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Chapter 441: Practical

Quite a few participants' eyes lit up. Original formations. No Formation Master didn't want to create their own. With so many runes and materials, the possibilities were immeasurable. Of course, just using any combination wouldn't give you a formation. You need to know what you were doing and what you were trying to achieve.

"By original, I don't mean that you need to have a completely new effect that no one has ever seen. The Formations Guild just doesn't want you to use any of the known methods. Even if your formation has a similar effect to other known ones, it is still valid as long as the rune arrangement and structure is original. Of course, if you can think of something completely new, that will give you a huge advantage."

Still, someone couldn't help but ask.

"But how are you going to judge who is better? After all, there are just way too many different types of formations. There might be similar results, but the way to achieve them can also be countless times different."

Turin wasn't surprised by the question.

"What else could we use to decide who will end in the top 10? Obviously, we will see just how practical it is. It doesn't matter what type of formation you make. As long as it is helpful to the world, it is valid. For example, many powers like to use protection formations. However, how many people out there really have a use for a protection formation? Think about it."

"Of course, you can introduce a new type of Protection Formation if you want. It will still be considered an original work if you haven't copied others' schematics. Anyway, I think you understand the idea here."

Rean smiled as he heard that. Qia, who was still holding his hand, noticed that.

"It seems like you have an idea already."

Rean nodded.

"The trick behind it is to be useful. If you look deep into it, it doesn't need to be anything complicated. I came from a small tribe and a poor family, so I know very well what my people would benefit from. Sure, they have a need for Spirit Stones so that the tribe can train its warriors. But in the end, the majority of the tribe rarely receives Spirit Stones for their own cultivation."

Well, at least that was the case before Rean introduced the Steelworks. Now, even the less favored families in the Varen Tribe still get a few stones per month. Jury was the type of person who thought of the overall strength, so he wouldn't leave anyone out.

However, Rean had another hidden reason to say that out loud to Qia.

'Perhaps now that she knows I came from a poor background, she will rethink her stance on me. Maybe she will feel that I'm not worthy of the Imperial Bloodline. Yep, that should work.'

However, Rean's plan didn't work very well. When he looked at her face, all he could see was admiration.

"You came from such a place, but you still made it here. Indeed, my future husband is an aggregation of talent! Our kids are bound to be amazing!"

Rean felt like crying but had no tears.

'Where is the pride of the Imperial Family? Where did the noble blood's disdain towards normal people go? Are you really a princess? Look at me with contempt! Think of me as a toad trying to swallow a swan. Think that you need to step on this country bumpkin ant. All that bullshit from novels is welcome now, you know? Come on!'

[I didn't know you were such a masochist...]

Rean's mouth twitched in response to Sister Orb's comment.

'You are a masochist! Your entire family is masochist!'

Qia looked at Rean's expression and couldn't help but ask.

"Why do I feel like you want to cry?"

Rean sighed as he shook his head.

"It's... nothing. Let's focus on the test, shall we?"

Turin then arranged for the assistants to come forward once again.

"Alright, that's all you need to know. As for those who had never thought about creating their own formations, I just have one thing to tell you. Our Formations Guild Main Branch doesn't need simple copycats. We can find them in any other guild branch of the empire."

Qia finally let Rean's hand go before going to talk with the assistant designated to her. With that, he could finally concentrate on his task.

'A practical formation. No rules state that it had to be useful for cultivators. That's probably what Elder Turin meant when he said that. The majority of the people would never reach the Energy Gathering Realm in their lives. That's going to be the target this time. If they reject my formation because cultivators have no use for it, then I will gladly fail this test.'

Rean didn't even need to think much about it. Not long after, he called his assistant and asked for many simple materials that most wouldn't even use. Still, he knew what he would exactly make. Thanks to the last month that he spent in the Formations Repository, he could bring such an idea to life.

Before everyone had even finished listing their formations, Rean went to an empty table and began to construct his own.

Droman was by the side, looking at Rean with his Spiritual Sense.

'Hum? What would he do with such simple materials? A lot of water-related materials as well. Still, their quality is really lacking. Couldn't you have asked for something better?'

Droman wasn't the only one thinking about it. Rean's performance so far had really attracted most of the attention to him, so everyone watching had the same question in their minds, including Saya.

Havek also knew very well what he was going to do. However, the items he asked for were quite rare ones, so his formation was bound to be quite a sight to behold. However, when he saw Rean and his workstation, as well as the items he used, he felt a chill on his back.

'No! That's not right. He wouldn't select such common items to make a fool of himself.'

The materials were simple, but Rean worked with a smile on his face. It wasn't confidence. It was more like satisfaction and eagerness. It was as if Rean simply didn't care about the results anymore, only about what his formations could do.

Havek then looked at the items he asked himself and felt like he had been enlightened.

'I see... Practical, isn't that right? I really didn't choose the wrong rival.'

Havek then looked at his assistant and said.

"Send all these things back."

"This..."

The assistant was speechless. He had just started bringing things over, and the rest was still on the way. Why did this guy change his mind all of a sudden?

"Th-then... what materials should I bring?"

Unfortunately for the assistant, he had to comply with the orders.

Havek then sat down on a chair and crossed his arms before closing his eyes.

"Let me think."

Havek completely gave up his previous idea. He decided that it wouldn't work. With the word 'practical' in his mind, Havek began to create a completely new formation inside his head.

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Chapter 442: Same Materials

Even though Roan said that he could make a neutral pill, the guild elders still looked at Werxa, waiting for his decision. In the end, Werxa nodded.

"Just bring him a neutral pill formula of an equivalent level of materials. It would take way too long to revise the exam just for his Darkness Affinity alone."

Immediately, one of the guild elders left. A few minutes later, he was already back with a neutral pill formula compatible with Werxa's requirements. The other elders also tested it and confirmed that at least the materials were at a similar level. Still, because it had no element, they didn't think it would do as well as the elemental ones.

Nonetheless, they passed it to Roan to work with.

With that said, Oligan once more took the front and continued.

"Now that the problem is dealt with, you can all start the test."

As weird as the situation might have been, the participants quickly put it behind their heads. Everyone only cared about the pills now. Roan then read the Pill Formula in the jade slip, not finding it surprising.

'It's a pretty standard formula, just like the other elemental pills. The only problem is that it can't take advantage of the users' elemental affinity. Well, that won't be a problem for me.'

Roan quickly asked for the herbs and prepared his tools. As always, only the ones provided by the guild could be used. Soon after, the assistants came back with the herbs and other materials for the Cross-Realm Pill.

