

## **Domination 701**

### **Chapter 701: Yellow Silk Cloth**

Even the madam was finally shocked this time. He even let this bull eat an imperial medicine, could anyone be more wasteful than him in this world?

“You, you, do you know that that was an imperial medicine?! You know, right?!” An old alchemist squatted to the ground and cried out in pain while holding his head.

In the eyes of any alchemist, letting a bull eat an imperial medicine was wasting the resources of the heavens. This was simply unbearable for them.

Li Qiye chuckled and nonchalantly said: “I know, it is only an imperial medicine.”

At this moment, countless legs were quivering while some couldn't get up from their prostration. Anyone would lose their minds if they met someone like this. They could only say one phrase: “You win!”

“Aizz, why must men receive such different lifestyles? I'm not even equal to a buffalo. I haven't even tasted a petal of an imperial medicine, but this buffalo ate an entire root like grass.” A great character, with his butt on the ground, helplessly exclaimed amidst his daze.

At this time, countless people were quiet and felt as if the strength had been sapped from their bodies. Compared to Li Qiye feeding the bull an imperial medicine, Huangfu Hao and whatever great sect he came from no longer mattered.

“Big Brother, are you recruiting more mounts? I am the descendant of an auspicious beast with the bloodline of a divine beast, can I be your mount too?” A Demon Monarch couldn't help but make this joke.

In fact, in the eyes of many people here, they were not even equal to his buffalo. It instantly ate four king medicines and one imperial medicine. Many people would never be in a position to obtain such items for the rest of their lives, so now, being his mount would simply be a privilege.

“I am a very picky person.” Li Qiye smiled and then took his seat in his carriage. The madam smiled as well before leaving with him in a cool manner.

Those who were left on Dao-sense Peak were still absent-minded. At this time, they finally understood why Madam Zi Yan was willing to stay by Li Qiye's side. Even if one wanted to join such a person to work for him, he might not necessarily accept them.

After a long silence, someone who finally calmed down lamented with a soft sigh: “Aizz, I finally opened my eyes today. An imperial medicine being fed to a bull — what could be more shocking than this?”

The rest of the crowd couldn't help but smile helplessly. They could only sigh since they were not even equal to a bull.

Back at the valley, Li Qiye smilingly told the madam: “Meditate on the God's Hands. Although its power is not as great as the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar on your body, its power will definitely not be weaker than an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure.”

“How does Young Master know that I have the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar?” Asked the madam with a jolted expression. The people who knew that she brought along this item was fewer than few, and she didn’t tell Li Qiye either.

She had it with her in preparation for the worst case scenario. Because of the feud with the Huangfu Clan, she knew that the enemy would definitely not let this go, so she brought the evil jar with her just in case.

The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar was the defining protective treasure of their Giant Bamboo Country. They had rarely used it in the past millions of years because its power was quite terrifying. For generations, even the country itself wasn’t privy to the jar’s true origin, they only knew that it was left behind by their progenitor.

Li Qiye chuckled and said: “Very few things can escape my sight.”

Of course, he couldn’t tell the madam that the evil jar was left behind by him in the past for Yan’er. Its origin was extremely frightening, and its power was comparable to an Immortal Emperor True Treasure’s!

“I will try my best to learn about these gloves.” The madam took note of Li Qiye’s reminder and nodded her head.

After returning to the valley, he didn’t leave again. Initially, he was waiting for Tie Yi’s news. However, the ant had yet to return. During this moment where he had nothing pressing, he thought about a certain something.

With a solemn expression, he took out a bronze box. This was the box formed from the transformation of the pentagate, and inside was the item taken from beneath the Divine School.

Li Qiye carefully looked at the bronze box for a moment and found that it was safe, giving him peace of mind. He formed a mudra with his hands and, with a buzzing sound, the pentagate unsealed itself and returned to its original form, causing five bronze doors to hover around Li Qiye’s body.

With a series of sealing gestures, a clanking sound rang. The pentagate immediately sealed the entire room as five different patterns emerged on each of the doors — Sun Consuming Bird, Moon Eating Wolf, Star Devouring Ant, Heaven Shrouding Eagle, and Earth Sealing Rat!

Each of the patterns on the five doors of the pentagate was ancient and depicted mysterious beasts. At this time, all the patterns appeared; this was Li Qiye activating the true, mighty power of the Heaven Sealing Pentagate.

After sealing the room, Li Qiye carefully looked at the urn. After so many years, this old urn was still as simple and crude as before.

This old urn had a heaven-shattering origin and was taken by him from a very terrifying location. Later on, he left it to the bull just in case the worst case scenario arose. Eventually, it had come in handy.

Li Qiye took a deep breath and made a decision. At this time, Li Qiye summoned each of his treasures... The Yin Yang Refining Immortal Mirror, the Declivity-Mountain Bell, the Elusive Heavenly Vase... All of

these invincible treasures emerged above him and poured down unstoppable universal laws. At this split second, these treasures unleashed their most powerful barriers, creating layers protecting Li Qiye.

At the same time, Li Qiye's right hand held the green lamp while his left held the little wooden coffin. He was preparing for the worst; if this defensive line couldn't hold, then he would go about it the hard way and fight evil with evil, by using the little wooden coffin to suppress it!

After everything was ready, Li Qiye took another deep breath and performed a mudra as he shouted a mantra: "Open!"

"Pop!" Eventually, the urn was opened, but contrary to his expectations, there was no terrifying evil energy that penetrated the sky, and neither was there any terrifying curse. Only a faint black mist came out that eventually dissipated without leaving behind a single trace.

"This is..." Li Qiye's eyes became serious after seeing this scene. Eventually, he looked inside the old urn only to find an item inside.

He took it out and spread it over the table. It was a yellow silk cloth.

This silk cloth had experienced countless moons and appeared to be very ancient. The colors on the cloth had faded, so it became white.

His pupils were fixated on this ordinary-looking cloth. Others would think that this was only a regular silk cloth, but Li Qiye didn't think so. Although he didn't quite grasp the item under the Divine School, he knew a thing or two about it.

"Hahaha! Junior, you are very lucky to actually meet this Immortal Monarch. This lord is the ruler of myriad realms, the emperor of the nine heavens!" At this time, a cold voice came from the yellow cloth and declared: "If you worship this lord as your master, then this lord will help you command the nine worlds and become eternal!"

Anyone else would most likely be jumping and screaming in fear after hearing such an awe-inspiring voice from this ordinary-looking yellow cloth.

However, Li Qiye remained unperturbed. He leisurely smirked and said: "Command the nine worlds and become eternal? It is not difficult for me to command the nine worlds, but as for being eternal..."

Having said up to this point, he couldn't help but burst out in laughter.

Anyone else would be shaken or be extremely excited by these words as if they had found a treasure. However, Li Qiye did not budge. Who was he? He was an existence that had once commanded the nine worlds and obtained everlastingness.

"Brat, you don't believe this lord?" The awe-inspiring voice appeared once more and said: "This lord is an existence who rules myriad realms, the supreme ruler of the nine heavens..."

"Okay, no need to pretend in front of me. Only I tease people. No one else has ever dared to tease me." Li Qiye smirked and said: "At the moment, you are nothing but a piece of torn handkerchief in my eyes — not worth mentioning."

It seems that this voice was enraged by Li Qiye's response, so it shouted in a thunderous and awe-inspiring tone: "Junior, you don't understand the immensity of the heaven and earth. Did you know, back in a distant and ancient time when the immortals were still in charge of the myriad realms..."

"Don't act wantonly before me." Li Qiye interrupted the voice and lightly smiled while saying: "If it was like before, when you weren't thrown into the urn, then this yellow cloth would indeed be very devilish. But now, it just won't do. If I am not mistaken, this cloth had been sealed inside the urn for millions of years, and the power of its curse has already been dispelled."

"Bah, Junior, you underestimate this lord too much. This is me dispelling the power of the curse, not your broken urn!" The voice became exasperated because of Li Qiye. It was obviously unconvinced.

Li Qiye cheerfully retorted: "Is that so? Is my urn really that useless? Very well then, I'll put you back and wait for the day where you break out of it." Having said that, he threw the yellow cloth back into the old urn.

"Wait, wait, everything can be negotiated and discussed. Let us have a talk." The moment when Li Qiye was about to seal the urn again, the voice hurriedly came out from the cloth, admitting defeat.

Li Qiye chuckled and took the cloth out from the urn before revealing a faint smile: "If you don't want to be imprisoned inside, then it would be in your best interest to not play around with me. Reveal your true form or I'll imprison you again and throw you into the deepest parts of the sea so that you won't be able to escape for eternity!"

"Bah, Little Devil, do not threaten this lord!" The voice was finally no longer awe-inspiring and instead became very clear.

At this time, a small figure emerged on the faded yellow cloth. This figure was very fuzzy and ethereal.

"Mmm, this is more like it." Li Qiye looked at the faint, small shadow and sneered: "You're clearly a little girl, yet you still dare to pretend to be an old man and refer to yourself as 'this lord'."

"Bah, you are the one who is a little girl!" The tiny figure on the yellow cloth was very annoyed with Li Qiye and said: "This lord is the ruler of myriad worlds, the supreme ruler of the nine heavens..."

## **Chapter 702: Person Inside The Yellow Cloth**

"Okay, little baby, stop pretending to be old in front of me." Li Qiye interrupted the shadow and said with a smile: "Keep putting on airs and see if I won't throw you back into the urn or not..."

"You... What kind of man are you?" The small figure from within the cloth was shaking from anger because of Li Qiye. She raised her voice: "Making threats at every turn, have you no shame?"

"Sorry, but I am a person who never cares for face. Moreover, you are only a little shadow inside a yellow cloth right now, so why do I need to put up any facade? If I really wanted some 'face', then wouldn't I use this yellow cloth to wash my face?" Replied Li Qiye with a smirk.

She seemed to be very afraid of being dirtied. It was as if Li Qiye would really use the cloth to wash his face, so she cried out: "You... You dare...!"

Li Qiye smiled and said: "Aizz, people are quite rude nowadays."

Of course, he was only scaring her. He continued on: "You should actually be thanking me. If it wasn't for me, then you probably would still be sealed inside the urn for who knows how many more years. So what if the urn dispelled the curse? You still wouldn't have been able to see sunlight."

"Bah, who said that the urn removed the curse for this lord?" The small figure from within the cloth was not convinced, and she said: "It is this lord who dispelled that damned curse!"

