

Emperor 2241

[Chapter 2241: Crushed To Death](#)

“Watch my words?” Li Qiye smiled: “I told you already, it is an honor being able to speak with me. Your Everlasting is nothing. If I’m in a good mood, then it can stay around, but provoke me and I’ll treat it like an ant. Just one stomp is enough to crush it to death!”

The monarch’s expression rightfully soured. Everlasting wasn’t a random power. They were the strongest in Longevity System, capable of taking the rule from Longevity Valley. But now, he made it sound as if they were completely worthless.

This was a blatant insult to the kingdom. The monarch and his disciples’ eyes flashed with fury. No one has ever dared to treat them like this in this system. Their disciples could walk straight even before those from Longevity Valley. This was an unprecedented humiliation.

“Junior, think before you speak!” The monarch howled: “Everything has consequences, can you actually handle them?! It’s not too late to concede, I am benevolent enough to forgive you, otherwise...”

“Oh?” Li Qiye smiled without a care in the world.

The monarch glared at him and uttered coldly: “This marriage proposal came out of respect for both love and comradery, also to lead you all towards the right path...”

“So we’re the one reaching above our station?” Miaozen interrupted him.

“Miss Fan, to be frank, the world has changed. You need to view it with a different perspective lest you want to die without understanding why.” The monarch smirked: “Leaving Doctor Mu aside, you also need to find a good groom. Our Crown Prince is looking for a concubine.”

The monarch spoke without any reservation, seemingly prepared ahead of time.

It was time for the disciples of Longevity to be angry. Miaozen was their First Sister, respected by the entire sect. On the other hand, Everlasting was only a kingdom beneath Longevity Valley yet they dare to make this comment? It was a blatant challenge to the valley’s authority, an insult, even.

“Me, a concubine?” Miaozen unexpectedly laughed: “Your Miracle Young Noble who only buys his fame wants to take me in as a concubine? He needs to look in the mirror first! Just another frog!”

“Miss Fan, you won’t be arrogant like this forever. Not long from now, you won’t even be qualified to be a concubine. He’ll just toy with you before throwing you away!”

“Pop!” His mockery was interrupted by a slap from Li Qiye.

He was simply too fast and the monarch didn’t have a chance to dodge at all before blood started to drip out of his mouth.

“Idiot, last chance to scram now and keep your dog life.” Li Qiye said.

“You’re dead!” A monarch like him had never been humiliated like this so he lost his cool completely.

“Kill him!” The disciples next to him began attacking with their weapons.

They weren't weak, quite skilled at close combat arts even. Their slashes had great teamwork, trapping Li Qiye inside.

"Ants." Li Qiye's figure flashed before he started his rampage.

"Rumble! Crack! Crack!" These disciples got their bones broken. Some even turned straight into a bloody mush.

More than ten died just like that, no chance to scream.

The monarch roared and seized this chance to attack. His pagoda turned into a mighty mountain and flew straight for Li Qiye. This was an attack capable of destroying a mountain range.

"Child's play." Li Qiye created a huge palm and crushed the pagoda in the form of a mountain into smithereens. The palm continued heading for the monarch.

The monarch used his best art to try and stop Li Qiye but it was useless. He was blown out of Longevity Valley.

The guy was bloodied, who knows how many bones have been broken just now? He was scared out of his mind while trying to get up from the mud.

He wasn't the only one startled. Miaozen was stunned too - Li Qiye's power far exceeded her expectation. This monarch couldn't handle a single move from him.

Before the monarch could run away, a voice leisurely came from behind him: "Pretty tough bones, can still stand."

"What, what do you want?!" The monarch turned pale and staggered backward, realizing that he had kicked a steel plate.

Li Qiye chuckled: "What I want? Hmm, gaze at the moon while enjoying tea with a few pretty ladies if I'm in a good mood. When I'm not, killing a god, maybe a few millions more. That's not a bad way to kill time. Unfortunately for you, I'm in a bad mood right now."

"I, I am the monarch of Everlasting with, with an army of millions, the trusted general of the emperor. If, if you do anything to me, my army will come and destroy Longevity!" He shouted.

"That's great to hear." Li Qiye rubbed his palms and laughed: "It's been some years before my previous massacre. Recalling it makes me a little sentimental, mountains of bones and the stench of blood. Quite exciting, isn't it? Your army will be an appetizer. My body has been rotting, lacking exercise."

Everyone else thought that Li Qiye was only intimidating the guy, but not Miaozen. She suddenly felt that he was speaking the truth, that he had massacred millions before and created mountains of corpses.

She shuddered at this thought, at the true butcher standing before her. His smile was the smile of a devil, even scarier than his angry expression.

“Do you not know that, that Everlasting is the strongest, far above your Longevity, and some of our members are beyond your imagination, not people you can ever afford to...” The monarch continued to howl while running.

He didn't get to finish before Li Qiye gripped his neck. Resisting was futile for he was an ant right now.

“Tutor, save me!” He finally called out for help.

“Boom!” Light exploded outside the valley, heralding the hymns of swords. Numerous divine swords flew out of the ground and floated outside the sect.

“Clank!” These massive swords above the sky emitted a frightening energy.

Not to mention the disciples from Longevity, even the cultivators and mortals in the nearby towns were horrified.

“Boom!” The aura of a True God poured down like a waterfall.

Remember, this was the territory of Longevity. Someone exuding their aura in full like this was a blatant challenge to the sect's authority!

[Chapter 2242: Tutor Xiao](#)

An old man traveled across the sky using the swords like a bridge. His steps seemed slow but he was crossing an unbelievable amount of distance to reach Longevity Valley.

He wore a precious robe, eyes sharp like the eagle and a gray complexion. His beard was short and prickly like a hedgehog. The aura of a True God coming from him was ferocious and awe-inspiring.

It roared like the ocean and shot to the sky in a majestic manner. He had no intention of hiding it and simply let the force ravage this area.

This went against common courtesy and respect. One needed to play nice at Longevity Valley, so converging their auras were necessary. This was a blatant challenge, not giving a damn about the orthodox branch.

“Xiao Hongjian! The National Tutor!” A few cultivators outside the valley were surprised to see him walking on the bridge of swords.

The gong of war resounded again in the valley; they were about to face a powerful enemy.

Hongjian was the current National Tutor of Everlasting. He was a powerful cultivator in the system in the past and was eventually invited by Everlasting, earning its trust.

With the help of their pills, his cultivation soared even more. Some believed that he was an Ascender at the first level. After a long time, the speculation changed into thinking that he was at the second level.

This showed the strength of this particular kingdom. If the tutor was a second-level True God, then their ancestors couldn't be weaker.

“Tutor Xiao!” The monarch felt as if he had been saved.

All eyes were on Li Qiye now. Both the outsiders and sect members had no idea of the present situation.