Following that, Roan turned on his cauldron and filled half of it with spiritual water. Well, it was basically just water imbued with Spiritual Energy, nothing that rare. While it heated up, Roan began to extract the medicinal liquid of the herbs. There were a few materials like the Stage Three Demon beast's blood, which didn't need to go through that process.

The water didn't boil, though. Roan controlled his fire so that it would be around 80 to 90 degrees. Seeing that it was already at the right temperature, Roan started with the demon beast's blood. He used his Spiritual Energy to do that while he continued to extract the herbs' medicinal liquids.

Because his pill would have no element, Roan didn't hold back in his medicinal extraction. Every herb's medicinal liquid was at least at 90% of quality or higher. As one could imagine, that was because of the Light and Dark Elements working together. Too bad that Roan couldn't use the Soul Gem Realm pestle. Otherwise, it would have been even higher. Well, he couldn't use the Soul Gem Cauldron Either.

After some time, Roan began to add the liquids into the cauldron. At the same time, he looked at the formula inside the Jade Slip.

-The Fallen Snow Medicinal Liquid at three minutes and a half;

Increase the temperature for 23 minutes by ten degrees;

Send one-third of the Sulvor Powder right after, mix everything, and reduce the temperature by 15 degrees...-

'That won't work. My Darkness Element can help the Snow Medicinal Liquid achieve the right state faster. It will only take two minutes.'

'If I use the Light Element to protect the medicinal properties, I can increase the temperature to near boiling state. Let's make it 15 minutes or so.'

'Because of the previous changes, I will need more Sulvor Powder.'

Roan looked at his assistant before saying.

"Bring me more Sulvor Powder, at least three times more."

The assistant nodded and quickly left. That was how this exam worked. They only gave the formulas to the alchemists. As long as they created that type of pill, they could change its concoction process as much as they wanted. That's how one will find the best alchemists between the participants.

Halfway through the process, Roan began to use Rean's Light Element to protect the medicinal liquid while destroying the impurities with his Dark Element.

'That Soul Gem Cauldron is seriously a nice piece of equipment. The difference between that and this one is like heaven and earth. Although I can eliminate the impurities, it won't be as perfect as it would be with that. After all, I can't control the temperature precisely enough.'

Still, Roan didn't stop. His medicinal liquid revolved in the cauldron while he added some extra ingredients now and then.

Werxa and quite a few others looked at Roan's work. They knew what pill formula he was using.

'If not because the materials are the same, I would think that he was concocting a completely different pill. Still, can he really win with a neutral pill?'

Werxa was considering whether he should still take Roan to the competition even years later or not. After all, he would fall behind if the test included a pill of the five primary elements. The Alchemist Headquarters would definitely not change the rules of the competition for Roan alone. At most, they would do what Werxa did, give him a neutral pill recipe for a similar level of materials.

Around one and a half hours later, Roan finally reached the time for pill formation. His eyes shone as he looked at the medicinal liquid in his cauldron.

'Far from perfect, but it should do.'

Immediately, a burst of Light and Dark Element came out of his body as he used his Spiritual Energy to form the pills. The two elements quickly entered the pills like torrents, making the medicinal liquid transform into a mix of black and white, just like his hair at the moment.

Werxa was taken aback by that.

'What is he doing? The phase where you add an element to the pill has already passed. I can tell that his neutral pill is far above average due to the process so far. Yet, to add an element at this point, and two at that... No! He's not creating an Elemental Cross-Realm pill. It is still a neutral pill. It's just that he's injecting his own elements inside, fusing them with the pill. Weird... is it some kind of pseudo-elemental pill?

The ones watching reached the same conclusion but couldn't tell what the effects would be. Still, it wasn't against the rules since he was making the same pill nonetheless.

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Chapter 443: Working on Original Formations

Rean didn't pay attention to any of that. He simply worked on his formation, thinking how good it would be if it was used in the Varen Tribe. In fact, he could see its use on a much larger scale like the cities. Of course, he had many problems while building it. The biggest one was Spiritual Energy. His plan was to work with the surrounding Spiritual Energy alone without the need for Spirit Stones.

'Hmm... it will have a limitation in places with scarce Spiritual Energy. Well, there's still a way around it. People just need to leave it working during the night, and it should finish its job by the start of the next

day. Alright, I can't take too long thinking about it. Let's work with this plan in mind. There will be plenty of time to upgrade it when I start using Circuitry Formations.'

Qia went for a more specific type of formation, something she had been working on her own for a while. As a member of the Imperial Family and someone who visited the court before, she knew just how much information passes inside every day. Because of that, she had been working in a close-range multi teleport formation.

The idea was to use very small teleport formations linked to each other to pass documents around. It would use very little Spiritual Energy. Depending on the frequency of use, just the surrounding Spiritual Energy would be enough. After all, you were teleporting away nothing more than a few papers. The court already had a similar system, but she wanted to make it more energy-efficient.

It wasn't complete yet since she didn't get to save as much energy as she wanted, but it still worked for the purpose. Besides, it was practical and could be used in many other things as long as the formations were not more than a few hundred meters away from each other.

Milo was the type who liked big things, so he had been working on his own offensive-type formation.

Havek stayed still for almost three hours. Finally, he opened his eyes again and immediately ordered the assistant on his side.

"Bring me the cables used for the communication system. Also..."

Turin didn't give them a time limit. After all, formations could be both small and enormous. There were formations there that would need at least three or four days to be completed from what he could see.

Just like that, time passed in a flash. Rean's formation wasn't complicated, but it was something he had never attempted to build before. Because of that, he also took a long time to even come up with the initial base. It wasn't before the second day that he first tested it.

'Hmm... Not going as expected. However, at least I can tell where the problem is. The runes responsible for the Water Element do not receive the Spiritual Energy from the Energy Gathering Formation Runes. Sure enough, even though it is a simple system, making double-layered formations is anything but easy.'

Turin saw that quite a few formations seemed to have been completed by now. However, the participants working on them didn't stop as they continued to try and improve them. Turin didn't mind since there was no time limit. What the guild wanted was to see the best works.

By the fourth day, the first formations had finally been completed for real. Their Formation Masters couldn't think of any way to improve them anymore. In the end, there was only a satisfied expression on their faces. Of course, others weren't that happy. Because of the theme this time, some participants didn't know what to do. It's not like everyone had thought about their own original formations before.

At some point, half of the last 100 participants finally finished their formations. With that, Turin could finally announce.

