



After your last entrance, you're grateful to be still standing on your feet when you arrive at your next destination: a bustling Asian street market filled with the aromas of strange cuisine and the sounds of a hundred incomprehensible conversations.

Making your way down the street, you eye some of the food on offer with reservation: there are stalls selling scorpions and starfish on sticks, and others selling live food with either too few legs or too many.

A friendly vendor tries to get your attention. "You like! Trust me, you like!" He beckons you over to his stall, and unable to resist the look on his face, you comply.

"What've you got?" you ask, surveying his selection. Before he can answer, you point at a fascinating dish of what look like red, serpentine baby dragons. "Wow, what's this?"

"Ah, dragons! Made of tofu, with bok choy legs and rice scales. Colour is soy sauce." He nods excitedly, as though seeing his own dish for the first time. "Very good!"

But his sale is interrupted by cries from the street - you turn around in time to see hundreds of paper lanterns falling from the sky. Running out from under the covered stall, you try to figure out what has happened, and realise that the lanterns have all fallen from where they were hanging on wires above the market. It looks as though the strings used to adhere them to the wire suddenly straightened out - the lanterns simply came undone.

Amongst the chaos, someone donned in red drops a thin, leatherbound book onto the stones. You rush over and pick it up, but the mysterious figure has already vanished. With trembling fingers, you open the book - could it be a collection of E.V.I.L.'s schemes? To be honest, you're not entirely sure...



**Act IV Scene 4**

# Alchemy

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**FIXATION**  
 crescent  
 staff  
 spear and shield  
 eye  
 scythe  
 eagle  
 mirror

**SUBLIMATION**  
 Selene  
 Hermes  
 Helios  
 Kronos  
 Ares  
 Aphrodite  
 Zeus

**DIGESTION**  
 58.6  
 27.3  
 1.03  
 25.4  
 0.410  
 -2.43  
 0.426

**DISTILLATION (of Paracelsus)**  
 liquid filtration plants  
 emulsifier storage site  
 central power plant  
 administrative services centre  
 pulp filtration plant  
 emulsifier production plant  
 bellows

**PROJECTION**  
 Point of projection marked on Ptolemaic chart.

**MULTIPLICATION**  
 82  
 28  
 79  
 26  
 80  
 47  
 50

**DISSOLUTION**  
 day  
 affection  
 violence  
 night  
 heavens  
 commerce  
 harvest

**SEPARATION**  
 $6.955 \times 10^6$   
 $1.738 \times 10^3$   
 $6.027 \times 10^4$   
 $3.396 \times 10^3$   
 $2.440 \times 10^3$   
 $6.052 \times 10^3$   
 $7.149 \times 10^4$

**CONGELATION**  
 -39  
 962  
 1085  
 327  
 1064  
 232  
 1538

**INCINERATION**  
 argentum  
 stannum  
 ferrum  
 cuprum  
 plumbum  
 hydrargyrum  
 aurum

**ALCINATION**  
 rises when hot?  
 everyday conductor?  
 comes in nuggets?  
 ray-proof?  
 carried in red liquid?  
 transports food to mouth?  
 man needing a heart?

**FERMENTATION**  
 Saturday  
 Sunday  
 Thursday  
 Monday  
 Tuesday  
 Wednesday  
 Friday

**Diagram 1:** A circular Ptolemaic chart with zodiac signs (♈, ♉, ♊, ♋, ♌, ♍, ♎, ♏, ♐, ♑, ♒, ♓) and a grid of small circles.

**Diagram 2:** A diagram of concentric circles with various zodiac symbols and numbers (e.g., ♌, ♍, ♎, ♏, ♐, ♑, ♒, ♓, ♈, ♉, ♊, ♋, ♌, ♍, ♎, ♏, ♐, ♑, ♒, ♓) arranged around them.