“Young Friend, will you release the monarch and have a talk?” Hongjian stared at Li Qiye, imposing without needing aggression.

“As if I would listen to you. No one can stop me from doing what I want.” Li Qiye smiled in response.

“Young Friend, think it over.” The tutor continued: “There exists a good proverb - don’t kill the messenger, and that’s all the monarch is. If you act without thinking, you will unwisely drag the valley into the fires of war.”

“Is that so?” Li Qiye chuckled: “I also like the fires of war, but I’ll be the one sending the fire to wreak havoc. Those who try to do so against me are tired of living.”

“Young Friend, you can’t handle the consequences. Kill the messenger of Everlasting is the same as declaring war, that’s not something you can be in charge of. Please ask Longevity Sage to come out.” The tutor sternly said.

Li Qiye waved and interrupted him: “Such a trivial matter is not worth our valley lord’s time. I alone am enough to eat your insignificant kingdom for breakfast!”

The spectators gasped, including the disciples from the valley. They glanced at each other and felt that their First Brother had gone crazy.

Everlasting was the number one in the system right now, on the verge of surpassing their own sect. He boldly declared that he alone could take care of Everlasting, a lineage that had True Emperors.

A while later, people calmed down and gauged the situation. A few older experts thought to themselves that this was all part of a plan.

Otherwise, there was no way the tutor could prepare such a swift passage at the perfect time.

Everlasting has been growing at a rapid rate, especially under the current emperor. Their army was ready and some considered them to be the strongest sect in the system.

On the other hand, the orthodox branch, Longevity, always kept a low-profile, This made people think that the sun was setting on them, and that they were no longer suitable to lead the system.

The sovereignty over the system was coveted by all. Gaining this authority meant becoming the orthodox branch, the representative. No need to further expand on the prestige of this.

It was clear that Everlasting has been coveting this position from Longevity. War was inevitable for a mountain couldn’t have two tigers.

So now, Li Qiye’s declaration just now made the relationship even tenser. Many could smell the stench of blood.

“How bold!” Hongjian didn’t appreciate the commend since he had the duty to protect his kingdom’s prestige.

“Let go of the monarch or death is upon you! Even Longevity Sage can’t save you at that point!” He threatened with murderous intent.

This aggressive aura pricked the spectators’ skin.

“Poof!” The end of the threat was also the end of the monarch. Li Qiye crushed him into a mist of blood. The guy didn’t even have a chance to scream, let alone trying to resist.

“You misspoke. The right thing to say is that not even the heaven can save you right now.” Li Qiye chuckled.

This stunned everyone. Li Qiye was too unpredictable and didn’t care about the threat from an Ascender.

They exchanged glances in ruminating. A youth daring to provoke an Ascender? Too bold and insane. Hongjian didn’t expect this either since no one would do something so crazy.

“Brat, I will cut you to pieces!” The lack of face given infuriated the True God.

“Clank!” He clapped his palms together and a massive sword rushed above, large enough to shoulder the sky.

Terrifying strands of sword energy poured down; each could kill a thousand experts. The crowd wisely retreated after seeing this.

In this split second, he unleashed a slash with shockwaves causing the mountains nearby to crack.

“Damn!” Many experts became pale and said with dread: “He must be a second-level True God to do this slash!”

“Not smart for a junior to challenge an Ascender, it’s suicidal.” Someone else murmured. They didn’t need to watch to know that someone as young like him wouldn’t be able to stop this terrifying slash.

“Boom!” The result was the opposite of everyone’s expectation since the slash was stopped.

A pine tree slowly showed up behind him with its roots in the valley itself. Just one old branch alone had repelled the attack. Old it was and somewhat resembled a horned dragon. Its long leaves looked like tiny swords hanging on the branches.

“Sword Pine!” The tutor was the first to be shocked.

[Chapter 2243: True God Or Ant?](#)

A pine tree with sword-like leaves and a trunk the shape of a dragon. Its size wasn’t impressive but possessed a sky-splitting momentum.

It easily stopped the gigantic sword from the tutor despite the slash’s earth-splitting power.

“The ancestral tree answers!” Miaozhen was shocked to see this.

Not just her but everyone in Longevity Valley became stunned.

“It really is the ancestral tree.” Some were in disbelief and eventually confirmed it after a closer inspection. This was indeed their sword pine.

According to the legends, Alchemy Immortal planted three trees back then. They grew along with the sect and after so many years, they have become quite old, definitely the most ancient existences here.

No one has seen these trees in action before, so they were no different from other old pine trees outside of their age. Some ancestors have claimed that they all had incredible powers, capable of killing True Gods and contending against True Emperors. One thing was for certain, earning their approval was necessary before using their power. This task has never been done before in the long history of the valley, until today.

Though Li Qiye was the First Disciple, he got it by chance and it hasn't been that long. However, the sword pine had approved of him, this was quite astonishing.

So many ancestors have tried before and failed. This newly-joined junior, on the other hand, had earned this honor.

"Amazing, the valley lord has such incredible insight." One ancestor watching from inside noticed this. He took a deep breath at this unprecedented miracle done by such a young man.

Xiao Hongjian's eyes bulged in disbelief. He knew about these legends as well, not expecting for it to happen against him.

"Break!" Multiple divine swords appeared behind him, turning him into the lord of the swords. They rushed to the sky like a peacock spreading its tail.

The sound of the sword hymn alone could pierce the nine firmaments. All of the swords decided to slash at the same time. Even the sky was split apart with terrifying scars.

"Nine Reincarnation Slash!" He roared the name of technique while his aura erupted in an endless manner, able to drown the entire area.

The swords slashed downward and continued to do so in an endless cycle until the death of the enemy.

Such a fierce sword dao horrified the crowd. The sword dao itself was impeccable. This fused with the power of a True Sword resulted in a technique capable of wiping out a sect.

Li Qiye was just as nonchalant as ever: "Go now."

He raised his hand and the sword pine's leaves immediately dropped downward. These branches and leaves became a barrier for Longevity Valley. This was a bulwark of swords, completely untouchable.

The collision resulted in earthquakes and fiery sparks, a near-apocalyptic sequence.

This was his proudest and most powerful slash. Alas, it couldn't break through the barrier so the valley remained unharmed.

The tutor's expression changed, realizing the might of this pine tree. Meanwhile, the crowd also understood the valley's true ace cards. This was the reason why it could maintain its reign over the system for so long.

The unsuccessful attack made him decide to ride a sword away, leaving a circular trail behind. He knew he was no match for the tree so out of the thirty-six stratagems, running was the best. Reputation, honor, prestige; all were meaningless before death. First, he needed to stay alive before worrying about anything else.

In this blink of an eye, the sword pine became resplendent. Massive swords thrust out of the ground as if they were born from the tree - each was shiny like crystal. They became a crystallized wall stopping the tutor's escape route.