Li Qiye smilingly teased: "Is that so? You dare to say that the urn didn't contribute at all? Without this urn, you still dare to say you could have dispelled it?"

"Hmph..." The tiny figure from within the cloth grunted. Although she was not convinced, she didn't refute him any longer.

"There is a great saying — one must repay a great debt, am I right?" Li Qiye leisurely said: "I let you see the sun again — this is akin to giving you a second chance at life. Isn't it time for you to show your gratitude?"

"Haha, it seems that you want something nice from me." The little shadow sneered and said: "I won't make it hard on you, you just have to help me with something. For everything you do, I will tell you a secret until I can get out of this place."

"I never negotiate with people. Moreover, regarding secrets, I think no one else in this world knows more than I do." Li Qiye replied with a smile.

The small shadow snorted and said: "Is that so? What I know is beyond your knowledge. For example, the secret of the Ancient Ming."

"Secret of the Ancient Ming?" Li Qiye laughed and responded: "That is indeed not bad. Bringing up the Ancient Ming right away... a bit interesting."

The small figure gloatingly said: "Hmph, those fools that year wanted to dig me out just because they wanted to find out about the ultimate secret of their race."

She had not talked to anyone for a very long time, so although she was especially annoyed with Li Qiye, she was still willing to talk with him.

Li Qiye replied with a grin: "Do you know how the Ancient Ming was finally destroyed? Did you know that back in an ancient era, the oldest Ancient Ming geezer was dragged out by someone? Every bone in the geezer's body was torn asunder, and this person was able to find out many secrets about the Ancient Ming from this geezer's mouth. Do you think that you can know more than this person?"

"Hmph. Not necessarily. I am a person who knows the ultimate secret. Moreover, I know far more secrets than just that. For example, I know quite a few things about the twelve burial grounds." The small figure retorted.

Li Qiye responded: "Mmm, I don't doubt that. I'm sure you do know a few things."

"At least you can recognize greatness." The small figure didn't give up and said: "If you help me, then for each matter, I will tell you one secret."

“I’m sorry to say that I will not negotiate with you. Besides, if I wanted to know a few secrets, including the ultimate secret of the Ancient Ming, I do not need to learn them from you.” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “I only need you to tell me one thing, what must one do to make the writings on this yellow cloth appear?”

“You, how do you know about this?!” The small figure jumped from shock after hearing this. She was actually frightened this time.

“It’s nothing.” Li Qiye laughed and continued on: “Back when this thing was still buried in the ground, I assumed that it was evil. However, after seeing this yellow cloth, I knew right away that it was just you being cursed. The truth is that the evil presence had nothing to do with the yellow cloth, but this cloth does indeed have an incredible origin.”

Although one couldn’t clearly discern the figure of the small shadow on the yellow cloth or even her facial expression, the small shadow suddenly flinched, so one could guess that she was shaken by this comment.

“Hmph, what could you possibly know about incredible origins?” The small shadow grunted, but this made it clear that Li Qiye was on point with his comment.

Li Qiye didn’t mind her attitude at all. He chuckled while saying: “Little girl, your act can scare or trick other people, but who do you think I am? Even if your origin is amazing, I know far more things about this world than you.”

“Bah, who is a little girl?! Call me a little girl one more time and I’ll really show you who’s boss!” The small shadow was very displeased by what Li Qiye called her. Even if one couldn’t see her figure, it was clear that she was bearing her fangs at him.

However, Li Qiye ignored her protest and chuckled: “Little girl, if you are still unconvinced, then I’ll let you know something. There was once an ancient shrine that had been smashed apart, do you know what I saw inside? It was a scene where the earliest people and ancient immortals were prostrating. There were also a whole bunch of old rumors regarding a certain something. Do you know what that thing was? Someone was holding a piece of yellow silk towards the sky with myriad realms on their shoulders.”

Li Qiye paused for a moment before continuing: “Little girl, you should know that the things I have seen are beyond your imagination. Do you know what the firmament institution is? Do you know the sceneries before even the Desolate Era? Do you know how I know the situation of this yellow cloth? No matter who you may be, the locations I have been to are beyond your imagination.”

The small shadow on the cloth was clearly unconvinced and snorted: “Hmph. What’s the big deal? Bah, I have been to many places that you haven’t.”

Instead of being angered, Li Qiye cheerfully said: “Oh, then do tell, what kind of places have you been to before? I have plenty of time right now, so I would be more than happy to listen.”

“Bah, why do I have to tell you? Don’t even think about prying any secrets from me.” The small shadow sneered and acted as if she would never fall into his trap.

Li Qiye started laughing while clapping his hands together, saying: "Little girl, you think too highly of yourself. To be honest, there is no way I would force you since your old stories won't be that interesting to me anyway."

"You..." The little shadow was now shaking from anger. If she could escape from the cloth, then she would absolutely teach Li Qiye a good lesson.

Li Qiye continued in a relaxed manner: "Although I have no interest in your past, I actually need to know about the writings on the cloth. Therefore, if you don't mind, tell me the method of revealing the writings on the cloth. Maybe it will also be beneficial for you."

"Well, I do mind. Why should I tell you?" The small shadow sneered and said: "The only way I would tell you would be if you worked for me. When I am satisfied, then I will tell you the method."

Li Qiye answered with a beaming smile: "Is that right? It seems that you still don't understand my principles. Only I bring out the conditions, not others. Moreover, your situation of being trapped inside the cloth right now is quite unfavorable. The heavens won't heed your cries and the earth also turns a deaf ear. Do you really think you can talk about conditions with me?"

The little shadow snorted and said: "Fine then. If you don't do as I say, you will never obtain the writings on the cloth."

"Mmm, good point." Li Qiye laughed and continued: "However, little girl, there is one thing you should know. I am a person who goes to the extreme. If I can't get something, then others shouldn't even dream about getting it. How about this, I might as well burn this cloth and finish everything, what do you think?"

"Haha, such an overconfident brat." The little shadow sneered: "Do you know what this cloth is? Do you think you can burn it as you please? Even if you tried for one hundred years, you still wouldn't be able to burn it!"

"Well, that could be the case." Li Qiye slightly nodded his head and put on a grave expression to say: "But I don't mind trying different things. For example, my green lamp over here."

Having said that, he placed the green lamp on the table and held the yellow cloth while cheerfully smiling: "If you don't mind, I can try it once with my green lamp's dark flame. This green lamp right here... Hmm, regarding its origin, it might not be any less formidable than your cloth. In my opinion, it shouldn't have a problem burning a True Immortal to death, so I do feel that using it to destroy this cloth shouldn't be a problem..."

"Of course, I am also a very patient person. If I can't burn it in one day, then I can burn it for five hundred years or even five thousand years. You know, I am someone who has a lot of time. What do you think?"

Li Qiye held the cloth closer to the flickering black flame of the green lamp.

At this time, the little shadow inside the cloth became silent and still. No one knew what she was thinking.

“Before I burn this yellow cloth, do you have anything to tell me?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “I am willing to listen right now.”

However, the shadow remained silent as if she had disappeared, refusing to answer Li Qiye.

“Okay, in that case, I’ll burn it.” Li Qiye chuckled and placed the cloth on top of the black flame.

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### **Chapter 703: Secret**

“Stop!” Right when Li Qiye placed the cloth above the fire, a cry came from the cloth. In the end, she caved in.

Li Qiye moved the cloth away from the fire and placed it back on the table while smilingly saying: “This is more like it. A sensible person is the true hero, right?”

“You wretched, despicable, vile, nasty, shameless bastard...” The small shadow was especially unhappy with Li Qiye’s threat and unleashed a barrage of insults. It seemed that she was spewing out all the crude words she knew to paint Li Qiye as the most heinous villain in the world.

Li Qiye didn’t care at all and propped up his chin while quietly listening to her insults as if the person being cursed had nothing to do with him.

After letting it all out, the shadow finally tired and stopped. Meanwhile, Li Qiye was still as cheerful as before. He said with a smile: “If you are tired from cursing and want to stop, then please tell me the method, I am more than willing to listen.”

The shadow on the cloth scowled and said: “Hmph! Bastard, listen well, this lord will only say this once. If you don’t understand, then don’t blame me for not making it clear.”

“Please, I’m all ears.” Li Qiye wasn’t angry at all. It was rare for him to have such a good temper and joyous mood.

The shadow had no other choice. Even if she didn’t want to tell Li Qiye, she still had to reveal the method to look at the words on the cloth.

After learning the method, Li Qiye immediately unfolded the cloth. In the blink of an eye, word after word from an ancient era emerged. A few archaic pictures appeared as well. Both the ancient words and



pictures were records of a few extremely earth-shattering secrets of the past that were unbeknownst to all.

“Good, good, so this was the case.” Li Qiye had a dignified expression while examining the text. He would occasionally hit the table in exclamation after looking at these diagrams.

For countless years, Li Qiye knew more secrets than anyone else. For the ones without answers, he formulated his own theories regarding them. For these unknowns, he had started to find some clues, but now he was able to uncover the answers to some of them from this cloth, causing him to be extremely happy.

After carefully reading all the writings and examining all the pictures, he finally heaved a long sigh. He had already guessed some of these matters beforehand.

Li Qiye smiled and told the little shadow from within the cloth: “Maybe I can lend you a hand with your troubles.”

“Really?” The shadow was not very welcoming of Li Qiye; her cautious attitude was even more apparent. She had lost to him just now, so how could she not be on guard towards him?

“How about you tell me your stories? For example, why are you imprisoned in this thing? Who was the one who placed such a nefarious curse on you?” Li Qiye inquired with a grin.

The shadow didn’t seem to be interested and responded drily: “Who wants to tell you!”

Li Qiye continued on cheerfully: “How should I put this? Trust is built upon mutual understanding, correct? If you want to trust me, or if you want to earn my trust, then don’t you think you should tell me about your past? Then, maybe I can get you off the hook.”

The small shadow replied in a cold tone: “Is that so? Wait until you can go to... that place, then we can talk again. Hmph! Even if you can reach that place, how can I trust you?”

“Aizz, I am such a good and trustworthy person, yet I have to suffer such unwarranted suspicions. This is truly hurtful.” Li Qiye movingly stated.

The shadow only snorted and didn’t say anything else.

Li Qiye smiled and said: “Of course, I am a patient person, especially when it comes to certain matters. I can wait for several million years. If you think it through one day, then you can come tell me at any time and discuss it. I am a person who readily accepts good advice.”

