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Chapter 371: Interacting a Little Is Good Too

Towards the middle-aged man's identity, Ye Yuan had already deduced it. Hence, there was not really anything surprising.

In truth, when Xiao Changfeng's soul force pounced towards Ye Yuan earlier, Ye Yuan's first reaction was to retaliate.

But he reacted very quickly. Xiao Changfeng most likely held suspicions towards his identity. Therefore, he might as well release his divine soul and let Xiao Changfeng examine freely.

Ye Yuan did not have much attainments in disguising skills. But in the camouflaging of the divine soul, who in the Lower Realms could match him?

Although they were all humans, on different planes, human souls still had some slight differences.

This point, Xiao Changfeng knew. As an Alchemy Emperor, how could Ye Yuan be ignorant?

Hence, ever since eliminating Lan Bao, Ye Yuan already camouflaged his own divine soul into the appearance of a Fierce Gale World's martial artist through divine soul mystic arts.

With Lan Feng's divine soul as a reference, Ye Yuan's camouflage was naturally flawless.

Forget about Xiao Changfeng who only had Alchemy King level soul force, even if an Alchemy Sovereign was present, he would also have no way of seeing through Ye Yuan.

Ye Yuan's research in the divine soul surpassed the lower planes.

Rather, if Xiao Changfeng really made a move against Ye Yuan, while Ye Yuan was far less powerful than his soul force, he could forget about gaining any advantage.

Even if he really killed Ye Yuan, he himself would surely lose half his life as well.

Ye Yuan did not make a fuss over it. If he was too fake, it would be easy to leave flaws instead.

Though the Xiao Family was declining with day after day, to be able to become the head of a family, how many would be fools?

Therefore, when Ye Yuan heard that Xiao Changfeng was the Xiao Family's Family Head, not only was he not surprised, he had a furious look as he said, "Harrumph! Since Family Head doesn't trust me, what did you make me a guest retainer for? I'll resign from this guest retainer at once and leave the Xiao Family!"

Finished talking, Ye Yuan really flapped his sleeves and left.

Xiao Changfeng did not think that Ye Yuan was actually so staunch and knew that he went overboard. He hastily called out, "Wait a minute, Little Brother Ji!"

But Ye Yuan did not even turn his head back as he said, "Other people give me an inch, I'll return them tenfold! If people don't trust me, why is there a need for me to snub despite showing good intentions? Farewell, Family Head Xiao!"

Xiao Changfeng was so miserable that he nearly coughed blood. But he had no choice but to chase after.

Xiao Rufeng was still bedbound, and they finally found a replacement with much difficulty. If this Ye Yuan ran, then how the hell were they going to fight in this Grand Pill Assembly?!

A gust of wind blew past. Xiao Changfeng blocked in front of Ye Yuan.

Ye Yuan smiled coldly and said, "What? Can it be that Family Head Xiao wants to use force?"

Xiao Changfeng had never been forced to submit to a junior before. His old face was almost all lost.

However, at this present moment, he had no choice but to control his temper and persuade Ye Yuan.

That probing earlier already completely enraged Ye Yuan. Anymore and Ye Yuan would not help the Xiao Family fight even if he had to commit suicide.

Xiao Changfeng already knew that Ye Yuan's personality was very firm and persistent. How could he still dare to use force? He could only smile flatteringly and said, "Little Brother Ji is mistaken. I . . . I apologize to you for the matter earlier! I believe that Little Brother Ji has also heard that His Majesty, the Wind Emperor, is already preparing to invade the Endless World on a large-scale. We have no option but to be more cautious."

But Ye Yuan did not buy it. "Then may I know if Family Head Xiao has probed out anything?"

Xiao Changfeng had an embarrassed look as he said, "Little Brother Ji is a true-blue Fierce Gale World native for sure. You naturally can't be a spy."

"Humph! I can understand family head's thoughts, but even if you want to feel me out, you can also let me know beforehand. Probing me without rhyme or reason like this is an unprecedented shame for me!" Ye Yuan said icily.

"This Family Head was indeed overly impetuous with this matter. I hope that Little Brother Ji is magnanimous enough to forgive," said Xiao Changfeng, controlling his temper and apologized.

Going over the limit was as bad as falling short. Ye Yuan obviously would not go overboard in kneading him. He waved his hands at once and said, "Forget it, forget it. You're a senior no matter what. I'll drop this matter at that. I wonder what Family Head is looking for me for?"

As the saying went, only capable people dared to be arrogant.

Ye Yuan was so.

Ye Yuan was like a savior to the present Xiao Family. Even if Xiao Changfeng was any angrier, he also had to swallow it back into his stomach.

While he was a Xiao Family guest retainer, it did not mean that anyone could command him as they pleased. If he did not teach Xiao Changfeng a lesson, he would definitely become smug from success in the future and go overboard.

The two people sat down once more as guest and host before Xiao Changfeng opened his mouth to ask, "Little Brother Ji, do you know why Rufeng he failed his assault of the Soul Sea Realm?"

Ye Yuan thought about it and said, "Could it be due to overly anxious for success?"

Assaulting a major realm was not something fun. Not everyone would be as smooth sailing as Ye Yuan as well.

To the vast majority of martial artists, assaulting each major realm was a major threshold in their lives.

Very clearly, Xiao Rufeng did not cross it.

Xiao Changfeng revealed a slightly surprised look and nodded, saying, "He wanted to win this Grand Pill Assembly too badly. That's why he forcefully broke through to the Soul Sea Realm, wanting to reach Quasi-Alchemy King Realm. But sadly, he failed on the verge of success."

"Oh? Can it be that there's actually a Quasi-Alchemy King among the Tong Family's juniors?" Ye Yuan was rather surprised.

Quasi-Alchemy King was nothing much to him. But in a place like the Fierce Gale World, to be able to become a Quasi-Alchemy King at a young age, his talent could be deduced from that much.

Xiao Changfeng suddenly felt like he was like a clown. He beat around the bush, wanting Ye Yuan to ask why.

But Ye Yuan's reaction was too quick. He just slightly hinted a bit and Ye Yuan guessed the truth of the matter.

This boy was too clever! What a freak!

"That's right. Actually, I came to find you to give you a reminder not to underestimate your opponent! The Alchemy Path strength of the Tong Family's junior generation is very strong!" Xiao Changfeng said with a grave face.

Evidently, Ye Yuan's haughty performance made Tong Suyan unable to rest easy. And after he reported it to Xiao Changfeng, Xiao Changfeng felt worried too.

This Grand Pill Assembly completely did not matter to Ye Yuan. But to the Xiao Family, it was a major pinnacle event that determined the family's destiny. It was even more important than the Fierce Gale World invading the Endless World!

Ye Yuan's expression involuntarily became odd. He would never take the enemy lightly. But in terms of Alchemy Path, there was really no opponent worthy of him attaching importance to in the Lower Realms.

Especially the so-called junior generation.

"So, Family Head came to find me for this matter huh. Isn't it making a great fuss over nothing? There are still two days to the Grand Pill Assembly. No matter how seriously I take things now, it also makes no difference to the matter," Ye Yuan said with a smile.

"You can't say that. There are many things that you can do. How about this, making use of these two days, I'll make Ruyan interact more with you to learn from each other's strong points while making up your weak points. I know that your strength is very powerful, but the Jade Dragon Heart Calming Pill is

just an entry level medicinal pill in the Grand Pill Assembly. To want to obtain victory, one must refine medicinal pills with even great difficulty!" Xiao Changfeng exhorted.

Hearing Xiao Changfeng's words, Ye Yuan's expression was normal, but he was overjoyed in his heart.

He was just fretting about being unable to find a chance to get close to Xiao Ruyan, but Xiao Changfeng delivered it to his doorstep himself.

Ye Yuan nodded immediately and said, "Jade Dragon Heart Calming Pill is only an entry level medicinal pill huh. Then it seems like the challenge level is a little high. Mm, exchanging pointers with Miss Ruyan for a while is also good, in case I find myself at a loss when the time comes."

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Chapter 372: Will It Be a Little Better?

Second level, Four Seas Building.

Xiao Ruyan lightly bit her lip; the tips of her hair carrying sweat beads about to drip at any moment as she had a very strained look.

With a puff, a cloud of green smoke appeared in the medicinal cauldron. Evidently, a furnace of useless pills was refined.

"Why? Where is the problem?!"

Xiao Ruyan used the back of her hands to wipe away the sweat on her forehead as she looked restless with anxiety.

"Second Miss, better not force it. This Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill has already been confirmed as a medicinal pill that cannot be refined. Even Family Head can't refine it. Second Miss . . ." Manager Tong consoled her by the side.

Xiao Ruyan's eyes welled up with tears, but it stubbornly refused to flow out.

"Since this Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was handed down, it's impossible that it can't be refined! There must be something wrong! I'll try again! I can definitely refine it!" Xiao Ruyan said obstinately.

Manager Tong heaved a sigh and said, "I know that Second Miss wish to let First Young Master's body recover before the Grand Pill Assembly begins. But Second Miss, if your own soul force is overdrawn in these two days, wouldn't that affect the overall situation even more?"

"Humph! Didn't that Ji Qing say that he can take on three by himself? Let him go alone then!" Xiao Ruyan was not swayed but pointed the spearhead at Ye Yuan instead.

Evidently, Ye Yuan's jesting action made her very displeased.

"Miss Ruyan, can I presume that you're praising me?" Ye Yuan's voice suddenly sounded out.

