

Domination 761

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Grandma Bai's heart sank as she thought about all the things Li Qiye had done before; everything he did was on a whim! It seemed that he really never considered their kingdom in his plans.

Grandma Bai pondered for a bit before speaking: "Li Qiye should know that if he truly has the skill to kill the Xian Forefather, our kingdom's ancestors will not just sit and watch."

She felt a bit helpless at this moment. Any rational person would know that provoking their kingdom wouldn't end well, but she was not certain about someone like Li Qiye.

"He will not care." Ming Yexue slightly shook her head: "Think about it, what kind of person is the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor? A sly fox like him would have already destroyed Li Qiye if he was able to. How could he leave the supreme manual to us? Why did he come to our kingdom? It was simply to drag us in as well!"

Ming Yexue's eyes became serious as she spoke: "Li Qiye killing the Xian Forefather is exactly what the Sacred Ancestor wants. When that time comes, our kingdom will truly be dragged under the water. Not only would the Huangfu Clan rejoice, Ye Qingcheng and the Heavenhoof Ravine would profit as well. Existences like them want nothing more than unceasing war in our Alchemy Realm!"

The grandma went quiet. This was the decision of the ancestors. As juniors, they couldn't influence them, let alone turn the tides.

Ming Yexue asked: "What about Ancestor Wushuang?"

Grandma Bai said: "Ancestor Wushuang agreed to see Young Miss, but Young Miss should also understand that it is not easy for him to meet a junior. His Venerable needs at least several days before opening his doors."

"No, it has to be tomorrow at the latest." Ming Yexue spoke austerely: "It will be too late after tomorrow. Grandma, no matter what, I have to meet Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow. You and His Majesty along with the elders must accomplish this."

"Young Miss..." The grandma hesitated for a moment before responding: "Even His Majesty is not in a position to comment regarding the Alchemy Ancestor's matters. If you forcefully intervene before officially taking the reigns, it would be defying the current sovereignty. I'm afraid the ancestors will reprimand you."

"That's not important." Ming Yexue was resolute as she said with a deep voice: "It doesn't matter if the elders agree or not, I must see Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow. Otherwise, I'll personally go to the Star Cliff!"

"Young Miss, please don't scare people." The grandma jumped after hearing this and quickly tried to persuade her: "If you barge into the Star Cliff, then it would cause a huge commotion. The ancestors will only be even more angry."

"So what if the ancestors become angry?" Ming Yexue spoke calmly: "It is much better than bringing about a calamity! If I don't see Ancestor Wushuang tomorrow, I will personally go to the Star Cliff to see my master!"

Grandma Bai said: "Young Miss, are you not taking this too seriously? A calamity? With just Li Qiye? I'm afraid that is impossible. Even if the Allpine Forefather himself arrives, this outcome would be unlikely."

Ming Yexue replied: "Grandma, these words feel unbelievable to me as well. I have a very strange feeling when I'm together with Young Noble Li. If something were to happen, I would be willing to stand by his side. However, I am still the kingdom's disciple and its descendant, so I can't just watch something happen to the kingdom. Although I don't know what schemes the Young Noble is concocting, I know that he is ready."

"Ready for what?" Grandma Bai couldn't help but shudder as she asked for clarification.

"Ready to destroy our Alchemy Kingdom!" Ming Yexue had an austere look as she said: "Any rational person would know that the moment they bare their fangs at the Xian Forefather would be when they provoke the Alchemy Kingdom. However, Young Noble Li still declared his intention of destroying the Xian Clan. This means that he is ready to wage war on our kingdom! But the question is, are we prepared for a war for our survival?"

"That... there is no chance, destroying our Alchemy Kingdom?" The grandma was very skeptical and hesitantly said: "I'm afraid that even with the Allpine Forefather backing him, it would be impossible!"

This was not the grandma being arrogant, it was the truth. Who in this world could topple their regime? Not even the personal arrival of the Allpine Treefather could do so.

“Grandma, I do not wish pointlessly argue with you regarding this issue.” Ming Yexue responded: “Just answer my one question, is our Alchemy Kingdom prepared for a crisis involving our continued existence?”

The grandma began to wonder. She knew that their kingdom naturally was without such preparations. The ancestors simply didn’t care for a little problem like Li Qiye.

“Because of this, I will have to make the trip tomorrow if I can’t see Ancestor Wushuang! Let His Majesty and the elders know of my determination!”

“Since Young Miss is so adamant, I will go arrange for it immediately.” The grandma responded in a sober tone and quickly took her leave.

She didn’t believe that Li Qiye could actually destroy their kingdom. This was too exaggerated and absolutely impossible, but she also believed in her Young Miss’ intelligence. She had never seen anyone wiser than her Young Miss. She was definitely the future Immortal Emperor!

After a quiet night, dawn finally came forth. Countless people lost hours of sleep, and their gazes were fixated on the Xian’s residence.

When the sun shone on the stony pathway towards the Xian Clan, the shadow of a carriage appeared along with dull clacking noises that echoed around the mountain.

The eyes of many spectators lit up after seeing the appearance of this carriage. One of them couldn’t help but raise their voice: “Li Qiye is here...”

Instead of calling the Xian’s residence a palace, it was more apt to call it a treasure ground. It was built in a valley surrounded by peaks. Instead of a clan, it was closer to a sect or lineage.

At this place, rolling hills and vine-decorated valleys were everywhere. Old pine trees took root along with many green bamboo shoots. Pavilions and old temples appeared within this area, giving the royal residence a very archaic look.

In fact, although the Xian Clan was known as a royal family, they had formed their own branch and lineage.

The Imperial Draco-Bull slowly pulled the carriage forward with Tie Yi as the driver. Li Qiye was resting his eyes inside with Yuan Caihe and the madam beside him.

Li Qiye was half lying down with a fur coat on his body as if he was asleep. With beauties by his side, he seemed to be on an outing rather than marching to battle.

The spectators were at a loss for words after seeing this scene of Li Qiye going to battle. They didn’t know whether to admire him for having such great luck or to be in awe of his confidence.

Eventually, the carriage stopped right outside of the Xian Clan’s gate. The madam next to him softly said: “Young Noble, we are here.”

Li Qiye opened his eyes and brushed away the fur coat. Under the gentle support of the madam, he got down from the carriage.

Him requiring support to get down from the carriage once again dumbfounded the spectators. His appearance seemed more like a feeble playboy rather than a soldier going to war.

“It’s about time.” Li Qiye smiled and raised his eyebrow before commanding Tie Yi: “Go inform them.”

Tie Yi had always been a coward, but he somehow mustered courage out of thin air. He arched his chest and went to the gate and shouted: “Xian Clan, listen well, our Young Noble is here to take Cao Guoyao’s head. Hurry up and hand it over.”

Normally, whenever trouble came, Tie Yi would instantly flee without a trace, but things were different this time. He found courage and confidence from nowhere and was able to shout in an incredibly arrogant manner.

Of course, Tie Yi knew very well that this was his opportunity to show his loyalty. If he didn’t do so now, he wouldn’t even have the chance to do so in the future.

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Chapter 762: Xian Clan’s Alchemy Ancestor

“Clank!” A loud knock on the wooden doors came about. At this time, the Xian’s gate slowly opened as if they weren’t prepared and were actually welcoming Li Qiye’s arrival.

Many watchers shuddered at the sight of the welcoming doors without any guarding disciples. This posture clearly showed that the Xian Clan was not afraid of Li Qiye’s attack and that they had complete confidence in their victory.

“Li Qiye! Don’t even dream about taking Brother Cao’s head!” The World-Pillar Monarch, Xian Miao, appeared on top of a mountain within the land of the Xian Clan and gravely uttered: “Those who stay at Alchemy City are our guests! Our Alchemy Kingdom has the responsibility of protecting their safety!”

This remark carried another meaning — this was not a problem for the Xian Clan alone, it was also a problem for the entire kingdom!

Those who were paying attention to this battle felt a cold chill after finding out that the kingdom indeed wanted to take action. Suddenly, no one favored Li Qiye any longer. No opponent would have a good end after the entire kingdom became involved in the conflict.

Li Qiye raised his brow and leisurely said: “I am not here to negotiate with you. I give your clan two options: one, hand over Cao Guoyao; two, allow me to destroy your clan!”

“Such a big tone!” Xian Miao coldly countered: “Do you really think Alchemy City is a place where you can act so wantonly? Be smart and beg for forgiveness, then we might settle this matter peacefully. Our Alchemy Kingdom’s prestige will not allow for dissent!”

The monarch once again brought up the Alchemy Kingdom as if he was its representative. Taking on this stance was very scary indeed!

“All right, it seems that you won’t cry until you see the coffin. Very well, I will help you.” Li Qiye slowly shook his head and said: “I have been merciful and gave ample time for your young and elderly to evacuate. It is now time for me to wash your clan with blood.”

“Child, you dare to utter such outrageous words outside of my gate?!” A shout came at this moment. Although it was not particularly loud, it rang like thunder in everyone’s ears. The entire city could hear this statement.

An old man appeared inside the grounds of the Xian Clan, standing above a peak. The moment this old man appeared, myriad existences prospered and hundreds of flowers bloomed. An alchemy aura as vast as a sea immediately flooded the entire Xian Clan. Any vegetation that sensed this aura immediately came alive with rich vitality.

One could only imagine just how frightening this old man’s dao of alchemy was to be able to immediately invigorate the plants and trees in this land!

“Xian Alchemy Ancestor!” Even ancestors from the great powers were astonished at his appearance and exclaimed in horror.

There had been early rumors of the Alchemy Ancestor staying at the Xian’s residence, but this was merely hearsay. Seeing his appearance in the flesh was quite different.

“Xian Forefather, one of the ancestors of the imperial family, a legendary master, a peak Legendary Alchemist!” A great character listed all of the Alchemy Ancestor’s titles as he shuddered.