"Break!" He didn't stop and channeled his own swords towards the wall.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!" His swords collapsed after the initial impact.

"Up!" He had no choice but to flew upward even more in order to avoid the wall.

"Whoosh!" One of the branches from the tree slightly moved. Just this little action alone allowed it to cross through the void with lightning speed.

"Not good!" He could sense the danger and retaliated with another slash to sever everything behind him.

This mighty slash didn't accomplish anything. The branch pierced through the slash then the tutor's chest.

"Boom!" Space crumbled with numerous silvery specks of dust like the breaking of glass. The branch had crucified him in the air.

Blood began to flow down the branch with its beautiful yet shiver-inducing shade.

His eyes opened wide to look at the branch. An Ascender has been defeated so easily.

People's mouth was agape enough to fit a boiled egg inside. They couldn't close it for a long time.

Li Qiye stepped into the sky and appeared before the tutor. He smiled and said: "Killing a god isn't too hard. Taking down a True Emperor would be more satisfying."

The crowd became speechless. Miaozhen smiled wryly - no words could describe his domineering attitude.

The ones outside didn't dare to say anything. It didn't matter whether the guy was personally strong or not. Being recognized by this ancestral tree was his power, enough to brag for an entire lifetime. Plus, he had just used it to kill an Ascender. It was fine for him to make another bold statement.

Li Qiye didn't have any trouble using this ancestral tree because he had the old tree plus the primordial tree. These heaven-defying entities allowed him to have control over the sword tree.

The tutor had fear in his eyes. After all, few were truly unafraid of death.

"What, what do you want?!" He bellowed and tried to struggle. Alas, the tree prevented him from everything, even the worst case scenario of blowing himself off in order to escape with his true fate. Being trapped here meant that he was a fish on the chopping board, waiting for Li Qiye to do whatever he wanted.

[Chapter 2244: Looking Down On All](#)

Li Qiye emotionlessly stated: "What else do you think I'm going to do outside of chopping your head? As if I would show mercy and let you go."

“Are, are you forgetting that I’m the National Tutor of Everlasting?! A generational ally with Longevity Valley, you will be breaking this friendship and declaring war!” The scared tutor decided to change his rhetoric in order to survive.

“A generational ally, huh?” Li Qiye smiled: “How convenient for you. Coming for a marriage proposal right after our valley lord is recovering from an ambush, wanting to marry our great doctor. Then at the point of conflict, you showed up quite fast too, were you hanging around right outside?”

The experts outside glanced at each other; this was the first time they have heard about the valley lord’s injuries. They understood right away- Everlasting wanted to use this opportunity to spy on Longevity Valley’s true power.

“It’s just a coincidence, yes, a coincidence.” Hongjian didn’t give a damn about face and reputation right now. These things were worthless before death.

“I see.” Li Qiye chuckled: “So if my hand slip and chop off your head by accident, that’s another coincidence, right? I guess I wouldn’t mind such a coincidence then.”

The tutor knew that begging and conceding were useless right now.

“Kill me and you will bring about a disaster to Longevity.” He took a deep breath and decided to make a threat: “There are people behind this beyond your level, beyond Longevity Valley. You can’t afford to provoke them.”

“There are?” Li Qiye grinned.

“That’s right.” Hongjian thought he had a breakthrough and said coldly: “They are from above, not to mention killing you, destroying Longevity Valley will be all too ea-”

Li Qiye casually swung his hand before the guy could finish and lob off his head. Blood gushed out from the neck and stained the ground.

His head rolled far away; his eyes still wide open. Dying in this manner was a complete surprise since his threat was useless.

“People I can’t afford to provoke?” Li Qiye laughed: “My mood determines everything, whether it be sunshine for all or a tempest that can make the gods tremble! There is no one I can’t afford to provoke.”

The statement was uttered rather casually but the content astounded the crowd.

Eventually, the valley captured the surviving disciples who came with the monarch and took them to Li Qiye.

They kneeled, shivering and pale. Just a while ago, they came with their chest arched forward and their head held high. Now, they were fish on the chopping board.

Li Qiye glanced at them and swung his hand again. One head fell after another; a shade of red filled the soil palette.

The last survivor was paralyzed with fear and had pissed his pants.

“Will you kindly send a message for me? Tell Everlasting that when I have time, I’ll pay a visit and annihilate them.” Li Qiye said softly.

Having said that, he threw the disciple away.

A while after landing on the ground, the scared disciple ran, wanting nothing more than to grow two more legs to flee even faster.

Meanwhile, the crowd and the disciples of Longevity Valley were speechless.

The disciples were slightly indisposed but a sense of excitement overtook this. All along, their sect has been keeping a low-profile and didn’t compete with outsiders.

Despite being in charge of the system, they were forgotten by the rest of the world, unlike the other systems’ leaders. These leaders were supreme sects, capable of ruling and commanding their neighbors.

This wasn’t the case here since Longevity Valley didn’t impose on anyone’s sovereignty.

Thus, when their disciples walked outside, they weren’t special and scary at all. Some were even bullied by other members, for example, those from Everlasting.

Now, Li Qiye’s style was the complete opposite - aggressive, domineering, unreasonable, and even tyrannical. These attitudes were missing from the valley.

He didn’t mind killing an Ascender and destroy the pretentious facade of a relationship between the two powers by declaring war.

The ancestors from the valley wouldn’t necessarily be able to do this since they had a rather conservative policy, contrary to Li Qiye who always went all out, leaving both him and the opponents no room to back off.

This was the reason why the disciples here were having mixed feelings. Some of them were annoyed with Everlasting, wanting to teach it a lesson about who is the real master of Longevity System.

His actions right now certainly made them feel good and proud, despite the potential implications of war.

“Is Longevity Valley about to break out of its shell?” An outsider from the last generation speculated after seeing the First Disciple’s different style.

Li Qiye ignored all of the gossips and returned to Hundred-flowers. In his eyes, killing an Ascender was no different from crushing an ant.

“Everlasting had found a strong backing.” Miaozen, on the contrary, was very worried.

From what the monarch and Hongjian’s last words, they could tell that Everlasting didn’t only want to take over. Someone else was adding oil to the fire.

“That’s good, just makes the killing more interesting.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“You’re having a good time after dragging us into war.” She glared at him and pouted.

“So you prefer Longevity Valley conceding time and time again, and that will make Everlasting stop? That’s your way of avoiding war? The only thing you’re accomplishing by doing so is adding to their ego.” He retorted.

She had no response since she understood he was telling the truth. Everlasting wasn’t doing anything right now but they certainly coveted the system. This stalemate wouldn’t last forever.

Everlasting needed to defeat or even destroy Longevity Valley in order to carry out their ambition. That’s the only way to take over the system and its power completely.

Thus, it didn’t matter how much Longevity Valley compromised, war was inevitable - only a matter of time.

