

Emperor 5191

Chapter 5191: Please Recall Your Power, Young Noble

Of course, this was only a mere reflection of the nine worlds. Nonetheless, memories of familiar faces popped up - those who had fought with him and waited for him...

All were no longer around. Prosperous sects and protectors have turned into ashes, not leaving a single trace behind. Worlds have shattered; blue seas turned into mulberry fields.

While Li Qiye immersed himself in old memories, Gourdkeeper and Resplendent were shaken.

“You... you can control our Resplendent Array? Impossible!” The monarch became slack-jawed and shouted just like a cat with its tail stepped on.

Only the merit laws created by Peerless Monarch of Qilin Manor could activate this secret treasure.

In the long history of their sect, only a selected group of geniuses had access to the merit law. Among them, only three to four managed to learn it - all core members of the sect. This naturally didn't include Li Qiye.

It was frightening how effortlessly he controlled the array, something a ten-fruit dragon lord couldn't do.

As for Gourdkeeper, he had seen the array activated before. When comparing the two, Li Qiye resembled its master more.

Li Qiye sighed and stopped reminiscing. He stared forward and said: "Heavenhoof Ravine."

"You know about this too?!" Resplendent's astonishment grew since he knew all of their secrets.

"Don't be surprised, even your progenitor can't control this array as well as I." Li Qiye smiled and said.

"..." Resplendent retorted, albeit in a feeble tone: "Our progenitor, Peerless Monarch, was a true mastermind. She could scheme and control an entire era. Though she wasn't an emperor, she was inferior to none. She created this array and managed to stop the horde by herself from invading Imperial Attendant."

"Your progenitor was amazing indeed, a true master of controlling worldly momentum and auras." Li Qiye said: "But no one can control the momentum of the nine worlds better than me."

"..." Resplendent didn't believe this because the progenitor was the one who created this array.

While they were doubting Li Qiye's comment, he flew into the air.

"Rumble!" Lightning bolts as thick as mountain ranges struck him.

However, their intention was not to kill him but rather empower him. He exuded the lightning affinity and illuminated the nine worlds like a god of lightning. Its power became his for the taking.

The earth veins in the nine worlds answered his summon and released their colorful rays as well.

“Boom!” The various momentums also gathered around him. Laws belonging to the nine worlds alone gave him endless potential.

Now, his smash wielded the power of an entire epoch, enough to obliterate anyone.

As he raised his foot, the first to kneel was Saintess Shao Yao. Next was Gourdkeeper Monarch who lost control of his body.

“Raa!” True Bear wanted to test himself against the power of the nine worlds.

He became gigantic and pushed the momentum upward. Alas, he only lasted a second before being pushed to the ground as well.

Resplendent Monarch roared and gathered all of his energy. A yin-yang radiance emerged as a barrier.

Unfortunately, he still didn't last long in spite of possessing ten sacred fruits. “Bam!” His knees touched the ground.

The strongest was none other than the old servant. He stood upright, capable of shouldering the entire heaven.

His cultivation was shocking but as Li Qiye slowly pressed his foot down, the ultimate power of the entire nine worlds pushed down on him.

Li Qiye became a part of the nine worlds and was in total control.

“Bam!” Finally, the servant was suppressed just like the others.

“Young Noble, please recall your power!” Gourdkeeper could no longer handle the pressure.

Meanwhile, Li Qiye gazed down at the nine worlds while still feeling sentimental.

“Boom!” He dispersed the momentum back to the array.

Chapter 5192: It's Obvious

Li Qiye landed and the group still hasn't regained their wits, unable to fathom Li Qiye's perfect mastery over Resplendent Array.

Just having strength alone was not enough. Otherwise, the conquerors trapped inside would have been able to take over.

In this case, how did an outsider with no access to the essential merit laws be able to control the array?

The result was a power countless times stronger than Resplendent Monarch's version. He thought that Li Qiye might do a better job than his own progenitor. He wasn't sure of this because he had never seen Peerless Monarch in action.

“Geezer, the young noble is way better than you at using the array.” Gourdkeeper commented.

“If I could do it like him, Suppression wouldn’t have been able to break out.” Resplendent smiled wryly, still overwhelmed with emotion.

“Young Noble, how did you do it?” He then asked Li Qiye.

“First time trying.” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Your Peerless Monarch was wise indeed but this array wasn’t created by her alone. Other Immortal Emperors must have helped. Alas, the nine worlds are too profound and she lacked resources, unable to wield the true momentum.”

Resplendent Monarch had no response. He pondered in silence, agreeing with Li Qiye’s assessment of the treasure’s complexity.

One of the most important reasons for his failure was that he and the others knew nothing about the nine worlds. Therefore, the previous users couldn’t muster its true power.

According to Li Qiye, it seemed that this array was still not perfected. If it could fully duplicate the power of this ancient world, would it be able to trap the strongest conquerors?

“How do you know this, Young Noble?” Resplendent asked and was curious about the emperors’ involvement.

“It’s obvious after one glance.” Li Qiye stared at the horizon and said, capable of deducing the flaws of the array in no time at all.

This prompted Resplendent Monarch to undergo a silent reflection due to the blow dealt to this ego.

He was only one level below those considered as supreme geniuses during his youth. Once he became a dragon lord, he spent all of his time learning the array.

After obtaining five fruits, he was finally able to control it. His mastery only improved with his cultivation. This process took tens of thousands of years.

Now, he felt as if he was an idiot when comparing himself to this man.