Those who were called legendary masters were very powerful. At the very least, they had to be a Golden Era Paragon or even an existence that had taken their first step onto one of the two paths.

The Xian Alchemy Ancestor was not only a legendary master, but also a peak Legendary Alchemist. Just how prestigious was this status? For any great power, he was simply a priceless treasure.

The World-Pillar Monarch immediately prostrated on the ground to greet his ancestor’s arrival.

As for Li Qiye, he was not surprised as if it everything was within his expectations.

“Back when my Xian Clan showed its dominance, it caused storms in this world and myriad realms lost their colors!” The Alchemy Ancestor had a stately yet intimidating appearance. He looked straight at Li Qiye and coldly uttered: “Today, when my Xian Clan chose to maintain a low profile, an ignorant junior dares to come to our door to shame my Xian Clan!”

Any other junior would be incessantly trembling with weakened legs after getting stared at by a legendary master like this! However, Li Qiye was unperturbed without a care.

“If you are finished boasting, then it is time for me to take action. Any other serious statements you want to make?” Li Qiye lazily stared at the ancestor: “Of course, I can say them all for you. For example, I don’t know life from death, daring to provoke your Xian Clan, challenging the might of the Alchemy Kingdom, not knowing the immensity of the heaven and earth, after a bunch of righteous and solemn rhetoric comes the real goal...”

Li Qiye smiled: “Aren’t you just after my dao of alchemy manual? Why the need to talk so much? That old geezer Huangfu is also at your place, right?! You’ve been meticulously planning yet you still pretend to be innocent and righteous, why bother? Just be straight if you want to rob people. The world of cultivators is where the strong reign over the weak. Murder and robbery are nothing shameful. The most disgusting thing is being a prostitute while pretending to be pure — so nauseating!”

Li Qiye took the initiative and mocked the ancestor. This made others take deep breaths.

A few big shots already guessed the Xian Clan’s goal, but no one wanted to expose this thin layer of deception. Now, Li Qiye’s brief remark made everything very obvious.

“How slanderous...” Xian Miao harshly shouted: “Our Alchemy Kingdom has four Alchemy Emperors, your dao of alchemy is not worthy of entering my ancestor’s sight...”

Li Qiye interrupted him with a lazy expression: “Okay, like I said earlier, don’t waste time acting pure if you are a prostitute. To be frank, I want to trample your Xian Clan; who told you to mingle with the Huangfu Clan geezers? Of course, destroying your Alchemy Kingdom is fine with me as well. There is nothing shameful to reveal these things. Since everyone is here today, go ahead and let it out!”

These words made all the spectators open their eyes wide. Declaring the destruction of the Xian Clan was already bold enough, but now he stated that he wanted to destroy the Alchemy Kingdom. This made others feel as if Li Qiye had become crazy!

“Your words just now are beyond redemption, even with death!” The Xian Alchemy Ancestor glared at Li Qiye. With a terrifying aura, he spoke awe-inspiringly: “Junior, will you give up, or do I have to personally take action?!”

“Okay, stop acting cool in front of me. I simply don’t give a damn about you.” Li Qiye retorted: “Today, I will sharpen my blade starting with you!”

With that, his eyes narrowed as a murderous intent shot out like a ray.

“Young Noble, why use a butcher’s knife to kill a chicken? He’s only an old man, there is no need for Young Noble to take action.” Before Li Qiye could attack, Tie Yi stepped forward and volunteered to be the vanguard: “This little demon is ready to pave the way for Young Noble!”

An inconspicuous little demon like this suddenly coming up surprised all the spectators. Earlier, everyone saw and thought that Tie Yi was only Li Qiye’s driver.

But now, this little demon dared to utter these bold words and called the ancestor an old geezer — this was too incredible. Some people even thought that Li Qiye purposely arranged for this in order to humiliate the Alchemy Ancestor.

Even the madam was astonished to see Tie Yi suddenly volunteering to fight. The Xian Alchemy Ancestor was a legendary master, but this unknown little demon still dared to fight him. How unbelievable was this?

“Good, good, I have not come out in a very long time, so even a random dog on the streets thinks that I am so easily bullied!” The ancestor laughed due to his overwhelming anger. He was nearly driven mad from Tie Yi’s statement.

He was a famous ancestor. In the Stone Medicine World, who wouldn’t fear his name? But now, a little demon came running, wanting to take care of him. How could he not be driven insane?

“Haha, you’re only a Golden Era Paragon. Calling yourself a legendary master is merely flattery.” Tie Yi hid his usual cowardly look and arched his chest forward with an engulfing aura while looking down on the ancestor.

“Very well, if I don’t break you into pieces today, I will cease being human!” The ancestor vomited blood from rage. His eyes became fierce and his great bloodthirst spanned for thousands of miles.

With a new demeanor, Tie Yi bowed towards Li Qiye and said: “Young Noble, please allow this little demon to take his head!”

Li Qiye slightly waved his sleeve and lightly said: “Go. Since you want to contribute, then let this merit belong to you!”

“Little beasts, die!” Seeing the master and servant playing their tune left the ancestor furious. He crazily roared as his grand palm came forward. His five fingers were as mighty as a suppressive mountain, capable of crushing the world.

“Only a minor technique.” Tie Yi’s body flashed and disappeared as fast as lightning. In the blink of an eye, no one saw how he appeared before the ancestor.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!” Amidst the commotion, the ancestor was struck six times by Tie Yi. Even if the ancestor had energy protecting his body, he was still one step too late. After the loud detonations, he shattered a peak with his feet after being blown away by Tie Yi. His face was pale and his breathing ragged.

Without a doubt, the six strikes from Tie Yi had wounded him. However, it was not serious.

This sudden change amazed everyone. This Tie Yi was a little demon who no one valued; everyone thought that him attacking the ancestor was courting death.

However, Tie Yi actually hurt the ancestor. Of course, some of this was due to the ancestor underestimating his enemy, but it was still enough to show that Tie Yi was powerful enough. He was definitely a Virtuous Paragon. Otherwise, without any weapons, he wouldn't be able to injure a legendary master!

A paragon acting as Li Qiye's driver caused many people to shudder!

Chapter 763: The Mighty Tie Yi

The madam herself was shaken by Tie Yi's strength. Normally, Tie Yi always had a cowardly look and escaped at the first sign of trouble. Who would have thought that he would be able to deter an existence like the alchemy ancestor?

“Little demon, come meet your doom!” The ancestor's expression was unsightly to the extreme. He was a legendary master, yet he suffered in the hands of this no name demon. It was only their first exchange, yet it was still extremely humiliating to him.

He cried out and soared to the sky. Under his wrath, his blood energy erupted to its most powerful state. For someone with weak longevity blood like him, erupting his blood energy to this level was truly reckless.

“Here I come!” Tie Yi remained undaunted in the face of this eruption. He laughed then soared in the air straight at the ancestor.

At this time, Tie Yi was like a completely different person. No one would be able to recognize the coward that he was. His aura engulfed the world as if he had been reborn with a domineering presence.

“Die!” The ancestor's invincible treasure slammed down without holding anything back to meet Tie Yi's offense. In the blink of an eye, this invincible treasure blindingly lit up and broke all the laws in this world. The world seemed to be trembling under this blow, along with all the cultivators in Alchemy City.

“Boom!” The alchemy ancestor was worthy of his fame. This blow tore the fabric of space. Even when Tie Yi took out a powerful Life Treasure to meet it head on, he still couldn't stop this oncoming attack and was blown away.

One could hear a loud detonation as the void was shattered. From this scene alone, one could easily imagine just how terrifying the attack from the ancestor was.

Tie Yi stabilized himself and coughed out several gulps of blood and murmured: “This body is becoming weaker and weaker, I really am getting old!”

The spectators finally heaved a sigh of relief after seeing the ancestor wounding Tie Yi. If a legendary master like the ancestor was defeated by an unknown little demon, it would be too hard to take in.

However, outsiders didn't know that this was not the ancestor wounding Tie Yi, it was Tie Yi's old wounds coming back due to the battle!

"Die!" The ancestor didn't give Tie Yi an opportunity to breathe. The invincible treasure lit up again and carried with it an unstoppable momentum!

For the ancestor, if he couldn't kill this unknown little demon, then it would be difficult to re-establish his reputation.

"Who's afraid of who!" Tie Yi also laughed wildly and pounced forward to meet the ancestor head on. It was as if he was an awakened lion, ready for battle.

Li Qiye watched the battle between the two for a bit before losing his interest. He looked at the land of the Xian Clan and smilingly said: "It is time to flatten this land."

Having said that, he took out a pouch.

"Whooooosh!" In this instant, the wind suddenly howled. Poisonous insects and ferocious monsters came out one by one after being released by Li Qiye. Loud roars resounded as if a flood of monsters had arrived like a stampeding cavalry.

These creatures crowded the Xian Clan's gate. There were eight meter long Red-eyed Winged Centipedes, Toxic Horned Lions as tall as little mountains, Black Widow Snakes that stretched like rivers, True Fire Virulent Toads spewing out poisonous flames, Iron-Hoof Evil Bulls full of poisonous parasites...

Many people gasped at the sight of Li Qiye quickly releasing so many poisonous creatures. The infestation wreaked havoc across this land left them with a terrifying and creepy sensation.

Looking at the poisonous serpents with dripping saliva and spiders full of green hair, the beasts with evil flames surrounding their bodies... All of these terrorizing images caused people to tremble; some even wanted to vomit.

"Where, where did he get so many poisonous creatures from?" Even a Demon King was aghast in the face of so many monsters.

"Red-eyed Winged Centipedes, Toxic Horned Lions, Black Widow Snakes, True Fire Virulent Toads, Iron-Hoof Evil Bulls..." An old alchemist could name all of these creatures. He paled as he murmured: "These are all indigenous species from the Alchemy Kingdom. The majority of them hide around in the dangerous locations here, how did Li Qiye get them?!"