Xiao Ruyan saw Ye Yuan, and she became even more incensed and said huffily, "Your skin is really thick! A punk that doesn't know the immensity of heaven and earth. Do you know how strong Tong Yongchang's strength is? Don't think that there's anything impressive about you refining a Jade Dragon Heart Calming Pill. When you're in front of Tong Yongchang, you're nothing!"

Ye Yuan shrugged and said, "The Tong Yongchang that Miss Ruyan is talking about is the Quasi-Alchemy King known as the Tong Family's junior generation's number one genius, right? How about this? During the Grand Pill Assembly, I'll handle him and leave the rest to you all. How does Miss Ruyan feel?"

"Leave to you? Truly overrating your own abilities! Enough crap! Don't hinder me refining pills!"

Xiao Ruyan already completely lost patience with Ye Yuan's arrogance. She did not have time to bicker here.

A middle-rank Alchemy Grandmaster dealing with a Quasi-Alchemy King?

Was this insulting people's intelligence?

"Oh? So, Miss Ruyan is currently refining pills huh. Then I'll have to learn well by the side!" Ye Yuan suddenly became interested.

He also really wanted to know what kind of standard this Xiao Ruyan was at.

20 years of age was merely around the same as Nanfeng Ruoqing, but her strength was a full major realm higher than Nanfeng Ruoqing.

While there was the support of the Xiao Family in-between this, Xiao Ruyan's monstrosity need not be mentioned.

The Huang and Xue Family taking fancy on Xiao Ruyan were most likely not just because she was one of the two beauties in the capital, but probably because of her unlimited potential in the Alchemy Path.

To marry a future Quasi-Alchemy King, maybe even Alchemy King back home, this deal was worthwhile no matter how one looked at it.

But Xiao Ruyan did not buy it. "Stay far away from me!"

Ye Yuan curled his mouth and said, "Do you think that I want to curry favor with you? Isn't it still because that old man of yours asked me to interact more with you, saying that it can improve everybody's alchemy standards. Honestly, I'm unwilling to do so. My level is so high; what if you secretly learn from me?"

Xiao Ruyan nearly spewed out a mouthful of blood.

Your level was high? How high?

Refined a Tier 3 high-grade medicinal pill and you really think that you're invincible?

Do you have shame or not?!

Xiao Ruyan confirmed with Manager Tong's opinion. Seeing Manager Tong nod his head slightly, she knew that the first half of what Ye Yuan said was true.

Since it was Lord Father who made him come, then it was not good to chase him out.

"Stay at one side and watch properly! Don't interfere with my refining! If you ruin my furnace of medicinal pills, see how I take care of you!" Xiao Ruyan warned.

As for the latter half of Ye Yuan's words, she chose to directly ignore it.

Her old man was an Alchemy King. Did she need to secretly learn from Ye Yuan?

After saying this, Xiao Ruyan began refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill once more.

This Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill's refinement was extremely challenging. Not only did it have a humongous expenditure on soul force, but it was also an immense burden on the alchemist's essence energy.

Xiao Ruyan already refined two furnaces of useless pills prior to this. Hence, not long after this refinement started, she appeared to be struggling very hard.

But it was as if Xiao Ruyan was at loggerheads with herself; gritting her teeth hard and persevering.

Ye Yuan watched Xiao Ruyan calmly. With his vision, he could naturally see through Xiao Ruyan's depth.

Although it was just this short while, Ye Yuan was also able to see that Xiao Ruyan's foundation was rather solid.

Even under a situation where the expenditure was so huge, not the slightest bit of error appeared in her refining.

Just from this aspect, Xiao Ruyan was a qualified alchemist.

Though they were both high-rank Alchemy Grandmaster Realm, Xiao Ruyan was way stronger compared to Qiu Zhi and the like.

But very soon Ye Yuan discovered some problems appeared in Xiao Ruyan's refinement.

The control of fire was of utmost importance to the refinement of the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill. One needed to continuously control the changes in temperature of the medicinal cauldron to adapt to the medicinal pill's transformation.

But Xiao Ruyan's refinement did not have such changes. The medicinal cauldron's temperature was consistent from beginning to end.

Even if her refining technique was not wrong, due to the control of the medicinal pill's temperature being lacking, she simply could not refine the pill either.

"Miss Ruyan, do you think that if this medicinal pill was refined this way, it would be a little better?" Ye Yuan suddenly interjected.

At the same time as he spoke, Ye Yuan already fired out a seal, submerging into the medicinal cauldron.

Xiao Ruyan was currently fully engrossed in the refining. Having the procedure being disordered by this seal that arrived unexpectedly, she instantly had an impulse to kill Ye Yuan.

But the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was already being refined. Giving up at this time would cause everything to fall short of final completion. She could only forcefully suppress the fury in her heart and glare viciously at Ye Yuan.

Ye Yuan stuck out his tongue to show his innocence and retreated to one side embarrassedly.

But right at this moment, Xiao Ruyan's expression changed! Because she discovered that being disrupted by Ye Yuan, not only was the medicinal pill was damaged, it became even more solidified instead!

Xiao Ruyan clearly remembered that during the refinement previously, it seemed like she would lose total control over the medicinal pill at this time. Why did it have signs of the pill forming instead this time?

Xiao Ruyan unwittingly recalled that scene earlier. When that seal of Ye Yuan's hit over, it did not seem to have any change towards the medicinal pill, but rather . . . it seemed to have offset a portion of her essence energy!

It was precisely because this portion of essence energy was canceled off that it seemed to have made some changes happen to the cauldron's temperature.

Could it be that . . . when refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill, one needed to grasp the cauldron temperature at all times according to the process of the medicinal pill's refinement?

This discovery made Xiao Ruyan pleasantly surprised!

She started to experiment with increasing or decreasing a portion of essence energy to control the temperature of the medicinal cauldron.

Grasping the temperature of the cauldron was an alchemist's basic skill. But those able to truly grasp the cauldron temperature well were very rare.

Just a short while passed, and Xiao Ruyan was already drenched in sweat.

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Chapter 373: You All Are Bullying Me!

Controlling fire was like cooking. Cooking a dish was easy, but cooking a delicious dish was very hard, especially those complex dishes.

The control towards fire needed to be precise to the extreme.

The Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill inside the medicinal cauldron was like a dish with exceedingly complex procedures. Wanting to cook it required an enormous expenditure of mental strength to control the fire.

Xiao Ruyan's expenditure previously was already huge. Now, it was naturally even more taxing.

But Xiao Ruyan's willpower made Ye Yuan view her in a completely different light from before. Under the situation where both essence energy and soul force reached the limits, she forcefully persisted.

"Condense pill!" Xiao Ruyan gave a lovely cry. Mild detonating sounds came from within the medicinal cauldron.

"Second Miss!"

"Miss Ruyan!"

When the medicinal pill formed, Xiao Ruyan finally could not sustain anymore and collapsed weakly. Ye Yuan's figure swayed, and he caught Xiao Ruyan.

"Second Miss, are you alright?" Manager Tong asked.

Being hugged by Ye Yuan, Xiao Ruyan seemed to be oblivious to it, her gaze glued on the medicinal cauldron.

"Manager . . . Tong . . ." Xiao Ruyan was already faint and weak, barely able to speak.

But Manager Tong understood and hurriedly went to retrieve the medicinal pill.

It greatly startled Manager Tong. A formed medicinal pill laid inside the medicinal cauldron quietly. Xiao Ruyan actually really refined successfully?

"Second Miss! You really refined it! It's really the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill!" Manager Tong carried the medicinal pill with both hands as he said agitatedly.

Although Xiao Ruyan was feeble, a satisfied smile finally showed on her face. Then, her eyes closed, and she fainted away.

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No idea how long had passed, Xiao Ruyan woke up abruptly and sat up at once.

"You . . . Why are you here?!" Xiao Ruyan exclaimed in shock.

She sat up to have a look. Ye Yuan was currently playing with the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill that she refined with a disdainful look.

Not knowing why, the rage inside Xiao Ruyan's heart surged up all at once.

Ye Yuan turned his head over and looked at Xiao Ruyan with a smile as he said, "Hey, if it wasn't for me helping you, you can forget about participating in that whatever Grand Pill Assembly the day after tomorrow. You're not thanking me and still yell at me?"

Xiao Ruyan had a doubtful look. She did not know what Ye Yuan was talking about.

But she discovered very quickly that not only was her essence energy already fully recovered, but even her soul force had also already reached the peak state.

This . . . How was this possible?

What on earth did he, Ji Qing, do? She clearly already overdrew her soul force when refining. It simply could not be recovered from without several days of recuperation. Why was she completely fine right now?

"Did . . . Did you help me? What did you do? Why are my soul force and essence energy both fully recovered?" Xiao Ruyan asked with a frown.

"Nothing much either. I just happened to know a kind of divine soul mystic art that allows me to use my divine soul to nourish other people's divine soul, achieving the effect of perfect harmony. I've never

tried it before. Trying it out today, the effects are indeed pretty good!" Ye Yuan said with a rather satisfied smile.

It was just that when Xiao Ruyan heard that, her pretty face immediately flushed scarlet red. A thick killing intent enveloped Ye Yuan.

How was this divine soul mystic art that Ye Yuan said? It was simply defiling her!

Dao companions would dual-cultivate through such means, so as to nourish each other's divine soul.

When Xiao Ruyan heard that Ye Yuan used this sort of method to help her recover her divine soul, the killing intent in her heart could not be any greater.

Bang!