“Haha, geezer, I found the right person. Now I don’t owe you anything.” Gourdkeeper elbowed him and winked.

“You want to implant the Tree of Tranquility into this array.” Li Qiye told Resplendent Monarch.

The latter smiled wryly and responded: “I thought I’d done a good job at understanding the array. The problem is that when I fought Suppression, he could see through the flaws and openings.”

“The momentum is incomplete due to the flaws.” Li Qiye said.

“I’m sure when our progenitor uses it, the flaws will become virtually undetectable. My cultivation isn’t enough to hide them.” He sighed and said.

“It is not your fault.” Gourdkeeper shook his head: “We know how strong Suppression is, you were the one who lasted the longest.”

“He is even stronger now.” Resplendent said worriedly.

“Indeed, he has eleven dao fruits now. It’ll be impossible soon for us to take back authority.” Gourdkeeper said.

They have been mentioning Suppression Conqueror of Hundred Dao. He was rumored to be the descendant of Sindragon Dao Lord.

Because of this, he was rejected by several mighty lineages including Cleansing Incense Dynasty, Shi Gate, and Alchemy Dao.

Finally, he was accepted by Hundred Dao. This was a rather wise choice since the youth eventually became a conqueror with a limitless future.

“I hope that by transplanting the tree into the array, it will close some of the gaps. At the very least, it will increase my own power while inside. The problem is that the tree doesn’t want to stay in the array.” Resplendent elaborated.

“The momentum rejects the tree.” Li Qiye answered: “When your progenitor created the array, the momentum is already set and it does not allow invaders. The initial planting was fine because it didn’t affect anything. As the tree continued to grow inside, the momentum started resisting it.”

“That does make sense.” Resplendent said with admiration: “I came to Alchemy Dao to ask for help, maybe some of these old men would know how to keep the tree in there.”

“We don’t have a method. This is more than just alchemy since it requires working together with the array’s overarching momentum. We want to help but are powerless.” Gourdkeeper said.

“Using agricultural alchemy to keep the plant inside is useless. It will only make the flaws more obvious.” Li Qiye concluded.

Chapter 5193: Monumental Effort Of Past

“The momentum of the nine worlds is meticulously embedded into the array. Adding one more thing will create an opening.” Li Qiye added.

“Then what should we do? If I can augment the array, maybe there is a chance of fighting evenly with Suppression. Otherwise, he’ll take advantage of the same flaws.” Resplendent asked.

“I think we have no chance of winning this time.” Gourdkeeper sighed: “We haven’t produced any supreme genius recently while our old bones just can’t improve anymore.”

“We can only count on Jadeclure Conqueror’s pill-refinement skill.” Resplendent sighed without confidence.

“I guess so, I’m not optimistic since Suppression will ask for help as well.” Gourdkeeper said.

“We just need a cauldron of Time-honed Longevity Pill, that’s the most important thing.” Resplendent thought about another option.

“Yes...” Gourdkeeper seemed to have something on his mind but refrained from speaking.

“Winning what?” Li Qiye asked the two.

They exchanged glances and Resplendent eventually spoke: “Please don’t laugh, this is an internal political struggle in Imperial Attendant.”

“Oh? Go on.” Li Qiye was interested.

“The first lord of Imperial Attendant was none other than Lord Zi Yan from Imperial Gate.” Resplendent said: “Historically, all of us believed that Imperial Gate was the main branch.”

“Our Alchemy Dao, Iron Tree, Qilin Manor, and some others are responsible for protecting the city. The actual authority resides with Imperial Gate.” Gourdkeeper said.

Many believed that the two great pillars of Imperial Alliance included Cleansing Incense Dynasty and Imperial Attendant City.

The city lord and many of the founding members of Imperial Attendant fell during Grand Dao War. The survivors such as Space Dragon Emperor and Ox-dragon Ancestor remained for a period before leaving.

This drastically weakened the city’s fighting force. Nonetheless, it persevered until Imperial War.

Caparace Conqueror guarded the gate against the horde long enough for reinforcement to come before passing away.

Subsequently, Peerless Monarch took over Imperial Attendant City until her last years when she returned the rule back to Imperial Gate.

Imperial Gate still viewed her as one of them since she had fought with City Lord Zi Yan and the wise sages in the past.

She was the last founding member of the first generation. Her selfless act returned the reins back to Imperial Gate; she had no intention of letting Qilin Manor take over.

Relative stability continued until the appearance of Suppression Conqueror - a member of Hundred Dao.

This was a great power in the city but didn't have an intertwining history like the others. Alchemy Dao, Iron Tree, and Imperial Gate all considered themselves a part of Imperial Attendant. The same couldn't be said about Hundred Dao.

It was started by Bones Dao Lord. Firebird, Peacock, and Sindragon Dao Lord joined afterward. Thus, this boosted the sect to a level strong enough to overwhelm the others near the city.

However, because of the wise sages and Peerless Monarch during that period, the dao lords still obeyed the rules of Imperial Attendant. They certainly contributed greatly during all the wars.

Later on, the dao lords left while Imperial Attendant City suffered a decline. Suppression Conqueror changed everything afterward.

All along, Imperial Gate has been in charge since there was a mission. The other main branches focused on this mission and guarded the city, leaving Imperial Gate to rule.

As mentioned previously, Peerless Monarch only temporarily took over due to the crisis during Imperial War. Suppression Conqueror didn't share this belief.