"Everyone. Although there is no time limit, we can't stay here forever. As I can see, your decision-making is becoming slower as time passes. That's the side effect of having low cultivation and using Spiritual Energy to substitute sleeping. That being said, you will have three more days to finish your works. More than that, and I doubt anything meaningful would come out of your decisions. Be sure to finish everything before that."

Rean heard Turin's message and nodded.

'That's more than enough time. Well, they wouldn't give an impossible time limit anyway.'

Fortunately, Rean's cultivation allowed him and the other participants to ignore sleep. Still, he could feel his mind getting tired, just like Turin mentioned. Even his Light Element couldn't make up for his tired soul.

Qia finished her formation a day later. Milo did the same thing.

Rean finished his formation on the sixth day. Finally, Havek finished his one a day after Rean, just within the time limit.

During this time, Roan contacted him to see how things were going. After all, the last phase of the alchemist test only lasted one day. Roan left him alone after hearing the contents of the last Formation Master Test, though.

Seeing that time was up, Turin came forward and announced.

"Enough! If you haven't finished up till now, then I doubt you will anytime soon. Everyone, stay beside your formation while we go one by one, hearing your ideas. Of course, although it doesn't need to be perfect, your formation must be working. Otherwise, it won't even be judged."

Even though Rean, Qia, Milo, and many others finished their formations earlier than the time limit, they were still tired. They didn't dare go to sleep and leave their formations alone. As much as the Formations Guild was a safe place, who knows what could happen while they were out cold.

Havek was even worse since he worked until very close to the end. His hair was disheveled, while his expression didn't seem as confident as always. It was easy to see that this new formation he thought up on the spot took quite a toll on him.

Turin then came together with the other examiners beside the first formation. Saya quite liked this part of the test, so she came to watch it as well.

"Lani Turen, 67th position in the previous phase. Before telling us what it is about, does it work?"

And just like that, the judging began.

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Chapter 444: Cross-Realm Pills

Going back a few days in time, Roan had just finished his first batch of neutral pills. Well, Werxa and the others couldn't tell whether it could really be considered neutral, though.

Roan then looked at his pills and narrowed his eyes.

'I've never made this pill before, so it really became quite a subpar product.'

Roan then put the pills inside a pill bottle and threw it at the Foundation Establishment cultivators.

"This is quite a shitty result, so you will need at least three or four. Still, it should be enough for any of you to enter the Core Formation Realm. There are eight pills inside, so just decide which one of you will get it. It doesn't have any elemental affinity requirement, so anyone can use it. I'm going to make a new batch, which should be much better than this one, so just wait a bit."

"However, you better remember this. Using too many pills might be detrimental in the long term. Once you break through with these pills, make sure not to use any other similar pills for at least five years. The ones I made are quite potent, after all."

Werxa and the others were taken aback.

'What?! You can guarantee a breakthrough with three or four pills?'

'He's joking, right? We don't know how many of the alchemists' pills will even be effective. There are bound to be many of them with pills that will not achieve the breakthrough effect.'

'No, we don't even know how many of the alchemists will succeed in concocting this type of pill to start with. How can he be so sure that they will definitely achieve a breakthrough with those ones?'

'Those are supposed to be neutral pills, no? Is it because of what he did in the end?'

'No, wait! He just said that this result was not good, so he would make better ones.'

For a moment, no one believed Roan's words. However, they soon recalled his performance in the previous three phases where he trashed everyone else. Perhaps, his neutral pills (not that neutral, though) can really do that. If that is really the case, he is guaranteed one of the 10 slots to enter the Guild Main Branch, no doubt.

Roan ignored everyone else and immediately asked for more concoction materials. He was analyzing his previous concoction while making adjustments to the pill formula. He wasn't a god, so there were many places where he could have achieved a better result if done differently.

While Roan analyzed the information, the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators began to struggle between themselves for Roan's pills.

"Enough! We will select which one of you will get it later."

Oligan spread his Spiritual Energy and immediately grabbed the pill bottles that Roan threw at them. At his cultivation level, none of those old men could do anything to stop him. They could only look as the pills flew away with gloomy expressions.

Obligan then passed the bottle to Werxa, who could finally take a close look into it. He grabbed one of the pills and sent his Spiritual Energy and Sense inside. Sure enough, he was able to see just how clear the pills were.

'It's at least 90% pure. Just how good can Dark and Light Elements be to remove impurities? Even a Heaven Low-Level Alchemist might have problems reaching this degree. It just doesn't surpass the Earth High-Level threshold because of Roan's cultivation and the materials used. As for the Light and Dark Elements revolving inside, they are not like normal elemental pills. Although the elements are fused with the pill, they are acting independently. Other Elemental Pills would be whole. Both the Element and the Medicinal Properties would be one and the same.'

Werxa then looked at Roan and understood why.

'This was his way of working around the issue. He could try to use other elements as well. After all, everyone can use other elements that they don't have an affinity with. However, it will never reach the level of an alchemist who does have the affinity necessary. In the end, he stuck with his two elements and created this thing... or so I think. I wonder how it would work on one of those Foundation Establishment cultivators.'

Roan wasn't the only one who finished his first batch. In fact, he wasn't even the first one. Another two batches were delivered before his own to Oligan to decide what to do. Right after, those alchemists went back to concoct again since they also wanted to make better ones.

Still, it wasn't a joke when it was said that making the pills would be very hard. Half a day passed in a flash, but only 46 of the 100 alchemists succeeded in making a batch of Cross-Realm Pills. That showed just how difficult it was. Lita Xue and the other top contestants were the same as Roan. They only delivered a single batch until that point as well.

The reason was simple. After the alchemists finally succeeded in making their first batch of pills, they spent a lot more time analyzing what they did wrong. Only after making sure that they knew what steps to take did they start to concoct again, Roan included.

Time continued to pass, and more batches of Earth High-Level Cross-Realm Pills were delivered every now and then. In the end, each participant finished one, two, or at most three bottles of pills. In fact, just three cultivators finished more than two batches. Cluhe, Joan, and Kobe. Lita Xue put her all on the second batch and didn't make any extra one after that. Roan was the same as Lita, matching only two bottles with eight and nine pills, respectively. The only difference was that Roan didn't bother to make the third one since he thought the second set of pills was more than enough.

Finally, the day was over, so Obligan came forward to do the talk once again.

"Time is up. 71 participants have succeeded in making at least one bottle of Cross-Realm Pills. As for the rest, they are automatically disqualified. This exam has been ongoing for too long already, so let's start the test straight away."