There was no response from the cloth. It was as if the little shadow was now completely ignoring him.

Li Qiye only smiled as he put the cloth back. It was just as he said, he was a patient person. One day, the shadow would have to ask for his assistance.

After obtaining a few secrets from the cloth, Li Qiye went into seclusive cultivation for three full days. Of course, the secrets from the cloth were not merit laws, they were only some ultimate secrets that outsiders would never know.

During this time, he began scheming for a way. He required an extremely grand plan. Of course, only he would know of this grand plan.

The madam didn't want to bother him during this period. She didn't know what her Young Master was doing.

On the second day of Li Qiye's cultivation, Tie Yi finally returned and crawled out of the ground. He met the madam who was acting as a guard for Li Qiye.

"Hahaha, Your Majesty Zi Yan, please do not misunderstand. This little demon is only working for Young Noble, I am not a bad person." Tie Yi hurriedly introduced himself after noticing the extremely sharp gaze from the madam.

The madam glanced at him and slowly said: "Young Master is currently cultivating and will not be seeing anyone right now."

"Then this lowly one will just have to wait a bit." Tie Yi was very sensible with his response. If he acted in a way that aroused even the slightest bit of suspicion, then the madam would immediately attack him. Because of this, he obediently stayed on the other side of the valley and didn't take any frivolous actions.

After three days passed, the squeaking of the doors signaled that Li Qiye had finally come out of his meditation. He appeared to be quite fatigued as if he had just fought a great battle against an enemy.

"Young Master, are you alright?" The madam worriedly asked after seeing his fatigued appearance.

Li Qiye only slightly shook his head. He then saw Tie Yi, who was on the other side of the valley.

"Young Noble, you finally came out!" Tie Yi immediately came to greet Li Qiye after seeing him come out and excitedly said: "This lowly one didn't let you down and obtained some results."

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi for a bit before telling the madam: "Zi Yan, I am a bit busy right now. You should take a stroll to relax if you have time."

The madam understood that her Young Master had something to do and left without a word. Li Qiye opened the door and let Tie Yi enter.

Inside the room, Tie Yi solemnly took out a treasure box and told Li Qiye: "It was really incredible. That place was like a maze of thunder, no one can possibly take even half a step inside." With that, he told Li Qiye everything he saw.

After listening to the story, Li Qiye's eyes became serious as he stroked his chin and murmured: "A bit interesting, it seems that the Allpine Treefather is not having a good time."

"Haha, this lowly one took a great risk and got something for Young Noble from there. Young Noble, take a careful look, maybe you can gain something from it." Tie Yi raised the treasure box with both of his hands and respectfully handed it over to Li Qiye.

Li Qiye accepted the box and looked at Tie Yi, then he chuckled and said: "It seems that you are quite amazing as well. You were able to sneak inside without being detected by the forefather, and you even

managed to take the item there. Such ability is extremely rare, I only know one secret art that would allow for this.”

Tie Yi wryly smiled and said: “Young Master is funny. I am only a little demon, me successfully acquiring this little thing was only due to your great fortune and protection.”

Li Qiye only smiled and didn’t respond to Tie Yi’s flattery. Afterward, he casually took out a list and handed it over to Tie Yi before speaking: “Since you work for me, I will not mistreat you. You can count on me for your problem. The spirit medicines on this list aren’t that rare; you can go gather all of them. Whether you buy or rob them, that is up to you... After that, there are one or two important leading ingredients that can only be obtained from the main vein of the Alchemy Kingdom. At that time, you will go with me to the kingdom, and after picking the missing ingredients, I will refine the medicine for you.”

After hearing Li Qiye, Tie Yi became a bit jumpy. With a sluggish demeanor, he said: “To the Alchemy Kingdom? The Alchemy Vein is under the control of the imperial family.”

After seeing his expression, Li Qiye looked at him again and asked: “Is there a problem?”

Tie Yi coughed and rubbed his palms together awkwardly with a slightly embarrassed expression while saying: “There is no problem, it is only that this lowly one has heard that it is not easy to meet the imperial family of the Alchemy Kingdom. I wonder if they will meet us or not.”

“You don’t have to worry about that. It is not up to them to decide.” Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi and said: “Don’t tell me you are afraid of going to the Alchemy Kingdom?”

“Ah, Young Noble has seen right through me.” Tie Yi coughed and responded with an awkward demeanor: “Young Noble should know that a little demon like this lowly one has never seen the world before. My legs shake whenever I see a grand character.”

Having said that, Tie Yi swallowed his saliva and forced a smile to say: “Young Noble, you should also know what kind of existence the Alchemy Kingdom is. One sect, three emperors — the most monstrous existence in the Alchemy Realm! The imperial family is unreachable like immortals up in the nine heavens.”

Li Qiye glared at him and said: “Stop blabbering and get to the point.”

Tie Yi maintained his awkward expression while responding: “Young Noble, you should know that I am only a lowly character, I will fall and defecate myself the moment I see matchless members of the imperial family. While I might not be able to get back up, Young Noble is different. You are a one-and-only genius across the ages with no peers, the most majestic and supreme of them all. What if I embarrass myself and stain your reputation?”

“Do you think that I won’t twist you like fried dough if you keep blabbering on and on?” Li Qiye gave him a look and slowly said: “I don’t want to hear this crap. I want to hear something substantial, understand?” [1. The raw is, “I want to hear the words of a man, do you know what that is?” This is a Chinese expression that won’t make too much sense. Li Qiye is saying that the guy is bullshitting way too much, and he only wants to have a real conversation with him. This can be really insulting in a more regular setting because it would imply that the other party is an animal. This particular usage is not as offensive.]

“Haha, Young Noble misunderstood me.” Tie Yi quickly laughed as he had no other choice. He lowered his head and honestly said: “Young Noble, you are willing to make the medicine for me; I am very grateful and will always remember this in my heart. However, I am only a little demon and do not have the courage to enter the Alchemy Kingdom. How about Young Noble let me wait outside the Alchemy Kingdom’s border until after Young Noble grabs those ingredients, then we’ll reconvene?”

#### **Chapter 704: Tie Yi’s Secret Past**

After hearing the ant, Li Qiye scanned him from top to bottom and slowly said: “So you have been to the Alchemy Kingdom before? I am quite interested to hear about how you became enemies with its imperial family.”

The Alchemy Kingdom was a behemoth, but its imperial family was even more mysterious and unreachable. Fewer than few could meet its members, let alone create a feud with them. Ordinary characters were not qualified to do so.

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“Is that so? Then are you saying that the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family is a group that would act antagonistically towards a little demon for no good reason at all?” Li Qiye chuckled and said: “Also, what should I say regarding this little demon who caused trouble for the imperial family yet is still alive and well till this day? Is this indicative of the imperial family’s incompetence or you being incredible?”

He paused for a moment before continuing: “The more I think about it, the more I want to take you to the Alchemy Kingdom. Think about it, a behemoth like the kingdom couldn’t do anything to a little demon. How weak and incompetent does this make them? I am someone who loves to slap others in the face, so I’ll take you to its imperial family and we’ll teach them a good lesson so that everyone will know about their incompetence. They can’t even deal with one little demon, so what is this about one sect having three Immortal Emperors and four Alchemy Emperors? This is obviously only a fake reputation. Yep, that’s a good idea, we’ll do that then.” He cheerfully smiled while staring at Tie Yi after finishing his blurb.

Tie Yi’s expression paled while he listened as his legs turned weak, nearly falling to the ground. He quickly responded: “My little ancestor, my boss, my master, please spare this little demon. If you drag me to the imperial family, isn’t this the same as taking my little life? Even if I have nine lives, it still wouldn’t be enough, yah!”

Li Qiye beamingly smiled and said: “Mmm, all right, so how about we talk for real now? A conversation between people this time, you know?” Tie Yi was now out of options, so he lowered his head and weakly said: “What does Young Noble want to know? This lowly one will tell you everything.”

Li Qiye cheerfully said: “Mmm, I do hope that you will spill everything you know. However, this isn’t that important, you already know that I am a very patient, gentle, and peace-loving person, right?”

The way Li Qiye said this left Tie Yi horrified. Of course, he knew what would happen when Li Qiye told others about how peace-loving he is.

“Young Noble, you have to believe me. I will definitely tell you everything I know without hiding anything. As long as it is something you want to know, I will not utter a single false word. I swear upon my ancestor’s honor.” Tie Yi hurriedly vowed.

“Stop there, I don’t know who your ancestor is.” Li Qiye smilingly said: “Plus, if you actually came from an iron ant, then your ancestor is probably another ant or something. Using his honor to swear really makes me question the authenticity of your statement.”

“Fine, Young Noble, this lowly one gives up. What does Young Noble want to know?” Tie Yi helplessly accepted his fate.

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi and smirked before speaking: “Nothing big, really. I’m only curious about what you stole from the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family.”

“Hahaha, Young Noble.” Tie Yi coughed and quickly rubbed his palms together, saying: “Young Noble misunderstood again. I, I only happened to be passing by, just passing by, and saw a few items left on the floor, so I conveniently picked them up. I definitely did not steal them! I didn’t do it on purpose since I thought they didn’t belong to anyone.”

Li Qiye glanced at him dismissively and said: “Mmm, makes sense, you only picked it up. I know you didn’t mean to. How could this count as stealing if you only picked it up from the ground, right?”

“Hahaha, Young Noble is so wise and full of wisdom, this lowly one knew right away that Young Noble would have a different view on this. So supreme and unparalleled, the contemporary number one, ordinary people can’t compare to your unique take on the world.” Tie Yi quickly tried to curry favor with Li Qiye.

Li Qiye said with a grin: “However, if my memories do not fail me, then the Alchemy Kingdom’s Immortal Pond... hmm, it should be growing something, what was it? What was that thing called, eh? I can’t seem to remember right now.”

“How do you know that!” After hearing this, Tie Yi’s expression greatly changed as he staggered two steps backward and stared at Li Qiye as if he was a ghost. [1. This is an informal “you” now, not even a respectful you. No more Young Noble.]

Li Qiye slowly gazed over at him and asked: “So, the thing the imperial family was growing inside that pond was really that important?”

Tie Yi involuntarily swallowed and couldn’t help but nod his head while saying: “Extremely important, completely priceless, at least, to this lowly one that is.”

“You see, it is not that difficult to admit, right? Stealing a few things, no, picking up a few things from the Alchemy Kingdom’s imperial family — this really is just an ordinary matter.” Li Qiye stated with a smile.