Through clever interpretation of the rules, he managed to seize authority from Imperial Gate. Though the others wished to stop this, they couldn't stop the conqueror with eleven fruits.

"Suppression has overstepped his authority." Gourdkeeper concluded: "Though it is almost time for the next election, we still need to defeat him."

"Why does it matter who is in charge?" Li Qiye smiled.

"Young Noble, you may not know but Imperial Attendant has a noble mission. As for Suppression, he has no intention of following this path. The city will no longer be the same if we can't retake sovereignty." Resplendent shook his head.

"In my opinion, Suppression is rather ambitious and wishes to move against Imperial Alliance. I do not wish to see the city being used as a tool of war. Our city's very reason for being will turn into ashes." Gourdkeeper lamented.

The mission was to survive and wait for a legend to return. Alas, Imperial Attendant was at risk of no longer being the same under Suppression's leadership.

"I cannot watch the effort of the wise sages go to waste." Resplendent said bitterly.

Their group of ancient ancestors had tried their best but Suppression was simply too strong now.

“You had a chance with Resplendent Array but now, he has eleven fruits.” Gourdkeeper said.

“I must fix the flaws or it is truly impossible. Even then, it’s not a sure thing.” Resplendent said.

“Give me the tree.” Li Qiye stared at them and said.

“Young Noble?” Resplendent was surprised.

“I will recraft the array. Because the momentum is fixed due to lacking resources, it will never become as strong as the real nine worlds, there is still room for improvement.” Li Qiye elaborated.

“You can change the array?” Resplendent couldn’t believe it.

“It’s an easy task since it’s a small array.” Li Qiye said.

Chapter 5194: Peerless Monarch

Resplendent Monarch found himself to be at a loss for words again.

Prior to this, he would be furious after hearing such an insulting comment regarding their sect's defining treasure that has been able to trap conquerors.

This was the same as insulting their progenitor, Peerless Monarch, because she was the one who created it.

Alas, he couldn't retort due to Li Qiye's mastery and couldn't agree because that would be diminishing his progenitor's accomplishment.

In the end, he smiled wryly and handed the tree over: "We're counting on you Young Noble. Qilin Manor will honor you for generations to..."

"Buzz." He couldn't finish before the momentum of the nine worlds lit up and became filled with dao runes.

The array was being used to its limit and created a maelstrom. It sucked Li Qiye inside, making it look like he was one with the array.

"This is a thing?" Resplendent once thought that no one alive was better at using the array than him.

Alas, seeing the maelstrom made him realize that he knew very little about the array's potential.

"You didn't know about this?" Gourdkeeper asked.

The two were close friends and he had seen Resplendent use the array numerous times. This was a new phenomenon.

“I didn’t know about it.” Resplendent said, wondering if he had failed to understand the array.

After thinking for a few minutes, he dispelled this lack of confidence. He had total control over the array and could use it at a whim. There was no profundity within that he wasn’t privy to.

“Peerless Monarch left this behind.” The quiet old servant finally spoke for the first time.

The two became emotional after hearing this. Resplendent became frightened.

They have been using the array for eras now but none figured it out. Today, Li Qiye activated it after seeing it for the first time. Moreover, why didn’t Peerless Monarch avail this to her own sect members?

He couldn’t come up with an answer despite trying his best.

Who knew more about the nine worlds than Li Qiye? Peerless Monarch was still inferior in this regard.

Because of this, he was able to reach the very source of the array - a bright expanse made up of supreme laws varying in origin - Immortal Emperors, supreme cultivators...

Each was unique yet when fused together in harmony to make up the array and grant it incredible power.

He sighed after sensing the laws since he knew who they represented. Peerless Monarch was not alone in the creation of Resplendent Array.

He sat down and eventually, the area in front of him fluctuated and flowed like a spring before turning into a woman.

Her regal aura could force others to kneel down. Nonetheless, she also possessed a look of elegance and wisdom.

“It is an honor to see you again, Young Noble. The throne awaits you.” Miao Chan kneeled and said.

“You chose to pass away here in order to imprint your mark.” He said sentimentally.

She was once known as Miao Chan in the nine worlds. In the current epoch, she was Peerless Monarch of Qilin Manor.

Her descendants did not know that she had imprinted her mark into the array itself, becoming its most crucial part.

“We have been waiting for you, Young Noble.” She said. Now she was the soul of Resplendent Array - a different method of survival.

“Imperial Attendant City?” He smiled wryly.

“You are the only one worthy of ruling the land. City Lord Zi Yan and many others built the city to welcome you back. Alas, war and time have gotten the best of us. I also tried my best but couldn’t be here in person for this moment.” She said softly.

“You shouldn’t have tried so hard, your suffering was not worth it.” He sighed.

“We were waiting to wait for you, Young Noble, the nine worlds require your protection.” She said.

“That’s why you crafted the momentum of the nine worlds.” Li Qiye said.

“Yes, the nine worlds remain in my heart. Due to my shallow cultivation, I can only copy an incomplete version.” She said.

“It was a difficult task indeed. Since I am here today, I will do my best to remove the flaws, a small consolation for your sacrifice.” Li Qiye smiled.

“I only regret not being able to follow you again, Young Noble.” She bowed.

“I’ll return this to the source, go rest now.” Li Qiye sighed and took out the tree.

“I understand.” She bowed again and said: “When you have time, please visit Imperial Border. The empresses and fairies have left behind messages.”

"I will." He nodded.