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Chapter 445: Rejection

Oligan then read the information on one of the bottles in his hand before saying.

"These are Fire Element Cross-Realm Pills. There are a total of five pills inside the bottle. The maker was Travon Porem, from the Porem Subordinate Clan. He got the 37th position during the previous phase."

After that, he called a random cultivator with Fire Affinity. The guy was excited to be selected and immediately received the bottle. He sat on the stage and began to consume the first pill. As soon as he did that, Spiritual Energy mixed with the properties of the Fire Element rushed into his dantian.

The guy concentrated on the absorption of the pill's energy. However, he didn't get nearly enough to attempt a breakthrough, so he took another one. Only then did he feel that he had enough to give it a try and attempt the breakthrough.

Unfortunately, his bottleneck was more challenging than most cultivators. The Alchemist Guild had selected people who usually didn't have a chance to break to the Core Formation Realm anymore. After a few minutes, his breakthrough had failed. However, before his energy dissipated, he took two more pills.

Once again, energy rushed into his dantian, allowing him to push for another breakthrough attempt. His dantian raged with the energies of the elements and the herbs.

Travon looked at that and became nervous. After all, he only had a single bottle of pills. He tried to make a second batch, but he ultimately failed.

The guy trying to make his breakthrough noticed that he wasn't quite there yet, so he looked at the last pill and gritted his teeth before swallowing it. The energy in his dantian intensified even more as he tried to force his way into the Core Formation Realm.

Time passed as he attacked the bottleneck with all his strength. Unfortunately, the energy of the pill began to run out. In the end, the energy in his dantian completely disappeared as his cultivation returned to the Peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. The worst part for that guy was that it would now be even harder for him to have a breakthrough in the future.

Travon couldn't help but sigh as well. In the end, just five pills were not enough. Besides, he knew his ones were far from being considered satisfactory ones, so he wasn't that surprised that the guy failed even after taking all of the pills in the bottle.

Oligan ignored that and simply announced.

"Travon's pills were not able to allow a breakthrough, so he is disqualified."

"Next, we have a batch of seven Water Element Cross-Realm Pills. The maker was Luiz Tuti, from Lavaz Country. He was in the 52nd position during the previous exam."

Just like before, Oligan called some random Water Affinity cultivator to try it out. The guy quickly took Luiz's pills and swallowed two of them straight away. He knew how hard his bottleneck was, so he was sure that one would be far from enough. Luiz didn't see anything wrong with it since he also didn't believe a single one was enough.

Soon enough, the guy consumed five pills from Luiz's batch without breaking through. On the sixth pill, the situation remained the same, much to Luiz's disappointment. There was only one pill left for him now. However, a few seconds after the Foundation Establishment cultivator took the seventh pill, a burst of Spiritual Energy came out of his body. His cultivation began to increase at breakneck speeds following that.

Eventually, it settled down sometime later. Obviously, the cultivator had entered the Core Formation Realm after consuming seven of Luiz's pills. Luiz was delighted to see that since at least he didn't fail. The only doubt now was whether there would be ten or more people obtaining better results than him or not.

"Luiz Tuti, Seven Cross-Realm Pills for a breakthrough."

Oligan quickly sent that guy out and called the next batch.

"Sua Samikil from the Samikil subordinate clan. A batch of Wind Element Cross-Realm Pills, totaling six."

Same process, different results. In the end, the guy who got Sua's pills failed to break through to the Core Formation Realm.

The tests continued as batch after batch was tested. So far, the best result was a breakthrough with six pills. It was then that one of the previous top rankers was called.

"Joan Porem from the Porem subordinate clan. Eight Earth Cross-Realm Pills."

Joan's cultivator quickly tried his breakthrough. On the fifth pill, the same burst of Spiritual Energy came out as his cultivation rose. Sure enough, another successful breakthrough. Joan couldn't help but become ecstatic. With such a result, he had a high chance of finishing in the top 10.

"Joan Porem, Five Pills for a breakthrough. Not too bad. Let's continue."

Just because you did well in the last phase didn't mean you would be doing good this phase as well.

Farkol ended the Medicinal Paste test in 6th place. Still, his pill only allowed the cultivator to breakthrough after the 8th one. Although a breakthrough was achieved, the result was pretty subpar. The only good thing for Farkol was that he had made two batches, and that was the worst one.

"Next, Cluhe Sol."

Cluhe had made three batches, so this was his first. Just like Farkol, Oligan started with Cluhe's worst batch. Nevertheless, Cluhe was able to get a breakthrough after the sixth pill, putting him in the top 10 for now. Cluhe didn't seem to care, though. He knew that his best batch would come only two attempts later.

"Cluhe Sol, Six Pills."

Oligan then looked at a bottle in his hand and paused for a second. However, he quickly got ahold of himself before calling out.

"Roan Larks, a Neutral (Or at least it was...) Cross-Realm Pill bottle. There are a total of eight pills inside. Since there is no affinity whatsoever for the pills, any affinity can be tested. So, who wants to try these ones?"

Immediately, the Foundation Establishment Cultivators went quiet. Roan did say that three or four should be enough for that batch before. However, after seeing all those Elemental Pills failing, would Roan's pill really work like that? If even Elemental Pills got poor results, chances were high that Roan's Neutral Pills would be even worse. The worst thing was that once they fail the breakthrough with his pills, they wouldn't be able to try again. That would be the end of their breakthrough attempt. No one wanted to waste it with neutral pills.

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Chapter 446: Behold!

Once again, in the present time, Turin, Saya, and the other Formation Masters heard Lani Turen's confirmation.

"Yes, it does work. It has a long way to go, but it can at least show some of its uses."

"Very well, tell us what the formation's purposes are."

Lani nodded and began his explanation.

"This is my version of the Spiritual Inversion Formation. As you all know, Spiritual Inversion Formations are capable of changing the flow of Spiritual Energy within a certain area. However, mine doesn't only do just that. Sometimes when you use this kind of formation, the flow might not be compatible with the original Spiritual Energy Passages. That being said, my formation can also control the amount of Spiritual Energy to a certain degree."

Lani Turen then activated his formation. Sure enough, it did what he said it could. However...

"The effects are quite meager."

"The time to control the flow is out of sync as well. If no one's controlling it, it will most likely go rampant."

"It's energy consumption is quite costly."

"Not only that, but a Spiritual Inversion Formation isn't something that has a lot of use."

Lani couldn't help but feel dejected at the masters' judgment.

"However, you attempted to improve something the few bothered to work on."