Ye Yuan flew aside, while the table he was originally sitting at already turned into fine powder.

"You lecher! Go to hell!" Xiao Ruyan's voice was somewhat quivering.

"Hey, hey, just making a joke! There isn't any need to be like this, alright?" Ye Yuan cried out weirdly as he ran for his life.

"Making a joke? Is this also called a joke? Don't run! I'm going to kill you!" Xiao Ruyan was already thoroughly rampaging.

"Hey, I'm really joking! If you continue to be like this, I won't be courteous anymore!" Ye Yuan dodged a palm and yelled out weirdly once again.

"Alright then! I want to see just how discourteous you will be!"

With Xiao Ruyan's Late-Stage Crystal Formation Realm strength, how could she be afraid of Ye Yuan, a Second Level Crystal Formation Realm's threat?

But the next moment, she crumbled.

Her palm whistled forth, heading straight for Ye Yuan's face. But right at this moment, a medicinal pill suddenly appeared in front of her. It was precisely the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill that she painstakingly refined!

This Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was used to help Xiao Rufeng recover his strength. She would rather overdraw her soul force and being unable to take part and also had to refine it. How could she bear to destroy it?

No choice, Xiao Ruyan could only avoid the medicinal pill, and attack Ye Yuan from another place.

But no matter how she attacked, that medicinal pill could accurately block her, making her simply unable to attack!

Xiao Ruyan was quivering with rage. Finally, she could not help bursting into sobs.

"Ah . . . I say, don't cry! If you let other people see this, they might think that I really did something to you." Once Ye Yuan saw Xiao Ruyan cry, he immediately knew that he went overboard.

What men could not stand the most were women's tears. Ye Yuan was no exception either.

He did not have much experience coaxing girls and was actually at a complete loss on what to do for a moment.

It was fine if he did not talk. When he spoke, Xiao Ruyan cried even more miserably.

"Sob, sob, all bullying me! Xiao Family elders bully me. Huang Family and Tong Family, those two bastards, also bully me. Now, even you this stinking brat also bully me! Sob, sob . . ."

Ye Yuan had an embarrassed face. He was really only joking around. To think that Xiao Ruyan looked so strong but was actually a woman in the end!

"Cough, cough! I . . . I really didn't do anything to you. Actually I only let you eat two medicinal pills. If you don't believe it, you can try refining the medicinal strength. It shouldn't have dissipated yet at present," Ye Yuan said somewhat bewilderedly.

Xiao Ruyan's sobbing sound finally quietened a little. She looked at Ye Yuan doubtfully and said, "Is what you said true?"

"Aiya, wouldn't you know once you test the medicinal strength? One pill is an essence energy recovery medicinal pill. The other pill is a soul force recovery medicinal pill," Ye Yuan explained.

Xiao Ruyan revolved her essence energy and soul force half-believingly. Indeed, she sensed that there were two strands of medicinal strength circulating within her body.

The medicinal strength was very gentle, making her feel very comfortable.

Xiao Ruyan could not help being very astonished. What medicinal pill could actually have such a miraculous effect?

She suddenly recalled that move from Ye Yuan when she was refining. Xiao Ruyan even thought that Ye Yuan was intentionally interrupting back then. Could it be that there was a purpose to doing so?

He knew that the way I was controlling the fire had a problem, so he was giving me pointers?

This . . . How was this possible?

The Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill's formula did not mention how to control the fire inside. Therefore, even Lord Father could not refine this Tier 3 medicinal pill.

And this pill formula was passed down by Xiao Family's ancestors. Other factions were completely unaware of the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill's formula. How did Ji Qing know?

Looking at Ye Yuan once again, Xiao Ruyan suddenly felt like she could not quite see through this youngster.

"That seal, was it intentional?" Xiao Ruyan asked probingly.

Ye Yuan had a blank face as he said, "What seal? What are you talking about?"

"When I was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill. Didn't you struck out a seal?"

"You're talking about that? Actually, I was thinking of pulling a prank. To think that it actually failed. How boring!" Ye Yuan said, seemingly as if he was annoyed.

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Chapter 374: Being Ignored

Xiao Ruyan stared at Ye Yuan with her beautiful eyes, wanting to see if Ye Yuan was lying.

But how could she discern Ye Yuan intentionally masking it?

"You really didn't do it on purpose?" Xiao Ruyan heaved a sigh in relief but also felt somewhat disappointed.

"Really unintentional. It's just that your luck was good!" Ye Yuan said sulkily.

"You!" Xiao Ruyan nearly broke down.

"Alright, alright, I'll give you the medicinal pill. Since you're already fine, then I'll leave first. Still want to make us interact more? Isn't it just at this level? Refining a medicinal pill but nearly crippled yourself at the end."

As Ye Yuan was talking, he exited the Four Seas Building and did not see the murderous gaze from behind.

Ye Yuan naturally did it on purpose. This place was not the Endless World. He did not wish to stand out too much.

If Ye Yuan was willing, he could refine a High-Grade Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill. But Xiao Rufeng had nothing to do with him. Helping Xiao Ruyan up to this step was already doing what was humanly possible to help.

Although he knew that Xiao Ruyan would surely cast her mind back to this, that was not important. He would just let her go and guess then.

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Two days later, the day of the Grand Pill Assembly finally arrived.

What Ye Yuan never thought of was that the Grand Pill Assembly was actually held in the Fierce Gale World's Alchemist Association Headquarters!

Ever since going to the Alchemist Association once in the State of Qin, Ye Yuan had never stepped foot in here again.

"Little Brother Ji, I'll have to trouble you for the Grand Pill Assembly this time!" Xiao Rufeng clasped his hands towards Ye Yuan.

This was still Ye Yuan's first time meeting this Xiao Family's number one genius. He looked well-mannered and soft-spoken with a rather refined demeanor, giving people a good impression at first sight.

But Xiao Rufeng's complexion was clearly not good. Although he consumed the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill, the low-grade Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was only barely able to help him consolidate his foundation and nurture his essence. It was only able to alleviate the sequela from failing to assault realm.

If Ye Yuan made a move to help him refine a high-grade or even superior-grade medicinal pill, Xiao Rufeng would surely be able to recover to his peak condition right now.

But Ye Yuan had no such plans. The Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was indeed an extremely hard to refine Tier 3 high-level medicinal pill. Compared to the Jade Dragon Heart Calming Pill, the difficulty level was way higher.

If Ye Yuan was freakish enough to be able to refine any medicinal pill, it would be hard to avoid drawing the suspicions of an observant and conscientious person.

During this Grand Pill Assembly, Ye Yuan did not plan on going all out either. Just winning his own match was fine.

Thinking about it, dealing with the Tong Family's weakest genius, taking the other party down shouldn't be something difficult, right?

Ye Yuan smiled and said, "First Young Master is too kind. Since Ji Qing is Xiao Family's guest retainer and is drawing Xiao Family's salary, I naturally have to put forth my strength for the Xiao Family."

Xiao Rufeng smile and said, "There's no need to be so polite, Ji Qing. This foolish elder brother is a few years older. Brother Ji can just call me Brother Xiao."

Ye Yuan did not decline either and said with cupped hands, "Brother Xiao!"

At this time, an unfriendly gaze came from behind Xiao Rufeng. Who could it be but Xiao Ruyan?

But today, within Xiao Ruyan's eyes, other than displeasure towards Ye Yuan, there were a few parts additional of uncertainty.

Evidently, Ye Yuan had become mysterious in her eyes.

"Ruyan, your eyes are really discerning! To actually be able to find an Alchemy Path genius like Brother Ji. Truly, the heaven doesn't want my Xiao Family to perish!" Xiao Rufeng said to his sister.

Xiao Ruyan shook her head and said, "So what if I found him? We're bound to lose the match with Tong Yongchang without any doubt. And I don't have confidence in winning Tong Yongshou either. Even Tong Yonghui is also somebody with uncommon strength. Whether or not Ji Qing can win him is another matter altogether!"

Very clearly, even if they had Ye Yuan, Xiao Ruyan was not optimistic about today's match.

Listening to Xiao Ruyan's words, Xiao Rufeng's brows were also locked tightly together. Regarding this match that gambled with their family's destiny, the two of them could not afford to lose!

In a twinkle, the people in front of the association's gates gradually increased.

This match today not only concerned just the two Xiao and Tong family's fate, but it also involved the enormous change in the capital's alchemy world arrangements in the days to come.

Basically, there was already nobody who was optimistic about the Xiao Family.

Now, many families were itching to have a go to try and replace the Xiao Family's position.

Medicinal pills was a business with even more extravagant profits in the Fierce Gale World.

The Fierce Gale World's resources were scarce. The price of medicinal pills was several times of the Endless World! There were even some rare medicinal pills that could sell at a sky-high price.

Such a large market, how could everyone possibly watch it slip by them?

"Oh? Isn't this the Xiao Family's number one genius, Xiao Rufeng? I thought that you'd be bedbound, unable to get up. Didn't think that you actually came!" A haughty voice was heard.

Xiao Rufeng's face fell when he saw the arrival. He said with a cold snort, "Tong Yongchang, don't get too smug!"

This person was shockingly the Tong Family's number genius, Tong Yongchang!

But Tong Yongchang was even more pleased with himself as he said, "Hur hur, of course I am feeling smug! I say, you lying on the bed is already pretty good. You don't have to come out and embarrass yourself. But now, you just have to run in front of me to make a spectacle of yourself. Do you think I will no feel smug? What's this called? This is called delivering your face here for me to smack! Hahaha!"