She bowed one last time before returning to the source. As for Li Qiye, he began deriving the profundities of the dao in order to create a new momentum with the Tree of Tranquility added.

Chapter 5195: Explosion

"Rumble!" A towering tree appeared inside Resplendent Array. The branches and leaves spread out to connect with the momentum of the nine worlds in a blinding spectacle.

This caused the momentum to appear again. Resplendent Monarch and the others found themselves traveling to the previous epoch.

Previously, they could tell that they were in an illusory world. Now, the dao laws of the nine worlds became stable and palpable. They felt that escaping was even harder while being enveloped by light.

After a long while, the light subsided and they saw themselves standing in the original courtyard.

Li Qiye raised the board with his palm and took one last look at it before tossing it back to Resplendent Monarch: "Train hard with it."

"Thank you, Young Noble, we will do our best to harmonize with the array again." Resplendent prostrated and was overwhelmed with emotion.

Li Qiye's identity no longer mattered; the only thing the monarch knew was that their array has been improved.

"You will need more time, I don't think we can take advantage of it now." Gourdkeeper said.

"I'm leaving right now to train." Resplendent didn't dare to waste time and bowed toward Li Qiye again before leaving.

"Young Noble, you are simply incredible. It looks like I have to try my best too in order to get you our lotus." Gourdkeeper calmed down and said.

Prior to this, he only wanted to send the message and kept his effort at a minimum. Now, he felt inclined to try harder.

Li Qiye only smiled in response since it didn't matter to him. The end was the same; only the process varied.

"Boom!" Suddenly, something erupted in Alchemy Dao, causing the ground to shake violently.

Disciples became alarmed and looked up at the sky. They saw flames rushing upward like a fire dragon over yonder.

"Shit, Big Bro is failing again!" Gourdkeeper ran toward the flames without saying goodbye.

"Looks like a cauldron is out of control." Li Qiye said.

“First Uncle has been trying to finish an ancestral cauldron.” Saintess Shao Yao became worried.

“Your ancestral cauldron is connected to the earth veins. If it explodes, half of this place will disappear.” Li Qiye said.

“It’s possible.” She turned pale and understood why Gourdkeeper panicked.

“Let’s come take a look before it’s too late.” Li Qiye shook his head.

He wouldn’t give a damn if this was another lineage. Alas, Alchemy Dao had deep ties with him.

“Really?” She didn’t know why she felt so much confidence in him, that he would be able to solve any crisis.

She immediately led him to the source of the flames without saying anything else.

This place was heavily guarded and unavailable to most disciples. As she led the way, she saw many disciples evacuating.

The atmosphere became tense since they were alchemists and could tell that the cauldron was becoming unstable.

Pill Valley was the name of the location. It contained their ancestral cauldron - Purification - that was created by Heavenly Sage Yuan, capable of refining Nine-form Imperial Remedies and Time-honed Longevity Pills.

Recently, Panacea Monarch has been using it to create some top-level pills. Alas, something seemed to be going wrong.

Purification Cauldron was connected to the earth veins beneath. Thus, a cauldron explosion could destroy half of Alchemy Dao, hence the evacuation.

When the group made it to the valley, they saw the six grand elders of the sect. The saintess then realized the gravity of the situation.

Panacea Monarch's direct disciple, Miracle Saint Child, was also present.

"No outsiders." He scowled and didn't let them in.

"Senior Brother, now is not the time for you to be stubborn. I will take responsibility for this." She retorted strongly.

They then focused on the great cauldron in the middle of the valley. It had nine levels rotating at different paces and directions.

On the walls of the levels were one hundred fire eyes spewing out true flames. One surged like a rapid while another was as gentle as a stream.

The very nature of the flames varied as well. One was tinged with red and yellow, looking like the infernal fire of hell. Another had a golden hue - the imperial style. A different one had a dark glow of the demonic affinity...

Now, the flames were in disarray and didn't just aim for the alchemy ingredients inside the cauldron.

A purple-robed old man tried to control the cauldron. He had a violet glow and looked as tough as a lingzhi root. He had a medicinal fragrance on his body since he was always around plants and pills.

He was known as Panacea - the best maker of Nine-form Imperial Remedy. Unfortunately, he had lost control and the chaotic flames oozed out to form a maelstrom, trying to suck him in.

Gouldkeeper was there to assist. The two martial brothers worked together but ended up being trapped by their own concoction.

They gritted their teeth while being drenched in sweat, using their impressive cultivation in an attempt to seal the cauldron. Alas, the flames pulled them in so they were stuck in their own seal.

They could only try their best to survive but time was running out.

Chapter 5196: Just A Little Bit

Meanwhile, the six grand elders tried to come up with a countermeasure. Alas, they had no good plan and didn't dare to recklessly interfere.

Just one wrong move would kill their ancient ancestors and destroy Alchemy Dao. They felt like ants walking on a hot pan. Though some came up with a few methods, they weren't viable.

“That’s a great cauldron.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but praise.

The saint child snorted and said proudly: “Of course, Purification Cauldron is our ancestral legacy, there is nothing else like it.”

Li Qiye chuckled and continued to watch the scene. He shook his head and said: “There’s not much time left.”

“The earth veins are adding more and more power.” One elder said: “If we can’t control the flames, they will explode.”

“We need to help our ancient ancestors right now and seal the flames before it’s too late.” The first elder suggested.

“That’s courting death.” Li Qiye shook his head: “No different from fanning the flames, the cauldron will explode for sure and take Alchemy Dao with it.”