"All formations are important, so you gain some extra credit for the effort."

"I'm looking forward to what this formation of yours will turn out in the future."

Lani's complexion finally improved after hearing that.

"Thank you, masters."

Turin's group then moved onto the next one. There wasn't a score to speak of, so no one could tell if Lani did well or not. It was all based on the Formation Masters' judgment in the end.

"Qruto Harbie, 45th position during the last phase. Let's get straight to the point. Does it work?"

Qruto smiled before nodding.

"Yes."

"Very well, then. Explain."

"This is what I like to call the Dual Energy Formation. As you know, we use multiple Energy Gathering Formations for cultivation. However, once we finish using it, we need to wait for the Spiritual Energy to dissipate around on its own. Depending on the place or the situation, such a natural dissipation might have some downsides. My Dual Energy Formation can do both. Once you finish using it, the formation will use a small part of the remaining Spiritual Energy to spread it in the surroundings again. That way, the area will achieve stability faster."

Qruto quickly turned on the formation after that. Surprisingly, it wasn't a complicated formation, even though it was double-layered. Still, it worked just as Qruto mentioned.

Turin couldn't help but nod as he muttered.

"That's quite convenient."

"Indeed. Suppose you have a medicinal garden close to your Energy Gathering Formation. In that case, it will be good if you can restore the garden's Spiritual Energy Stability faster."

"That is only one of its applications. I'm sure there are a few other ways to use it."

Qruto smiled with a prideful expression as he listened.

"However, the fact that Spiritual Energy was used beforehand won't change."

"Indeed. Even if it can give the rest back to the surroundings, the temporary lack of it will be present nonetheless."

Sure enough, the elders pointed the flaws it had.

Nonetheless, Qruto was still happy with the results. He took all the advice to mind before retreating to wait for the results.

The tests continued one after another. Rean couldn't help but feel entertained with that sight. There were quite a sizable number of ideas he might have some use for even himself in the future.

"Qia Sasamil, 6th position in the last exam."

Qia immediately stepped forward to explain.

"It works. Of course, I still have a lot to improve on the energy consumption and size, but the general idea is there."

"Alright, tell us what it can do."

As mentioned before, Qia was trying to make a new version of the Multi-Teleport Formation. There was already one in the court, but she wanted to optimize it for documents only, reducing the energy consumption. It would also be a lot smaller, allowing it to be built on someone's desk.

Qia quickly activated the not yet so small formations and began to use them to teleport a bunch of papers around. She even thought about using specific runes where the user could use their energy to know where the document would go. The range was not that wide, no more than a few hundred meters. Still, for a closed office environment, it would be very convenient.

"Very good! Although this kind of thing would only be useful for large companies due to the cost of maintenance, it's still pretty useful."

"I can see that these formations are quite big, but you already know that. If you can really reduce the size of the formation to fit on a desk, then it would be nice."

"However, I find it hard to see it working without the use of Spirit Stones. Having to carry many spirit stones to use the formation every time would be quite a hassle."

As always, they praised the idea and also showed their concerns and complaints. Nonetheless, Qia was very happy with the result. She received way fewer criticisms than she heard from the others. Although she couldn't be sure, she was very confident in finishing in the top ten.

Milo, as mentioned before, made a variation of an offensive formation called the Spiritual Earth Swords Formation. Unfortunately, it didn't work as he intended, showing that he was still far from achieving the results he envisioned. The formation did activate, but it was too chaotic and had problems identifying friends from foes.

Although the Formation Masters did praise his attempt, they spent most of the time talking about the mistakes he made. He couldn't be said to be the worst, but he was most likely close to the bottom of the list.

The tests continued until the masters arrived at Havek.

"Havek Sasamil, 2nd position in the last exam. So, does it work?"

Havek laughed out loud as he replied.

"Hahaha! Who do you think I am? It's obviously working! Behold, the Light Formation!"

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Chapter 447: The Effect of Roan's Pills

Back in the Alchemist Guild...

All these Foundation Establishment cultivators didn't see the previous phases, so they didn't know how good Roan was.

Werxa narrowed his eyes in the Alchemist Guild when he saw that none of the invited Foundation Establishment cultivators wanted to test the pill. In the end, he had to intervene.

"Usually, all of you wouldn't think twice before taking the neutral pill. After all, you have no way to even pay for that. But because you saw the effects of the elemental pills, all of you had become too greedy, wanting to have a batch of Elemental Cross-Realm Pills no matter what."

Werxa then laughed before saying.

"With my Alchemist Guild's network, it wouldn't take more than a few hours to find a replacement for all of you. That being said, if none of you accept it in the next three seconds, I will send all of you away and find other candidates. Now then. The three seconds starts now."

"There's no need."

Suddenly, an old man who was obviously far above his 100s stepped forward. One must remember that a Foundation Establishment's lifespan was around 150 years, and this guy was probably close to it already.

"Oh-ho... I thought I would need to countdown till the very last second. Why the sudden change of attitude?"

The man then looked at Roan's unworried expression.

"I trust my intuition. From the beginning up to now, this young man's eyes didn't even flinch. It's as if it wouldn't matter who will take his pill. Although it's hard to believe what he said about three or four pills being enough for any of us, I've decided to try it out. There are many more cultivators here than there are batches of Elemental Pills anyway, so my chances of receiving one of the bottles were low, to begin with."

One of Roan's eyebrows rose a little in surprise. He didn't expect the old man to pay attention to him in this situation. Although he was the one who made the pills, everyone else was watching the guild leader instead.

'Old geezer, you lucked out.'

Thought Roan.

All the other cultivators around the guy sighed in relief. If that guy hadn't offered to take the Neutral Pill, they would be forced to take it. They all wanted the Elemental Pills for their affinity, after all.

"Hahaha! Good, we finally have a volunteer. Oligan, have this friend here test Roan's pills."

Oligan then brought the man to the stage, where he sat down and took Roan's first pill. In an instant, a surge of Spiritual Energy and medicinal properties rushed through his meridians into his Dantian. Werxa even put a hand on the man's shoulder so that he could watch the process closely with his own Spiritual Energy and Sense.

Werxa quickly noticed how good the pill was. The medicinal properties were very clear, which helped pass through the man's meridians a lot easier than the other pills. However, at the very moment that the pill had completely dissolved, all the medicinal properties in the man's meridians seemed to come to life.

A burst of Light and Dark Elements came out of the pill. The Light Element immediately covered the entire network of meridians inside the old man in the blink of an eye. From outside, the old man's body looked more like a lantern. Following that, the Dark Elemental power attacked the same meridians the Light Element was covering.