"You!" Xiao Rufeng was so enraged that his entire body was shaking.

But because of his failed breakthrough, being able to step on stage today was already pretty good. It was simply impossible to be Tong Yongchang's match.

It unwittingly gave people a feeling of a hero being caught in difficult circumstances.

In truth, with Xiao Rufeng's talent, advancing to Quasi-Alchemy King was something inevitable. Watching helplessly as the Grand Pill Assembly got increasingly closer, and yet he still could not break through after so long. Finally, it made him unable to restrain himself from taking the plunge to forcefully break through.

It was just that he did not receive divine favor and failed his breakthrough.

"Oh, right. I heard that you all even went around recruiting guest retainers for this competition. Your Xiao Family is really too tragic, to actually not even be able to pool together three alchemists to come on stage. Mm? Is this brat the replacement you guys found? Looks only so-so . . ." Tong Yongchang looked at Ye Yuan with a half smile.

But Ye Yuan did not take notice of Tong Yongchang's derision. His attention was placed entirely on the person behind Tong Yongchang.

That person's eyes were somewhat dull, clearly different from normal people as if he did not have his own thoughts.

This person was none other than precisely Ye Yuan's senior, Du Cheng!

Ye Yuan forcibly suppressed his own agitated emotions, with the expression on his face being as usual. His eyes did not look in Du Cheng's direction either.

But regarding Tong Yongchang's words, not a single word sank in.

But in Tong Yongchang's perspective, his mockery was like a stone falling into the ocean; it was utterly disregarded.

This made him unable to quite preserve his face.

"I'm talking to you, punk. Didn't you hear?" Tong Yongchang said solemnly.

Ye Yuan ignored his words once again . . .

"Hahaha! Xiao Rufeng, turns out that your family found a fool to take up the gauntlet! I think you all should just directly concede today. What's there still to compete?" Tong Yongchang wanted to use laughter to resolve his embarrassment.

Except . . . everyone looked at him like they were looking at a fool.

Because no matter how foolish the Xiao Family was, they also would not find a fool to take part in such an important Grand Pill Assembly.

Seeing nobody answer, Tong Yongchang's face finally fell, and he made a move, grabbing towards Ye Yuan.

This time, Ye Yuan moved . . .

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Chapter 375: Tian Ji's Horse Racing Strategy

Tong Yongchang had the intentions of embarrassing Ye Yuan. The grab act was not held back at all.

But his vision blurred and Ye Yuan disappeared without a trace.

Tong Yongchang was secretly alarmed as a sense of impending danger assailed from behind. Turning around with a jerk, but there was nobody there.

Still from the back, a sense of danger pounced once again!

Tong Yongchang turned around once more. There was still nobody there!

Everyone looked at him with strange looks, wanting to laugh but unable to laugh.

Wanting to laugh was because Tong Yongchang looked like he was afraid of even his own shadow; it was very hilarious.

They were unable to laugh was because Ye Yuan's movements were like that of ghosts and goblins; it was entirely unlike the movements that a Crystal Formation Realm martial artist would have!

While Tong Yongchang was an alchemist, he was a bona fide Sea Transformation Realm martial artist. He actually could not even touch Ye Yuan!

"Are you looking for me?" With a flicker of his body, Ye Yuan appeared before Tong Yongchang's once again.

Tong Yongchang's face fell and had a feeling like he was being toyed with. Within this capital, there were not many people who dared to play tricks on him!

"Good! Excellent! You've successfully infuriated me! I'll make the Xiao Family die very horribly! Who knows if when the time comes, should they be thanking you for fighting on their behalf, or hate you for making them not even have the slightest thread of hope!" Tong Yongchang laughed coldly and said to Ye Yuan.

"Haha! Talk again about winning; what the use of talking big here?" Ye Yuan did not care a whit.

Tong Yongchang snorted coldly, and then led Du Cheng and the Tong Family members into the association building.

Ye Yuan did not turn around but felt quite a few eyes staring fixedly on him. Turning around to have a look, he indeed saw Xiao Ruyan looking at him with an unkind expression.

"So your movements were actually so quick. Did you intentionally give way to me the day before?" Xiao Ruyan said.

Ye Yuan laughed and said, "Already said that I was just joking. Why take it seriously?"

"You can still laugh?! You've already thoroughly infuriated Tong Yongchang just now. He'll definitely exert all his effort this time. We have even less of a chance now!" Xiao Ruyan grumbled.

"Ruyan! At this time, the Xiao Family should be even more united as one! How can you question Brother Ji? Brother Ji entered the Xiao Family at a time of crisis. It's sufficient to show his sincerity. Even if the Xiao Family loses today, we should also treat Brother Ji kindly and generously!" Xiao Rufeng hurriedly stopped and glared fiercely at Xiao Ruyan.

"Ruyan is insensible. Please don't get angry, Brother Ji," said Xiao Ruyan, apologizing to Ye Yuan.

Ye Yuan waved his hand and said, "Haha, Brother Xiao is too kind. I joined the Xiao Family originally just to find a place to stay. I didn't think so much. But since I've already joined, there's naturally no reason to go back on my word."

Although he suspected that Xiao Rufeng was just putting on a show, Ye Yuan did not mind.

One should say that the anguish in Xiao Rufeng's heart right now could only be more intense compared to Xiao Ruyan. But he could take the opportunity to rope in Ye Yuan so shrewdly and subtlety. It was truly the bearing of a fierce and ambitious person.

Xiao Ruyan pursed her mouth but did not make a sound.

Following this, the Xiao Family's group too entered the association building.

The Alchemist Association Headquarters occupied a huge territory. When the group of people arrived in a great hall, the place was already filled with distinguished guests.

Ye Yuan took his seat and noticed several gazes looking over at him provocatively, and he could not help but to feel gloomy.

You guys were clearly the ones stirring trouble. Why did you make it seem like I owed you guys?

What the hell?!

But thinking about it, those few people should be the Tong Family's junior generation.

And on that note, the strength of Tong Family's junior generation was indeed way stronger than the Xiao Family's.

Ye Yuan slightly released his sense and discovered quite a number of high-rank Alchemy Grandmasters, far beyond those few currently stepping onto the stage.

Looking at the Xiao Family's side in contrast, apart from Xiao Rufeng and sister, there were barely any Alchemy Grandmasters. Thinking about it, their standards should not be much. Otherwise, they would not have needed to find Ye Yuan this guest retainer either.

Ye Yuan's attention was still on Du Cheng. He traveled thousands of miles, deep behind enemy lines, for the sake of saving this bunch of fellow apprentices.

Now that he finally saw one of them after experiencing life and death, waves surged slightly within Ye Yuan's heart.

Right at this moment, the entire great hall suddenly quietened down. Evidently, an important figure had arrived.

Ye Yuan did not recognize a single person here. He only knew one, and that was Xiao Changfeng.

But Ye Yuan saw that he was currently escorting an elderly person. But that old man looked rather impatient.

Similarly an Alchemy King powerhouse, Xiao Changfeng actually had a sort of groveling attitude, making Ye Yuan sigh unceasingly.

When the family declined, even if one was an Alchemy King powerhouse, they also would not have a backbone!

In the martial artist world, it had always been the powerhouses' game. Nobody would pity the weak.

On the other side, a middle-aged man with a similar age to Xiao Changfeng also accompanied an old man. But the two of them were laughing and talking, clearly the relation of equals.

That person was naturally the Tong Family's family head: Tong Fangshuo.

After chatting a few sentences, Xiao Changfeng and Tong Fangshuo both returned to their family's seats, while the two elderly men sat on the seats in the center.

But a seat was still reserved in the middle of the row in the center. Clearly, there was still another even more important character that had not arrived.

Xiao Changfeng sat between Xiao Rufeng and Ye Yuan, while the other family elders sat at the back.

After taking his seat, Xiao Changfeng suddenly said to Ye Yuan, "Little Brother Ji, in this match, you will face Tong Wenchang. Rufeng and Ruyan will face Tong Wenshou and Tong Wenhui respectively! Facing Tong Wenchang, you just have to do your best. Victory or defeat isn't important, alright?"

Ye Yuan understood in his heart that this was clearly Xiao Changfeng not believing in his strength, wanting to use the method of Tian Ji's horse racing strategy to win this competition.

Towards Xiao Changfeng's arrangements, Ye Yuan did not have any conflicting thoughts. After all, he did not wish to be too conspicuous.

In this kind of life and death juncture grand competition, hoping for Xiao Changfeng to entrust all of his hopes onto an outsider like Ye Yuan was clearly not something very realistic.

In comparison, Xiao Rufeng and Xiao Ruyan, the brother and sister pair were his biological children. They were naturally more dependable.

Previously, the Xiao Family was finding guest retainers impatiently because Xiao Rufeng was confined to his bed. The Xiao Family only had Xiao Ruyan one person left. Now, since Xiao Ruyan refined the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill, Xiao Changfeng naturally believed in his own son more.

Although Xiao Rufeng was not in his optimal condition right now, wanting to win Tong Wenshou should not be something hard.

The Tong Family sent out three people to battle. Tong Wenhui's strength was the weakest, leaving Xiao Ruyan to deal with him. The assurance was naturally much greater too.

One should say that under the situation where Ye Yuan's formidable strength was excluded, such an arrangement was the most rational!

Ye Yuan did not have any mentality about not being able to get past losing to Tong Wenchang. He was a reincarnated Alchemy Emperor. What was he being serious for against a puny little Quasi-Alchemy King?