An alchemist realized something and uttered in shock: "Don't tell me he captured them just recently...?"

A few people knew the ancient rumors of Alchemy City. In an archaic age when the phoenix and divine tree tried to obtain rebirth via fire, they left behind divine ashes that cultivated this land. This turned the city into a treasure ground for spirit medicines and grasses as well as a land occupied by many poisonous creatures and fierce beasts.

Because of this, there were still locations in this city where many of these creatures resided. From then on, these areas became so dangerous that even Heavenly Kings wouldn't dare to venture inside.

"How incredible, just what level has Li Qiye's insect mastery reached?!" An Alchemy Saint uttered in disbelief: "Legends describe the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor coming to Alchemy City to capture many poisonous creatures. However, besides him, very few people later on managed to catch so many."

After witnessing Li Qiye's amazing display of prowess, many were frightened. In just a moment, they became very wary of this insect mastery branch from the dao of alchemy.

Although this was a world with the highest concentration of alchemists, an art like insect mastery was inferior in the eyes of many alchemists. First, one had to be a Legendary Alchemist before learning insect mastery. If one was able to reach this level, they would obtain a very proud status, and countless people would be willing to work for them. There was no need to waste energy researching insect mastery. It was enough to specialize in pill refinement. Second, even for many Alchemy Emperor lineages, insect mastery was not well researched!

As a result, insect mastery and even wood mastery were very rare among alchemists. A few lineages had such abilities, but their alchemists still chose to focus on refining pills instead.

It was very rare for someone to take insect mastery to the extreme like the progenitor of the Insect Swarm Valley, the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor.

"Activate the formations, prepare for battle!" The World-Pillar Monarch was alarmed and shouted after seeing so many poisonous creatures outside of their gate.

With a series of booming explosions, lights flashed among the peaks of the Xian's residence. Even sweet fragrances could be smelled.

"Raaa..." At this time, there were creatures that had infiltrated the clan. However, the dozen of them all bellowed miserably. It didn't matter whether they came from the sky or the ground, they twitched on the ground and instantly died.

"Increase the power!" The monarch gave another command to the disciples of his clan with a loud shout.

Fiery lights appeared inside a few valleys and caves on this land as if they were burning something. An even stronger medicinal fragrance quickly enveloped the entire residence.

The poisonous creatures crowding outside of the Xian Clan were very afraid of this smell and couldn't help but retreat. Even those who were not afraid of this smell didn't want to enter the Xian Clan; it was as if they could sense the danger.

"Alchemy formation!" An alchemist who was watching this scene emotionally commented: "The Xian Clan is indeed a branch from the imperial family. By having such a powerful alchemy formation in their clan, they could even stop a huge number of poisonous creatures."

"Haha, fool not knowing your own strength, do you really think you are unbeatable with your insect mastery? Don't forget, our Xian Clan is a branch of the imperial family. Regarding the dao of alchemy,

nothing compares to our Alchemy Kingdom in the nine worlds!” With the protection of the formation, Xian Miao sneered with complete confidence as if victory was a foregone conclusion.

Although his words were unpleasant, they were backed by logic. It was difficult to find a lineage within the nine worlds comparable to their Alchemy Kingdom regarding the dao of alchemy.

“Should you be so proud of such a trivial formation?” Li Qiye smiled and patted his Myriad Heavenly Cauldron: “Open...”

The cauldron opened its mouth wide. With a boom, its mouth seemingly turning into the gigantic jaws of a beast capable of swallowing the heavens. Its raging flames immediately turned into a giant vortex.

In the blink of an eye, this fiery vortex sucked in all the medicinal fragrances that covered the Xian Clan. With another loud bang, the cauldron spewed out its own fragrances. Moreover, all of these fragrances suddenly caught on fire.

They created a sea of fire that ran along the alchemy formation’s runes from the Xian Clan, causing the entire formation to blow up.

“Bang—” In an instant, explosions could be heard from within. Under the raging flames, the formation initially powered by cauldrons blew up. The central area of the formation exploded as well.

Many mountains collapsed instantly due to the explosions. Suddenly, loud screams came from everywhere as flesh and blood spattered in the sky. With the formation’s collapse, the experts that were controlling the formations were blown away; many headed to their deaths!

Chapter 764: Massacring The Xian Clan

The alchemy formation was broken in an instant by the Myriad Heavenly Cauldron. Chaos ensued in the Xian Clan as the shrill screams that came from within caused the World-Pillar Monarch’s countenance to be quite unsightly.

The alchemy formation could be considered one of their prided creations. Ordinary clans wouldn’t be able to have such a formation, but it was broken so easily by Li Qiye.

“It can also do this? A cauldron breaking an alchemy formation... this is so unreal....” The spectators watching this fight were astounded after seeing the Xian’s alchemy formation explode.

“This kind of alchemy formation is not even worthy of me taking action. My cauldron alone can already easily break it.” Li Qiye smirked dismissively.

Terrifying roars could be heard right after the formation went down. Without its deterrence, all the poisonous creatures rushed into the Xian residence. Their rampage caused the land to shake and the pavilions to be crushed.

One of the poisonous serpents slithered all the way to a high peak and spat out some roiling mist. This mist instantly spread everywhere and shrouded one mountain after another, eroding many valleys. Many disciples from the Xian Clan immediately screamed and met their demise after being invaded by this mist, leaving behind only bodies on the ground.

One of the spiders full of green hair quickly rushed into the residence and spewed out countless webs. These webs covered the sky and surrounded the disciples before they could fight it. Sizzling sounds could be heard after they were covered by this silk. Amidst their screams, their bodies began to rot!

Some golden bees flew inside and swiftly shot out a barrage of poisonous needles as thin as hair. Many disciples couldn't dodge in time; they weren't ready to escape as they were hit by the needles. Once stricken, no matter their cultivation, their body instantly froze up as if petrified.

Poisonous toads, ferocious rhinos, and dark bulls... all kind of creatures invaded the Xian residence like a tsunami. They trampled this land with devastating force. Buildings fell one after another from their onslaught.

Li Qiye only smiled while watching the fight from outside of the gate. There was no need for him to personally take action.

"Ahh—" Screams came left and right from within the residence. All the Xian disciples came to fight. The World-Pillar Monarch didn't have time to watch Li Qiye as he rushed to the frontlines to fight these monsters.

Many people had begun to pay attention to this battle as early as three days ago, but no one had ever thought that it would begin in such a manner.

There were many speculations regarding how things would begin. Some believed that a great character from Allpine Mountain would act as the vanguard. Others believed that Li Qiye would take out that invincible treasure to bombard the Xian Clan... However, no one thought that Li Qiye didn't need to take action and would just leisurely stand there, directing his horde of monsters to attack the Xian Clan.

The crowd was dumbfounded and sent into a daze. This offense from Li Qiye was indeed too powerful.

"Who would ever dare to say that alchemists had weak combat potential from now on? Insect mastery and wood mastery — both of these techniques can easily massacre a clan or even destroy a sect!" An alchemist lamented after seeing this scene. However, there was a tinge of pride in his words!

"Damned beasts, stop running amok!" In the depths of the Xian Clan came five gray-haired old men that instantly formed a formation. They carried treasure medicines and divine roots and initiated their grand formation, coming forward with a powerful, sweeping momentum.

"Bang!" A series of rumbling occurred. Under the pressure of the formation from the five old men, many monsters receded like a tide since they couldn't withstand this attack.

"Five elders of the Xian Clan! They are all amazing alchemists and were once renowned in the world." An alchemist who recognized the five was startled from seeing their formation.

These five elders were the most exceptional alchemists of the Xian Clan. Although they couldn't compare to the Xian Alchemy Ancestor, they all had remarkable accomplishments.

They formed another alchemy formation to expel and kill these poisonous monsters. This was enough to prove their worth on the dao of alchemy.

"An alchemist-based formation?" Li Qiye smiled and said: "Let me show you what a heaven-made poisonous formation can do!"

Having said that, a dao of alchemy emerged. Li Qiye's hands instantly formed five runic incantations that flew out and imprinted themselves on five different creatures.

"Croakk..." A Gold-striped One-eyed Frog as big as a mound jumped out from the poisonous herd.

"Pluff..." A Crimson Flame Serpent with a tongue as big as an arm came forth.

"Zhiii..." A scorpion with an iron carapace crawled out from the mass.

Next, a hundred meter long centipede with a thousand blade-like legs arrived. Just its movement alone could sweep through many experts and take their lives.

One spider covered in poisonous needles also rushed out from its peers.

These five poisonous creatures instantly formed a team and pounced towards the five Xian Elders at an unbelievable speed. They attacked together in the blink of an eye. The frog spewed out poisonous mists while the crimson serpent unleashed its fire to burn this mist!

The burning mist immediately turned into a sea of fire. In this same moment, the spider spat out a large amount of webs that was accompanied by needles towards the sea of fire. In an instant, they became extremely vile fiery nets that locked the entire sky...

The five creatures unleashed their combination attack towards the five elders. "Boom! Boom! Boom!" The scorpion shot out four needles towards the four cardinal directions that turned into formation pillars. In the blink of an eye, the five elders were trapped inside. At this time, the poisonous fire had turned into lava. Moreover, the webs had locked the area inside the formation, so the five elders couldn't take half a step backward let alone escape.

"Open!" The five elders wildly shouted and unleashed their formation's most powerful state. However, the combined attack of the five creatures with their venom, fire, webs... All of these powers worked together in harmony, causing their power to soar exponentially!

"Ahh!" In just a brief moment, the sea of magma refined the five elders' alchemy formation. The five elders were also incinerated while they screamed pitifully.

"What is this?!" The spectators were amazed. From the start, the five elders were able to push back these creatures. But now, these five monsters instantly reversed the situation and killed all five of them.