"Argh!"

Sure enough, there was a lot of pain. Nevertheless, Werxa's eyes widely opened as he observed what was happening inside the old man's body. Roan's Dark Element was destroying all the damaged paths and impurities present in his meridian pathway.

As one could imagine, the Light Element began to heal the path, making them look as if they were new! However, Light Element alone wouldn't be able to do it. It was here that the Cross-Realm Pill's medicinal properties took place. It was used as materials for the Light Element Healing.

And just like that, the old man's damaged meridians or meridians that possessed any bad parts were reformed in a matter of seconds!

'This... Is this really a Cross-Realm Pill? How come it's not being used for breaking through then?'

Or so he thought... However, when the meridians were finally restored, the remaining medicinal property and Spiritual Energy surged into the old man's Dantian as well. Finally, the pill began to work as a real Cross-Realm Pill.

Roan knew very well what was happening, so he said from a distance.

"Your meridians had sustained too much damage during the years, so it couldn't receive the medicinal properties correctly. Take two more pills now that the meridians are healed. With the meridians fixed, you should be able to use the energy of the next two Cross-Realm Pills to succeed in your breakthrough."

Werxa was shocked by what he had heard. So Roan's pill wasn't just a Cross-Realm Pill, but a healing type pill as well! Of course, the Alchemist Guild had pills capable of doing such a thing, but they were even more expensive than normal Cross-Realm Pills.

'So that's why his fused Light and Dark Elements were acting independently inside the pill. They were there to do something different to start with!'

The old man could obviously tell the condition of his body and meridians better than anyone else. Seeing how his old and tattered meridians had gained a new chance at life, his eyes lit up. Following Roan's orders, he immediately swallowed the two pills without hesitation.

Once again, the pills burst out with Light and Dark Elements. However, they didn't have much to do with the meridians anymore, so they quickly disappeared after fixing a few more parts that weren't previously fixed. After all, the man's Elemental Affinity wasn't Dark or Light to start with. He couldn't use those two elements to help with his breakthrough.

However, it didn't matter anymore. Roan's Cross-Realm Pill was far above ordinary Neutral Pills. It was really close to normal Elemental Pills. With 'new' meridians for the passage of the medicinal properties and spiritual energy, the old man's Dantian swallowed it all without any blockages. His Dantian's Pool overflowed with those energies. The best part was that Roan's pills had very few impurities compared to the other pills. It allowed the man to control those energies and properties much better for his breakthrough.

Boom!

Not long after, a burst of Spiritual Energy came out of the old man's body as his cultivation quickly increased. Not only that, but his appearance seemed somewhat younger as well. He gained another 50 or so years of lifespan with that breakthrough, so it was expected. Well, he still looked pretty old anyway.

After some time, the old man's cultivation stabilized at the Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm.

Everyone looked at that, shocked.

Three pills! That's all Roan's pills took to make that man have a breakthrough.

Oligan was also surprised. After all, he still remembered how Roan said that this batch was the 'bad one.' His second batch was even better! Still, he quickly got a hold of himself and announced.

"Roan Larks, Three Cross-Realm Pills for a breakthrough."

The room went in an uproar. Roan had just trashed the best result of five pills with a neutral batch.

Roan then looked at the old man's hand.

"There are still five pills inside the bottle. You can keep it for yourself."

The old man was delighted as he laughed.

"Hahaha! Then this old Biol Guan shall not reject it."

All the other Foundation Establishment cultivators looked at Biol with their faces red. If they had only trusted Roan's declaration earlier...

Too bad there was no medicine for regret in this world. Also... their bad luck was only starting.

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Chapter 448: Havek and Rean's Formations

Turen and the other elders' mouths twitched as they listened to Havek's words.

"Light Formation? We already have Light Beads, so what's the use of your own?"

Havek nodded as he replied.

"Indeed, we do have Light Beads. However, they are still Spiritual Tools, quite expensive ones at that. After all, not only is there a need for a tiny Energy Gathering Formation inside them, it has to be double-layered with a Light Formation as well. Nowadays, most people would definitely prefer torches instead."

"However, what we have here is a Light Formation that works with the Communication System's so-called electricity."

Havek then pointed at the several cables spread in various directions. At the end of each cable, there was a blue stone that looked like a bead as well.

"You should be able to tell that those are simple lightning glass beads, right? They are quite simple to make since they only need the sand of areas with big amounts of Lightning Element. They will light up with any amount of electricity poured into them, naturally. Of course, the more you put into them, the brighter it gets up to a certain limit."

"During the time I was researching the new Communication System's blueprints, I happened to be using these beads for something else. The Communication System's electricity is nothing more than small pulses of Lightning."

"However, it was only today that a thought regarding a very practical method of generating light with almost no consumption of Spiritual Energy had popped up. In fact, it uses just a tenth of the amount of Spiritual Energy to generate the same amount of light as Light Beads. The main difference is this coated wire. It prevents the Lightning Currents from disappearing, so it can be spread over great distances."

Havek then turned his Light Formation on. The copper cables immediately transferred the electricity to the lightning glass beads, which lit them up straight away. Just as Havek mentioned, they all showed the same brightness as the Light Beads that they knew.

"I have to thank Senior Droman for this finding. His Communication System's energy controlling structure is just marvelous. With that, my Light Formation can control each of the electrical cables' output so that the lightning glass beads won't burst with too much power."

Havek continued with his passionate speech.

"What you are seeing here are more than 50 lightning glass beads being powered by a single Light Formation. This Light Formation is not using even a single spirit stone, only the surrounding Spiritual Energy. If you take 50 Light Beads, it will be impossible to light them together with just this paltry amount of Spiritual Energy."

"You don't need to tell me the downside of these formations. It's a given that it'll be the cables. Light Beads don't need any cables at all. There would definitely be places where it would be better to have Light Beads instead of my wired light."

"Nonetheless, that isn't the case for the majority. Having some copper cables lying around is a low price to pay for the amount of Spiritual Energy you can save. Not only that, you could literally use this kind of system to light up the entire capital's houses. For the city as a whole, this formation would be of unprecedented versatility."

Turin and the others were really impressed with Havek's invention. It was simple; no one doubted that. However, the uses of such a thing were unlimited. For example, the capital's Protection Formation used a large amount of Spiritual Energy to run. If all houses that had Light Beads were swapped with the Electrical Light Formation, a lot of this saved Spiritual Energy would be redirected there.