“My little ancestor...” Tie Yi was actually scared this time. He jumped up before waving his hands in denial and said: “Young Noble, you, you really got it wrong this time. This lowly one is saying that, for an existence like the Alchemy Kingdom, any of their treasures would be priceless. This lowly one swears that I didn’t steal that item because if I did, the Alchemy Kingdom would definitely flip over the entire Stone Medicine World to find it.”

Li Qiye looked at Tie Yi for a while before chuckling and said: "I'm also sure that you didn't steal that thing, but don't tell me that you didn't think about it. You tried to but were unsuccessful, so you stole other items instead since you were already there."

With a bitter expression, Tie Yi wryly laughed and responded: "This... I'm not entirely to blame, right? Me? I am only a little ant that likes to burrow underground. One day, I accidentally burrowed all the way to the Alchemy Vein next to that pond. I didn't think that I would actually reach that place, I only wanted to see if there were any gems down there or not."

"Mmm, right, I believe you. You didn't do it on purpose, it was just a careless accident, that's all. Everyone here understands this." Li Qiye smilingly agreed.

Tie Yi coughed and replied: "So Young Noble can understand this too. Anyone, no matter who they might be, will have their souls drawn in at the sight of that thing. Their legs would be nailed and they themselves would lose all desire to leave. My soul also left my body at that time from temptation. I just wanted to take a look and nothing else. Suddenly, someone rushed in and mistook me for a thief."

"So afterward, you conveniently stole a few items from them. No, we have to say that it was casually picking up a few items that the imperial family threw away carelessly." Li Qiye responded.

Tie Yi could only stand there in embarrassment and didn't say anything else.

"However, I do agree with you on one point." Li Qiye laughed and said: "The thing that the Alchemy Kingdom is growing in that pond is absolutely unfathomable. Anyone would lose their mind after seeing it; very few would be able to stay calm."

"Great minds think alike." Tie Yi hurriedly added and put on an appearance as if he had just met a true friend: "Young Noble is completely right. That thing, it is really amazing. There is a reason why the Alchemy Kingdom is able to own the Alchemy Vein of the Stone Medicine World; even an Immortal Emperor would covet such a thing.

"Ah, hehe, Young Noble, when we go to the Alchemy Kingdom, does Young Noble want to go take a look at that thing?" Tie Yi laughed after speaking. He was trying to urge Li Qiye, so he added: "You know, that thing is really beautiful. You will definitely love it after seeing it."

Li Qiye glanced at him and asked: "Are you trying to get me to steal that thing from the imperial family?"

"No, no, no." The ant hurriedly said: "How can we use the word 'steal' when it comes to such an amazing existence? It sounds too vulgar. We have to say borrow, no, it's more like it is meant for those who are destined. Young Noble is a matchless supreme deity; you are someone who will appear only once across the eons. Only a talent like Young Noble is qualified to have such a thing, not anyone else."

"When you praise me like that, I actually feel pretty good and want to nod my head." He then paused and coldly glared at Tie Yi while continuing: "However, if you want to persuade me to steal it, then forget it. I am someone who is always just and honorable. If I wanted to take that thing from the imperial family, why would I need to steal? I would just directly talk to them about it."

"What if the imperial family refuses to give it up?" Tie Yi couldn't help but ask.

“Refuse to give it up?” Li Qiye arched his lips and revealed a smirk to say: “No problem. They would have to excuse me then since I would have to openly rob them.”

Tie Yi had to lower his head after hearing these words; he was at a complete loss. Only this person ahead would dare to say such a line.

For countless ages, no one had ever dared to rob the Alchemy Kingdom, but this man ahead revealed his intention of doing so in such a light manner as if it was only a trivial matter, something not enough to reach the apex.

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## **Chapter 705: Scheme**

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“I see.” Li Qiye slightly nodded and said: “I hope you are telling the truth, but it really doesn’t matter. I just want to let you know that whether it is the Serene Garden or Caihe, you better be smart and don’t try anything foolish. Otherwise, let alone someone of your strength, even if you were an Immortal Emperor, I would still look for opportunities to end you!”

This remark was presented in a calm manner, but even someone like Tie Yi was frightened. He didn't doubt Li Qiye's words since he knew, very well, that Li Qiye was someone who could back them up!

After a moment of contemplation, Tie Yi calmed down and looked at Li Qiye before laughing: "Young Noble must like Fairy Yuan? In my opinion, she likes Young Noble as well."

"Like?" Li Qiye smiled and looked towards the far distance. Eventually, he gently sighed and said: "I like many things in this world, too many to count in fact, so in the end, I don't know what I truly like."

"It's no problem as long as Young Noble likes it. Does Young Noble want this lowly one to be a helper? Creating a romantic atmosphere or something like that... This lowly one will definitely do a good job so that Young Noble can meet Fairy Yuan whenever you wish." Tie Yi quickly tried to match Li Qiye together with Yuan Caihe.

Li Qiye only laughed at Tie Yi's attempt to pull strings and said: "You really look down on me too much. If I want to court a woman, do I really need help from someone else? I would just directly win them over. Is there a woman in this world whom I, Li Qiye, cannot conquer?"

"Yes, that is only a matter of course." Tie Yi quickly sucked up to Li Qiye and said: "Young Noble is outstanding and able to tread proudly through the era. With Young Noble's dragon-among-men features, people would adore you and flowers would bloom wherever you look..."

Li Qiye looked at him with one eye and motioned with his hand to say: "Okay, stop sucking up here, go and prepare the medicinal ingredients!"

Tie Yi acknowledged this command and laughed before turning away to leave. He dug down into the ground and instantly disappeared without a trace. Who knows if it was because he was an iron ant or not. In short, he especially liked to dig holes and travel underground. It would be more accurate if he was a rat instead of an iron ant. Only a rat would love to dig holes and move around underground like this.

After Tie Yi was gone, Li Qiye opened his box and noticed that inside was a group of sealed lights. Upon a closer look, it was not light but a group of lightning bolts.

They were in constant motion but were far from being simple lightning bolts. When he looked again, he found that inside this group of bolts hid a great amount of runes as if the mysteries of the world were inside.

"Not bad, a group of lightning bolts appearing in a place like this... It is truly not easy to find." Li Qiye looked at the lightning bolts and was immediately drawn in by them. Time and time again, he pondered over the runes inside.

After meticulous contemplation, he finally succeeded in deriving some clues from within the runes.

"Allpine Treefather, you actually managed to obtain such a great fortune that year..." He murmured after understanding those clues.

He gazed towards the far distance and suddenly fell silent while thinking about someone, a person who he didn't want to think about too much.



“One will always need to make a choice regarding a few things in this world.” Li Qiye couldn’t help but sigh and say: “No matter what, you are still the one I’m most proud of out of all the Immortal Emperors I have groomed.”

His expression sank after saying this. The emotions of the past were overwhelming. There was too much frustration; even though he had impeccable means, there were still things that made him feel helpless and forced him to make a choice.

Li Qiye shook his head, composing himself as he didn’t want to think about the past any longer. He focused his mind on this group of lightning bolts instead. He was not satisfied with just deriving the runes inside the bolts since he needed much more.

This small group of lightning bolts actually had an unbelievable origin, and with it were a frightening catastrophe. Very few people in the world had actually managed to see this type of lightning.

However, Li Qiye had seen it before, it belonged to an extremely powerful tribulation. Although opening it was not an easy matter, he still had absolute confidence in himself.

In order to solve the mysteries, Li Qiye spent two days thinking. Meanwhile, Madam Zi Yan didn’t want to disturb him, so she stayed by the door for his protection. It wasn’t until the evening that she left for a moment.

A bit after her departure, Li Qiye finally managed to solve the riddles behind these bolts and revealed a faint smile.

At this time, Tie Yi quickly rushed in and stammered: “Not good, not good.”

“What happened for you to be so alarmed? Is someone chasing you?” Li Qiye slowly asked after seeing the panicking Tie Yi.

The ant quickly responded: “I’m not being chased, but something happened to Madam Zi Yan.”

“What about Zi Yan?” After hearing this, Li Qiye immediately stood up while revealing a fierce glare. She was still outside just a moment ago and it hadn’t been long since she departed.

“She is being surrounded by experts from several great lineages like the Heavenhoof Ravine, the Huangfu Clan, and the Crystallized Sea Sect at a mountain not far from here.” Tie Yi hastily answered.

A terrifying murderous intent appeared in Li Qiye’s fierce glare, causing Tie Yi to shiver next to him. He felt as if Li Qiye resembled a terrifying god of death with a momentum capable of killing devils and immortals.

“Some people are really tired of living.” Li Qiye slowly said: “Daring to touch my people... It seems that if I am not dyed with blood, some people won’t come to realize what death is.”

Having said that, he immediately left the room. Tie Yi, who was still quivering, suddenly saw a scene of a sea of blood towering into the sky, creating a horrifying spectacle. After calming down, he immediately followed Li Qiye.

On a mountain not far from the valley, Madam Zi Yan was being surrounded by a group of people, the majority consisting gray-haired experts of the previous generation. Their divine rings were out and emitting a bright radiance. All of them had frightening auras.

The Radiant-Sea Alchemy Saint, Heavenhoof Elders, and high elders from the Huangfu Clan... All of them were famous Heavenly Kings from the previous generation. As for the young people present, there were those who stood out, such as the Dragon Princess.

At this time, there were two corpses down by Madam Zi Yan's feet. They were both young; no one could recognize one of the corpses, but from his clothing, it had to be a disciple from the ravine. The other dead youth was also quite renowned as a young alchemist; he was the person who became enemies with Li Qiye two days ago, the Vinepill King.

However, those two were not killed by the madam. Originally, the madam was protecting Li Qiye inside the valley when she suddenly found something was amiss and immediately gave chase until the valley's entrance. She noticed that a Heavenhoof disciple was sneaking around with a companion, the Vinepill King.

However, the king was already dead at that time. It only seemed as if they were entering the valley together. This disciple seemed to want to bring the dead king into Li Qiye's valley, but he didn't expect to be caught by the madam the moment he made it to the entrance.

He was scared out of his wits the moment he saw the madam and immediately carried the king's body and ran. They made it to this mountain not far from the valley.

The madam sensed something was amiss and immediately followed them. However, the moment she made it to the mountain, she found that the disciple had been killed as well.