Previously with Tong Wenchang, it was at most considered squabbling with words. Ye Yuan was not that petty to such an extent.

Anyway, Xiao Changfeng did not place his hopes on him either. He just had to hoodwink him a little, and that would do.

Thinking this through, Ye Yuan was even less serious about this Grand Pill Assembly. He was planning out in his mind on how to get close to Du Cheng.

Ye Yuan just nodded his head slightly at Xiao Changfeng to indicate that he got it.

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Chapter 376: The Forsaken Youth

After a short while, an old man slowly walked out from the back and sat down on the centermost seat.

Everybody stood up at this time and bowed. They said, "We pay respects to Sovereign Star Abyss!"

The old man nodded slightly and said, "Everyone, have a seat. This old man, I, only wished to come and have a look at what genius descendants have appeared in our capital these few years. This matter about

judging, old me won't be taking part in. You all just decide it on your own. I'll be watching everybody's performance in today's match and take one person as my disciple."

When Sovereign Star Abyss's words were spoken, everyone revealed ecstatic looks.

"What did I hear? Sovereign Star Abyss is going to accept disciples! I didn't hear wrongly, right?"

"It has already been decades since Sovereign Star Abyss has accepted any disciples. Today, he actually wants to accept a disciple out of the blue! What on earth happened?"

"A sovereign's disciple! As long as one can step onto this track, they will have a meteoric rise!"

When Ye Yuan saw this Sovereign Star Abyss, his eyes also shrunk slightly. This was the first sovereign level powerhouse that he met!

When martial artists reached the Divine Traversing Realm, they could be titled as sovereigns. That was also a sovereign level powerhouse!

The meaning of a sovereign level powerhouse was extraordinary. In regards to the Lower Realms, they were practically pinnacle existences!

This old man was apparently a Divine Traversing Realm powerhouse. More importantly, he was even an Alchemy Sovereign!

An Alchemy Sovereign on the Alchemy Path was similarly considered as reaching a high level in proficiency.

Only alchemy sovereign powerhouses had the minimum qualifications to enter Ye Yuan's arcane eyes!

Due to the disparity in strength between Ye Yuan and Sovereign Star Abyss being too great, he completely could not see through the other party's depth.

But Ye Yuan had a sort of feeling that this old man was not simple!

Seemingly detecting Ye Yuan's gaze, Sovereign Star Abyss's gaze also looked towards Ye Yuan. That deeply profound gaze actually nearly made Ye Yuan collapse uncontrollably.

Ye Yuan hastily moved his gaze, secretly sighing with vicissitudes of emotions.

Right now, his soul force was still too weak. The other party just swept a glance lightly like that, and it practically made him lose his mind.

"Rufeng, Ruyan, the two of you have to perform well this time. Even if you're defeated, you also have to obtain Sovereign Star Abyss's favor! As long as you become his disciple, our Xiao Family can likewise protect our family business!" Xiao Changfeng said softly with visible joy on his face.

The pair nodded slightly. But Ye Yuan sighed lightly in his heart.

This Xiao Changfeng was evidently an experienced and cunning person. But he was too conservative with this sort of major matter. It might not have a good outcome!

Firstly, this method of Tian Jian racing horse strategy was actually a very negative way of dealing with things. It was equivalent to admitting that their own family was not as strong as the other party.

Giving up fighting with the other party's strongest person and letting the strongest person on their side deal with the Tong Family's number two figure, even if they won in the end, there would not be anyone cheering for the Xiao Family either.

Xiao Family would obtain victory, but lose the respect of others.

And Xiao Changfeng making his own son and daughter perform well to draw the attention of Sovereign Star Abyss was similarly a method that lost one's drive.

The Xiao Family was in an inferior position to begin with; the family did not know how to risk it all to fight, but entrust their hopes onto another person instead. Ye Yuan could not agree with this way of doing things.

Furthermore, Ye Yuan had a feeling that that Tong Wenhui and Tong Wenshou might not be easy to deal with.

Truly, the older the person was, the smaller the guts were.

"Alright, the once in a decade Grand Pill Assembly is about to begin. Most of the people present here know this old man, but this old man better still introduces himself first. I'm the Alchemist Association's First Elder, Yang Xiu. The Grand Pill Assembly this time will be hosted by me."

Speaking up to here, Yang Xiu cleared his throat. Xiao Changfeng and Tong Fangshuo got up at the same time and said, "I'll have to trouble Sovereign Star Abyss and Elder Yang."

Yang Xiu nodded slightly and continued, "Sovereign Star Abyss has already spoken. The juniors of the Xiao and Tong families have good fortune. The sovereign has not taken in any disciples for close to 50 years already. This time can be considered as an epoch-making event! Alright, enough superfluous words. The two Xiao and Tong families have already sent the name list of the battles to my hands. I'll now announce the battle sequence."

Speaking up to here, Yang Xiu looked at the battle name list in his hands, his eyes involuntarily swept over Xiao Changfeng.

Xiao Changfeng's heart palpitated but did not say anything. He naturally knew that doing it this way was inappropriate. But this was also a solution that could not be helped.

Yang Xiu was silent for a moment, and continued, "The first battle, Xiao Family's Xiao Ruyan against the Tong Family's Tong Wenhui!"

When these words were uttered, the crowd burst into an uproar.

"What? Xiao Ruyan is actually facing the Tong Family's weakest Tong Wenhui? What kind of situation is this?"

"Heh heh, to think that Xiao Changfeng actually pulled this sort of underhanded trick. Looks like the Xiao Family's fortune is over."

"Yeah. Looking at this, Xiao Family has already given up on the battle with Tong Wenchang, leaving Xiao Rufeng and sister to go deal with the weaker Tong Wenshou and Tong Wenhui."

Tong Fangshuo was also a little stunned. But he immediately burst into laughter and said, "Hahaha! Xiao Changfeng, you're really deteriorating the older you get! The Xiao Family declining in your hands is also something within reason! But if you think that victory is within your grasp like this, then you're too naïve!"

Xiao Changfeng was aware that reason was not on his side and did not respond to Tong Fangshuo. He looked straight ahead, no idea where he was looking at.

Yang Xiu coughed lightly and continued, "Silence, silence! The second match, Xiao Rufeng against Tong Wenshou. The third match, Ji Qing versus Tong Wenchang!"

"That boy is really pitiable, to actually have to face Tong Wenchang. I reckon that he'll be defeated horribly."

"Hehe, what's pitiful about him isn't this! I heard that his strength isn't bad. A middle-rank Alchemy Grandmaster that can actually refine Tier 3 high-level medicinal pills. He joined the Xiao Family in their moment of crisis but was directly forsaken by Xiao Changfeng. That's his pitiable part."

"Using such a method, even if they won, it will also be winning through unorthodox means. It's just sad for this young man."

Many people felt sorry for Ye Yuan. A middle-rank Alchemy Grandmaster battling a Quasi-Alchemy King. What chances of victory was there?

There were also many who felt disappointed. They originally thought that they could see Xiao Rufeng and Tong Wenchang's summit battle. Who knew that there was no opportunity?

Although Tong Wenchang was a Quasi-Alchemy King, he had only just advanced to the realm of Quasi-Alchemy King not long ago. In truth, there was still a chance to win, though this chance was very minuscule.

Xiao Rufeng had enjoyed Xiao Family's limitless resources. Adding in his talent, he had always been keeping in pace with Tong Wenchang these few years.

It was just that Tong Wenchang stepped into Quasi-Alchemy King Realm a step before Xiao Rufeng. That was why Xiao Rufeng appeared a level weaker.

But now, the Xiao Family retreating without fighting made many people present feel disappointed.

Yang Xiu continued and said, "The rules of the Grand Pill Assembly will be the same as past years. I won't be repeating them. Now, starting the first match: Xiao Ruyan versus Tong Wenhui!"

On the stage, the Xiao and Tong two families faced each other across a great distance. All sorts of alchemy medicinal herbs, wares, and medicinal cauldrons were also placed between them.

Xiao Ruyan took in a deep breath and stepped up.

Not knowing why, before Xiao Ruyan stepped onto the stage, her gaze unconsciously looked over towards Ye Yuan.

And Ye Yuan was also presently looking at her and gave her a hand gesture, "Miss Ruyan, good luck!"

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Chapter 377: Xiao Ruyan Lost?

Although Ye Yuan's words were cheers, no matter how she looked at it, it somewhat lacked some sincerity.

But not knowing why, Xiao Ruyan's originally rather nervous feelings actually calmed down under Ye Yuan's encouragement.

She shot a fierce glare at Ye Yuan and came to the fighting area.

"Tch. Good intentions taken for granted!" Ye Yuan muttered to himself resentfully.

At this time, a quasi-alchemy king came to the arena. Clearly, he was the person maintaining order on-site, while the final ruling was still by Yang Xiu and the other six alchemy kings.

As for Sovereign Star Abyss, he shut his eyes from the start just now, looking as if he was snoozing, like everything here had nothing to do with him at all.

"The first match, constituting medicinal pills! There will be people delivering a hundred types of spirit medicines right away. The two of you need to differentiate these hundred types of spirit medicines and freely match these hundred kinds of spirit medicines together, forming pill formulas. Finally, the one who composes the most pill formulas win!" That quasi-alchemy king explained.

There was a long table in the center. When the quasi-alchemy king finished talking, some apprentice looking people brought up stalk after stalk of spirit medicines. There were tier 2, tier 3, so on and so forth.

Xiao Ruyan and Tong Wenhui each respectively went to one side of the arena and started to differentiate the spirit medicines.

