruit. This is the first time I've seen something like this."

"Longevity Fruit..." Young cultivators might be unaware, but the ancestors were immediately shaking with excitement after hearing this. This medicine in the shape of a fruit was unfathomable. Its ability to decrease resistance must be far stronger than the medicine in the form of a Heavenly Hound.

"Well? How much lifespan can one gain by taking this longevity medicine?" Several ancestors with frightening backgrounds eagerly inquired at the same time.

After finishing their examination, one of the alchemists finally stepped out.

Having noticed that the examination was finished, an ancestor pressed the issue again: "So?! Is this medicine really amazing?"

This alchemist cleared his throat and spoke: "After our examination, we can safely say that this longevity medicine is suitable for God-Monarchs. Even a Godking will have good results after taking it. However, if an Immortal Emperor consumes it, the effect will be minimal."

Causing four imperial warnings was more than enough for the medicine to be considered of the finest level. Legend states that when the warning sounds six times, even Immortal Emperors could use the resulting medicine.

The crowd was moved after hearing this result. A medicine for God-Monarchs that was also effective for Godkings simply meant that this medicine was of the highest quality.

The alchemist explained: "This is an alchemy Longevity Fruit. We have never seen it before, but our conservative estimate is that a God-Monarch will be able to gain six hundred to seven hundred years of life. For a normal Godking, it should be three hundred to four hundred years. Of course, these are conservative estimates since this type of longevity medicine is simply too rare."

"What?! More than five hundred years? An emperor medicine can extend life for this long?" An ordinary alchemist felt that this was simply ridiculous and questioned this evaluation.

The alchemist pondered for a moment before replying: "Generally, ordinary emperor medicines cannot break the five hundred year threshold. However, for medicines with three warnings or more, there is definitely a high chance of crossing this threshold. To be more exact, this batch is no longer within the confines of emperor medicines. It is in between the emperor and heavenly levels. If a Godking can gain more than five hundred years of life after using it, then it would be considered a heavenly medicine."

The alchemist paused for a moment before continuing: "However, this batch's effects exceed the emperor level, so we place it between emperor and heavenly medicines."

"Heavenly medicine..." An old alchemist was astonished and had to utter: "Don't people say that only Alchemy Emperors are capable of refining heavenly medicines?"

There was a reason behind its name; it meant that this was a gift from the heavens. These types of medicines can be divided into three levels: Heavenly Medicine, Myriad Medicine, and Era Medicine!

These three types were in their own league and could only be refined by Alchemy Emperors!

It was just as the alchemist had said, even emperor level medicines would not be able to increase one's lifespan by more than five hundred years. If a Godking could gain five hundred years, then the medicine would be called a heavenly medicine!

"That is why we're placing it between the emperor and heavenly levels." The alchemist said solemnly.

"How about its ability to reduce resistance?" An ancestor impatiently said: "I have used longevity medicines twice already. How many years will this particular medicine give me?"