She realized that things were going south. It was an obvious trap so she tried to escape right away, but famous Heavenly Kings like the Alchemy Saint emerged all of a sudden.

She wanted to break through the blockade, but the powerful Heavenly Kings among this group immediately halted her retreat with their collective effort.

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### **Chapter 706: Plenty Of Ways To Frame Someone**

However, no matter who they might be, no one dared to say a word. This matter involved powerful existences like the Huangfu Clan, the Crystallized Sea Sect, and the Heavenhoof Ravine, so no one dared to utter anything carelessly.

The Crystallized Sea Sect was an imperial lineage with great prestige in the Alchemy Realm. It was needless to say about the ravine since it was one sect with two emperors. Ever since the Alchemy Kingdom, the Jianlong Clan, and the Beastmaster Citadel became more seclusive, the ravine became even more famous. At this time, they were also the most tyrannical lineage. Those who offended them would meet a very bad end.

The trapped madam immediately knew that this was a trap that she had carelessly fallen into. She also understood that this trap was not meant for her, but her Young Master. However, she had inadvertently ruined their scheme, so the enemies improvised and trapped her instead.

Ultimately, she was still a great Demon King, a ruler of a country, so she could remain calm. She glanced around at the Alchemy Saint's group. She knew that the matter today would not end peacefully because her enemies were not just one or two people, but several great powers that even included an imperial lineage! Without a doubt, this plan had been in the works for a while.

"Madam Zi Yan, you are truly vicious!" The Heavenhoof Elder who was also the master of the Vinepill King cried out: "My disciple only made a bet against you guys, yet you held this grievance and cruelly murdered him today. Is there no justice?!"

The elder put on a sorrowful display as if he was particularly stricken with sadness after losing his beloved disciple.

The alerted guests were quite shaken after hearing this. Killing a Heavenhoof disciple was an earth-shattering matter. Moreover, the Vinepill King was one of the most loved disciples of the ravine!

"Elder Fu, I didn't kill your disciple, cease your accusation." The madam deepened her voice. Despite being caught in an ambush, she could still retain her calmness due to her great experience.

"Madam Zi Yan, the evidence is as clear as day, the corpse of my disciple and his alchemy helper are right there below your feet, yet you still want to argue?" Elder Fu from the ravine declared solemnly.

"As clear as day?" The madam coldly responded: "They were already dead when I arrived here. In fact, your group appearing right when I found these corpses is quite a coincidence. Too much of a coincidence."

“What do you mean, Madam Zi Yan?” The chief high elder from the Huangfu Clan retorted: “I, along with Brother Fu and the Alchemy Saint, had planned to discuss the dao tonight while watching the moon. We brought along our disciples so that they could get to know each other as well. Who would have thought that the moment we got here, we saw you killing our nephews!”

“Madam Zi Yan, was it not enough for you and that little animal Li to scheme against our Huangfu descendant?” The high elder added in an awe-inspiring manner: “Are there no bounds to your cruelty? For anyone who ever offended you two, is there no end until they are all dead? Do you choose to not obey the laws of this world?”

“While all of you are so certain that I killed these two, where is the evidence?” The madam drily replied while standing calmly before her enemies.

“The evidence is right below your feet! Is it not evident that his corpse is laying right there beside you?!” The Heavenhoof Elder raised his voice: “Madam Zi Yan, even though you are a great Demon King, you should know that death is the punishment for murder!”

“Brother Fu, something’s not right about this matter. Perhaps not everything is as we see it.” The Alchemy Saint slowly spoke at this time: “Everyone knows that Royal Lord Zi Yan listens to Li Qiye. I’m afraid the royal lord wouldn’t dare to take charge of something like this, this has to be her taking orders from him.”

“Your words are not without reason.” The high elder from the Huangfu Clan silently pondered for a moment before gravely speaking to the madam: “Madam Zi Yan, you should know that this is not a trivial matter. Killing a disciple of the ravine is akin to opposing the ravine! Don’t tell me that you wish for war between the Giant Bamboo Country and the ravine just because of that Li Qiye?”

The Alchemy Saint acted as the mediator and spoke: “Madam Zi Yan, if you were forced to kill them because of Li Qiye, then before this matter escalates to the point of no return, you still have a choice. As long as you hand over the real culprit, Li Qiye, you will be able to make up for this crime. At that time, Brother Fu and I can intercede for you so that the ravine will not put the blame on your country seeing as how the real mastermind is Li Qiye.” The alchemist finished with a cough.

The spectators were watching with bated breaths. No one dared to involve themselves in such a matter because if this took a turn for the worse, it might result in an all-out war between the two countries!

“You are right.” The Huangfu High Elder coldly added: “Madam Zi Yan, the mastermind is Li Qiye, he is the real culprit. We cannot allow for such a villain to be outside of the law! If you are willing to tell the truth, then maybe the ravine will let this matter go. This matter is no joke. It is not wise for the Giant Bamboo Country to go to war with the ravine.”

The madam had already guessed that this was a plot against her Young Master from the very beginning, and now, this scene confirmed her speculation.

The madam snorted and shook her head, saying: “I do pity the Vinepill King. As a disciple of the ravine, he was forced to be offered as a sacrifice in the end. Even if he was a disciple of the elder, in the end, he was discarded as a pawn. It is so pitiful to come from a lineage like this. I’m afraid that even upon his death, he still didn’t know what had happened.”

“Madam Zi Yan, what are you trying to say?!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “You murdered my disciples yet you still dare to spew false accusations towards my ravine?! Madam Zi Yan, you really think that your country is powerful enough to be so lawless? You really think that your country can do as it pleases just because of your Divine Guardian?”

“Lawless?” At this time, a laid-back voice interjected: “There is no need for the Giant Bamboo Country to act lawlessly. I am the one who is above the law, and since I am the law, I am the heavens.”

At this time, a person reached the top of the mountain; it was Li Qiye. Tie Yi followed right behind him, terrified. He was hiding right behind Li Qiye as if he was afraid of being stepped on.

“Li Qiye!” Upon seeing him, the Heavenhoof Elder’s group cried out and immediately rushed to him.

And it wasn’t just his group. In an instant, the Alchemy Saint and the Huangfu High Elder along with a large group of experts all rushed forward and immediately surrounded him in many layers.

The madam who was trapped earlier was immediately forgotten. Judging by their actions, it seemed that Li Qiye was the real culprit.

Some of the guests were now quivering, especially the famous ones with great status; they felt that something was about to happen.

The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “Li! You killed my disciple, hand your life over!”

Li Qiye could still retain his cool and leisurely demeanor despite being surrounded. He looked at the elder and smilingly said: “Oh? The Vinepill King is dead? That is a surprise for me.”

“Li! You know this full well!” The Alchemy Saint raised his tone: “The Vinepill King only betted against you and used a few unpleasant words. However, you actually held a grudge and ordered Royal Lord Zi Yan to kill him. Someone as vicious as you who slays fellow daoists is unforgivable!”

“Yeah?” Li Qiye couldn’t keep himself from laughing. He leisurely responded: “It was only a disciple from the ravine, what’s the big deal? Do I need to order someone else if I wanted to take his life? I could easily crush him with a slight touch. Moreover, this Vinepill King, if I wanted to kill him, I would already have done so two days ago, so why would I have given him a chance to leave?”

“Excuses!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “Do you think people will believe your explanation? It is as clear as day that my disciple was killed by Madam Zi Yan! She is your follower and obeys you without question, so only you could have commanded her to kill him!”

“So it is this type of play.” Li Qiye didn’t give a damn. He didn’t mind even if these elders accused him of killing the Vinepill King. He brought his arms in front of his chest and acted as if he was watching a fun play while telling these elders: “I really do think the truth is just as you said... Since all of you are so into your roles, I’ll join in this play as well. However, acting is quite difficult. Moreover, killing your own disciple just for this play is even more difficult, am I right? All right, I killed your disciple, the Vinepill King, how do you all want to catch me?” Li Qiye acted as if he was without a care at this moment.

The madam couldn’t help but quiver. Her Young Master knew that this was a conspiracy, yet he still chose to jump right in. She wanted to say something, but Li Qiye waved his sleeve and stopped her.

“The punishment for murder is death!” The Heavenhoof Elder shouted: “You killed my disciple, so blood for blood and life for life!”

“Brother Fu, calm down, calm down a bit.” The Alchemy Saint hurriedly interjected: “We are not unreasonable people who can’t tell right from wrong. Li Qiye, the way you said it, do you think we are setting you up?”

The Alchemy Saint cleared his throat and continued slowly: “Although the Vinepill King’s death is as clear as day, we will give you a chance to a fair trial. Plus, we are here to celebrate the treefather’s birthday, so it is not good to spill blood here.”

“Oh, so to say, I should be thanking all of you for your kindness and merciful ways?” Li Qiye smiled and said: “Good, then a fair trial it is, what do I have to do?”

This response didn’t only surprise the Alchemy Saint’s group, many spectating guests on the side were also astonished.

### **Chapter 707: The Play**

The Alchemy Saint’s crowd actually thought that Li Qiye would keep on denying the claim or make up excuses or even push this crime onto Madam Zi Yan. They didn’t expect Li Qiye to fall into this trap so easily, so they had prepared many different methods to force him into submission.

However, Li Qiye agreeing and readily jumping into their trap caused them to be unable to carry out their best schemes.

The spectators were astounded as well. Admitting to killing Heavenhoof disciples was a heinous crime. A light punishment would be death, a grave one would be sect-destruction.

Everyone could see that Li Qiye still had a chance to refute, yet he chose not to and directly admitted to the accusation. This was too irrational; was Li Qiye confused?

Even the madam found this to be unexpected. She didn’t know what her Young Master was planning. Could he have an even better plan to counter the opponents?

Him directly admitting to the act left the Alchemy Saint’s group at a loss; they didn’t know what to do. From their perspective, this was simply too illogical!

The Alchemy Saint composed himself and cleared his throat to say: “Both our Crystallized Sea Sect and the ravine are reasonable. We will not wrongly accuse others. Although the punishment for murder is one’s death, we will give you a fair chance. Before the trial, our three great sects, including the Huangfu Clan, will take you into custody. After the end of the celebration, we will give you a fair trial.”

Li Qiye chuckled after hearing what the Alchemy Saint had to say. To all of these powers, revenge was only a ruse. It was clear that they simply coveted his treasures.

Li Qiye had revealed his hand back at Dao-sense Peak and made many people realize that a prodigal son like Li Qiye had countless treasures, including king medicines and emperor medicines. Both treasures and herbs were things that made people salivate.