"This is the legendary Five Poisons Mutual Generation, a natural formation that abides the laws of the world. There is no need for formations or techniques since the five poisons rely on their natural harmonizing affinity to create this formation." A Legendary Alchemist who didn't want to show his face understood this particular method. His eyes widened as he murmured: "Five Poisons Mutual Generation... this is easier said than done! To be able to display this natural effect in a formation in an instant... This allows for the strength of the poisons to rise by at least ten times!" [1. A form of Five Elements Mutual Generation.]

"Scram!" When the poisonous creatures invaded the depths of the Xian Clan, Cao Guoyao finally showed himself. He summoned a cauldron and spewed out an alchemy mist to stop the flood of monsters.

Cao Guoyao was indeed a great alchemist, especially after obtaining the insect mastery arts of the Insect Swarm Valley. He alone was even stronger than the five Xian Elders as he stopped the incoming horde.

“Not bad, let’s see if you can stop this!” Li Qiye saw this scene and smiled. He took out a tiny bottle and let out a creature.

“Buzzz!” Cao Guoyao, who was battling the poisonous horde, suddenly heard a small humming sound. He lifted his head and noticed a little white silkworm flying forward. This silkworm had a pair of wings, so it flew very quickly.

Such a cute and tiny white silkworm would make anyone think that it was completely harmless.

“Evil Silkworm!” However, Cao Guoyao acted as if he had seen a ghost. He quickly recalled his cauldron and turned around to flee without a care for anything else.

“Ahh—” However, he didn’t make it too far before he let out a shrill scream. His body dropped to the ground and began to twitch as a terrifying scene ensued.

A strange fleshy growth began to bud as if a bean sprout was growing on his body. The moment this fleshy meat reached a certain size, it began to crack and spew out black blood. The little silkworm flew out of Cao Guoyao’s body and immediately sucked up all of the black blood.

“Fuck, where did Li Qiye get an Evil Silkworm?!” A knowledgeable alchemist paled at the sight of this little silkworm. His legs grew weak as his butt hit the ground.

“Is... that little white silkworm that terrifying?” A disciple couldn’t help but ask after seeing his master frightened to such an extent.

The alchemist said: “If it is not terrifying, then Cao Guoyao wouldn’t have tried to flee! He obtained the arts of the Insect Swarm Valley and was fighting so many poisonous creatures alone; do you think he was afraid of them? However, after seeing this little silkworm, he ran right away!”

He eventually calmed down and licked his lips: “Evil Silkworm — this devilish thing is very rare. Some of them live in some vile marshes in Alchemy City. I only heard that the Insect Swarm Alchemy Emperor caught one after coming here. Later on, it was groomed by the valley to become a devil that could easily kill Virtuous Paragons! Rumor has it that this evil silkworm is still protecting the valley to this day!” The alchemist quivered while recalling the tale.

Chapter 765: Sacred Ancestor

Cao Guoyao dying just like that caused the onlookers to grow silent. They were unable to describe their own thoughts at this moment.

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But now, he died miserably, and to a poisonous insect at that! Even his great insect mastery couldn’t save his life.

He once proclaimed that outside of the Insect Swarm Ancestors, no one in this world could compare to him regarding insect mastery. Just how ironic was his ultimate demise today?

Screams continued to emanate as the beasts rampaged in the Xian residence. Blood ran like rivers in the area as countless disciples died. Even the effort from the counter-offensive of the older experts was useless.

From start to end, all the disciples and experts wished to defend their clan. However, after being surrounded, they couldn't even break through the swarm to escape.

Such a scene left the spectators with tingling palms. No one thought that this would happen since they assumed that the Xian Clan would clearly have the upper hand.

Who would have thought that in such a short period of time, the Xian Clan would be swept away and decimated? The clan that held great pride in their dao of alchemy couldn't stop the rage of the poisonous beasts and were eventually massacred.

"Old Dog Huangfu, what are you waiting for!" The Xian Alchemy Ancestor couldn't help but cry out. He was gritting his teeth as his heart bled: "If you don't take action, my Alchemy Kingdom will not forgive your Huangfu Clan!"

The Alchemy Ancestor was driven insane after seeing his clan being abused like this! Despite his great mastery of alchemy, it was of no use. He was busy dealing with Tie Yi and couldn't do anything to save his clan.

He was indeed wondrous. With his nonstop offense, he pushed Tie Yi back into a disadvantageous position. However, Tie Yi's might was unexpected as well.

At this moment, Tie Yi's old injuries resurfaced and he would occasionally spit out blood. Moreover, him taking on the ancestor's continuous attacks only worsened his state. Nevertheless, he was a raging dragon despite his bloodied self. In his frenzy, he unleashed his most powerful attacks again and again until the sky collapsed.

His bloodthirst and hostility erupted. Anyone would be horrified by this scene; they would rather run instead of battling with this dire wolf who was fighting without regard for his own life!

Tie Yi fought with the aim of bringing the enemy down with him, so no one could connect him to his prior cowardly form that fled at the first sign of danger. The Alchemy Ancestor had the upper hand early on in this battle, but he couldn't suppress Tie Yi's rampaging state since he was not a paragon capable of divine investiture, he was not what people called an eternal existence!

Despite his advantage, if he was not careful against Tie Yi's recklessness, then the tides would turn. It could even result in both of them going down together.

The ancestor was full of remorse at this moment. With one wrong move, he lost the entire board. He was confident that this war would be easy since it was just killing a junior like Li Qiye. He didn't expect to bring about a disaster to his own clan.

What made him even angrier was that the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor just loitered around without showing his face. They had a pact that the moment Li Qiye came, they would instantly attack and kill the Virtuous Paragons on Li Qiye's side.

But now, Li Qiye's poisonous horde had destroyed the Xian Clan while the Sacred Ancestor had yet to show his face, causing his Xian Clan to suffer great casualties. How could the Alchemy Ancestor not go crazy?

The regretful ancestor felt that he had fallen into the trap of the Huangfu Ancestor, becoming nothing more than cannon fodder!

"I'm here, Brother Alchemy. My cultivation was tampered with and I almost suffered qi deviation so I am late." The Sacred Ancestor finally showed up.

When he emerged from the Xian Clan, the stars seemed to have shifted. A terrifying aura swept through the entire Alchemy City as if a deity had arrived.

In the end, the Sacred Ancestor still took action. Although this was against his will since it was better to play the waiting game, he was forced to take action. After the Xian Ancestor uttered those words, he would truly break all ties with the Alchemy Kingdom if he remained hidden. That would bring about a disaster to his own clan!

"Kill the little bastard!" Although the enraged ancestor didn't believe this drivel about qi deviation, he had no time to care for it. He needed the Sacred Ancestor to reverse the tides of this battle.

"Boom!" The Sacred Ancestor's attack resembled a blow from a God-Monarch. Myriad laws were destroyed, blowing away all the poisonous creatures from the Xian Clan. As for the beasts closer to him, they were instantly rendered to ashes!

At this second, he didn't care whether the creatures that went flying were alive or not. He stepped out of the Xian Clan with his invincible aura and suppressed the nine heavens and engulfed myriad realms!

"Sacred Ancestor, is he a God-Monarch?" Even great powers' ancestors felt a cold chill. As for other people, they were naturally trembling with fear.

"The most powerful ancestor of the Huangfu Clan is still alive. So this is a God-Monarch!" An ancestor who knew the Sacred Ancestor became nervous.

The Sacred Ancestor took one step forward. His two eyes were as dazzling as the sky when he coldly uttered while emitting a terrifying aura: "Little bastard, today marks your demise!"

That being said, with one palm blotting out the sun, he reached straight for Li Qiye. This encroaching palm seemed to be capable of grasping the entire world, causing all the experts in the city to feel fear. A God-Monarch was indeed brilliant!

"Go!" The moment Madam Zi Yan saw that Li Qiye was about to be captured, she acted without any hesitation. In the blink of an eye, she carried the Immortal Devouring Evil Jar forward and used all of her blood energy to empower it. The jar spewed out an endless black brilliance like a star flying all the way to the firmament, blowing away everything in its trajectory!

The Immortal Devouring Evil Jar had a monstrous origin and was no weaker than even an Emperor Assailant's True Treasure! With the madam not sparing anything, even if she couldn't exert its ultimate power, the strike would still be devastatingly powerful.

All existences in the city trembled before this endless black brilliance that crossed the sky. Everyone felt as if their souls were leaving their bodies as they were sucked in by the jar.

An ancestor recognized this treasure and exclaimed: “Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!”

Even the Sacred Ancestor was alarmed and immediately withdrew his hand. He shouted and opened his mouth to spit out his true fate weapon. Even though he was a God-Monarch, he still didn’t dare to meet the jar head on without a weapon!

“Boom!” The madam with the evil jar couldn’t withstand the blow from the Sacred Ancestor’s true fate weapon; after all, it could destroy even the world.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The madam was forced back repeatedly as the ground shattered behind her. If it wasn’t for the evil jar protecting her at the last second, she would have either suffered a grievous injury or died.

After all, the cultivation gap between the two of them was simply too much. Without the evil jar, the Sacred Ancestor’s finger alone could kill the madam.

“Immortal Devouring Evil Jar!” Even the eyes of a big shot like the Sacred Ancestor lit up with greed after seeing the jar floating above the madam’s head.

He couldn’t be blamed since anyone would covet an item such as this jar. It was not weaker than Immortal Emperor True Treasures, something that their Huangfu Clan didn’t have.

“This evil jar will only rot at your Giant Bamboo Country.” The Sacred Ancestor snorted: “From now on, it will have a different master!”

“Come again!” Although the madam knew that it would be difficult after experiencing the last blow, her fighting spirit was still surging. Despite not being the ancestor’s match, she still wanted to fight using the evil jar!

“Little girl, that was only a casual blow from me. If I actually attacked seriously, even the jar would not be able to save you!” The Sacred Ancestor coldly smiled: “It is not too late to hand over the evil jar. If you do so, I will spare your life. If you force me to attack again, then not only will I kill you, I will also destroy your country another day.”