This was actually testing the fundamental skills of the alchemist. Speedily and accurately identifying spirit medicines was an essential skill for alchemists.

But in this sort of Grand Pill Assembly that determined the fates of two families, identifying the spirit medicines were clearly not an easy matter.

It was true that the two people could differentiate the vast majority of the spirit medicines. But there were definitely a handful of rarely seen spirit medicines that the pair had not even seen before.

Under this sort of situation, one would have to see if the alchemist's foundation was sturdy or not, and if they could identify them through the records in the books.

"Old Liu, in your view, which of the two of them will win?" Yang Xiu asked an old man beside him.

This old man was similarly an Alchemy King powerhouse; Alchemist Association's Elder Liu Han.

Liu Han said, "Ruyan's, this lass's, talent is exceedingly high. Her future accomplishments are boundless. It's just too bad that she was dragged down by the Xiao Family. Tong Wenhui is seven to eight years old older than that lass, but his foundation is more solid than hers. In my opinion, the outcome should be around 50/50."

Yang Xiu nodded and said, "Actually, I feel that the Xiao Family only has Ruyan, this lass, that can give Tong Wenchang a run for his money. Rufeng that boy is already beaten by Wenchang. If Ruyan this lass performs well, maybe she can let Lord Star Abyss take her in as his disciple."

Liu Han concurred and said, "These two brats have been at loggerheads for so many years. This time, they finally will determine the winner. But I heard that Rufeng this boy was able to take part in the Grand Pill Assembly today because Ruyan that lass refined the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill. Looks like this lass's talent is even above her brother's!"

Yang Xiu exclaimed in surprise, "There's actually such a thing? No wonder! Assaulting cultivation realm and failing is the most troublesome. Although the Xiao Family has the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill's complete pill formula, they were missing the refinement method. To think Ruyan that lass actually successfully refined it!"

When Xiao Ruyan and Tong Wenhui started, the others were all discussing fervently. There was a sound isolating formation around the arena. The two of them could not hear it.

But quite a few people thought highly of Xiao Ruyan's potential. Although, in terms of strength, Xiao Ruyan might not be able to beat Tong Wenhui.

However, the Xiao Family could not afford to lose!

They had to win the first two matches completely. Otherwise, there was only the outcome of being eliminated.

The two people's identifying speed was remarkably quick in the beginning. But towards the back, the two people's speed visibly slowed down, especially Xiao Ruyan's.

Her speed was noticeably slower than Tong Wenhui.

Of course, the most important thing was still the composition of medicinal pills!

As long as the medicinal pills composed on one side was more than the other, even if the spirit medicines were not fully identified, they would still win.

Xiao Ruyan deduced over and over again, repeatedly evaluating numerous times, before writing down the answers at the last moment.

Tong Wenhui was not any better. The two people handed over their answers at practically the same time.

The answers were sealed within jade slips. Both parties did not know how many answers the other person wrote.

The quasi-alchemy king hosting passed the sealed answers to Yang Xiu. The seven judges started to examine and verify the answers.

Yang Xiu placed the two person's jade slips into a spirit artifact. Very quickly, the contents inside the jade slip were projected onto a wall.

"Xiao Ruyan wrote 93 types of spirit medicine names. Tong Wenhui wrote 95 types of spirit medicine names. In the match regarding the spirit medicines' names, Tong Wenhui wins by a small margin. Now, we'll take a look at the pill formulas that the two of them have written." Yang Xiu's voice sounded out sluggishly. Everyone held their breaths.

While talking, Yang Xiu inserted another jade slip into the spirit artifact again. The contents of the jade slip likewise appeared on the wall.

Yang Xiu pointed to the newly projected contents and said, "The newly projected contents are the model answers that the six elders present and I spent two nights to enact. All the possible combinations of these hundred types of spirit medicines are all on here. Next, let us cross-reference then one by one."

Inferring pill formulas according to these one hundred types of spirit medicines, the pill formulas written out might not all be able to be refined out. It was just a theoretical answer.

The creation of a type of pill formula needed to experience extremely complex experiments. It might only succeed through countless failures.

There might even be the possibility that it would not succeed at all!

These one hundred types of spirit medicines, with combinations of pairs and trios, it could theoretically infer out thousands upon thousands of answers.

But because of the various spirit medicine's attributes and differences in medicinal properties, there were but scarcely several dozen kinds that genuinely had the possibility of forming a pill formula.

And among these scanty few dozen types, it was already pretty good for one type to be able to form a pill formula in the end after going through numerous tests.

But even the pill formula that could ultimately be formed might not be a useful pill formula.

Some pill formulas might be very heaven-defying, but there were pill formulas that had very insignificant effects on martial artists; utterly without value.

Hence, each and every kind of ready-made pill formula was exceptionally precious.

Other than those common pills, as long as it was a pill formula that had some slight value, each major faction would treasure it greatly.

And each development of a new kind of pill formula was also riddled with difficulties.

Especially the higher the rank of the medicinal pill, the more valuable the expended medicinal herbs naturally was. How could the average alchemist have that level of financial resources to develop new pill formulas?

Only those titanic factions could have the possibility of developing new pill formulas.

Just like the Tranquil Cloud Sect, a large group of Quasi-Alchemy Kings engaged in it for a long time, and only just developed some Tier 1 medicinal pills.

The medicinal pills that Ye Yuan took out were roughly the same as the things that they developed. Back then, it was like stepping on their tails.

"There are a total of 63 types of pills in our answer list. Xiao Ruyan wrote down 38 types of pills, and Tong Wenhui wrote 40 types. Now we'll be comparing the correct answers now."

Yang Xiu started to match Xiao Ruyan and Tong Wenhui's answers with the correct answers one by one.

The result was that Xiao Ruyan only got one pill formula wrong, while Tong Wenhui had three wrong. It was actually a draw in the end!

And under the situation where it was a draw, they would look at who wrote the most spirit medicines.

"Since the two of them wrote down the same number of pill formulas, then the one who wins in the end is . . ." Yang Xiu was about to announce the results.

"Wait a minute!" Ye Yuan suddenly got up and interrupted Yang Xiu's words.

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Chapter 378: What He Said Is Right!

Hearing Yang Xiu announced the results, the expressions of Xiao Changfeng and son were very ugly.

Getting off on the wrong foot, the first match was already a loss. Clearly, it would be a tremendous blow to the Xiao Family.

Furthermore, Xiao Ruyan only lost the match because of a slight disadvantage. It would be hard to avoid affecting her competition later at the back.

But right then, Ye Yuan suddenly stood up.

"Wait a minute!"

Yang Xiu furrowed his brows and said unhappily, "Whatever it is, wait until after I announce the results, then talk. Sit down for me!"

Ye Yuan clasped his hands and said, "My Lord, the winner of this match should be the Xiao Family!"

Yang Xiu's expression turned sullen. His tone became cold as he said, "Are you questioning if the seven of us are partial to the Tong Family?"

But Ye Yuan smiled and said, "I'm just taking the matter on its merits. Tong Wenhui got four answers wrong. Hence, this round should be his loss."

"Harrumph! A load of crap! Just now, I matched it correspondingly to the model answers. How can it be wrong? Family Head Xiao didn't even say anything, how can a junior like yourself be allowed to talk drivel here?" Yang Xiu said with a cold snort.

Xiao Changfeng's brows also knitted slightly. He did not understand why Ye Yuan was so extreme and could not help urging, "Little Brother Ji, I know that you hope for the Xiao Family to win, but it's better to not say these sort of words."

He naturally wished to see the Xiao Family win. But in front of so many people, the Alchemist Association could not possibly play favoritism and commit irregularities. Ye Yuan doing this was truly a bit unreasonable.

But Ye Yuan did not care at all and said coolly, "The path of alchemy is ever-changing. Even if the few of you are Alchemy King powerhouses, how can you dare say that the answers that you came up with are the model answers? I don't even have the right to give my opinion?"

When Ye Yuan's words came out, the expressions of the few alchemy kings from the Alchemist Association changed, their faces revealing unhappiness.

And that Sovereign Star Abyss's eyelids quivered, then returned to normal right away.

"Xiao Changfeng, is this person that you found intentionally here to cause trouble? Can it be that the seven of us Alchemy Kings added together can't even match this Alchemy Grandmaster brat? Then what's there still to compete in this Grand Pill Assembly for? Your Xiao Family can just directly win!" But Yang Xiu ignored Ye Yuan and directly questioned Xiao Changfeng.

Xiao Changfeng's expression changed. These words from Ye Yuan offended all of the judges. What was there to compete later at the back?

"Ji Qing! Stop rambling blather! Sit down for me!" Xiao Changfeng said solemnly.

At this time, he could not help suspecting Ye Yuan's motives. Jumping out to challenge the judges at this time, wasn't this deliberately ruining the Xiao Family?

Ye Yuan's brows knitted and he turned his head to look at Xiao Changfeng, his eyes becoming cold.

Not knowing why, when Xiao Changfeng saw Ye Yuan's eyes, he involuntarily felt a chill from the bottom of his heart and actually did not dare to meet his gaze.

"This boy . . ." Xiao Changfeng secretly broke into a sweat in fear.

"If you use a man, don't suspect him. If you suspect him, don't use him! If Family Head feels that I'm messing around, I can withdraw right away!" Ye Yuan said nonchalantly, but his tone became icy.

He was helping the Xiao Family fight for benefits, but Xiao Changfeng actually helped outsiders to reproach him.