However, the thing that his opponent craved even more was Li Qiye’s supreme alchemy skill.

The Crystallized Sea Sect and the ravine were already powerful enough with a dao system from Immortal Emperors. However, the dao of alchemy was not their forte since they lacked systems passed down by Alchemy Emperors.

This was especially true for the ravine since its ambition was great. If they could steal Li Qiye's supreme dao of alchemy, then maybe they would be able to produce an Alchemy Emperor in the future. This would allow them to have the capability to compete against the behemoth that is the Alchemy Kingdom.

Because of this, the ravine wanted nothing more than to seize Li Qiye's method. This was the thing that they coveted and required the most. In fact, his skill was why the Heavenhoof Elder was able to throw away his disciple, the Vinepill King, like a pawn. As long as they could obtain his supreme alchemy method, so what if they lost one disciple?

The group didn't want to kill Li Qiye right away with this trap, they only wanted to capture him alive and force out his treasures along with the alchemy method until he has nothing left!

The Alchemy Saint's suggestion seemed fair and impartial to the point where he seemed to be mediating for Li Qiye and the ravine. However, the truth was that his intent was extremely sinister and vicious!

Many eyes were fixated on Li Qiye at this moment, especially the great big shots whose eyes were flickering rapidly.

At this place, no one was stupid, especially the rulers and lords of their own domains. Which one of them wasn't a sly fox? The moment they saw Li Qiye, a few of them were already able to guess the scheme of his opponents.

However, no one dared to expose this conspiracy because to do so at this key moment was akin to becoming enemies with the Crystallized Sea Sect and the ravine.

Many people had the same thoughts. Innumerable treasures and spirit medicines, a supreme dao of alchemy, either of these would be enough to excite people. If they could capture Li Qiye alive, they wouldn't hesitate to squeeze every last drop out of him.

Li Qiye smiled cheerfully and asked: "So, should I be thanking you for being so merciful?"

The Alchemy Saint coughed as he replied: "There is no need for that. Young people will always make mistakes, so nothing could be better than turning back time. If you obediently let us take you in, then out of consideration for your repentance, we of the Crystallized Sea Sect will ask the ravine to give you a chance to start over on the day of the trial. Brother Fu, what do you think?"

"Hmph!" The Heavenhoof Elder acted as if nothing could calm him down. He snorted and coldly replied: "Because the Alchemy Saint is asking in his stead, if this little animal gives up now, then I can give him a chance for a fair trial. Otherwise, blood will be paid with blood!"

"I have been moved after hearing your words. At this moment, I feel as if I am the worst sinner, and dying ten thousand times still wouldn't be enough for atonement."

The Huangfu High Elder coldly spoke: "Hmph. To realize this now is not a bad thing, it shows that you can still be saved. If you admit your mistakes now and choose to repent, then despite the fact that you

murdered our descendant, our clan can still show benevolence and give you a fair trial as well as a second chance. Turn yourself in — this is your only way out!”

At this time, the Alchemy Saint and the Heavenhoof Elder were both glaring at Li Qiye. In their eyes, he was nothing more than a piece of fat meat, a priceless treasure trove, so they couldn't carelessly take action. They wanted to capture him alive instead of causing an accident. If Li Qiye died, then everything would have been meaningless!

“I see...” Li Qiye appeared to be wavering. He looked a bit hesitant as if he was struggling internally.

Meanwhile, his opponents all watched him with bated breaths. For them, nothing could be better than Li Qiye obediently accepting his captivity. As a result, there would be no disturbance at Allpine Mountain, and they would also have captured him alive!

Many guests were full of anticipation as well. However, they all had different thoughts and intents. A few of them didn't want Li Qiye to go down without a fight because, by doing so, he would fall into the hands of the opposing group; this would mean that other people wouldn't be able to get a cut.

There were also guests who could see through this conspiracy and wanted to remind Li Qiye to not fall for this trickery. However, these kind guests didn't dare to open their mouths at this moment. There was a great saying: to stop someone's path to fortune was akin to killing their fathers and stealing their wives; it would be an irreconcilable feud!

By interfering with the business of the ravine, it would absolutely bring about a catastrophe, so no one was willing to take such a risk.

The madam, on the other hand, naturally didn't believe that her Young Master would be stirred by a few words from the Alchemy Saint, so she didn't say anything. Her Young Master had his own plans, and she didn't want to ruin them.

“I've thought it through now.” Said Li Qiye as he clapped his hands while smiling.

These words left the Alchemy Saint's group heaving sighs of relief. They didn't have to do a single thing, Li Qiye gave up right away. This was the best possible outcome for them.

“Acknowledging one's mistakes and repenting is a good thing.” The Alchemy Saint revealed a smile and added: “Don't worry, the Crystallized Sea Sect and the Heavenhoof Ravine are imperial lineages with reputations to uphold, we will certainly give you a fair trial.”

“No, I think you are mistaken.” Li Qiye shook his head and smilingly continued: “I was trying to say that if I am a heinous villain who will never be able to atone for my sins, then why should I change my ways? How great is it to be a bad guy? How free is it to be a brute? To be able to kill whoever you desire, to destroy whoever you please — what could be better than this?”

This response immediately dazed the Alchemy Saint's group. They quickly became furious as fierce gazes were directed at Li Qiye, wishing to cut him into a million pieces.

They finally understood that from beginning to end, Li Qiye was only toying with them!



The guests wanted to laugh after seeing how the Alchemy Saint's group was played by Li Qiye and were pleased to see them suffer. However, they had to suppress their laughter since they didn't want to offend the ravine.

Li Qiye smiled leisurely and gazed at the Alchemy Saint's group to say: "To me, all of you are nothing. In my eyes, the dead Vinepill King isn't even equal to a fart. Whether it was a conspiracy or if I actually killed him, it doesn't matter to me because all of you, along with him lying dead on the ground, don't mean shit. I just wanted to play along with you since you wanted to lure me into a pit, that's all. As for the crime of murder, you can announce it as you please. Don't just mention killing this lowly Vinepill King, even if you all accused me of massacring countless races, robbing and stealing, raping and pillaging... I simply wouldn't care."

At this point, Li Qiye laughed and added: "It appears that all of you thought too highly of yourselves and thought that I would give in. In fact, in my eyes, all of you are no different from the dead. I just wanted to tell all of you that you should never touch a woman on my side. Anyone who dares to do so will die without a grave!"

After finishing his declaration, he turned and smiled to ask the madam: "Zi Yan, what do you think is the best way for them to die? Tearing them into pieces or incinerating them? Or should I crush them into a paste?"

All of the guests became silly after hearing this. This was the same as declaring war against the ravine — such unbridled arrogance!

The Alchemy Saint's group was shaking with anger, their fury knew no bounds. They had the urge to tear Li Qiye into countless pieces!

[spoiler title='707 Teaser']The Alchemy Saint's crowd actually thought that Li Qiye would deny the claim or make up excuses or even push this crime onto Madam Zi Yan. They didn't expect Li Qiye to fall into this trap so easily, so they had prepared many different methods to force him into submission.

However, Li Qiye agreeing and readily jumping into their trap caused them to be unable to carry out their best schemes.

The spectators were astounded as well. Admitting to killing Heavenhoof disciples was a heinous crime. A light punishment would be death, a grave one would be sect-destruction.

Everyone could see that Li Qiye still had a chance to refute, yet he chose not to and directly admitted to the accusation. This was too irrational; was Li Qiye confused?

Even the madam found this to be unexpected. She didn't know what her Young Master was planning. Could he have an even better plan to counter the opponents?

### **Chapter 708: Immortal Devouring Evil Jar**

"Little animal, I will grind your bones into dust and tear you to pieces!" The Heavenhoof Elder was livid after being mocked like this by Li Qiye; his expression was unsightly to the extreme. He roared as his blood energy became as vast as an ocean. The moment he took a step forward, others would feel as if the world was collapsing. A terrifying momentum appeared, causing people to feel as if their bodies were about to burst.

“Wow, incredible. Even though Elder Fu specializes in alchemy, his cultivation is quite scary as well. He’s actually a Myriad King! If he could take a step forward to become a Life King and defeat his Life Reduction, then he would be able to live for another ten thousand years.” Many cultivators standing to the side became emotional after seeing the Heavenhoof Elder take action.

The ravine had many characters like this Elder Fu. Moreover, he was far from being the strongest among its elders, and yet he was already a Myriad King. This was enough to show how powerful the ravine was.

When Elder Fu was approaching Li Qiye, a cold scowl appeared on his face. The madam stepped forward and instantly soared through the crowd to act as a shield in front of Li Qiye.

“Elder Fu, if you want to fight, then I will entertain you.” Madam Zi Yan, who was always benevolent, was now fierce and decisive. Despite her gentle nature, she was still decisive when it mattered due to being a great Demon King!

Elder Fu stared at the madam and slowly said: “Madam Zi Yan, although you have become a Demon King with great prestige in the Alchemy Realm, you need to know your own strength! Your power, at best, is only at the Thousand King’s realm. Do you think you can handle all of us on your own? Even if the Alchemy Saint and the others do not get involved, I alone am more than enough to take you down!” [1. Heavenly King realms: Hundred King, Thousand King, Myriad King, Life King, Earth King, Heaven’s Equal King.]

At this point, the eager crowd was watching to see how this storm would end.

Although the words of Elder Fu came out contemptuously, they were not without logic. The madam was the ruler of a country and was extremely brilliant and powerful among her generation. It was incredible that she was able to reach the Heavenly King realm at such an age.

Nevertheless, her cultivation was indeed not as strong as Elder Fu’s. Moreover, he was an elder from the previous generation. Whether it was his battle prowess or experience, they were all superior to the madam’s. In addition, he was an elder from an imperial lineage and cultivated emperor laws. This was something that normal great powers couldn’t compare to.

The Alchemy Saint raised his voice and declared: “Madam Zi Yan, all of us respect you as a king. However, a villain like Li Qiye is not worthy of your protection. His wanton actions are outrageous. A cruel and vicious person like him should be severely punished. You have to give the ravine an answer for him murdering the Vinepill King. Give the people of this world an answer as well!”

The Huangfu High Elder also snorted and coldly added: “Madam Zi Yan, although your cultivation is not bad, don’t forget that even though you are a Thousand King, it is not much compared to Brother Fu.”