One might think that the amount saved wasn't nearly enough to power up the capital's Protection Formation. However, this was a permanent solution. Just how many spirit stones would be saved in an entire day? In a week? In a month?! In a year?!

"Marvelous! Simply the most practical formation we have seen so far! It's simple but effective. Literally everyone, rich or poor, cultivator or ordinary people, can use it."

Saya also nodded, incredibly satisfied.

"Havek, right? You are not bad yourself."

Havek looked at them as if he already expected this kind of reaction.

"Hahaha! Obviously. This god here is nothing else but amazing."

Rean looked from afar and couldn't help but praise Havek as well. Such an invention back on Earth wouldn't be considered groundbreaking. However, Havek didn't know of Earth. He had never seen the electrical features there. Nevertheless, he came up with this solution on his own.

'He's the cultivation world's Thomas Edison. Well, it's not a light bulb, but it's similar. I don't think Edison was that narcissistic either.'

As always, the examiners pointed out what they thought was wrong with the formation. However, anyone could tell that they still thought that this invention could be used straight away. Also, they had spent more time speaking with Havek than any other cultivator so far.

Eventually, they finished their talk and went to the next formation. After all, the examination wasn't over yet. One by one, they kept examining the formations of the participants.

After some time, they arrived at Rean's formation. If there was someone they were more interested in than anyone else, that would be Rean. After all, he had gotten to this point using unconventional means. Just what did he create this time?

"Rean Larks, 1st place in the last phase. So, does it work?"

Rean smiled as he nodded.

"It works very well. There is a lot of room for improvement since I came up with this idea on the spot, but it's definitely a life-changer for ordinary people."

As he said this, he thought to himself.

'Especially since it would work several times better once I make it into a Circuitry Formation.'

Turin, Saya, and the other elders nodded.

"Very well. What does it do?"

"It's a Water Reclaimer Formation."

"Reclaimer? What do you mean?"

Rean nodded as he explained.

"In short, it can get rid of impurities in the water so that it can be used again. It's that simple."

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Chapter 449: One Hour for Results

Rean then looked by the side as an assistant brought a bucket with him. Inside, there was dirty water from the sewers. Obviously, the formation masters narrowed their eyes since the smell was anything but good.

"Hahaha! It's quite filthy, I know. However, this formation can take care of it."

Rean quickly poured the water into a tank linked to the formation. Little by little, the formation absorbed the Spiritual Energy of the surroundings as it worked. On another side, there was another tank where clean water fell.

Rean really liked the cultivation world. The runes worked perfectly in this place. As long as the formation was set up correctly, it would give back only pure water, which was nearly an impossible task back on Earth. However, Rean didn't do that. He at least knew that 100% pure water wasn't good for one's health. He also made sure to keep the balance of minerals inside the purified water similar to that of river water.

On the other side, the impurities from the sewer water were separated. After all, Rean couldn't make it simply disappear, nor did he want that. That kind of impurity was great for the soil, which could be used for farming. Farming was the foundation of ordinary people's lives, so it was beneficial for them.

Turin looked at the process and couldn't help but ask.

"This is quite slow, no?"

Rean nodded.

"It is. I can tell that you don't seem to like it very much. However, I didn't do it for the cultivators. Any cultivator, even those with no Water Element Affinity, can still use the Water Element to create some water. But the truth still stands that the majority of people can't do that. Only at the Foundation Establishment or above would you have enough control for that. Besides, it's a very boring and exhausting task if we had to use cultivators to generate water. Otherwise, the cities wouldn't use rivers, wells, etc. No cultivator wanted to spend their time doing such a thing."

"This kind of self-working formation would be life-changing for the ordinary people. Besides, the formations themselves are very simple, so it can be made to be moved around."

Rean looked at the examiners' expressions and couldn't help but sigh inwardly.

"Are you disappointed because only those at the bottom can use it?"

He already made his mind up that he wouldn't care if he lost because of such a reason. Nevertheless, it was sad to see these high-level cultivators ignoring the fact that they were ordinary people in the past.

However, Turin shook his head as he replied.

"No. It's just that I can't understand how you got the water separated from the filth. This set of runes... seem somewhat different."

Saya agreed with him as she said.

"It somehow reminds me of the Communication System, but how..."

"Ah!"

Only now did Rean notice that they were right. He did use an approach similar to the Electrical Formations. No wonder they couldn't understand. After all, it probably didn't exist before, to begin with.

"The elders are right. It does use a similar structure."

Saya couldn't help but ask.

"But why? Wouldn't it have been better to focus on water type purification formations instead?"

Rean scratched the back of his head in response.

The truth was that he planned to transform it into a Circuitry Formation in the future. In the end, he made it in a way that such an upgrade would be more straightforward. However, it did really look that it had many unnecessary points because of that.

"Well, it's as I said. This Water Reclaimer Formation is far from perfect. I intend to use a similar system in it in the future."

Turin was surprised after hearing that.

"Can the Lightning-type Communication Formation be used in a Water-type Formation? Would it work?"

Rean shrugged his shoulders as he responded.

"How would I know? This is just an idea. However, it does work, as you can see. I'm confident that I will make it more energy-efficient in the future."

Rean finally sighed in relief, seeing that these elders were just puzzled about his approach and not that they found it useless.

"Can you see the practical uses of it? It is possible to set up huge water reclaimers in the city. Although more Spiritual Energy would be necessary, it would save a lot of time moving water around. Nonetheless, this formation is focused on those who live outside the cities, like the tribe I came from."

Saya nodded, quite satisfied.

"That's a good formation. We must never forget that ordinary people are the foundation of the world we live in. If their quality of life is improved, so would the strength of the empire. It's hard to see which one is better, yours or Havek. Havek's formation is more suited for big cities, while yours is a must-have to those who live in the wilderness like the tribes."

Havek watched the master talked from a distance and nodded. He could also tell how useful such a formation would be. However, Rean's formation had an effect that his own didn't. It was directly linked to people's lives. People could go without light for the night. After all, the next day would always come. Worst case scenario, they could still use torches. However, clean water wasn't easy to acquire anywhere, especially in a medieval place like the cultivation world.

The examiners then began to ask more questions regarding Rean's Water Reclaimer Formation. They also pointed out what they thought to be wrong and what could be improved. Finally, they complimented his idea before moving onto the next one. They wanted to ask more questions as to how Rean would implement something similar to the Communication System into this kind of formation. However, more people were waiting to have their formations judged, so they had to move on.