“Hmph, spouting big words again.” The saint child uttered coldly: “Our elders are all experts and know the limit. You, an outsider, cannot understand the intricacies of our alchemy skill.”

“Empty buckets, that’s all.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“!” The saint child turned red while the six elders stared at Li Qiye with a frown.

“Who may you be? Your lack of civility is not appreciated.” The first elder said.

“Elder, the young noble surely has a method.” The saintess interjected.

Due to Li Qiye’s ordinary appearance, the elders didn’t trust him.

“Only a supreme alchemist with a concentration on pill-making can salvage this situation by controlling the flames.” The second elder said.

“The cauldron is finished if we don’t seal the flames. Only Her Majesty can do so.” The first elder had no confidence.

Unfortunately, Jadeclure Conqueror was not in the sect currently and they couldn’t communicate with her.

“What are we waiting for? Let’s seal them.” The sixth elder became impatient.

“But the pills are about to take form.” The saint child said.

“Sealing the flames is all we can ask for, forget about the pills.” The first elder said.

“Lacking both refinement and understanding of alchemy.” Li Qiye said disapprovingly: “What have you learned from your predecessors? You cannot seal these flames of one hundred dao even if you try.”

“Do you understand the dao of fire control?” The first elder asked.

“A little bit.” Li Qiye responded.

“The young noble knows how to seal them, he’ll be able to save Junior and Senior Uncle.” Shao Yao immediately said.

“Sealing the cauldron is the worst method.” Li Qiye said: “The flames can still be controlled to finish the refinement process.”

“Impossible, the cauldron is lost, how can we even finish the refinement process?” The third elder disagreed.

“The fire sources are out of control, how long can you seal them? Moreover, given your power, do you believe that you can stop the earth veins formed by your progenitor?” Li Qiye said.

“He’s not wrong about that.” The group exchanged glances.

They might not be able to seal the veins despite working together. After all, they were created by Heavenly Sage Yuan.

“Ridiculous, the cauldron will explode soon if we don’t do something. What is your nefarious scheme in delaying us?!” The saint child shouted.

He then told the elders: "Elders, do not trust this outsider. If we don't do something now, Master and Junior Uncle will perish!"

"Sir, these flames can still be controlled?" The first elder held on to a sliver of hope.

After all, they didn't want to waste incredibly precious materials. The entire sect had worked to gather them for this cauldron.

Moreover, he also knew that they wouldn't be able to seal the flames for long. This would only delay the inevitable.

"Not difficult. There are nine levels to the cauldron, situate them so that the flames would intertwine back to the cauldron for the refinement process." Li Qiye said.

"Just like that? No way." The elders stood there in a daze.

"It should be possible, the young noble certainly has a plan." The saintess said.

"It is just too simple." The sixth elder said.

"Hmm, using the natural flow from the earth veins through situating the layers perfectly, the one hundred dao flames will neutralize each other and will weaken as a result. This is gentle enough to refine the pills." The first elder mused.

“If that’s the case, I’ll give it a shot.” The saint child heard this and was eager to contribute.

“Activate!” He roared and made a mudra, performing a fire-control art.

“Buzz.” Dao lights enveloped his hands as he began changing the rotating layers.

“Creak.” The layers changed the direction of the violent flames and sure enough, they started mixing with each other.

“It’s working!” The saint child was ecstatic and thought that he could control the flames.

“Poof!” Suddenly, the harmonizing flames roared like a true dragon and rushed outward.

“This is bad!” One elder shouted.

“Be careful!” The saintess bellowed but it was too late.

“Ahh!” The saint child didn’t have time to show off his flame-warding ability since he was instantly incinerated.

Li Qiye stared at the pile of ashes and shook his head: “Regular fire-control art doesn’t work here.”

The first elder didn't have time to mourn. He watched the two trapped ancient ancestors and asked Li Qiye: "What is the method then?"

"Heavenly Flame Dao Controller." Li Qiye said.

The six gasped and the first elder said: "This technique has been lost, it is only a legend now."

"Foolish. Your progenitor clearly embedded this technique into your fire-control art. This is due to a lack of basic, wanting to excel quickly without truly understanding the mysteries of fire control. You have let her down." Li Qiye glanced at them.

"How can this be?" The elders couldn't believe it.

"Watch." Li Qiye stepped forward and touched the great cauldron.

He formed a mudra to move the nine layers to just the right position for the fire eyes to align together.

The six elders could see that he was using the same fire-control art from their sect.

"Isn't that our method?" The elders were astounded to see his accuracy.

"Yes." One elder responded.

They also noted that although he was using a simple variation, the flames were completely under his control. Not even a single strand of flames was being misused.

Chapter 5197: Heavenly Flame Dao Controller

His technique could be utilized by any disciple from Alchemy Dao. However, he had reached a state of apogee.

The elders found his movements and mudra to be awfully familiar yet foreign. This was because they had never seen a master of this level before.

They once thought that there was no point in mastering the elementary techniques due to their limitation.

Most cultivators looked down on simplicity; they believed that the more complicated the merit laws, the more worthwhile. This was especially true for the secret laws.

The elders saw their ancient ancestors failing to control the cauldron with the best available merit laws. On the other hand, Li Qiye alleviated the chaos through the use of elementary techniques.

“Creak.” He controlled the movements of the nine layers perfectly in order to maintain harmony between the dao flames.

Eventually, they started flowing like water down the layers into the cauldron, no longer possessing any destructive tendency.