“I need to know who is actually behind this plot.” She sighed and said.

All of the events in the last several days were part of a plan by someone.

“It doesn’t matter.” He said: “Before absolute power, schemes and plans are meaningless.”

“That’s easier said than done.” Miaozen didn’t know what to do before this confident man.

She felt that he would stay true to his words which was strange because he was only a junior right now and didn’t deserve her blind confidence.

“How’s the valley lord?” He asked.

She shook her head: “I don’t know since I haven’t seen her yet. I hope that she’ll be fine with the help of the ancestral cauldron.”

Perhaps she was comforting herself by being so optimistic. Ultimately, the fact that they had to resort to using the ancestral cauldron was indicative of her master’s grievous injuries. This made all the disciples in the valley restless, not just her alone.

[Chapter 2245: Ceremony](#)

A brief lull passed by and Miaozen stared at Li Qiye with a sincere look: “What if, and just what if something happens to the master, you won’t just sit there and watch, right?”

She sounded quite hesitant when asking this. Though she desired for the master to be fine, she needed to prepare for the worst. Someone needed to take over the position and in seniority, the next successor would be the First Disciple, or Li Qiye.

“Don’t worry, she’ll be just fine.” He consoled with a smile.

“I’m just hypothetically asking.” She took a deep breath and spoke earnestly. She was different than her two sisters in this regard, needing to think a lot more for the sect.

“Well, even hypothetically speaking, it won’t be my turn.” Li Qiye didn’t yearn after this position.

“But what if you can?” She stared at him without blinking.

“Little girl, your idea isn’t necessarily a good thing. I won’t be staying at your sect for long so don’t place your hope in me. You might just find yourself giving the sect to a devil, letting it fall into damnation.” He pinched her nose and said.

“Everything is possible, but I trust in Master’s vision, and you. I’m sure of it.” She calmly said.

He smiled at her sincerity and responded: “Don’t worry, I guess I will participate because a massacre is always fun.”

This was a type of promise to her.

“That’s good.” She tensed up into an enchanting smile.

Despite his current role right now, something told her that he didn’t care at all. He was just a guest that could leave at any moment. But now, with his promise of his, everything became different. She could count on him at this point.

“In a few days will be the conference meant for ceremonial worship. This has always been our sect’s responsibility with Master in charge. However, she can’t preside over it right now so it’ll be up to us. We sisters will take care of the minor things, but you need to watch over the whole thing and make decisions.” She happily said.

“So much time wasted just to get me to be the cannon fodder.” He slapped her buttocks and said: “Try this again with me and it won’t end as well as this time.”

“Pervert!” She leaped back, blushed, while giving him a mean glare.

“The ancestors can’t leave the valley right now. Normally, we and the elders can probably take care of this, but I don’t think Everlasting will take this sitting down, so that’s why we need you.” She added.

“I understand.” He leisurely said: “If we’re going to go all out, then we just need to be direct and destroy their nest.”

He was speaking as if he was only going to take down an ant colony, not the strongest sect under a system.

Nevertheless, his fierce attitude gave her peace of mind and more confidence, no longer worrying about Everlasting causing trouble.

The day of the ceremony came quickly. The three sisters and Li Qiye embarked towards this place called Alchemy Hut.

Miaozhen carried a great burden since it was up to the young generation. Because of animosity and schemes from Everlasting, the remaining ancestors couldn’t leave for the conference since it would leave the valley vulnerable to attack.

It was too much of a coincidence for the sect master to be ambushed right before this particular event.

This event was of utmost importance in the system with the majority of sects and clans participating. Though it was meant to worship the ancestors, it was also a way for Longevity Valley to remind

everyone else of their position and control. Thus, only the orthodox branch could preside over the ceremony, openly telling everyone else that they are still in charge.

Due to the ambush, one particular development could have been Everlasting interfering with the ceremony due to the absence of the valley lord.

If Longevity Valley failed to maintain control, Everlasting would take over and no one else would dare to oppose this due to their current power. At that point, they would be one step closer towards seizing the reign of the system. Replacing Longevity Valley would only be a matter of time. This was why Miaozen thought that someone was behind all of this. The timing of the ambush was too much of a coincidence.

Alchemy Hut was a sacred ground of the system, a place of pilgrimage. In a sense, it didn't belong to anyone alone, not even Longevity Valley.

Thus, some considered it their ancestral ground. Many cultivators and alchemists journeyed to reach this place.

Of course, it was no hut. The place consisted of numerous mountain ranges, verdant hills, and waterfalls. Of course, one couldn't forget about the trees and flowers.

Deeper inside were magnificent mountains floating in the sky, hidden behind the clouds. They had stone steps leading to the sky.

The largest one was in the very center and pierced straight up above just like a heavenly pillar. The sun and moon floated around it. One could see it from a thousand miles away.

Some believed that these floating mountains, especially the largest one, were the core of Alchemy Hut.

There was a peculiar poem about this location - A young apprentice was asked, where does your teacher find his herbs? The boy answered, in this mountain, somewhere among the clouds.

The mountain mentioned here was the one in the center. Rumor has it that Alchemy Immortal had cultivated, found herbs, and refined pills here. Some True Emperors and progenitors descended from Immortal Lineage just to ask him for medicine.

Of course, inferior beings came in droves as well. More often than not, Alchemy Immortal would avoid them by telling his followers to use the excuse that he was away finding more herbs.

Thus, this poem was famous during his generation. Everyone who wanted to ask for medicines thought about it.

As time passed by, the glory days didn't return. Without Alchemy Immortal, the top beings no longer visited. Alchemy Hut became desolate unlike before.

Nevertheless, the cultivators in the system still considered this as their ancestral ground. Many alchemists would travel here at least once in their life. They all respected Alchemy Immortal, thinking that he had few peers in all of history.

The conference was about to begin and this added some life to the area. Many disciples from various powers have arrived early.

Longevity Valley prepared ahead of time. Their disciples were already here to greet people from all over the world.

When Miaozen's group showed up, many tasks have been carried out. This wasn't their first time taking charge of this event so they were quite good at it.

[Chapter 2246: Alchemy Hut](#)

The reception at various points worked perfectly by the valley's disciples. Their First Sister's presence only made everything flow smoother.

The reception alone wasn't the problem but rather the actual ceremony and troubles looming ahead. This was why all three sisters came this time.

A war could break out so a good doctor like Yalan was crucial. At the same time, Shaoyao's alchemy knowledge could prevent foul plays such as poison. With their help, Miaozen was a tiger with added wings.

Li Qiye was also necessary since he was her mental support. As long as he was around, she didn't need to worry about Everlasting causing trouble.

Of course, he didn't concern himself with menial tasks since she took care of everything. He continued to cultivate alone, waiting for his moment at the actual ceremony.