Rean then returned to the area where the other participants stayed with a smile on his face. His opinion of the Formations Guild, especially Saya, had improved after what she said.

Qia then quickly hugged him, not caring about everyone's gazes.

"You did great!"

Rean laughed in response. He knew that it would be impossible to stop this girl when there were more people around.

Havek also came forward to talk.

"As expected. I'm looking forward to what that thing can turn into."

Rean then looked at Havek as he pondered over something.

"Havek, I have a proposal for you after this competition is over."

Havek showed a puzzled expression, but nodded in the end.

"Fine. This god shall give you some of his precious time to hear what you have to say."

Qia couldn't help but ask.

"What about me? Don't you have anything to say?"

Rean felt helpless as he nodded.

"Of course, my love. Your Multi-teleport Formation System was incredible. I couldn't be happier to see such a marvelous invention. I'm sure that many companies in the world would be interested in it once you finish improving its size and energy consumption."

Qia nodded with a smile as she said.

"But of course. How can I fall behind my husband when it comes to formations? I can already see how many impressive formations we can create."

The examiners continued on their tests as many good ideas appeared. Of course, there were failures as well. But in the end, the Formations Masters were satisfied.

"Very well. We will discuss between ourselves to decide who the ten cultivators with the best ideas are. The results will be announced in one hour. Look forward to it."

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Chapter 450: Not Guaranteed

After Biol Guan had finished his breakthrough in the Alchemist Guild, he went to the side where the other cultivators who had already taken their pills were waiting. As for the ones who haven't gotten a pill yet, they grew excited and jealous at the same time. They didn't expect that a Neutral Pill would be even better than an Elemental Pill.

"Shit. Why didn't I take it?"

"That youngster made two batches, so we still might get to use his second one."

"The chances are low, but they are there."

"Perhaps I should ask Biol for three pills as well."

However, Werxa went in front of those Foundation Establishment cultivators before saying.

"Alright, then. Since you guys didn't want to take a pill a while ago, there is no need to give you more batches. You can go home. I already arranged for my guild to bring another group here."

"What?!"

All of them were taken aback.

"Wait, wait a second! You can't do that!"

"Right! We were just afraid that the pills wouldn't work!"

"It's not like we refused his pill with bad intentions!"

However, a powerful Spiritual Pressure assaulted them right after. In an instant, all of them fell to their knees while gasping for air.

"As I said, leave. Didn't you hear me? I don't mind sending your corpses out either."

Werxa was the Guild Leader, as well as a Heaven Peak-Level alchemist. Obviously, his cultivation had to be on par with it. That meant Werxa was at least in the Saint Realm. All those Foundation Establishment cultivators began to tremble in fear as they immediately rushed out. There was no way they would stick around after such a warning. With Werxa's status, even if he killed them all, no one would complain later.

After those guys left, Werxa looked back at the participants of the exam with a smile.

"There is no need to worry. With the size of the capital and how many people live here, it won't take more than one or two hours to find replacements. Just wait patiently, and your Cross-Realm Pills will be tested."

The participants came to understand that Werxa wasn't the type you could mess in any circumstance.

Roan, on the other hand, commended Werxa's actions in his head. Of course, it wasn't because he was the one who made the Neutral Pills, but because he would have done the same. Perhaps he would have cut a person's head to make an example.

Sure enough, the guild brought another batch of Peak Foundation Establishment cultivators quite sometime later. All of them had been in that stage for at least 30 years too.

Oligan then nodded as he announced.

"Let's continue the test."

"The next batch of pills are Fire Elemental Pills made by Lita Xue. There is a total of seven pills inside, and this is her first batch."

Roan once again looked at the pills made by the girl with Old Worm.

'How many do you think she needs?'

Old Worm pondered.

'I was watching her during the concoction phase. If I'm not wrong, she should be able to pull a breakthrough with four or five pills. Her pills are really decent.'

Roan nodded as he kept observing. Sometime later, another burst of Spiritual Energy came from the testing cultivator as his cultivation increased at high speeds. Eventually, it stabilized at the Initial Stage of the Core Formation Realm.

"Lita Xue, Four Pills to get a breakthrough."

Old Worm was spot on. Lita Xue's pills really were that good to only need four of them.

Cluhe Sol looked at that and once again narrowed his eyes. Nevertheless, he quickly came back to normal. He believed that he could do at least the same with his next two batches.

Surprisingly, he was only counting Lita Xue this time. As hard as it was for him to accept Roan's skills, he had to admit that they were in two different leagues. He already dropped any idea he had about getting the first place anymore. He chose a bad time to take the exam.

There were no other surprises in the end. Although that was only Roan's first batch, it still consolidated its position in the first place since he was the only one to achieve a breakthrough with three pills. Well, more than half of the 71 first tests ended in failure, to begin with. In the end, only 30 breakthroughs were achieved.

"No point in talking about positions at this moment, so let's start the next batch straight away."

This time, the tests went even quicker. After all, the majority was only able to create a single batch of Cross-Realm Pills. That being said, many of the participants didn't have a second one to be tested.

As one could expect, all eyes were on Roan's Pills. He said that the first batch was not that good, so they wanted to see how good his second batch would be.

This time, the new Foundation Establishment cultivators didn't refuse the Neutral Pills. It was not that they believed in Roan, but because they saw his position as the first ranked alchemist in this phase. Since he was in the first position before they arrived, it meant that his neutral pills must be good.

The lucky one was quickly chosen by Oligan as he took Roan's pills. The first pill did the same thing as it did with Biol Guan. The Dark Element quickly destroyed all the unsatisfactory parts of the guy's meridians while the Light Element worked with the pill's medicinal properties to heal it.

However, much more Spiritual Energy, Medicinal Properties, and Dark and Light Elements remained this time. The Dark and Light quickly dissipated as the rest went straight to the guy's Dantian. The guy felt delighted with that sensation and immediately pushed for a breakthrough. Unfortunately, one pill was not enough, so he had to take a second.

Boom!

Almost as soon as the second pill took effect, a burst of Spiritual Energy came forward. Sure enough, Roan's next batch was even better, allowing a breakthrough with just two pills.

Nevertheless, Roan couldn't help but sigh.

'This is my limit without the right elements. The others still have a chance of getting a breakthrough with a single pill since they have the right elemental type pills. In my case, no one has Light or Dark Element Affinity among those Foundation Establishment people, so Neutral is all I can do. I can't achieve a single pill breakthrough with my actual level.'

Roan quickly glanced at Lita Xue. If there was someone who could surpass his achievement, it would be that girl.