The madam still wanted to go forward but was stopped by Li Qiye.

“You’re only a false god yet you still dare to bluster. Even a real God-Monarch would not dare to talk about destroying my Giant Bamboo. You are nothing!” Li Qiye smirked as he stared at the Sacred Ancestor.

The ancestor grimaced. People always referred to him as a God-Monarch, which was a source of pride for him. For a paragon, being called “God-Monarch” was a great honor.

In actuality, the Sacred Ancestor was not qualified to be called a God-Monarch due to the strict standards! His strength was enough to form his own country or be part of the divine list, but it was far from being of the God-Monarch level. For example, the Sacred Ancestor from the Thousand Carp River was absolutely worthy of this title; he was a real God-Monarch that would be respected by the entire Sacred Nether World!

However, the Thousand Carp Sacred Ancestor had seen Immortal Emperor Qian Li before and had witnessed what true invincibility was back when all the generals of the great emperor were still in this world. Even if he was qualified for the title, he would rather stay humble and refused to call himself a God-Monarch.

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Chapter 766: Black Bones

This was not the case for the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor. With regards to cultivation and qualifications, he couldn't be bestowed the title of God-Monarch! However, as the strongest existence in the Huangfu Clan, he struggled to reach such a level, so he grew very prideful and complacent.

At that time, many experts flattered him and all called him God-Monarch. Thus, even till now, he always considered himself as one. He was very sensitive when others brought this up. Li Qiye calling him a false god reminded him of what he was most annoyed with.

Because of this, the Sacred Ancestor grimaced in an unsightly fashion and coldly uttered: "Fool, today, not only will I take the evil jar, I will also take my time torturing you until you wish for death!"

His blood energy erupted, causing his aura to become even more powerful. Earlier, he only casually attacked. Now, he didn't mind spending blood energy to kill the madam as well as to seize the evil jar!

In the blink of an eye, a divine ring pulsed from his true fate weapon that appeared to be a galaxy in the sky. A fist emerged from the center of this ring. Its arrival immediately suppressed the world. All the Xian disciples and poisonous creatures were immediately frozen.

Even the evil jar emitting its black brilliance above the madam's head was weakened by this oppressive fist. It was easy to imagine just how powerful this suppression was.

Even if the Sacred Ancestor was not a God-Monarch, he was still an eternal existence, and a top one at that. When he actually became angry and use his blood energy to fuel his fate weapon, seizing the evil jar or other emperor weapons would not be difficult at all.

As the fist came down, even ancestors from the great powers trembled, so it was needless to say for others.

“Ignorant insects, tremble before me! Those who oppose my Huangfu Clan shall not meet a pleasant end!” The Sacred Ancestor sneered. The divine fist suppressed the entire battlefield. Outside of the Sacred Ancestor and Tie Yi fighting in the sky, everyone else was subjected to its suppression.

The evil jar also buzzed when faced with the oncoming fist. It started to shake in an unstable manner. Without a doubt, it was affected by this fist.

“It’s over.” The spectators gently sighed at the fist going for the evil jar. They knew the fight was about to end. When a powerful existence like the Sacred Ancestor took action, everything would quickly end.

“A false god still acts so unbridled before me.” Li Qiye smiled at this: “Watch me slaughter you!”

With that, a gray death energy floated around his body along with the emergence of the Death Chapter. The chapter quickly embedded itself in the ground.

“Crack!” Back at Li Qiye’s abode, the dry mountain suddenly cracked!

A broken black bone flew out from the desolate mountain. Like a heavenly spear, it crossed ten thousand miles in an instant.

As the divine fist was suppressing the area, the black bone immediately pierced through it!

“Who dares to ambush me!” The Sacred Ancestor was shocked after his fist was penetrated. This bone being able to do such a thing made him feel threatened.

“Pluff!” Even more black bones flew out from the desolate mountains.

“Die!” As these incomplete bones flew forward, the shaken ancestor roared. He no longer held back any of his blood energy. His true fate weapon shot out even more fists from its divine ring to meet the approaching bones.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” The earth was torn asunder. The most unbelievable thing happened. These bones actually pierced through all the fists as they tore through the sky. Everyone had the feeling that the heavens itself was being penetrated.

“What are those things?!” An ancestor saw these black bone fragments clearly. They were burnt crisp black as if they had caught on fire countless times!

Moreover, their lengths varied. A few bones were cracked as if they had been destroyed after being incinerated numerous times!

Such bones — in anyone’s eyes — were useless. However, they managed to pierce through the Sacred Ancestor’s fists — this was simply terrifying!

Many became dumbfounded at this scene. They didn’t know just what these bones were to be able to accomplish such a task.

“Descent of the Gods!” The aghast ancestor howled. He spewed a blob of longevity blood onto his true fate weapon to unleash the most powerful attack of his life! For an existence like the ancestor, his longevity blood had already dried up. Expending this large of an amount right now was akin to taking his own life.

However, if he didn't take such a risk, then these bones would take his life anyway! Fear began to consume even an existence like him!

"Boom!" As this unbeatable attack descended, a sacred image emerged. Many godly figures took form as if they had sent down their most powerful attacks. In the blink of an eye, they imprisoned myriad realms as they unleashed their onslaught to destroy all laws.

"Bang!" The area immediately exploded. Under this ultimate attack, these black bone fragments were blown away. However, even the most tattered ones among them remained unharmed!

"Die!" Li Qiye's eyes turned fierce as all of his death energy erupted. The Death Chapter began to rebuild and derive a boundless profundity.

As Li Qiye empowered his chapter, these broken bones began to come together and rebuilt a new body in an instant.

"What kind of bird is that?" Someone finally saw the shape of the restructured bones. This was the skeleton of a huge bird. Moreover, it was far from being complete as many pieces were missing.

Just one incomplete skeleton was already so powerful. The moment it was successfully put together, it spread its wings with a force capable of stretching even the nine heavens.

"Screechhh!" A phoenix soared to the sky. This skeletal bird swooped down from above. Its bony wings swept by with a force capable of destroying the heavens above and annihilating all devils below. A flap of its wings left behind terrible scars in the sky!

The heads of these godly figures started to fly as the wings of the creature swept forward. The most powerful attack of the Sacred Ancestor was instantly destroyed.

"Bang!" His true fate weapon was torn apart under this pressure while the ancestor was blown away with his blood crazily spraying everywhere.

"Whoosh!" One bone fragment flew out and immediately penetrated his chest, suspending him high in the sky.

"No, this... can't be..." He couldn't move at all after being immobilized in the sky. His wide eyes started to roll as he couldn't accept this reality. He was a God-Monarch and yet was defeated by the skeleton of a bird. No one could accept this result.

"This is impossible!" The spectators watching this scene with their own eyes felt that this was impossible as well because it was simply too terrifying. A skeletal bird defeating a God-Monarch. Even if he wasn't a real God-Monarch, this was still too much to take in.

"Nothing is impossible!" Li Qiye smirked: "It is just that you cannot understand what true power is in this world."

"Pluff!" With a sweep of a bony wing, the Sacred Ancestor's head flew to the sky as a spring of blood erupted from his neck all the way to the sky. Even at his moment of death, he didn't understand how he lost to a mere skeleton; he couldn't accept this fact!

The world suddenly turned silent. Many people were creeped out, chilled by this astonishing development!

“This is... Is this really happening?” Some thought that they were simply dreaming.

Just think about it. A God-Monarch, a frightening existence. Even if the Sacred Ancestor wasn't truly a God-Monarch, he was still a terrifying eternal existence! If, say, he was killed by a real God-Monarch or a Godking, then it would be understandable. However, he was slain by an incomplete skeleton. No one could accept such a thing.

“Just what is that thing?” Many people couldn't figure it out while looking at this incomplete skeleton. No one knew what this creature was to be able to kill a God-Monarch.

Madam Zi Yan next to Li Qiye took a deep breath. Recently, her Young Master used his death energy to gestate the mountain, reaching all the way to the depths of the ground. He spent a lot of time on this seemingly trivial matter. At this moment, she finally understood what her Young Master had been doing.

“Pop!” In the meantime, the Alchemy Ancestor was struck by Tie Yi, causing his blood to run. He quickly turned around to flee.

The ancestor purposely accepted this attack from the crazed Tie Yi to use the opportunity to escape with his fastest speed towards the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom.

His fear was understandable because even a powerful existence like the Sacred Ancestor was killed. Even if he were to stay behind, he wouldn't be able to escape death. At this moment, only the ancestral ground would be able to protect him, thus he had no choice but to risk it all to run towards that direction to seek asylum!

Chapter 767: Invincible Bones

This reversal caught everyone by surprise. When the Alchemy Ancestor escaped, the surviving experts and disciples of the Xian Clan were overwhelmed by despair. Even their most powerful forefather had escaped, so they were caught in a hopeless situation.

“Want to run? Too late.” Li Qiye snorted at the sight of the fleeing ancestor. The Death Chapter rotated and the skeletal bird in the sky flapped its wings again.

Before the ancestor could reach the ancestral ground, the bird instantly caught up to him. Its speed was too fast. Even someone like the ancestor couldn't compare to the bird in this regard.

“Pop!” Before he could counterattack, the bird's wings swept him flying. He fell down from the sky while vomiting blood and heavily slammed into the ground, creating a huge pit. His blood began to stain the soil.

Before he could stand up to try to escape again, the bird swept down and smashed the surroundings. Its claws instantly pierced his shoulders as he was caught by it and carried into the sky. He couldn't move at all! When the bird gripped his shoulders, it also sealed his true fate.

“No...” The lucky survivors from the Xian Clan cried out as they were plunged further into despair.

The spectators were even more frightened by the sudden appearance of this bird. First, it killed the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor and now, it captured the Xian Alchemy Ancestor.

Just an incomplete skeletal version was already this powerful, so wouldn't it have unimaginable might if it were still alive?