Longevity Valley had a separate branch here at Alchemy Hut. Li Qiye didn't leave this place for several days in order to meditate.

Today, he suddenly opened his eyes and smirked: "A bit interesting."

He finally left the room and the branch to start a leisure stroll. This place was beautiful with forests everywhere. Some had tree trunks just as big as the nearby hills. The place was full of life and an ancient aura.

One could still see the old style of architecture from the past. There were plenty of buildings outside of the historical spots belonging to Alchemy Immortal.

Though the hut belonged to everyone in the system, not just anyone can start something here. They required the consent of Longevity Valley before starting a branch.

Longevity Valley was lax about it so one could see buildings everywhere, among the cliffs and pinnacles.

The biggest attraction was still the main mountain. Li Qiye was climbing towards there and got a great view of the floating mountains nearby. They consisted of various sizes and shapes, some more majestic than others. They were connected by a series of stone steps and bridges.

No one knew how tall the main mountain was since even the midsection was hidden in the clouds. Some waterfalls started from the top and hit several mountains before landing on the ground to be the source of rivers.

Li Qiye enjoyed this magnificent scene and commented: "Alchemy Immortal was a character indeed, spending so much effort on this system. This whole place is magical."

In terms of power, Alchemy Immortal wasn't a match for someone at Insane Ancestor's level. Nevertheless, Longevity Valley wasn't inferior to any other system in Myriad Lineage. This was speaking in terms of resources and other aspects, not just sheer power.

Alchemy Immortal spent his whole life traveling across the three worlds in order to find treasure grounds and bringing them back to add them to his system.

Li Qiye was impressed with the main mountain: "The preciousness of this mountain is on the same level as the land of the fire source, but it is even more priceless in terms of significance for the system and Longevity Valley."

The land of the fire source was incredible, but it was more suitable for alchemists and firekins. On the other hand, this particular mountain had many secrets unbeknown to future descendants.

He continued his climb and the scenery only got better due to the high vantage point. However, the climb was difficult and reaching the main mountain was exceedingly prohibitive.

From the ground up, there were steps leading to the highest point. Alas, these steps were extremely hard due to a magical weight. This affinity increased along with the altitude.

Flying was impossible, even for True Emperors. Only progenitors could travel unprohibited here.

A supreme power was in charge of this place and enforced its laws on all climbers. In a sense, this was also a great examination location in the system.

No one knew where this power came from. Some believed that Alchemy Immortal didn't want people to disturb him during pill-making sessions, so he added this restriction. Some said that this treasure ground was taken here from Immortal Lineage and this power was innate.

Along the way, Li Qiye saw many other climbers starting from the base. In order to reach the top, one needed cultivation, determination, and dao heart. Thus, some used this place to hone the latter two properties.

Li Qiye also took the first step on this particular route. Strangely enough, he wasn't aiming to go higher.

After finishing two mountains, he found a cave alongside a cliff. He sealed off space and meditated.

A faint glow covered his body as space was being affected with ripples. His body turned ethereal as if melting with space before disappearing completely like snow becoming water.

Days went on in this manner as more visitors arrived for the conference. The disciples from the various powers enjoyed this meeting. The old generation utilized this time to build relations while the young generation just wanted to make friends.

Many excellent prodigies were present. They commanded attention everywhere, and the two most popular ones were Zhang Yan and Hu Qingniu.

Qingniu was known as a miracle doctor with peerless skills. He once proudly declared that no illness or injuries exist that he couldn't cure. Some believed that he wasn't inferior to Yalan of Longevity Valley, perhaps even one level higher.

The two were different. She had a kind heart and people found it much easier to ask her for help.

It was different for Qingniu. Due to his arrogance, he rarely helped others or demanded a sky-high payment.

Despite his arrogance and lack of humanity, he was talented enough to be listed among the Three Talents.

This group consisted of Poison King from Everlasting, Sacred Doctor Hu Qingniu, and Young Pill King Zhang Yan. [1]

Zhang Yan was also good at Sourceboost Pill, not necessarily inferior to Miracle Young Noble. Unfortunately, he didn't have enough comprehension for cultivation. His background was inferior as well.

This placed him into the Three Talents and not the Three Nobles.

He came from Hundred-Pill Gate, quite famous across Myriad Lineage. In terms of Sourceboost Pill alone, it might be on the same level as Longevity Valley.

Others called him Young Pill King but he was very afraid of this title. The reason was very simple. His ancestor, Feng Xiaochen, was the Pill King and he didn't dare to compare himself to the ancestor. This was why he never called himself the Young Pill King.

Many youths were more than willing to befriend these two. Some said that if they were here, then it wouldn't be long before the Poison King comes as well.

"So many geniuses are here, quite a spectacle. If Miracle Young Noble comes too, this conference will be even more amazing." One youth said with excitement.

"Not just them. Let me tell you something nice, the Three Ladies of Longevity Valley are here too." A well-informed cultivator revealed.

"Really?!" The youths got out of control after hearing this.

[Chapter 2247: Pine Cone Dao Fruit](#)

The news of the Three Ladies attracted so many people. Their ears grew longer, wanting to hear more and more.

All three beauties were very famous despite rarely showing themselves to the world, especially Qin Shaoyao.

They were beautiful, kind, and had great achievements in their respective field - pill-making, alchemy, and medicine. The cultivators around the system loved to talk about it.

Plus, they were from a prestigious sect, the golden jewels of the system. It would be strange if men didn't adore or have thoughts about them.

All in all, the Three Talents and Three Ladies were hot topics for the young generation.

Thus, so many became excited after hearing about their arrival.

"When will we be able to see Senior Sisters?" One youth felt his heart beating faster.

Of course, they were in the right to pay the organizers a visit. Nevertheless, their goal wasn't out of formality and respect, just a chance to get close to the three sisters and hopefully make a good impression.

"I need to thank Doctor Mu for saving my life last time." Another's eyes lit up and excitedly said.

"True, she saved my uncle last year and I need to give her his gift of gratitude." Who knows if this guy was telling the truth.

It was all about creating a chance to see the three because this was the opportunity. Seeing them later at Longevity Valley was too difficult.

Even Hu Qingniu and Zhang Yan felt the same way. Qingniu met Shaoyao during a herb-finding section and got charmed instantly. However, she was only interested in alchemy and plants.

As for Zhang Yan? He visited the valley with a senior and saw Yalan from far away, resulting in love at first sight. Unfortunately, her cold disposition applied to all. He tried to court her but gained nothing from it.

In the next several days, these youths came to visit the three girls with the excuse of asking on their seniors' behalf about the sect master.

The girls had their own problems so they didn't see any of the visitors. One of the problems was Li Qiye's disappearance.

They asked the branch members but no one saw where he went, and that he hasn't been back for a couple of days.

This truly scared the group so Miaozen told the other two to start a search for him. It had to be done in secrecy which limited the effectiveness of the search.