Even if he knew Xiao Changfeng's concerns, Ye Yuan also involuntarily felt bitterly disappointed.

Xiao Changfeng, an exalted Alchemy King, was actually pressed down by Ye Yuan's aura for a short while.

"Hahaha! Xiao Changfeng, you're really deteriorating the longer you live! Did you find such a punk to amuse everybody? The answers derived by the seven strongest Alchemy King elders in the association are all not correct answers. Is there anything funnier than this?" Tong Fanshuo was also fanning the flames by the side.

Just as the situation was quite in a stalemate, a rather weak voice sounded out, "Lord Father, I believe that Ji Qing he wouldn't talk nonsense! I . . . I'd like to get an answer!"

It was precisely Xiao Ruyan!

Ye Yuan looked at Xiao Ruyan rather surprisedly. He did not think that this lass would actually come forward to defend him at this time.

Even if Xiao Ruyan was a rarely seen genius, being surrounded by a group of Alchemy Kings, she was still somewhat nervous in her heart.

But having experienced the matters of these few days, especially Ye Yuan's performance when refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill, Xiao Ruyan had a feeling that perhaps what Ye Yuan said was really not wrong!

Originally, Ye Yuan was already planning on flicking his sleeves and leaving. But he dismissed that sort of thought at this moment.

Xiao Ruyan's words stirred up a huge commotion once more. Two Alchemy Grandmasters were questioning the Alchemist Association's seven great Alchemy King elders; this . . . was way too astounding!

Many people looked towards Xiao Ruyan with strange eyes. Could this lass already be subdued by the brat called Ji Qing?

"Heh heh, this Grand Pill Assembly has been conducted for so many times. As per His Majesty, the Wind Emperor's instructions, it has always been our Alchemist Association hosting it. No problem had ever appeared before. To think that this time, we'd actually bump into two juniors who don't know the immensity of heaven and earth! This match is won by Tong Wenhui! If you're unwilling to submit, you can go and lodge a complaint to His Majesty, the Wind Emperor! Now, carry on with the next match!" Yang Xiu announced the results very domineeringly.

The Alchemist Association hosting the Grand Pill Assembly was the instructions of the Wind Emperor. Yang Xiu had the authority to decide the victor and loser.

Moreover, he touched his heart and felt that what he did was unquestionable. He was not afraid of the Xiao Family going to the Wind Emperor to lodge a complaint.

Furthermore, after today, whether or not the Xiao Family could survive in the capital was still unknown.

Ye Yuan just sneered incessantly. This bunch of arrogant and overweening fellows was seriously hopeless.

But what he did not expect was that right at this moment, the Sovereign Star Abyss who was about to fall asleep spoke unhurriedly, "Yang Xiu, listen to what this junior has to say."

Yang Xiu's expression changed, but he dare not defy, replying respectfully, "Yes."

After that, he turned to Ye Yuan and said, "Since Lord Star Abyss wants you to talk, then you tell us. If you can't say the reason why, it won't be as simple as sentencing the Xiao Family's loss. You'll also be chased out of the Grand Pill Assembly!"

Ye Yuan felt rather surprised but was disinclined to bother with Yang Xiu. He said coolly, "Washstar Grass and Vermillion Spirit Fruit as the main ingredients. Sky Southstar, Violent Flame Sand, and Autumn Pine Nut as supplementary materials. This combination is unable to refine out a medicinal pill. Hence, it simply cannot be considered a correct answer."

Hearing Ye Yuan's words, everyone's gaze involuntarily looked towards the light curtain and found Tong Wenhui and the elders' answers very quickly. Indeed, they were the exact same.

"Ignorant child! The alchemic logic of these five types of medicinal herbs has been analyzed by us. If extensive experiments take place, it can absolutely form a pill formula. What right do you have to say that it can't?" Yang Xiu said with a cold snort.

Ye Yuan paid no heed to his questioning and continued, "From the surface, the alchemic logic of these few types of medicinal herbs doesn't have any conflicting aspects, so it should be able to form a pill formula. But during the medicinal pill refining process, these three types of supplementary materials together will cause a series of changes, destroying the medicinal properties of the Washstar Grass and Vermillion Spirit Fruit. It utterly cannot form a pill."

When Ye Yuan saw that Yang Xiu wanted to refute, he spoke again, "Don't be in a hurry to refute me. If you don't believe it, we can verify it right now."

Yang Xiu was just about to speak when Sovereign Star Abyss suddenly opened his mouth and said, "There's no need to verify. What he said is right."

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"What? This . . . How is this possible?"

"Sovereign Star Abyss actually said that this punk is correct! Doesn't that mean that the seven great elders were all wrong?"

"It's too subversive! Does this boy have good luck and randomly stumbled upon it, or is it true skill and genuine knowledge?"

"This . . . I think it should be a random shot in the dark, right? Those . . . Those seven elders are all Alchemy King powerhouses! The depth of their understanding towards medicinal herbs is simply not what the likes of us can imagine! It's possible that this punk saw some obscure knowledge before, and this knowledge just happened to be what the elders don't know."

"True. After all, the elders are not omniscient either. There is bound to be a dead angle in their alchemy knowledge."

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Sovereign Star Abyss's words made everyone explode. What this boy said was actually correct.

And the so-called correct answers that the seven great elders came up with together was actually wrong!

These seven great elders were all old freaks that had been famous for over a hundred years. Each and every one of their strength was unfathomable. Their knowledge about the Alchemy Path was even more inconceivable by ordinary people.

And Ye Yuan?

He was only a 16-year-old little fellow. The time he lived was not even a scrap of the elders'. He actually pointed out the seven great elders' mistakes right to their faces!

No one suspected Sovereign Star Abyss's words. Because in the Central Capital's alchemy world, he was the absolute authority!

He said that it was wrong, that means that the seven great elders were surely wrong. There was no need at all to go and doubt.

Xiao Changfeng looked at Ye Yuan disbelievingly and involuntarily swallowed hard.

He could not help recalling the eyes that Ye Yuan looked at him with earlier. That was a disheartened expression. How could he not tell?

If not for Xiao Ruyan stepping up at the crucial moment, Ye Yuan most likely would have already flicked his sleeves and left at this moment, right?

Thinking about it now, Xiao Changfeng could not help feeling fear after the event.

Ye Yuan was sincerely helping the Xiao Family, while he was suspecting him . . .

Sovereign Star Abyss finished saying that sentence and closed his eyes again as if he slept again.

It seemed like that scene earlier was just him sleepwalking.

Yang Xiu obviously knew that Sovereign Star Abyss was not sleepwalking. It was just that he still did not dare quite believe it.

Initially, he thought that this youth was deliberately causing trouble. Who would have thought that there really was such a thing?

After the Grand Pill Assembly, he would really have to go and verify to see if what this brat said was true or not.

Although his face was swept away by a youngster in public, the Grand Pill Assembly still had to carry on.

Yang Xiu could only open his mouth to say, "Since Lord Star Abyss says that this answer is wrong, the first match, Xiao Family's Xiao Ruyan wins!"

Tong Wenhui's expression was rather ugly. He had clearly won already. Who would have expected to be thwarted by this brat?

He could not help glaring viciously at Ye Yuan with a sort of murderous impulse.

"The second round, deconstructing medicinal pills! The two of you will each receive three medicinal pills momentarily. These medicinal pills were refined according to the Alchemist Association's pill formulas; they are absolutely impossible for the outside world to have. You need to discern the components of the medicinal pill through sight, smell, and taste. The one who analyzes it correctly wins!" The Quasi-Alchemy King directly brought everyone into the second round of competition.

Tong Wenhui had no choice but to put away his thoughts and carry on with the second round of competition.

Deconstructing medicinal pills was a very high-level skill. It required the alchemist to be exceedingly familiar with medicinal herbs. But the accuracy was hard to guarantee.

Furthermore, even if the components of the medicinal pill was fully deconstructed, wanting to refine it was also something not very likely. Hence, that was why the Alchemist Association could rest assured in taking the medicinal pills out for the two families to deconstruct.

Xiao Ruyan won the first round. Her confidence rose greatly!

This second round of competition, she solved a total of 11 types of spirit medicines from the three kinds of medicinal pills, while Tong Wenhui only deconstructed nine types.

Xiao Ruyan won again!

But, the most critical was still the third round, which was pill refinement!

As an alchemist, the most important was naturally pill refinement. Hence, the weight occupied by pill refinement in the Grand Pill Assembly was also very huge.

In the Grand Pill Assembly, each person had to finish competing in the three rounds before the winner could be determined.

And all of the variables surfaced in this third round of pill refinement!

Even if the first two rounds were losses, as long as one completely thrashed their opponent in the third round of refining, they could similarly be victorious!

The so-called complete thrash was one party completely crushing the other party in terms of medicinal pill quality. Or one side successful refined the medicinal pill while the other party failed.

If the difference in quality between the two people was not great, it was naturally the one who won the two rounds consecutively prior to this that won.

And during this process, the opinions of the judges were actually very important. Therefore, that was why the Wind Emperor appointed the neutral Alchemist Association to host it.

Of course, everyone could see the quality of the medicinal pill. The use of the judges would only surface under the situation where the difference was extremely minute.

"The medicinal pill that the two of you are going to refine is . . . Tier 3 high-level medicinal pill, Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill," said the Quasi-Alchemy King.

Among the Tier 3 pill formulas, some pill formulas were made known to the public and also publicly acknowledged to be extremely hard to refine medicinal pills. This Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill was one of those.