They quivered uncontrollably while watching the ancestor being gripped by the skeletal bird like a little chick. The majority expected the Alchemy Ancestor to win while Li Qiye's side suffered total defeat. Who would have thought that the Sacred Ancestor would be killed, the Xian Clan annihilated, and the Alchemy Ancestor captured alive?

"I have never been reserved towards those who aim for my life." Li Qiye cheerfully smiled while looking at the ancestor.

"Junior... you, you can't kill me." The ancestor was extremely pale. He knew just how close to death he was. Until now, he was always imperious, the one to control the life and death of others. A junior like Li Qiye would never be able to enter his sight no matter the occasion. But now, his life was in the hands of this exact junior!

"Is that so?" Li Qiye smiled: "Do you really think that I wouldn't dare to kill you because you are a denizen of the Alchemy Kingdom? You truly think too highly of yourself and the Alchemy Kingdom. There is no one in this world that I do not dare to kill!"

The ancestor's soul left his body after hearing this response. He knew that he had met his maker, so he shouted: "Senior Uncle, save me!"

With that, he spewed out an arrow made of blood that flew all the way to the ancestral ground of the Alchemy Kingdom. With his life hanging by a thread, the ancestor used this blood arrow to ask the ancestors and seniors in the ancestral ground for help.

"Boom!" When this blood arrow reached the ancestral ground, a divine light soared from the place all the way to the sky. Although its entrance was still closed, it was as if one deity after another awakened when this terrifying light reached the sky.

A vast and invincible aura suddenly hit the world. Such a terrifying aura from an awakened being was able to shake all of the Alchemy Realm and even the entire Stone Medicine World.

At this moment, many imperial lineages were alarmed by this powerful aura. The Jianlong Clan, the Beastmaster Citadel, and the Heavenhoof Ravine had many sleeping ancestors that woke up due to this powerful disturbance.

"What is going on?" Ancient existences were woken from their slumber by this force. They couldn't help but look towards the Alchemy Kingdom.

"Is someone attacking the Alchemy Kingdom, or did something strange happen to the world? Why is it that so many ancestors of the kingdom woke up?" Even an ancestor from the low-profile Jianlong Clan spoke emotionally after sensing this disturbance.

The cultivators inside Alchemy City became nervous. Many even prostrated to the ground since they couldn't handle this aura.

It was as if all the powerful subjects of an archaic dynasty had woken up overnight. These powerful auras were not necessarily weaker than the arrival of an Immortal Emperor.

Countless people lost their minds out of fear of this horrifying power. For the masses, the might of the Alchemy Kingdom was only something from legends and gossip. In fact, for many cultivators, especially the younger generation, they simply couldn't imagine the magnitude of the kingdom's true power. Some even felt that the kingdom's power might have been exaggerated.

But at this very second when divine rays soared to the sky from the ancestral ground and powerful auras swept through the nine heavens, people finally felt the true prestige of the kingdom. This was the limit of power, a might that could shake the entire Stone Medicine World! Even Heavenly Kings had the urge to prostrate on the ground.

This left a permanent mark in many people's minds. Although no one could see how many ancestors actually woke up from the ancestral ground or what they looked like, their auras alone showed that it was not just one. Moreover, they were all fear-inspiringly powerful.

"Long live the imperial family, long live the invincible ancestors..." The despairing Xian disciples finally caught sight of a thread of life and couldn't help but rejoice.

"Phoo!" With a single breath, the wind started to howl. A God-Monarch's power engulfed the world. In the blink of an eye, a huge sleeve swept forward like a gust of wind, blowing all the clouds along with all the poisonous creatures assaulting the Xian residence to the horizon.

Just one sweep of his sleeve was enough to blow all the monsters away. Just this one move was enough to show that the person who had just taken action was much more powerful than the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor.

"Senior Uncle, save me..." The captured Alchemy Ancestor shouted with a hint of embarrassment and joy in his voice.

When he came into being and left his Blood Era Stone, he told the imperial family that he was going to refine a longevity medicine cauldron. Right now, he couldn't face them after things came down to this.

Within the endless lights in the ancestral ground, a figure emerged. They carried the endless light with their back leaning on countless mountains and rivers. Just this figure alone was enough for his God-Monarch aura to cover Alchemy City.

His aura was vast and majestic, leaving people breathless. They couldn't help but want to prostrate before his imposing might.

Although the Sacred Ancestor also emitted a powerful aura earlier, there was something missing in his aura compared to the aura emitted by this figure ahead. The Sacred Ancestor's aura was indeed oppressive to the point where people would quiver, but it still had a feeling of putting on airs.

However, the aura from this current figure was exalted and regal as if he was a true God-Monarch sitting above the firmament just to allow his subjects to prostrate to him!

People felt their lips drying up with cold chills running down their spines after seeing this figure from the ancestral ground. One of them couldn't help but murmur: "A true God-Monarch..."

Even those who had never seen a real God-Monarch before knew that this person was the real deal while the Sacred Ancestor was truly lacking.

A true God-Monarch had no need for flattery from others. An existence like the Sacred Ancestor that needed the acceptance and praise of others to be a God-Monarch was ultimately lacking, he couldn't reach this true level.

Although few could guess which ancestor the Senior Uncle of the Alchemy Ancestor was, the entire city was completely silent at this moment. Many people didn't even dare to breathe as they watched this scene.

Only Li Qiye remained calm and at ease as he stared at the figure.

"Young friend, the storm ends here. Let go of my Alchemy Kingdom's disciple." The figure eventually spoke. His voice was ancient and resoundingly powerful.

The crowd held their breaths and stared at Li Qiye. Many people assumed that he would back down in this situation since so many ancestors of the kingdom had woken.

Li Qiye smiled and leisurely responded: "End? For me, this is just the beginning; things are far from over."

Li Qiye's words rendered many speechless. He had already breached the Xian Clan, killed the Sacred Ancestor, and captured the Alchemy Ancestor. This was enough to make him famous in this world, enough to make him become a peerless genius comparable to Ye Qingcheng and Mei Aonan overnight!

However, Li Qiye still didn't falter after reaching this level. This was too aggressive and overconfident.

Chapter 768: Alchemy Kingdom's God-Monarch

It was so silent that one could hear the wind blowing about. No one would dare to interfere in such a matter. The behemoth that is the Alchemy Kingdom had finally revealed itself. Any lineage would feel pressured by this development.

The atmosphere became extremely tense. There was a phrase that rang quite true: the world trembles before the fury of the Alchemy Kingdom's imperial family!

The figure inside the divine light in the ancestral ground slowly uttered: "Little friend, the real culprit, the Huangfu Sacred Ancestor has already been killed. You have destroyed the Xian Clan and defeated the Alchemy Ancestor. Your goals have been accomplished, so what more do you want?" Each of his words was full of power and immense weight.

Li Qiye gently shook his head: "We won't talk about future matters, but even in the present, this is far from enough without killing the Alchemy Ancestor. Unless he leaves his life behind, I will not let this go!"

All watched with bated breaths. No matter their view on Li Qiye or their grievances towards him, everyone had to admit that this kid was really courageous. To dare to bargain with the imperial family and still act nonchalantly before a God-Monarch — this was not something anyone could do.

Such boldness and courage made many feel inferior. Not to mention the younger generation, even those of the older generation and the ancestors would feel their knees giving in while standing before a God-Monarch of the imperial family.

“You!” The Alchemy Ancestor was vomiting blood from anger. However, even if he was enraged, he wouldn’t be able to do anything. His life was in the hands of Li Qiye! Today was the most shameful day of his life!

“Little friend, don’t be so aggressive. There is no need to go too far on every little thing. Leave a way out and bask in the immensity of the world.” The figure replied in a deep tone: “My Alchemy Kingdom is not the unreasonable type; we do not wish to bully the weak. However, if little friend goes too far, then don’t blame us!”

“Reasonable?” Li Qiye smiled: “I can reason with you any time. My bet with Cao Guoyao, what does it have to do with your Alchemy Kingdom? He owed me his life yet your Xian Clan chose to protect him. I demanded the person from your Xian Clan yet the clan wished to take my life.” Li Qiye paused before continuing: “And now, after I destroyed the Xian Clan, your Alchemy Kingdom is claiming that I am the aggressive one? What are you trying to do? To be frank, this is simply your kingdom desiring my supreme dao of alchemy and digging a pit for me to jump into!”

“Such venomous slander!” The captured Alchemy Ancestor cried out: “Our Alchemy Kingdom has four Alchemy Emperors, your dao of alchemy isn’t worthy of entering my Xian Clan’s sight—”

“Shut up.” Li Qiye didn’t bother looking at him and simply swung his hand. “Pop!” A heavy slap landed on his face.

The ancestor grew even more enraged. To be slapped by a junior in front of the world — this was the greatest humiliation of his life!

The spectators’ jaws dropped to the ground. Just how domineering was it to slap an ancestor of the Alchemy Kingdom? Anyone would be dumbfounded at this lawless youth who dared to do anything.

“Little friend, you take it too far!” Even the God-Monarch could no longer remain calm. Not to mention that the Alchemy Ancestor was his junior, even if he was only an ancestor from the kingdom, to be slapped in the face like that was something unacceptable to their kingdom!

The monarch coldly stated: “If you release the Alchemy Ancestor right now, our Alchemy Kingdom will not pursue this matter any further and let bygones be bygones. If not, then suffer the consequences!” Although his words were not loud, everyone heard them very clearly. It made them feel suffocated, as if each of his words was a hammer bashing their hearts.

“Suffer the consequences?” Li Qiye smiled: “I like hearing these words the most. Come then, I want to see your kingdom’s abilities!”

“Boom!” The God-Monarch walked forward step by step with endless divine light accompanying him. Stars hovered around his body as if he was the ruler of the heavens and myriad dao.

The endless light didn’t allow for anyone to see his face. Under the vast God-Monarch aura, numerous people prostrated in worship!