The hardest thing was the moment they got out, groups of youth continued to follow. They tried to break away many times but this was impossible.

In the interim, Li Qiye gradually took form again with rippling waves.

He opened his eye and smiled: "Others would hide such mysteries in the dao source, but not this Alchemy Immortal fella, very unique. This is why Longevity Valley doesn't care about conquest and only focuses on producing plants and medicines."

Many progenitors would focus on cultivation first, ending up with conquests and battles in order to reach the dao. Alchemy Immortal broke this mold and focused on alchemy instead. Thus, his dao system was also different.

Others would treat their dao system as a way to pass on their legacies. Alchemy Immortal, on the other hand, required great treasure grounds for refinement. He certainly took this into consideration when creating his system.

All in all, Longevity System wasn't as powerful as Yang Radiance or Vermillion Martial Court in terms of military power, but it was certainly number one from an agricultural perspective.

The main mountain in Alchemy Hut was unbelievably precious with something incredible in it. Logically, most progenitors would leave that in their main lineage or even their dao source.

Alchemy Immortal didn't do so since he had already left something else at Longevity Valley. Meanwhile, this item here at Alchemy Hut required its own space, and a mountain can't have two tigers.

Li Qiye didn't know that the girls were looking for him. He remained in the cave after returning from a different dimension.

During his meditation, the primordial flower was no longer there since it was a dao fruit now. It was still very young, not meant for consumption just yet.

It looked like a pine cone but wasn't because it didn't contain any seed inside. The thing exuded a sparkling and translucent glow as if there were drops of dew inside. Upon careful inspection, these weren't dew drops but rather tiny stars, resembling mercury balls.

These tiny stars had tiny trees, vegetation, mountains, and actual celestial bodies inside them...

Everything seemed surreal like an illusion, but they certainly existed. Li Qiye called this dao fruit a pine cone, a very normal name.

However, its meaning was significant. One seed to form a world; one seed to turn into the myriad dao! One pine cone was eternal, capable of deriving all the dao and culminating into a dao source.

This was the most frightening thing about this first dao fruit of his. Back then, he had controlled the sword pine, one of the three ancestral trees of Longevity Valley after earning its recognition.

In fact, he didn't need the Longevity Tree in order to do so. Just his dao fruit right now could eventually create the dao source of Longevity System. This made it easy for him to control the system's power.

Once this dao fruit matured completely, he would have an omnipotent key in Three Immortals. The guy wouldn't need to cultivate the prerequisite merit laws to take over a system's dao source and its power.

This particular cultivation system created by him would eventually surpass everything, his biggest ace card for the final battle.

He returned from the zen state and sighed with a distant gaze: "One dao fruit to reach everything. Once I have twelve, no thirteen, I will be able to break through everything." His eyes became profound.

This was his grand plan, the reason why he created this cultivation system. Each dao fruit would be different and had its own uses.

Later on, when others cultivated this system, their dao fruits would be different as well. Of course, his own would be unique and unsurpassable.

[Chapter 2248: Awkward King](#)

He eventually left the cave and descended down the mountain.

From the main mountain were multiple waterfalls pouring downward. The other mountains in the vicinity had waterfalls as well but they couldn't compare to the main ones. The main ones looked like rivers from the heavens; one could see them from a thousand miles away.

The waterfalls eventually gathered into a massive lake at the bottom, looking no different from an ocean.

Islands were hidden by the mists just like pearls on this lake named Alchemy Lake by others. One could see boats coming back and forth. The islands did have natives but the majority of people were just tourists.

Li Qiye focused his gaze at the waterfalls streaming down the mountains and continued to be impressed by Alchemy Immortal. He walked alongside a particular stream to make his way down.

Alchemy Hut had plenty of herbs and plants. However, there was one native thing only available in this place - Alchemy Wood.

Rumor has it that there was one divine tree growing somewhere on the main mountain. Each year, some old branches would fall down along the streams. This process would take a very long time so the branches were truly immersed in the water. They eventually sank to the bottom due to their immense weight and be covered by the river bed.

Another million years would pass then these branches would become Alchemy Wood.

Gestated by both the waterfalls and earth, they contained the essences of this land. This made it as precious as gold, or even more so.

Just a tiny piece would be quite costly. A particularly old one would have a sky-high price.

Many disciples in the system would try to find them in the streams. However, Longevity Valley didn't allow for reckless excavation so it was quite hard to find them. Nevertheless, for a nobody, finding one would make them rich overnight.

Li Qiye followed the stream and watched the current. He was a bit interested in this special wood, but not in and of itself.

He eventually made it to the great lake with its scintillating and golden surface, quite a beautiful scene.

The dazzlingness of the lake didn't interest him as much as one tiny island with no inhabitants.

"There are spirits in all things, truly interesting." He commented with amusement.

He took out a shovel and began to dig the shallow water, ignoring the mud and soil dirtying his robe.

Mu Yalan and Qin Shaoyao have been trying to find Li Qiye for several days to no avail. This made them quite anxious until a disciple reported that he had appeared by the lake. The two ran there with haste with their fans right behind them.

They didn't like these unwanted tails but they couldn't chase them away either. They thought it would be so nice if their First Sister was here.

Fan Miaozen had too many schemes. If she was here, she could easily lose these young fellas. Yalan and Shaoyao didn't have this ability since they normally only focused on their own field instead of socializing.

The two had no choice but to be out in public right now in order to find Li Qiye. The most excellent among the crowd were Zhang Yan and Hu Qingniu - cranes among a flock of chicken. They easily overwhelmed their love rivals.

The two girls got on a boat and paid attention to the islands. Many suitors did the same. Miaozen would have come up with ways to throw them into the water, but Yalan and Shaoyao couldn't.

"Miss Mu, are you enjoying the lake's sceneries?" Zhang Yan came forward with what he considered to be his most handsome smile - one as bright as the sun.

He was indeed a handsome fella with a strong background. Many girls considered him to be their prince on a white horse, but he only had eyes for Yalan.

"Finding medicine." She answered coldly. It wasn't an act since this was her natural demeanor.

"May I ask which kind? I'm quite familiar with the ones here, maybe I can be of service." The rather quiet Qingniu seized the opportunity to jump in.

This normally arrogant doctor was a man of few words. He looked down on speaking to those he considered beneath his station. However, he wanted to show off in front of Qin Shaoyao, hoping to make a good impression.

"Thank you, but it is alright." Shaoyao shook her head and refused in such a gentle manner.

"The two of you are too reserved, we're all family, no need for that. Plus, Longevity Valley is the orthodox branch, it is fine for us to be the errand boys." Zhang Yan quickly added.

"My medicinal trove has many different medicines, may I ask what you are looking for? Maybe I have it already." Qingniu came up with a way to make the beauty happy.