The Alchemy Saint’s group all wanted to capture Li Qiye alive. A dead Li Qiye was of no value to them; only by capturing him alive would they be able to maximize his value. They naturally didn’t hope for the madam to take action. Although they were certain of defeating her, if Li Qiye were able to escape, that would make it more problematic.

“Is that so? Since this is the case, I would like to try the emperor laws from the ravine.” The madam calmly spoke. Although she was a woman, she was still able to uphold an entire realm by herself. She stood before Li Qiye with an impregnable momentum.

“Such a big tone, I also want to see if the Giant Bamboo Country has anything special in its repertoire!” With a cold expression, Elder Fu took a step forward, accompanied by his destructive aura.

The madam’s eyes became serious as a violet aura rushed to the sky like a towering, purple bamboo tree. She slowly spoke: “Since all of you wish to follow this through, then we’ll end it here. All of you, come together so that we don’t have to waste time.”

This bold statement caused many people to glance at each other. Many knew that the Giant Bamboo Country had always maintained a low profile and didn’t compete with the world. However, the madam was now challenging the Crystallized Sea Sect, the Heavenhoof Ravine, and the Huangfu Clan just because of a junior named Li Qiye. How domineering was this?!

“Madam Zi Yan, you are too arrogant! You think you alone can challenge all of us?” The Huangfu High Elder immediately became angry. Her actions were simply shaming him, so he uttered: “Just I, alone, am enough to take you down!”

“Omm—” However, a buzzing sound appeared at this split second. The madam opened her fate palace, and a jar emerged. The moment this jar opened, it signaled the opening of a world of darkness.

This jar was entirely black with flashing black glimmers that would frighten even people’s souls. The coming of this jar marked the beginning of a dark world ruled by an evil god. Faint howls emanated from within, stirring the souls of the listeners. It was as if there were immortals inside being refined into nothingness.

“The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!” Even Elder Fu, who came from a sect with two emperors, was frightened at the sight of the jar floating above the madam’s head. He was forced to take several steps back!

“That is the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar?” Although the Huangfu High Elder and the Alchemy Saint didn’t recognize this jar, the moment they heard Elder Fu, their expressions greatly changed as they unconsciously staggered several steps backward as well.

The name of this jar was foreign to many people, especially the younger crowd. Very few had seen it before since it had always been hidden in the Giant Bamboo Country.

“What is the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar? Is it that terrifying?” Among the spectators in the distance, a young cultivator who had never heard of the jar’s notorious name asked his senior.

A Heavenly King from the previous generation gazed at the evil jar. His face was also shaken as he answered his junior: “It’s not just terrifying... Although no one has ever seen its true power, anyone would be dreadful of it. Legend states that it is the defining treasure that guards the Giant Bamboo Country, an item with an unknown origin that’s rarely seen by the rest of the world. Another tale claims that this jar had once refined an ancient True Immortal, but no one knows if this is true or not.”

After hearing such a story, anyone would have to take a deep breath. Refining an ancient True Immortal... this was too frightening! Keep in mind that the world had never seen a True Immortal before.

The madam coldly stared at her opponents and uttered: "I wonder if Elder Fu had brought a true treasure from Immortal Emperor Qilin or Immortal Emperor Jin She or not!" [2. Qilin = Qilin. Jin She = Golden Serpent.]

At this point, the madam was no longer the woman who was as gentle as water and instead was a Demon King ready to kill!

Elder Fu's expression became unsightly as he retorted: "Do you think you are unbeatable with just this evil jar?"

With two emperors, the Heavenhoof Ravine was one of the strongest demon lineages in the Stone Medicine World. Both of their emperors were demons; Immortal Emperor Qilin was the first while Immortal Emperor Jin She was the second.

Although the ravine had Immortal Emperor True Treasures, items of this level were the sect's defining artifacts. Even the ravine would not easily give these weapons to the traveling Elder Fu.

"You are correct." The madam glanced over them and tyrannically declared: "Elder Fu, even if you have an Immortal Emperor Life Treasure on you right now, it still wouldn't be enough to enter my sight. You would either have to bring a true treasure or become a Virtuous Paragon right this instant in order to match me!"

The madam's domineering aura filled the sky. Normally, she carried herself in an amiable manner in front of everyone. However, it seemed that after following Li Qiye, she had been infected by his aggressive attitude.

"Madam Zi Yan, do you think you can rampage everywhere with just one treasure?" The Alchemy Saint sneered: "Not to mention the invincible ravine, my Crystallized Sea Sect's true treasure alone is enough to suppress you!"

"That is a matter of the future. We can talk about it when you actually bring out a true treasure." The madam aggressively declared: "But now, either all of you come together or get the hell out of here!" She was ready to kill at a moment's notice.

The madam's domineering aura and her courage to shout at her opponent left them — and even many spectators from afar — shocked from surprise.

No great powers would dare to oppose these imperial lineages. Even when they were wronged, they would still choose to acquiesce because once they opposed these imperial lineages, at best, they would come out heavily wounded. The worst case scenario would be complete destruction!

But now, the always-peaceful Madam Zi Yan of the Giant Bamboo Country was acting extremely aggressively and actually challenged the ravine's group, so how could people not be astonished?

"You!" Elder Fu's group was shaking with anger as all of their expressions paled. This was simply humiliating them!

However, they had to admit that the evil jar was very frightening. The damndest thing was that they didn't bring along items that could stop the evil jar since they came for the birthday celebration. Elder Fu didn't bring along a life treasure, let alone a true treasure of an Immortal Emperor.

It could be said that in just a moment, all of their plans were derailed. They didn't expect for the madam to be carrying the Giant Bamboo Country's defining treasure!

### **Chapter 709: Slaying Enemies Like Butchering Chickens**

"Ahem..." While Elder Fu's group was stuck riding the tiger, Li Qiye coughed behind the madam and leisurely said: "Zi Yan, this was our fault, wouldn't you say? It was just a little argument, yet we are unleashing this scary intent. This is not good, not good at all."

"Young Master is implying?" The madam was dazed and didn't know what her Young Master was trying to do at this moment.

Li Qiye pulled her back next to him and cheerfully smiled: "Our Immortal Devouring Evil Jar is too scary, yeah? We should just take it slow so that these old geezers on the verge of death won't defecate themselves. It is not nice to make these elders soil themselves. After all, how would they have the face to see anyone else from now on?"

These vicious words enraged the ravine's group to the point where they almost died from vomiting blood.

The madam didn't know whether to laugh or cry, but she still listened to him and withdrew the evil jar. However, her putting away the jar allowed Elder Fu and the others to secretly heave a sigh of relief.

"There is this saying, what was it..." Li Qiye stared at his opponents and slowly spoke: "Ah, I remember now, there is a great saying: there is no need for a butcher's knife to kill a chicken. For this bunch of insects, is there a need to use such an invincible immortal item like the jar? This would be too wasteful and vastly overestimating them."

"Such a big tone!" The Dragon Princess sneered in response and said with disdain: "Hiding behind a woman to brag, are you still a man? If you dare, then come out and fight us!"

"Fight you guys?" Li Qiye chuckled and took a step forward before calmly speaking: "For a bunch of ants like you lot, is there a need to use the word 'fight'? I can kill all of you with one stomp — no problem. I might be someone who hates killing, but if all of you wish to die, then I'll gladly help you out."

The first reaction from many spectators was that Li Qiye was insane. Both the ravine and the Crystallized Sea Sect were imperial lineages, but a nobody like Li Qiye was now calling them ants. How unbelievably arrogant!

"Ignorant fool, do you dare to fight against this princess?!" Before the Alchemy Saint and his group could respond, the Dragon Princess raised her voice.

Li Qiye had previously humiliated her twice, so all she wanted to do was to kill him and drink his blood. She was under the assumption that someone like him could be killed by her without any trouble!

"Only an ant." Li Qiye dismissively said as he didn't even bother looking at the princess.

This attitude was extremely humiliating to her, so she immediately became enraged and shouted: "Little villain, die!"

However, before she even finished her sentence, she had already rushed forward with swift speed like a soaring dragon towards Li Qiye.

However, within this split second, it seemed as if time had stopped. Everyone's vision blurred. The moment they could see clearly again, the Dragon Princess's neck was gripped by Li Qiye, and her entire body was dangling up high.

No one saw how the princess fell into his hands. They only saw her attack and then everything became blurry, so no one saw Li Qiye's move at that moment.

"Clank!" Before everyone could calm down, Li Qiye had already crushed the princess's neck. It didn't matter that she had a great cultivation and was a princess of a dynasty, she was immediately crushed to death by him.

At the time of her death, her eyes were wide open, not knowing how she had died to him. A great beauty, a princess adored by many with countless suitors had been killed mercilessly by Li Qiye.

This scene was too shocking since everyone could only watch him kill her. Even Elder Fu's group had yet to compose themselves.

"Little bastard, die!" The Alchemy Saint furiously roared and unleashed a huge palm towards Li Qiye. How could he swallow this anger after Li Qiye killed one of his sect's disciples?

However, before his palm could crush Li Qiye to death, he was immediately dragged back by Elder Fu. The elder gravely said: "Brother, you have to take it easy!" [1. Raw is Brother Alchemy Saint, but that just sounds silly, right?]

"Take it easy?!" The Alchemy Saint snapped and roared: "This little animal killed my disciple, yet you're telling me to take it easy?! I'm going to rip him to shreds!"

"Brother, didn't my disciple also die at the hands of that animal?" Elder Fu coldly said: "However, we have to catch this little animal alive to see if there is someone backing him, ordering him to kill our disciples, to see if they have malicious intentions against our sects. We must capture him alive to get information out of him!"

He raised his voice at the last sentence as a reminder for the Alchemy Saint! He sacrificed his disciple, the Vinepill King, and he didn't want it to be in vain. A dead Li Qiye held no value to them, thus they must capture him alive.

Elder Fu wanting to keep Li Qiye alive instead of staying true to his earlier attitude of wanting to kill him made their goal very apparent to some of the spectators watching from afar.

Although the Alchemy Saint was livid, after being reminded by Elder Fu, his mind returned. He glared at Li Qiye with red eyes and coldly said: "Little animal, will you accept your capture obediently, or do we have to break your hands and legs first!"

The madam was about to step out again, but Li Qiye pulled her back and chuckled while speaking to her: "My Zi Yan, since they are coming for me, let me deal with this trivial matter. Otherwise, other people would actually think that I am living off of you."