He was high above like a deity, controlling the fate of all existences in the nine worlds as if they were mere ants!

God-Monarch! This was a true God-Monarch, the ruler of deities. When one was bestowed this title, they would accept the worship of countless existences and became the lord of their own domain!

“Little friend, it is not too late to let him go. When I take action, you will either be dead or gravely injured!” The God-Monarch continued to suppress the sky, engulfing myriad realms.

Everyone in Alchemy City was breathless. The entire Alchemy Realm was also shaking from his terrifying aura.

“I am someone who prefers soft over hard treatment.” Li Qiye smiled: “The more people provoke me, the more I will enjoy killing him.” With that, Li Qiye’s eyes became fierce as more gray death energy emerged.

“Senior Uncle, kill this ignorant brat and obtain vengeance for the Xian Clan... Ahhh!” The Alchemy Ancestor saw the God-Monarch taking action and thought that he was about to be rescued. He couldn’t help but shout, but before he could finish, a scream came about. The skeletal bird had torn him in two. Blood immediately sprayed out everywhere, signaling his demise.

The God-Monarch also felt unease after Li Qiye’s death energy emerged. His heavenly palm aimed for the skeletal bird. This attack could shatter the heavens and conquer myriad realms!

However, the God-Monarch was still too late and couldn’t save the Alchemy Ancestor from being torn apart.

It seemed as if the world froze. An ancestor of the Alchemy Kingdom was killed! Just how shocking was this scene? For a very long time now, no one had dared to do such a thing. But now, a junior like Li Qiye had done something that was taboo for the past one hundred thousand years!

“Boom!” One strike to break myriad laws. Although the God-Monarch couldn’t save the Alchemy Ancestor, he still struck the bird flying. The bird’s skeletal figure was shattered as fragments flew about.

“Die!” Li Qiye shouted with more death energy emitting from his body. In a split second, the black bones quickly came together again with the same death energy. The skeletal bird screeched like a phoenix roaring.

It flew to the sky with an absolutely perfect pose like a phoenix traversing the nine heavens. Under Li Qiye’s command, each of the bird’s actions was in accordance to the rhythms of heaven and earth.

The bird attacked with its wings across space. All of its actions and motions were absolutely incomparable. It reached a higher level by dragging the worldly order, no longer staying in accordance with it.

“Rumble!” The God-Monarch took control of myriad laws and also used a supreme gesture to derive the ultimate emperor law in order to stop this skeletal bird!

However, the bird’s offense was absolutely perfect. Each of its moves were able to stop the God-Monarch’s emperor law! Its attacks didn’t carry the laws of the grand dao or an unstoppable momentum, yet they were still flawless and capable of stopping all emperor laws.

In just a moment, the two sides fought above the firmament. If this battle took place on the ground, then it would definitely destroy Alchemy City!

Many big shots opened their heavenly mirrors and dao platforms to watch the contest between the skeletal bird and the God-Monarch. The battle shattered the void and annihilated the worldly laws, causing all spectators to be aghast.

“Just... just what is that thing?” Many were left in disbelief at seeing this bird capable of fighting against a God-Monarch. This broke the common sense of many since it was simply impossible!

Someone couldn’t help but murmur: “Just its skeleton is able to fight against a God-Monarch. If this is the case, then what kind of existence was it when it was still alive? An Immortal Bird? Or an existence comparable to an Immortal Emperor?”

“What kind of demonic art is Li Qiye cultivating? To be able to control a corpse... Could this be a puppet master technique? However, I have never heard of such powerful puppet mastery before.” Many were horrified while watching this battle, and many questions popped up in their minds. They didn’t know what this powerful corpse was, only that it exceeded the limits of their imagination.

Even the madam and Yuan Caihe who had always been with Li Qiye were astonished. Neither of them could imagine how this corpse reached such a level. No one would believe that a corpse could fight against a God-Monarch!

As for Tie Yi who was tending to his wounds, he was even more alarmed. He gasped while shuddering inside. He knew more than other people. It could even be said that he had searched around Alchemy City and its lands before. Although the deepest parts of this domain were full of dangerous seals and traps that were beyond his reach, he knew that below this land was an unimaginable mystery!

At this moment, these incomplete bone fragments coming together actually wielded such incredible power. Looking at the attacking skeletal bird like a phoenix soaring up high, looking at its perfect actions that were controlling the mystical rhythms of the world...

In the blink of an eye, it was as if Tie Yi had seen a phoenix. He thought about a very old legend that few were aware of.

“Impossible...” The shaken Tie Yi murmured. He was skeptical of this legend before, but he couldn’t help but be reminded of it after seeing this skeletal bird in front of his eyes!

Chapter 769: Brightflame Imperial Cauldron

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His attacks were powerful enough to kill a group of Virtuous Paragons despite being bare-handed. However, he couldn’t end this fight against the skeletal bird.

As time passed, the monarch grew exasperated. An existence like him would not easily come into being. He wouldn’t have showed up if it wasn’t for the Alchemy Ancestor.

His lifespan had withered and he was on the verge of death. Each strand of blood energy and each drop of longevity blood were extremely precious. From the start of the battle, he didn't use a weapon because he truly valued his vitality and didn't want to use blood energy to channel a powerful weapon!

However, as the battle waged on, he became angry and eventually unleashed his killing move. He must suppress this bird and capture Li Qiye as fast as possible.

"Boom!" A loud detonation shocked the entire Stone Medicine World. The monarch took out a weapon that caused the heavens and myriad realms to dim. The world trembled below the endless imperial aura!

"Bang!" Under the attack of this weapon, the skeletal bird broke apart once more and fell down from the sky. The sounds of bones breaking finally appeared. Under the attack of an imperial weapon, even the bone fragments that could be considered invincible were damaged. A few of them shattered into pieces!

"Who is using an Immortal Emperor True Treasure?!" Myriad realms were alarmed by this attack. Countless existences trembled in fear after feeling the terrifying imperial aura. Even Virtuous Paragons were horrified.

"Brightflame Imperial Cauldron!" Someone inside the city saw the imperial cauldron in the hand of the monarch and became terrified. Their legs went weak as they dropped straight down to the ground.

At this time, the monarch had the cauldron in his hand. The cauldron was a crimson that seemed as if it could incinerate the river of time. There was a supreme imperial fire surrounding its body, causing people to fall into dismay.

"Brightflame Immortal Emperor True Treasure!" Anyone would be horrified after seeing this cauldron.

When a God-Monarch controlled an imperial true treasure, its power would be immense and terrorizing. Such battle prowess was simply unstoppable in this world!

The cauldron had a notorious reputation. This was the true treasure of Immortal Emperor Zhuo Huo. Legend has it that it could burn anything! [1. Zhuo Huo = Brightflame.]

The Alchemy Kingdom had three emperors. The first emperor was named Yao Zu, the second was Bi Shi, and the third was Zhuo Huo. [2. Yao Zu = Alchemy Ancestor. Bi Shi = Stone Prison.]

It had been said that Immortal Emperor Zhuo Huo was the person who understood fire mastery the best since the start of time. His true treasure was refined from a destiny stone with the dao of true flame. The emperor could use his fire dao to the utmost limits. He traveled across the nine worlds and entered many ominous grounds while gathering different types of fire. Ultimately, he even invaded the sun and took away the sunflame of an entire star to finish creating his cauldron.

Rumor has it that inside this cauldron was the most tyrannical, terrifying, and mysterious flame this world has ever seen. Its complexity could incinerate everything and was feared by all.

"Thump, thump, thump!" Heavy footsteps sounded. The God-Monarch blew away the skeletal bird, so Li Qiye was also greatly affected as the one controlling the Death Chapter. However, as one of the four great techniques of the Death Scripture, even a God-Monarch couldn't shatter the chapter!

Anyone would be appalled at the sight of an imperial true treasure, but Li Qiye revealed a smile instead the moment he saw the monarch using his cauldron.

Li Qiye's life wheel emerged as his blood energy covered the sky. He utilized all of the death energy in his body to the limit and shouted: "Die!"

In the blink of an eye, the broken bones immediately came together again and seemed to be even more mighty than before.

Another loud phoenix-like screech appeared. The bird, strengthened by Li Qiye's chapter, soared forward to meet the monarch again!

The monarch had a fierce expression and finally erupted his blood energy. His aura was at its zenith. Despite his withered lifespan, he didn't mind expending it all to power the cauldron.

An immense sound emerged. Under the fueling of his blood energy, the lid of the cauldron finally opened as imperial flames came pouring out. This unstoppable fire burned everything in its wake. Cracking sounds emitted as even the void itself was burnt into a terrifying black hole!

Perhaps even a Godking would be burnt to death by this flowing fire. It was very far from the city, but those inside could still feel the horrifying heat. This fire seemed to be able to burn through the entire world.

"So terrifying..." A pale ancestor shivered: "One drop of imperial flame... capable of incinerating a lineage!"

The imperial flame instantly locked the attacking bird. It burned the entire skeleton into a shade of red. The people in the city could even hear the crackling, making it seem as if the entire skeletal bird would be burnt to ashes if this were to go on!

Li Qiye continued to be affected as the skeletal bird was being cooked. He took several heavy steps back as his face changed.

The madam was startled and quickly asked: "Young Master, are you alright?"

However, Li Qiye was still smiling as his body was covered with death energy. He closed his eyes and replied: "This is the feeling. This pain... this pleasure... truly the most enjoyable sensation!"

Yuan Caihe and the madam didn't know how to respond after hearing this. Of course, they didn't know that although the death chapter specialized in controlling dead existences, Li Qiye could feel their life and even their heartbeat. So when the bird was being melted by the imperial flame, Li Qiye could feel this ultimate sensation as well.

A feeling of a rebirth via fire. It was an indescribable and mysterious sensation!

"Zzzz... zzzz... zzz..." Series of bone-breaking sounds continued to appear as the imperial fire continued to burn. Everyone could see that the bird's bones were not only breaking apart, they also began to melt.