"That's right, the two of you are being too polite right now. Longevity Valley's problem is our problem. Just let us help you find whatever you need." A different youth said.

Yalan stopped replying and continued looking over at the islands while Shaoyao politely shook her head.

The two of them didn't talk about Li Qiye's disappearance, using finding medicine as an excuse.

Zhang Yan and Qingniu became awkward since the girls weren't responding. Zhang Yan came up with something else and said: "Brother Hu, are there any interesting story during your medical journey?"

“Not much, just busy with finding medicine and saving people. I suppose I’ve seen some interesting illness recently and spent some time researching them.” Qingniu contemplated before answering.

His answer was only to impress Shaoyao. He didn’t have time to waste saving people.

Zhang Yan didn’t have a response since he wasn’t good at medicine. Talking about this subject would only make Qingniu look better.

“However, Brother Miracle is coming out of his cultivation and will participate in the ceremony this time around.” Zhang Yan changed the topic.

He knew about the relationship between Everlasting and Longevity, so this was a way to attract Mu Yalan’s attention.

“Mmm, I have heard rumors of him wanting to have a dao discussion with Longevity Sage.” Qingniu immediately replied.

But he immediately realized that he had said the wrong thing because the sage was the two girls’ master. This particular topic could annoy the two.

Zhang Yan wanted to strangle the guy. He might be a good doctor but was so bad at idle chatting. He could save people but could kill a conversation right away. This was driving Zhang Yan crazy.

[Chapter 2249: Digging A Pit](#)

Fortunately enough, one quick-witted youth interjected: “Speaking of Miracle Young Noble, I heard he came to the land of the fire source and met Vermillion Martial Goddess.”

“Yes, so I’ve heard too.” A different one replied: “But there was a man hanging around the goddess, seemingly very close. I think his last name was Li, but his background sect is unknown.”

“Last name Li?” Mu Yalan who was looking into the distance turned around and asked.

“Right.” The youth noticed that the doctor had taken interest in the conversation and quickly said: “The goddess is incredible, the only youth to attack Insane Court in the alliance on top of coming back unscathed. However, no one knows anything about her companion, just that they are very close.”

“I believe there are rumors that their relationship is special, that’s why Miracle Young Noble is antagonistic towards him, resulting in a clash.” One more jumped in.

“What does he look like?” The two of sisters glanced at each other while having a pretty good idea about this man.

“Well, I’m told that this guy very ordinary look. No one understands why someone like the goddess would be with him. That’s why Miracle Young Noble was annoyed and even wanted to do something about it.” The youth responded.

“What happened next?” Shaoyao became interested because this was her first time hearing this story.

“I heard this Li guy burned Young Noble Wu Lian from Everlasting to ashes then declared his intention of destroying it, quite a fierce style.” The first guy who started this topic didn’t want to lose and added.

The two girls glanced at each other, knowing exactly who this Li guy was now.

“There are too many insane men in the world, ignorantly fearless. Just an ant wanting to talk about destroying Everlasting? He overestimates himself.” Hu Qingniu coldly uttered.

Qingniu wanted to show off his speaking skill but the atmosphere became quiet again. Outside of the two sisters, he and Zhang Yan had the highest status here. His frank statement left no room for others to retort without offending him.

Zhang Yan went crazy again since they just got the beauties’ attention. Now, Qingniu killed the conversation again.

“The world is full of crouching tigers and hidden dragons.” Yalan flatly responded, clearly on the side of this Li fella.

“Right, right, Miss Mu is completely right. Maybe that guy has an amazing background.” Zhang Yan quickly flattered: “That’s why he dares to say whatever he wants.”

“That’s useless.” Qingniu replied right away: “Everlasting is the strongest kingdom in the system with countless ancestors. Miracle Young Noble is an amazing genius himself. A nobody talking about destroying this lineage? That’s just the daydream of someone who’s tired of living.”

Zhang Yan almost vomited blood, not understanding why a medical genius was so socially inept, unable to read the situation.

He wanted to break the guy’s head and take a good look at his brains. Even a fool knew about the delicate situation between Longevity and Everlasting. Now, this Qingniu was praising Everlasting so the two sisters naturally wouldn’t like it. Alas, he couldn’t come up with a new topic.

“Miss Qin, what do you think about it?” Qingniu continued on and revealed a rare smile: “The world is full of ignorant fools. This guy boasting about destroying a kingdom is ridiculous. He might just be a youth that hasn’t experienced enough tribulations.”

Shaoyao didn’t say anything and continued to stare at the lake.

Everyone else was speechless. This guy didn’t realize he had said the wrong thing and was feeling quite pleased with himself. It looked like no one could talk when this conversation-killer king was around.

Mu Yalan who has been searching the area suddenly noticed something. She softly elbowed Shaoyao to get her attention. Shaoyao saw a remote island with someone digging then.

It was a man who couldn’t be more ordinary-looking. He was quite busy with pits and piles of mud around him. He was completely focused on the task as if he was trying to become a digging virtuoso.

The two girls heaved a sigh of relief then smiled after seeing who they were searching for - the First Brother.

Despite his dirty and muddy appearance, he was especially beautiful right now. As long as he was around, everything would be just fine and dandy.

Yalan was a proud apricot in the snow while Shaoyao was an orchid hidden deep in the valley. When they smiled, the youths lost their mind, instantly charmed by this gorgeous scene.

The girls didn't know what Li Qiye was doing but they couldn't come over either. They told their fellow disciples to stop the boat in order to watch him. In their eyes, the mud pits resembled windows that would need to another vast world. They didn't know what his goal was but it certainly wasn't just playing in the mud out of boredom.

The rest of the group looked over too. This was just another man that could be found anywhere on the street, nothing peculiar about him except his common and boring appearance. Qingniu and Zhang Yan believed that if they were standing side by side, no one would notice this guy over them.

In fact, another random guy from the street could overshadow this guy, let alone geniuses like them.

Alas, the two girls were completely fixated on each of his actions, as if nothing else in the world could be more interesting.

They became sour - what was the point of watching this guy? The guy looked wretched when covered in mud just like a beggar, certainly not a sight for sore eyes.

"Hey, what are you doing?!" Zhang Yan shouted at Li Qiye, full of annoyance.

"Treasure hunting." Li Qiye answered casually without bothering to look at them.

"Oh? For what?" Shaoyao couldn't help but ask.

"A really good one." He replied without pausing.

"Miss Qin, that's just a muddy beach but for some idiots, even a scrap metal found here could be considered a treasure. This penurious man at the bottom of society has never seen anything good. Give him a phoenix wood or raw alchemy branch, that might scare the crap out of him." Qingniu was one to never give face and had zero sympathies for anyone.

He arched his chest proudly because he actually had these rare alchemy materials, more than a million year old. He wanted to show off to Qin Shaoyao.