This was the first time the spectators saw these flames acting so docile. All one hundred different dao flames have fused together into a single stream.

Grinding soy milk was a close comparison. Only a highly skilled master could grind the soybeans into a smooth and creamy texture.

Currently, Jadeure Conqueror was the best alchemist in their sect. Alas, she wasn't at this level either.

Watching Li Qiye in action left everyone speechless including the two ancient ancestors.

After exerting his dominance, he separated the dao flames again and made them rush up into the air like a hundred fire dragons.

"Heavenly Flame Dao Controller!" Gourdkeeper and Panacea bellowed in astonishment.

"This is the legendary method!" The six elders couldn't believe their own eyes.

They knew how to use these elementary techniques employed by Li Qiye. How did it end with such a legendary effect?

"Boom!" A thunderous noise erupted and the fire dragons evolved into something greater. Lightning coursed through their body.

“A lightning tribulation!” Gourdkeeper and Panacea had refined wonderful pills before. Alas, even their best ones didn’t produce this phenomenon.

It meant that even the most basic materials would turn into wondrous pills. The tribulation signaled that the pills within were beyond the limit of the grand dao and became a challenge to the heaven.

The true dragons roared and rushed back into the cauldrons. Loud explosions could be heard while the flames returned to the earth veins.

“Now.” Li Qiye ended the process and opened the cauldron, releasing a boundless golden radiance and a permeating medicinal fragrance.

Various visual phenomena manifested into reality - dragons and tigers, a rising sun, and many others...

The two ancient ancestors who were saved stood there frozen like chicken, the same for the others.

Gourdkeeper and Panacea were widely considered to be among the top five pill specialists in the upper continents. Alas, they had never invited these phenomena before. The best pill-maker, Jadeure Conqueror, had never done so either.

Li Qiye took out the gourd inside and tossed it to the saintess. She poured out one pill and saw that it was golden with all of the various phenomena contained within. Just smelling it made any pain disappear.

“A full nine rotations!” She shouted after recognizing its quality.

“Impossible! No one after the progenitor has been able to do so!” The six elders shouted.

“Let me take a look...” Panacea wanted to check the pill; his hands were shaking as he accepted it.

The two brothers inspected the pill and became startled. Panacea was shaking so much that he nearly dropped it.

“This is the finest grade, the highest level of refinement...” Gourdkeeper murmured.

Nine-form Imperial Remedy, just like its name, had nine levels. The higher, the more effective.

Panacea considered himself to be a better healing-medicine alchemist than even Jadeclure Conqueror. He had gathered materials that were at least a million years old for this cauldron.

During the process, he reached the eighth level and wanted to take it a step further. He intensified the flames and stability was lost. The ninth level was out of reach for him.

On the other hand, Li Qiye easily refined ninth-level pills, not to mention that this was the very limit as well - the finest grade.

Chapter 5198: Wondrous Flower

No one from Alchemy Dao had seen pills of this level before. Not to mention regular cultivators, even conquerors and monarchs could only dream of them.

The highest quality remedies were only seen back during the era of their progenitor, Heavenly Sage Yuan.

“I read that the progenitor refined a bottle during Immemorial Epoch War for the emperors and another for Grand Dao War. Both were used up by the injured combatants.” Panacea’s voice trembled.

“We are looking at some now.” Gourdkeeper was overwhelmed emotionally.

The servant took a deep breath after seeing them. This was something usable by him and apex conquerors.

True Bear let out a cry as well. Because of his previous recklessness, he nearly became insane. If he had this pill back then, all complications would have been prevented.

“Fine, you can have some.” Li Qiye took the gourd and poured some pills into his palm. He then tossed some to the servant and True Bear.

The two caught the pills and carefully put them away - the opposite of Li Qiye’s carefree toss. They then bowed to show gratitude.

Gourdkeeper and Panacea didn’t have a problem with this. Although the materials belonged to Alchemy Dao, Li Qiye had certainly saved their entire sect.

“Thank you, Young Noble, we will erect a shrine dedicated in your honor.” They and the elders bowed to show respect.

“No need for a shrine, just fulfill your responsibility by training better, that’s the best way to repay me. Stop besmirching your progenitor’s prestige.” Li Qiye stared at them and said.

The old men’s face grew hot with embarrassment. This was their first time being looked down upon with regard to alchemy.

They were considered the authority of this branch - always teaching others, never being taught until now.

Alas, he sounded like a teacher who was disappointed in his incapable students. They had no choice but to nod in agreement.

“Young Noble, could you teach us your peerless pill-making art?” Gourdkeeper was familiar with Li Qiye and shamelessly asked.

Li Qiye glared at him in response: “Your progenitor had taught you the heavenly flame control art already. You all failed to recognize her kind intention by doing a terrible job at training.”

“Yes.” They all nodded respectfully, not daring to talk back.

“We are idiots indeed, to miss the legendary technique.” Panacea sighed.

“Not quite idiots, just greedy and short-sighted for focusing on secret laws before mastering the basics.” Li Qiye said.

“Thank you for your guidance, Young Noble.” Panacea said: “We will educate the young disciples better and learn from this ourselves. We will not besmirch Alchemy Dao’s reputation.”

“I’m not interested in what you do with the sect. I’m leaving after getting the lotus.” Li Qiye shook his head.

“What lotus?” Panacea didn’t understand.

Gourdkeeper then explained Li Qiye’s purpose for coming to Alchemy Dao. If it were anyone else, Panacea would have become livid at this outrageous request. Alas, they couldn’t refuse Li Qiye.

