

### Chapter 2551 Matthew's Question

"Jasper, that young man really seems quite knowledgeable."

"It's possible, but he's just spouting nonsense. He has only read some books on medicinal herbs. After all, Mr. Murphy is renowned as Hulwin's Walking Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine."

Despite what he said, the disciple known as Jasper had a troubled expression on his face.

When Elias Murphy asked about toad venom paste, most of the disciples were clueless and had no idea what it was.

"Jasper, what is the use of toad venom paste?"

Faced with the confusion of his juniors, Jasper could only furrow his brow and shake his head.

Upon seeing Jasper's solemn expression, the others immediately gave up on further questioning.

Then, they turned their attention to Matthew, silently waiting for him to make a fool of himself.

If even Jasper didn't know, how could Matthew possibly know about it?

Across from them, Matthew nodded slightly upon hearing about said substance.

Medicinal toxins like toad venom paste were already extremely niche.

It seemed like experienced alternative medicine practitioners like Elias did have some knowledge of it.

Of course, such questions still couldn't stump Matthew.

After organizing his thoughts, he cleared his throat and began to speak slowly.

"Toad venom paste is collected from the toad's skin gland. It has the effect of enhancing mental clarity and awakening the mind. When combined with flour and yellow cinnabar, it can be used to reduce swelling; when mixed with croton and almond, it can treat toothache caused by cavities. Also, blending it with wine and frying it with gastrodia can prevent tetanus."

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Originally, Elias was still feeling proud of himself for discovering this "toad venom paste" from an extremely obscure remedy.

He had some knowledge about the effects of toad venom paste that Matthew mentioned earlier.

But as Matthew continued to calmly elaborate, Elias started to panic.

That was because he hadn't even heard of the later examples that Matthew mentioned.

When Matthew finally finished listing all the effects, Elias couldn't help but break out in a cold sweat.

How much knowledge does this young man possess?

However, once he regained his composure, Matthew had already stopped speaking.

"Mr. Murphy, was I correct?"

As soon as these words were spoken, all the disciples shifted their attention to Elias.

With a slow sense of anticipation, they hoped that he would reprimand Matthew and point out his mistakes.

But at this moment, Elias himself was in distress.

He only knew about six or seven effects of toad venom paste.

Matthew had mentioned all of them.

As for the other dozen or so effects, he couldn't judge them, and most importantly, he didn't dare to verify.

Matthew was right about something.

His reputation was completely ruined.

After much hesitation, Elias secretly glanced at the other two senior alternative medicine practitioners.

They also had gloomy faces and shook their heads discreetly.

It seemed that their thoughts were not much different from Elias'.

In the end, he chose to save his remaining dignity.

"You are correct!"

As soon as these words were uttered, everyone was in an uproar.

Could this young man have a profound understanding of pharmacology?

Just now, his ability to answer questions fluently had already surpassed all of their disciples, especially regarding the pharmacology of toad venom paste.

All three of the senior alternative medicine practitioners believed they couldn't compete with Matthew in that aspect.

Just as everyone was in shock, Matthew spoke up.

"Mr. Murphy, is it my turn now?"

At this moment, Elias immediately regained his proud expression.

"Go ahead."

As he spoke, he waved his sleeve, eager to see what tricks Matthew could come up with.

Under the gaze of everyone, Matthew slowly took out an exquisite gold-rimmed wooden chest from his pocket.

"I invested a significant amount of money in this item. It was purchased from a merchant. You're all welcome to examine it!"

As he spoke, he placed the box on the table with a smile on his face.

When the three masters heard that, their expressions instantly became serious.