However, she wasn't interested in them at all. She stared at the pits and said: "What do you mean by a good treasure? Mind elaborating?"

"Are you digging for Alchemy Wood?" Zhang Yan could observe the situation far better than Qingniu. He could see that the two girls were interested in what he was doing so he wanted to keep this mood up.

As for whether this man could actually find something, he didn't actually give a damn and only wanted to use him for conversational reasons.

[Chapter 2250: For A Beauty's Smile](#)

"Indeed." Li Qiye replied, still digging.

"Digging for Alchemy Wood?!" This garnered the attention of the youths on the boat. These branches were very precious.

“If you can actually find one, then you’ll be so rich, maybe enough to join a good sect.” One of them joked.

Of course, they have never seen Li Qiye before so they didn’t know that he was the main topic of their prior conversation.

“Just one piece, not that valuable.” Qingniu looked at Li Qiye and said with disdain: “A True God once carried a trunk of Alchemy Wood to ask me for help and I still refused.”

Having said that, he stole a glance at Qin Shaoyao.

Normally, the guy was stingy with his words but he wanted to be cool in front of Shaoyao, letting her know how many treasures he had and his prestigious status.

This was ineffective; even the pit holes seemed to be winning against him.

The only thing he won was the animosity of the youths here because of his arrogance. Alas, the guy was indeed qualified to do so. His medicinal abilities were incredible and he did refuse many great gifts.

Zhang Yan scratched his head helplessly. This guy could kill a conversation at any moment. If he didn’t know Qingniu for a while now, he would have kicked the guy off the boat for ruining his good chance at courting the doctor.

“It’s not easy finding them in this place.” Zhang Yan tried his best again to liven up the mood: “The branches are often submerged deep in the streams. Digging like you right now won’t be as effective because they are as heavy as steel. This is the Alchemy Lake, any wood found here would be at the bottom, it can’t float up here or be stuck on this beach. Our Doctor Mu and Goddess Qin are both masters of this field. If they give you a few pointers, maybe you’ll be to find some. Doctor Mu often uses them as an ingredient for her medicine and will know where they are right away. Go ahead, ask her.”

This guy managed to act helpful and praise his crush at the same time so he was feeling quite pleased with himself. A good atmosphere was crucial to flirting. Otherwise, no one would bother speaking with each other.

Alas, Yalan stood there quietly, still watching the digger.

“I see. Looks like I need to ask her for help then.” Li Qiye smiled and finally looked over at the two girls.

“Not just anyone can ask the two ladies questions. You are a piece of rotten, uncarvable wood, you can’t understand anything even if they were to help you.” Qingniu uttered coldly.

Another cold water splashing to the face. Zhang Yan lamented his fate again.

“Everything is doable with sheer effort. Perhaps you can find them via this method.” Zhang Yan eventually said.

What he actually wanted to say was to tell Qingniu: ‘Boss, if you want to boast, then at least wait for the right moment instead of just jumping in like this and killing the situation.’

“Indeed, all things are possible.” Li Qiye chuckled.

“Hmph, finding Alchemy Wood in this place will be the miracle of the ages.” Qingniu grew increasingly annoyed at Li Qiye.

The reason was very simple. He tried his best to please Shaoyao but she hasn’t even taken a look at him. How could this ordinary man win all of her attention?

“Really?” Li Qiye absentmindedly replied.

“Yes, it will be a miracle, and I shall reward you with a fortune.” Qingniu uttered coldly.

“Then why don’t we make a bet?” Zhang Yan’s eyes flashed as he came up with an idea.

“Brother Hu is an incredible member of Longevity System, if you can win this bet, you’ll benefit a lot.” He told Li Qiye.

Qingniu snorted in response: “Fine, we can bet. I have a bottle of tiger-tendon resin. If you can find a single piece of Alchemy Wood, it will be yours.”

“Tiger-tendon resin, that’s an amazing medicine.” This ointment caused quite a stir in the crowd.

“I heard this medicine is created from the tendon of a sacred tiger. It is a panacea that can flesh and bones grow again, very magical.” Another youth praised.

Qingniu was complacent and continued on: “This is my secret formula, completely priceless. A sect once tried to buy it with a sky-high price but I still refused.”

He naturally glanced over at Qin Shaoyao again.

“Oh, you must really be somebody then, to be so generous with this bet.” Li Qiye said.

Li Qiye’s silly act amused the two girls but they didn’t expose his intentional mockery.

“Of course.” Zhang Yan said: “If you have heard of Doctor Hu’s name, then your knowledge is too shallow. Brother Hu, let’s keep going then, let people know of your extravagance.”

Zhang Yan saw that the two girls were interested again with the bet. This was another good chance to get closer to them so he egged Qingniu on.

Qingniu was actually already feeling bad about betting a bottle of tiger-tendon resin but he decided to go all out after seeing Shaoyao’s interest.

“I have a root of mountain ginseng, three million years old. Needless to say, it is priceless. If you can find a piece of Alchemy Wood here, it will be yours too.” Qingniu took out a wooden box. People could smell the rich and pleasant medicinal fragrance of ginseng even before he opened it.

The crowd gasped at how extravagant the guy was being. Qingniu was pleased with this. He had plenty of treasures so using the to boast was totally worth it.

“I’ll join in too.” Zhang Yan smiled: “I’m not on the same level as Brother hu, but I have a pouch of True Coins, just a little bit more.”

His heavy pouch of coins should be worth a lot as well, though not as valuable as Qingniu’s treasures.

“Me too, here’s a box of young deer antler.” Another youth added more.

“I’m in as well.” Others began to join the bet. Pleasing the beauties and the two famous guys? Who wouldn’t want to do that?

It didn’t take long before a mountain of treasures and money formed before Qingniu. Everyone was betting that Li Qiye wouldn’t be able to find anything.

“It won’t end well for you if you can’t find any.” Qingniu told Li Qiye.

“What will happen? Don’t tell me you will kill me?” Li Qiye smiled.

Zhang Yan said: “Not that much, it’ll ruin the sceneries. If you can’t find any, then just eat the mud here. One mouthful of mud for each pit.”

He was treating this man as a clown in order to entertain the beauties.

“That’s a tough bet.” Li Qiye replied.

“It’s too late to back off now.” Qingniu uttered coldly.

Li Qiye looked over at the two girls and smiled: “Pretty ladies, what should I do?”

“How impudent!” Qingniu immediately shouted.

“It’s up to you.” Shaoyao smiled and played along with Li Qiye.

‘Well, the treasures are very tempting indeed. I would be lying to say that I’m not interested. If I actually find one branch, I will become very rich.’ Li Qiye had a happy expression.

“Hmph, daydream after you find one or start eating.” Qingniu aggressively said.

The guy was jealous because Li Qiye could make the girls smile for some reasons with just a few words. On the other hand, he was going all out and they were still ignoring him.