“We have agreed to give you a flower, Young Noble. We’ll report this to the sect master later.” Panacea said after a brief discussion with Gourdkeeper.

With that, he ordered someone to fetch a flower. Now with a short break, he sighed and reflected on the death of his disciple.

“Silly child.” He wanted to bury the saint child but there was virtually nothing left but scattering ashes.

A while later, the exalted lotus was taken to Li Qiye.

This one had blossomed; its petals resembled pieces of exquisite jade. They were warm to the touch; the pistil exuded a five-colored radiance along with special strands of dao laws. They resembled heavenly waterfalls and were always changing their shape.

There was an indistinct fragrance that required someone to get close. Despite its faint nature, it was unforgettable and could rid someone of their worries. Its purification nature could bring anyone back to the light.

“A wondrous flower.” Li Qiye sniffed and commented.

“Young Noble, will you stay at Alchemy Dao for a while?” The two ancient ancestors wanted him to stick around.

They wanted to learn more techniques from him for the sake of the sect. Unfortunately, he had no intention of staying after obtaining the lotus flower.

As he was leaving, warning gongs resounded across the sect.

“Enemies?” Panacea’s expression darkened.

“Rumble!” Bright barriers emerged in the air.

Alas, the intruders were too fast and made it through the barriers before they were fully formed.

Panacea and Gourdkeeper became alarmed and leaped into the air as well. They blocked the way and saw two intruders - one old and one young.

The first left behind a fiery trail, looking like the tail of a phoenix. The temperature increased rapidly as space was on the verge of melting.

The fiery trail turned out to be an actual tail belonging to a middle-aged man.

Chapter 5199: Eaten

The man's mighty aura pulsed outward across Alchemy Dao. Its heat was unbearable for the disciples despite them being around flames every day.

Even ancestors had a hard time withstanding this temperature. This was partly due to his cultivation but most importantly, he possessed a unique demonic true flame at birth.

"Dracoflame Sparrow!" The Alchemy Dao's ancient ancestors' expression darkened.

"I apologize for the rude entrance." The middle-aged man said: "I reported my visit to your disciples but due to the long wait, I took it upon myself to enter."

Panacea and Gourdkeeper scowled after hearing this.

"What do you want?" Panacea uttered coldly.

"I am here under my master's order to let you know that the date draws near. If Alchemy Dao has no objection, he will continue to rule." Dracoflame Sparrow said.

Gourdkeeper glanced at the youth standing behind him. He was no stranger to the saintess - Oddflame Pill Monarch.

“Looks like you got help from Darkflame Cauldron Emperor.” Panacea snorted.

“This doesn’t violate any rule since the emperor has no sect affiliation. Of course, feel free to challenge my master again, whether it be alchemy or cultivation.” Dracoflame was a direct disciple of Suppression Conqueror and had nine sacred fruits.

As for Darkflame Cauldron Emperor, he was one of the best alchemists right now. Only Jadechore Conqueror was on the same level.

Of course, most preferred to ask her for help because her pills were orthodox and gentle. On the other hand, his pills were certainly effective, but not without side effects.

“Don’t forget that he is in Divine Alliance.” Gourdkeeper said.

“He is first a member of Hundred Dao. Plus, Divine Alliance is not an actual sect.” Dracoflame smiled.

“Mere sophistry.” Panacea responded.

“It is the truth, which is why you accepted defeat and my master became the ruler of the city. He is reasonable and obeys the rule, everyone knows this. Thus, no need to bring this up again, Monarch.” Dracoflame said.

The only reason why they didn’t accept Suppression Conqueror was due to his not being from the main branch. Nonetheless, he did not usurp the throne and followed all the ancestral rules.

"I am here today just to ask whether Alchemy Dao will rescind your claim or otherwise." He went on.

"Hmph, don't even think about it. His term is over, he needs to leave the city." Panacea said.

"Then Alchemy Dao will have to defeat my master. Which do you pick?" Dracoflame asked.

"Pill Dao then." Panacea exchanged glances with Gourdkeeper for a second before deciding.

"Who will the challenger be? You or the conqueror?" Dracoflame inquired.

"Our conqueror will take part." Panacea said.

"I heard that she is not currently in Alchemy Dao or Imperial Alliance." Dracoflame smiled.

"Don't worry about our business. She will be there at the designated hour." Gourdkeeper said.

"Perfect, my master will be waiting. Now, I must leave to go inform Qilin Manor and Iron Tree." Dracoflame said.

"I suggest that you stop trying to take over Imperial Attendant." Gourdkeeper said.

“No, we are a part of Imperial Attendant and only wish to contribute.” Dracoflame said.

“Is that so? I can see Suppression’s ambition already, pointing his sword at Imperial Alliance.” Panacea said.

“I do not dare to comment on this matter.” Dracoflame shook his head.

As Dracoflame was leaving with Oddflame, the latter noticed another group.

“It’s you!” Oddflame shouted.

Dracoflame stared intensely at Li Qiye; sparks appeared in his eyes.

“Sir, you killed the six gods back in Immortal’s Peak?” He asked.

“Probably.” Li Qiye stopped and yawned.

“Looks like you weren’t just a passerby.” Dracoflame said while still trying to analyze Li Qiye.

“Senior, kill him.” Oddflame said, confident of his backer.

“I spared you once yet you court death?” Li Qiye smiled and ordered True Bear: “Kill him.”