A spectator murmured after seeing this scene: "It's finished. Even though these bones are heaven-defying, the imperial flame will end it all."

Another had to admit: “The Alchemy Kingdom is invincible after all. This Li Qiye fella is heaven-defying enough. Unfortunately, he shouldn’t have provoked the kingdom!”

Seeing the start of the melting process, Yuan Caihe worriedly spoke: “Big Brother, the skeletal bird might not be able to hold out for much longer.”

“No, this is a good thing.” Li Qiye was basking in the pleasure: “I have to thank the Alchemy Kingdom. This is a great help to me. From now on, everything will be smooth and easy!” He smirked after replying to her.

At first, the monarch watched the bird’s remains being melted away by the imperial flame and heaved a sigh of relief. His killing move was indeed successful.

However, after a while, he felt that something was wrong. Although the bird was melting from the heat, such a powerful existence should at least counter attack or struggle against the flame. However, the bird’s remains didn’t struggle at all. Instead, it seemed to be enjoying the heat. This made the monarch very suspicious.

“Return...” The monarch immediately recalled the Brightflame Cauldron as well as the imperial flame. However, nothing happened.

“Return!” His expression quickly shifted. He immediately chanted an incantation and controlled his emperor law to move the cauldron and its flame. However, there was still no movement.

“What is going on?” While watching this scene unfold, the big shots inside the city felt that something was not right, but none of them could solve the mystery.

After three failed attempts, the monarch finally felt fear. He had never seen such a bizarre thing before. The cauldron was an imperial true treasure where one drop of its imperial flame could burn all things, but now it was no longer under his control and kept on burning the bones of the bird!

The startled monarch cried out: “Start the formation to summon back the imperial treasure!” His blood energy erupted once more as he instantly used an endless law to seal the cauldron. A series of powerful restrictive seals came out to lock the cauldron.

He was afraid of losing the true treasure. If he were to be the one to lose it, then he would become an eternal sinner of the kingdom!

“Rumble!” A hymn echoed in the sky. The ancestral ground spewed out even more gigantic pillars of light. An imperial formation emerged from within the radiance along with a series of voices like the chanting of an Immortal Emperor.

“This is a weapon summoning formation, it induces the seal of the Heaven’s Will!” After hearing the chants of an Immortal Emperor from the formation within the ancestral ground, many people were jolted.

Immortal Emperor Life Treasures had imperial locks while an Immortal Emperor True Treasure had Heaven’s Will locks. When this Heaven’s Will lock was activated by the sect, outsiders would have no way of stealing the true treasure. Even if it became lost, the sect would still be able to summon it any time.

Unless this sect was destroyed or the Heaven's Will lock was unlocked, the sect would always have the ability to summon their treasure even if it went missing for a long time.

To the amazement and confusion of the spectators, the Alchemy Kingdom was forced to activate their formation to summon the Brightflame Cauldron. Right now, the cauldron was still clearly burning the skeletal bird!

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Chapter 770: Divine Beast Zither

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In turn, many people turned to the sky. Prior to this, the skeleton was just a group of bone fragments coming together. Moreover, these individual fragments were incomplete, especially after receiving an attack from the cauldron. Many of them shattered as a result.

But now, there was substantial change to the entire skeleton. Although some were still incomplete, these black bones had turned into a golden color after being refined by the imperial flame.

It was as if each piece was crafted using a golden metal. The sections that were broken were now melded together completely.

Under the sunlight, the skeletal bird emitted a shining golden glow, giving off an untouchable sacred feeling, as if it was a supreme being, a sun god!

Everyone was under the impression that anything would be completely refined and suffer total annihilation under the flames of the Brightflame Cauldron.

However, the skeletal bird was not destroyed. On the contrary, it borrowed the refinement from the imperial flame to rebuild its bones, just like rebirth via fire.

“That, that is impossible...” The spectators were unable to believe this scene. In the legends from the start of time, no one had ever been able to withstand the imperial fire of the Brightflame Cauldron. Even a stronger item would be destroyed by its refinement, but this skeletal bird in front of them used it to rebuild itself!

“Could, could these be the bones of a divine beast or an immortal bird from the myths?” An ancestor felt a chill and remembered an archaic legend as he murmured: “Could such a creature be real?!”

Divine beasts had been discussed by people countless times. True God, Immortal Phoenix, Qilin... all of these were hot topics. Although many cultivators swore that these creatures had to exist in this world, none of them had ever seen the real thing! These creatures simply belonged in the legends and remained hidden from human eyes.

At this time, the monarch had returned to the ancestral ground. He coldly glared at Li Qiye inside the endless divine light. To be more exact, he was glaring at the skeletal bird floating above Li Qiye’s head.

Under the control of the Death Chapter, it gently flapped its wings above him. Even though it was only a corpse, it was still more than frightening enough!

“This feeling... is truly great.” Li Qiye gently sighed.

The two ladies were in awe as they looked at the bird above his head. Although this skeletal bird was far from complete, its perfect shape and sacred aura evoked an unspeakable reverence.

“You are using an evil method to control the dead!” The monarch’s voice was quite imposing as his eyes revealed a murderous glint.

Prior to this, he had no such bloodthirst, but it was now different. He wanted to kill Li Qiye!

“An evil method?” Li Qiye smiled and shook his head: “I don’t want to laugh at you since you are a God-Monarch, but these words are enough to show your ignorance! My method is even more righteous and correct than Immortal Emperors’ laws!”

“You have a way with words!” The monarch coldly uttered: “I cannot let you live any longer. An evil existence like you does not belong in this world!”

“I’m too lazy to argue with a cretin like you. It is useless to even try.” Li Qiye said: “Your murderous intent is just what I want. Today, I will justly flip over your Alchemy Kingdom! Die!” With that, he commanded the skeletal bird once more with his chapter.

The skeletal bird screeched and soared like a phoenix, forward through the world towards the God-Monarch inside the kingdom’s ancestral ground.

This scene was truly shocking. The ancestral ground was an untouchable location to many people, but Li Qiye ordered the skeletal bird to invade it. What kind of courage and decisiveness was this?!

“How presumptuous!” Another roar resounded. A different imperial aura came crashing down while the Brightflame Cauldron in the hand of the first monarch attacked again. This time, he didn’t use the flame since he understood that it would only help the bird!

“Boom!” Two unbeatable imperial auras shook the entire Stone Medicine World. Although this attack came from above the firmament, a terrifying storm still swept through the land, causing it to quake. As for the Alchemy Realm, the two auras made the domain feel like a boat lost at sea being bombarded by turbulent waves.

“Pop!” The skeletal bird was immediately blown away after being struck by the two imperial weapons, shattering once more. Pieces of golden bones flew everywhere. Some were nailed on top of a mountain while others were shot all the way up into the sky...

Li Qiye suffered a heavy backlash as well from the Death Chapter. Completely pale, he continuously staggered backward and crushed the ground behind him.

“A second God-Monarch!” Someone saw another figure emerge from the light within the ancestral ground and startingly exclaimed: “Divine Beast Zither! The true treasure of Immortal Emperor Bi Shi!”

Everyone was shocked to see a second God-Monarch from the ancestral ground. For many lineages, having one true God-Monarch was already amazing and worthy of pride.

However, two God-Monarchs had appeared inside the ancestral ground. Moreover, the other one was wielding an imperial weapon named the Divine Beast Zither from the second emperor of the Alchemy Kingdom!

One must understand that when one lineage had two God-Monarchs with two true treasures, such battle power was simply unrivaled.

People finally experienced the strength of the kingdom and understood what a behemoth really was! This one sect alone had two God-Monarchs and two imperial true treasures!

“Even if a Godking personally comes, they wouldn’t be able to resolve this situation unless they also have an imperial true weapon. Otherwise, the power of a Godking alone would not be able to change the tides at all.” No matter who they were, they felt cold sweat running down their backs from watching such an amazing scene. Normally, meeting one God-Monarch was already more difficult than reaching the heavens, but now, two came out of nowhere!

“Zzzzz—” The skeleton that was broken by the two imperial weapons returned back to its perfect condition once more!

“A useless struggle.” The two monarchs coldly leered at Li Qiye. The first monarch uttered: “Surrender now, it would be useless even if you are heaven-defying!”

“Oh?” Li Qiye revealed a mysterious smile: “Very well, I’ll let you see my killing move!”

“Open!” Li Qiye screamed and spewed out a gulp of longevity blood onto the Death Chapter. In the blink of an eye, the blood dried up and turned into a billowing death energy that was instantly absorbed by the chapter.

“Buzz!” Under the support of the monstrous death energy, the chapter became inordinately powerful. The moment it revolved, its law quickly dove into the earth and sealed this land!

A cataclysmic flame instantly erupted throughout the entire Alchemy City! All of its mountains and rivers were engulfed by this monstrous fire.

“Shit, it’s burning!” Everyone from all corners of the city was scared out of their wits. Many people rushed up into the sky.

However, when they took a second look, they found that although the city was engulfed in flames, this fire didn’t seem to be in the same world as everyone else. Despite the raging flames, no one felt any heat or even the presence of the wildfire. It was as if this was only an illusion. However, this was definitely not the case. The hot flame that was devouring the sky had the momentum of a world-ending disaster — extremely tyrannical. It also carried along flashing black rays. The moment these black rays moved in the fire, it gave a very creepy sensation.

An ancestor from a great power exclaimed in horror: “This, this is deathfire!”

“Fire is also divided into life and death?” A junior was amazed after hearing this. In the eyes of cultivators, fire simply didn’t have life.

“Legend states that this world has deathfire. After any kind of flame burns out in this world, it leaves behind ashes. However, if someone was able to communicate with the underworld, then they could rekindle the flames from the ashes. This type of fire is called deathfire!” The ancestor murmured.

“But, this is impossible!” The raging fire appearing out of nowhere and scorched the entire city, leaving the monarchs aghast!

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