Seeing this pill formula, the expression on Xiao Ruyan's face changed.

The refining difficulty of this Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill was very high. Xiao Ruyan just happened to be weak in refining this sort of medicinal pill. At most, she only had 30% certainty of refining it out.

And on the other side, a pleasantly surprised look appeared on Tong Wenhui's face. Evidently, this medicinal pill suited his taste!

Xiao Rufeng frowned and said, "Why did this topic come out? The Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill just happens to be a medicinal pill that Ruyan is weak at. This battle . . . is not going well!"

Xiao Changfeng's expression was also very grave as he said, "The Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill's requirement towards fire control is very high. But Ruyan's weak point is fire control. It's really quite troublesome."

Xiao Ruyan came before the medicinal cauldron and took in a deep breath. But her eyes involuntarily looked towards Ye Yuan and discovered that Ye Yuan was currently smiling at her.

Suddenly, Ye Yuan's finger moved slightly, forming a seal.

Xiao Ruyan could not help being stunned when she saw the situation. She thought to herself, "Wasn't this the seal that he struck out when I was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill? What does he mean?"

Xiao Ruyan suddenly thought back to the feeling on the day when she was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill. Although she was dog-tired at that time, that sort of feeling was very subtle.

"Could his meaning be . . . to let me find the feeling on that day when I was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill? But . . . I tried several times afterward and kept being unable to find that sort of state!" Xiao Ruyan thought to herself.

Calming down her emotions, Xiao Ruyan finally started to move and refine the Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill.

Preparing the herbs and refining the medicinal embryo, these were all not difficult things to Xiao Ruyan.

On this step, she did an even more outstanding job than Tong Wenhui!

What Xiao Ruyan was most worried about was the refinement. She really did not have much assurance.

"I must refine the Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill! Even if it's only a low-grade! Tong Wenhui's level is most likely at most just refining out a middle-grade pill even if he's adept at this kind of medicinal pills. As long as my medicinal pill isn't too poor, I'll win" Xiao Ruyan gritted her teeth and secretly made her resolve.

Xiao Ruyan beckoned with one hand. The medicinal embryo flew into the medicinal cauldron.

The flames gradually rose. Xiao Ruyan began the Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill's refinement!

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Although she pulled out all stops to refine the Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill, not long after it started, Xiao Ruyan's rhythm became somewhat disorderly.

Refining was a task that exhausted mental strength immensely. The aspects that needed to be taken care of was far too many.

This was only refining a Tier 3 medicinal pill. When Ye Yuan was refining Tier 9 medicinal pills in his previous life, that was simply a colossal project. Refining a single medicinal pill for a month was something normal.

But, to the present Xiao Ruyan, the Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill was still an enormous challenge to her.

Everyone present was an expert. One look and they knew that Xiao Ruyan's condition was not quite right.

"Ruyan this little girl has talent, but she is still too young in the end!" An Alchemy King elder evaluated her skill.

"Fire control requires very exquisite essence energy control. It isn't the work of a single day. For Ruyan this lass to be able to perform to this step is already very not easy."

"Yeah. The path of fire control doesn't have shortcuts. One can only become very meticulous through large amounts of practice. Tong Wenhui is several years older than her in the end. In this aspect, he's performing better than her."

"Looks like the victor is already determined in this match."

Those few elders clearly did not think optimistically of Xiao Ruyan, because signs of her defeat had already appeared.

Alchemy King experts were Alchemy King experts after all. Even if they were questioned by Ye Yuan, their strength and vision were still right there.

Xiao Ruyan felt that she was straining more and more. The medicinal pill inside the medicinal cauldron also became increasingly unstable, with the possibility of becoming a useless pill at any moment.

But right at this time, she suddenly sensed a seal being struck into the medicinal cauldron unseen, making her jump in fright!

In her panic, Xiao Ruyan nearly caused the medicinal pill in the medicinal cauldron to be ruined.

"En? What's with Ruyan, this lass? The essence energy undulations earlier were so intense that it nearly ruined the medicinal pill."

"Yeah, just a little more. But . . . even so, it would probably be very difficult for her to rescue this medicinal pill too, right? It's almost certain that it will be refined into a useless pill."

"I've seen this lass refine pills before. Although her skills are still lacking, a mistake like this shouldn't have appeared. Could it be that the mental pressure is too great?"

Xiao Ruyan's little incident was enough to make many people choke up from fear.

One had to acknowledge that everyone liked beautiful women.

Not only was Xiao Ruyan beautiful, but her alchemy talent was also exceedingly high. Everyone naturally liked her even more.

Although the Xiao Family's influence was weak, it did not stop everyone from viewing her positively.

For these Alchemy Kings to compare Xiao Ruyan to Tong Wenchang, it could be seen just how positively they viewed Xiao Ruyan.

Hence, when they saw that Xiao Ruyan actually made such an error, quite a few people heaved a sigh while wringing their hands.

However, Xiao Ruyan in the midst of refining not only did not have the slightest hint of remorse at this time, but she was also excited to the point she was about to scream out.

"It's this sort of feeling! It's this sort of feeling! I found it! I found it!" Xiao Ruyan was wildly elated in her heart.

This sort of feeling was precisely the sort of feeling when Ye Yuan injected the seal while she was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill.

When she was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill previously, she was also in a total mess from the beginning, all the way until Ye Yuan threw in that seal, guiding her into a subtle rhythm.

Later on, Xiao Ruyan also tried it out a few times, wanting to find that subtle feeling of fire control. But all of it failed.

All the way until Ye Yuan gesticulated that hand sign at her just now, Xiao Ruyan finally ascertained that Ye Yuan's seal was absolutely intentional!

Her refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill was no coincidence at all. Ye Yuan helped her to refine the pill!

Therefore, she had been following the path from that day when she was refining the Vast Tuber Essence Stimulating Pill from the very beginning and kept wanting to find that feeling back then.

Now, she finally found it!

"Oh? Not only was Ruyan that lass not affected by that mistake just now, she gradually entered the most optimal state instead!"

"It's true! This lass seems to have gotten a knack for it. Her fire control ability seemed to have gone up a huge step!"

"Hiss . . . The medicinal pill is on the verge of taking form soon. She's actually about to refine successfully. Truly inconceivable!"

According to past experiences, for such a major fault to happen during the refining, it could only refine a useless pill. Wanting to salvage the situation in the later stages was something virtually impossible.

However, Xiao Ruyan did it!

"Condense!"

Xiao Ruyan gave a light cry. The medicinal pill formed!

The result was that Xiao Ruyan actually finished earlier than Tong Wenhui!

Xiao Rufeng could not conceal the euphoria in his heart and cried out, "Well done, Ruyan!"

Although Xiao Changfeng did not speak, one could tell from his expression that he also felt very surprised and pleased by this result.

Except that Xiao Ruyan was not looking at them but at Ye Yuan who was at the side instead; her eyes filled with gratitude.

Ye Yuan raised a thumbs up at her and returned a faint smile.

At this time, Xiao Ruyan did not have the cold haughtiness from a few days back but looked like a little girl who received a praise from her lover instead; her cheeks turned red.

When Xiao Changfeng saw this scene, he involuntarily frowned. But he did not say anything.

It was just that Xiao Changfeng could not help being secretly very puzzled. Could it be that Ruyan being able to refine this medicinal pill was also due to Ye Yuan's credit?

This boy . . . What on earth was his background?

Before long, Tong Wenhui also refined successfully. The remainder was left to the seven Alchemy Kings to make a verdict.

The two medicinal pills were placed before the seven Alchemy Kings. The few people consulted for a while. Yang Xiu opened his mouth to say, "What Tong Wenhui refined is middle-grade Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill, while Xiao Ruyan's is low-grade. The third round, Tong Wenhui wins."

Talking up to here, everyone held their breaths.

Now, it would have to depend on whether or not Tong Wenhui's medicinal pill could thoroughly suppress Xiao Ruyan's. If it could completely crush hers, he still had a possibility of obtaining victory.

Only to see Yang Xiu pause for a moment, then opened his mouth again to say, "But, the medicinal pill that Tong Wenhui refined just barely managed to reach the level of middle-grade, while Xiao Ruyan's Jade Pith Ice Clear Pill is already infinitely close to middle-grade. Hence, collating the results of the three matches, Xiao Ruyan wins!"

"What? How is that possible? Such a large mistake happened to Xiao Ruyan in the middle. The final completed medicinal pill actually infinitely approaches middle-grade?!" Tong Fangshuo blurted out.

Yang Xiu's brows knitted and he said unhappily, "Family Head Tong, are you also questioning us old fellows? If you don't trust this elderly self, you can come and see yourself. You're also an Alchemy King. It's unlikely that you can't even distinguish the grade of the medicinal pill, right?"

Yang Xiu was filled with pent-up anger. Today, he was repeatedly questioned by people. As an Alchemist Association elder, since when had he suffered such treatment?

But towards Xiao Ruyan's performance, Yang Xiu was also very shocked inwardly.

Such a large mistake happened, but not only did Xiao Ruyan not refine a useless pill, she even raised the quality of the medicinal pill to such an extent. It was truly mindboggling.

Tong Fangshuo had an awkward look. He hurriedly waved his hands and said, "Elder Yang misunderstood. I'm not questioning the few of you, it's just . . . it's just . . ."

Yang Xiu waved his sleeves and interrupted his words, saying, "Come, men, bring these two medicinal pills before Family Head Tong and let him see for himself whether this old man is lying through my teeth or not!"