“Raa!” True Bear rushed straight for the youth.

“Protect me, Senior!” He immediately hid behind Dracoflame.

“Halt!” Dracoflame waved his hand and released a cauldron with a divine inferno toward the bear.

The servant behind Li Qiye instantly retaliated and easily suppressed the cauldron, destroying the inferno within and forcing Dracoflame back.

“Ahh!” Oddflame couldn’t run and fought back to no avail against the mighty beast.

“My master knows Sword Sea Dao Lord, Divine Alliance will destroy you if you...” Oddflame was scared out of his mind once the bear opened its jaw.

“Crack!” The bear didn’t care for the threat and ate him alive.

Dracoflame could only watch because the servant was ready to stop him.

“You are cruel for letting your beast run amok.” Dracoflame told Li Qiye.

“So what?” Li Qiye said casually: “Your master is Suppression Conqueror, correct?”

“That’s right.” Dracoflame didn’t dare to underestimate Li Qiye.

“Tell him to get out of Imperial Attendant City or I will stomp him to death.” Li Qiye said.

“You!” Dracoflame’s expression became ugly.

Chapter 5200: Can’t Follow Him

Dracoflame took a deep breath and maintained his composure while still analyzing Li Qiye and the servant.

As a dragon lord with nine sacred fruits, his vision was impeccable. After traveling with his master, he met numerous big shots but Li Qiye seemed different.

This person resembled an ordinary youth but his servant was unfathomable. Dracoflame knew that he stood no chance against the old man after the first exchange. He wasn’t afraid of the bear but this creature was rather powerful.

It frustrated him not being able to see through Li Qiye. Why did such an ordinary man have these capable servants?

“May I ask where are you from and what is your grievance with my master? I can deliver your message to him.” Dracoflame said, capable of being flexible in adversarial times.

“I have no grievances with your master but he is not qualified to lead Imperial Attendant and needs to scram.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Hundred Dao is a part of Imperial Attendant. We have contributed meritoriously and my master is in charge in accordance with the rules.” Dracoflame said: “No matter the angle, my master is qualified to rule, his dominion is recognized by the various powers of the city.”

“You speak well but it is useless with me since I am the laws. I won’t make it difficult and keep you here. Go, tell your master.” Li Qiye waved his hand.

Dracoflame didn’t know what to do before this arrogant man. Keep in mind that Hundred Dao was the defining power in Imperial Attendant currently and his master was a being nearly on the same level as Sword Queen or All-things Dao Lord.

They couldn’t tell him to scram as if they were clear superiors. This was insulting enough to warrant a fight to the death.

Nonetheless, Dracoflame took a deep breath and said: “I will send the message but just know that you are out of line. My master will surpass everyone...”

“Just an insect. I am showing mercy out of consideration for the ancestors of Hundred Dao, hence giving him time to scram.” Li Qiye answered.

“You!” Dracoflame had to restrain himself again: “Fine, I will leave now but my master does not respond well to threats. Visit Imperial Attendant if you wish, he will be waiting.”

“How interesting. Let him know that he should prepare a coffin before my arrival.” Li Qiye smiled.

Listeners couldn't believe it. Everyone knew the might of Suppression Conqueror. The ancient ancestors of Qilin Manor, Iron Tree, and Alchemy Dao couldn't take him down while Li Qiye spoke as if this was no big deal.

"Sir, we'll be awaiting your arrival." Dracoflame quelled the internal fury and bowed.

"Good. I can see that you're talented so I will spare you once in the future." Li Qiye nodded.

Dracoflame had never been treated like an ant before. The guy spoke as if he could crush Dracoflame on a whim.

This feeling of being treated with utter contempt infuriated him. Nonetheless, he knew that as long as the old servant was around, there was nothing he could do to Li Qiye.

"I appreciate your kind intention." Dracoflame bowed again and left with haste.

"Young Noble, are you going to Imperial Attendant to take down Suppression?" Gourdkeeper became excited because with Li Qiye's help, their chance of victory would soar.

"I will, but not right now." Li Qiye said.

"Let's pick a time then. We'll tell the geezer to bring Resplendent Array before launching an assault." Gourdkeeper suggested.

“No need.” Li Qiye shook his head.

The group became disappointed after hearing his refusal. They wanted to keep him around but he was already leaving with his followers.

They tagged along until they were outside of Alchemy Dao. They waved in his direction and shouted: “Please come visit us when you have time.”

Saintess Shao Yao, in particular, stared in his direction for a long while even though he was no longer in sight.

She wanted to say goodbye but since the seniors were around, she didn’t get the chance to be alone with him. Moreover, she didn’t have the courage. She felt especially disappointed because she didn’t know when the next meeting would be.

She thought about chasing after him just to say goodbye or just to take another glance at him. Alas, he had disappeared into the horizon.

“He is something else.” Panacea said: “No matter how strong we are, we will only be able to watch his back.”

“Yes.” Shao Yao nodded.

He gently patted her head and said: “Silly girl, your responsibility is to develop Alchemy Dao back to its golden age, don’t think about anything else.”

“Senior Uncle, I don’t know what you’re talking about.” She turned red and wanted to hide in a hole.

“I’m not blind.” He sighed: “I’m afraid you’re not qualified to stay by his side. Look at his followers, I can’t even detect their cultivation. He might not even accept you a a servant, poor girl.”

“Senior Uncle!” The embarrassed girl ran back to the sect, not wanting to stick around.