The madam couldn't help but smile. She didn't say anything else and stepped to the side. If the situation went south, then she would take action.

Li Qiye stepped forward and lazily looked at the Alchemy Saint's group and said: "It is almost midnight, but we are still here. Since you all dared to provoke me, I actually thought that you made some preparations like having a Virtuous Paragon in the shadows. Now, it seems that all of you are just a bunch of fools. Well, let us end this quickly as I still have to sleep after massacring all of you."

To this rage-inducing statement, the Huangfu High Elder coldly replied: "Little animal, come!"

In an instant, the high elder, the Alchemy Saint, and Elder Fu seemed to have reached a mutual understanding and all took action at the same time. They immediately sealed the place completely since their goal was to capture him alive!

"Aizz, ignorant fools." Li Qiye only chuckled and stamped one foot on the ground. At this moment, a gray death energy appeared below his foot and penetrated into the ground.

With a buzzing sound amidst the action, a praying mantis crawled out from below. It was as big as half a man. Moreover, it had been dead for who knows how many years; only its skeleton was present.

However, this skeletal mantis was emitting a gray death energy that belonged to Li Qiye!

"Pluff! Pluff! Pluff!" Right when the spectators still didn't understand what was going on, three heads flew up into the sky, followed by streams of blood spurting about!

The first three heads belonged to the Alchemy Saint, the Huangfu High Elder, and Elder Fu of the ravine. As their heads flew up high, they could still see the blood spurting from their own necks.

The next moment, a group of heads all flew up at the same time along with accompanying pillars of blood. Eventually, thumping sounds appeared as a group of heads fell onto the ground and rolled around along with numerous headless corpses.

The three big shots, as well as all the disciples from the major sects who surrounded Li Qiye, were decapitated instantly, and the culprit was the skeletal mantis that crawled out from the ground!

At this point, the sickle-like legs of the mantis still had blood dripping down from them.

Everyone in the Alchemy Saint's group was killed without knowing how or why. It could even be said that none of the spectators were aware of the events that transpired!

From beginning to end, Li Qiye stood still and didn't do anything outside of stomping once. He didn't even lift a single finger.

The entire mountain suddenly became still. It was as if time had stopped and even the wind didn't dare to blow by as if it was afraid of something.

Even those who were far away were shocked and awed by this scene. Nothing could be more astonishing than this event!

Three Heavenly Kings and more than one hundred experts were slaughtered in an instant without a chance to fight back or knowing how they even died — such a thing was too terrifying and unbelievable.

Li Qiye stood there quietly while the skeletal mantis posturing next to him, creating a spine-chilling scene under the cover of the night that caused people to shudder uncontrollably!

### **Chapter 710: Dark Mantis God-Monarch**

One man and one mantis stood there as rows of bodies formed on the ground and blood slowly flowed downward, dying the entire land red before the blood diffused into the soil.

After a long time, a gentle breeze blew by and the stench of blood assaulted everyone present, causing them to feel nauseous. However, the thing that made them feel even more sick was not this sanguine stench.

It was the absolutely horrifying scene before them. Heavenly Kings and hundreds of experts were killed in the blink of an eye. This scene of terror caused the stomachs of people to churn as if they wanted to puke. A primal fear emerged from the depths of their hearts; no one knew whether it was due to being scared of Li Qiye or the skeletal mantis ahead, or both.

Perhaps, the most horrendous of all was their lack of knowledge of the event. From beginning to end, no one knew what had actually happened or the relationship between the skeletal mantis and Li Qiye. They were not privy to the origin of the mantis or why Li Qiye could control it.

For a mantis to behead Heavenly Kings like chopping sweet potatoes, just how powerful and terrifying was this thing?

“The Dark Mantis God-Monarch!” Tie Yi, who had always been hiding in the back, immediately changed his expression after seeing this mantis. He frantically burrowed down into the ground.

“Dark Mantis God-Monarch” was a title not often heard, but disciples of Allpine Mountain had definitely heard this title before.

“Dark Mantis God-Monarch!” Before anyone knew it, the leader of Allpine Mountain, the Maple King, had appeared on top of a peak. He was astounded to see this skeletal mantis and took a deep breath before stuttering: “Wasn’t this my ancestor’s archnemesis back then? A million years ago, the ancestor slew it and buried it under Allpine Mountain!”

Originally, before the Allpine Treefather had reached the top, there had been a demonic creature who coveted the Allpine Grand Vein and wanted to be its ruler. This was an extremely heaven-defying demon mantis with the title of God-Monarch.

During that era, although the treefather had yet to reach his peak, countless lineages in the Stone Medicine World already dreaded him.

When the Dark Mantis God-Monarch invaded Allpine Mountain, the treefather rushed to meet him, and a great battle ensued. Although no one in the current generation saw this battle, the disciples of the mountain had heard tales about it. This was a fight that caused the earth to split and the celestials to lose their brilliance. After three days and three nights, the Allpine Treefather paid a heavy price to finally kill the God-Monarch.



Afterward, the treefather buried the God-Monarch's corpse under Allpine Mountain without leaving behind any indication of where it was. Even the disciples here didn't know where the monarch's corpse was located.

But now, the skeleton of the monarch had rushed out, causing the Maple King to be aghast and frightened with a pale countenance.

"Onnnngggg—" At this time, the Maple King blew a horn, resounding across the entire mountain.

"What's going on?" The horn echoed across the entire area, causing many guests to become alarmed. Those who were interested came out for a look.

Rumbles, among various other sounds, came in an instant like roaring torrents. Countless experts instantly appeared on Li Qiye's peak, including Tree Demon Monarchs, flood dragons from the sky, enormous Golem Kings, and ferocious Sacred Tigers...

Some emerged from underground while others descended from the sky with flying treasures... In a swift second, an entire army completely surrounded this peak.

There was no end to this army. A mighty cavalry surrounded this peak, removing the possibility of escape. The energy from Heavenly Sovereigns and Heavenly Kings at this location could encompass the entire world and was capable of overturning the earth!

The guests gasped in the face of this army of experts. Although many people still didn't know what was going on, they didn't dare to approach and could only stand and watch from afar. They knew that something big had happened after the Allpine Army appeared to lay siege to this single peak. They were also curious to see what kind of enemy was worthy of Allpine Mountain acting in this grand manner.

At the same time, the big shots from the other lineages also shuddered after seeing the mountain's great amount of experts. Although the mountain did not start a sect or country, its power and disciples were definitely stronger than that of many great powers!

Even Madam Zi Yan was shaking when she saw so many experts from Allpine Mountain surround the mountains since many of them were Heavenly Kings. She knew that this matter would not end peacefully.

Only Li Qiye remained as calm as ever. He simply glanced over the four directions and all the experts. Eventually, his gaze fell upon the Maple King.

"A bit interesting." Li Qiye chuckled and said while staring at the king: "Maple King, what is your aim?"

As the ruler of the mountain, the Maple King spoke coldly with a solemn expression: "I'm sure Young Noble Li clearly knows what I want."

"Oh, I see, is this how your Allpine Mountain treats your guests?" Li Qiye laughed in response.

At this point, many guests were shaking with fear. They were also astonished by this young fella's courage. He was still able to smile and act leisurely when trapped by so many experts from Allpine Mountain.

The Maple King deepened his voice: "My Allpine Mountain has always been welcoming. Anyone who comes for the birthday celebration will be treated with respect! However, Young Noble Li, you came and wantonly committed murder on the birthday of my ancestor, staining our mountain with blood. This is not giving us any face! Although you are one of our esteemed guests, you still must give us an explanation!"

"Is that so?" Li Qiye lightly smiled and said: "Wanton murder? I feel that it was more of an act of self-defense. These old geezers clearly wanted my life, so I couldn't just sit there and wait for my death. If you really want to blame me, then I apologize as I accidentally went a bit far, but what could I have done? You surely must know that the young will always lack experience and be full of carelessness; they might go too far and destroy the world or slaughter the eight domains — this is quite a normal occurrence."

Li Qiye's justification caused many listeners to envision a bloody scene.

"Whether Young Noble Li was acting in self-defense or not, this is still up for debate!" The Maple King coldly spoke: "However, Young Noble Li and this demonic Dark Mantis God-Monarch are colluding, and on the day of my ancestor's great birthday of all days. This is antagonizing my Allpine Mountain!"

Li Qiye looked at the Maple King and revealed a faint smile before speaking: "How interesting. I am only a nobody junior that was trapped by a group of Heavenly Kings from imperial lineages. The only thing in my mind was fear. I almost died miserably at the hands of these ruthless kings, but your Allpine Mountain did not come out to uphold justice. And now, a mantis crawled out from the ground to save me, yet your Allpine Mountain decides to show up now to stand up for justice? How interesting..."

Li Qiye's words caused many of the bystanders to become silent. His description seemed to be stating that he was a lamb surrounded by a pack of wolves. However, the truth was that he was the wolf and the Alchemy Saint's group were the helpless lambs. He, the wolf disguised as the lamb, eventually ate everyone from the Alchemy Saint's group!

"Right or wrong, this will be decided in the future." The Maple King drily said: "But for now, your wanton murder and collusion with the Dark Mantis God-Monarch is clear. If Young Noble Li wishes to end this matter peacefully, then listen to my words of advice and accept your capture obediently."

Li Qiye glanced at him and slightly shook his head before speaking: "Is this your idea, or the treefather's idea? If this is your idea, then I can only say that the treefather's descendants are mediocre. However, if this is the treefather's idea, then I'm afraid that he has grown old and senile. To maneuver against me is your Allpine Mountain wishing to meet its end."

[spoiler title='710 Teaser']One man and one mantis stood there as rows of bodies formed on the ground and blood slowly flowed downward, dying the entire land red before the blood diffused into the soil.

After a long time, a gentle breeze blew by and the stench of blood assaulted everyone present, causing them to feel nauseous. However, the thing that made them feel even more sick was not this sanguine stench.

It was the absolutely horrifying scene before them. Heavenly Kings and hundreds of experts were killed in the blink of an eye. This scene of terror caused the stomachs of people to churn as if they wanted to

puke. A primal fear emanated from the depths of their hearts; no one knew whether it was due to being scared of Li Qiye or the skeletal mantis ahead, or both.

Perhaps, the most horrendous of all was their lack of knowledge of the event. From beginning to end, no one knew what had actually happened or the relationship between the skeletal mantis and Li Qiye. They were not privy to the origin of the mantis or why Li Qiye could control it.