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Elder Maurice sighed as he continued, "After all, he had won the second stage for Sky Peak Pavilion. I don't know if this kid actually has the skills."

Mr. Zayne shook his head helplessly and replied, "Even though the core of this stage isn't alchemy, I feel like we can't look down on this brat. We'll have to count on Claude to get a good result. Only then will we have hope to win this tournament."

Elder Maurice nodded and let out a wry smile, not saying anything. What followed was a strange silence between everyone. Jackie had not spoken the whole time either. He merely stood on the spot calmly, as if nothing would affect him at all.

Once an hour passed, there did not seem to be any movements behind the door. Everyone had lost track of time with how quiet it was.

Elder Maurice suddenly said, "Time's up. Two of you, go bring him out!"

The time limit was set at an hour. If the participant did get the fruit within an hour, they would be cleared out and be considered a failure.

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The moment Master Forrest said that the two stewards pushed open the door and entered the realm. When Claude was brought out, he did not have any injuries on him but was in a terrible mood.

His head was down, and he looked like his whole family had died. When he walked out, he did not even dare to look up at Elder Maurice and the others.

Master Forrest could not hide his smile anymore, "An hour's already passed, and you did not get a Green Phoenix Fruit. You've already lost, do you acknowledge this?"

Claude nodded sadly. Master Forrest let out a pleased smirk but still said, "There's no need to be so depressed. You've done your best. I think Elder Maurice won't blame you too much, since you've tried your best."

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Those words caused anger to boil in Elder Maurice again, which had been precisely Master Forrest's intention. Even Jackie frowned when he heard that. Claude did not even dare to breathe after he heard that. He knew that he had committed a very big sin. In truth, he had clearly known that he would not be able to succeed after half an hour. To avoid getting injured and to avoid Elder Maurice blaming him, he chose to stay inside

for the whole hour. He only walked out after Master Forrest had announced that the round was over.

Jackie furrowed his eyebrows, somewhat speechless at Claude. Claude was even worse than he had expected.

There was not a single scratch on his clothes, it was obvious how safe he had been inside. No wonder that guy had been cursing how dangerous the test was. It seemed like he really valued his own body. At least Benedict had done his best and was even injured from it Claude had actually done nothing at all.

Thinking about that, Jackie shook his head helplessly.

Elder Maurice and Mr. Zayne were no idiots. They naturally knew what had been on Claude's mind. On top of that, there were also those words Master Forrest had just said. Elder Maurice was starting to feel like he wanted to kill Claude.

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It was no longer a matter of just dragging them down. It was a problem with Claude's own attitude as he had crossed the line. Even Mr. Zayne hated Claude at that point.

He shuffled over to where Phoenix Valley was. He knew that there was no way he would be able to avoid any consequences. After taking a few deep breaths, he slowly raised his head. When he saw Elder Maurice's infuriated expression, his whole body shivered as he took a step back.

Elder Maurice coldly said, "You've really disappointed me this time. Do you still remember what I told you when you entered? I guess you completely ignored it. You didn't even try at all, and only thought about not getting yourself hurt..."

Claude hurriedly shook his head at those words and replied, "It's not like that. Elder Maurice, how could I dare to do that? I've already done my best. I've tried every possible plan, but it's useless. I'm only at the early stage of the innate level, how could I dare to stand up against a spring solidifying realm beast. I tried using my smarts. I don't know how the others got injured. They must have made a mistake somewhere."

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"I wasn't injured purely because I was incredibly careful. That's how I came out untouched by that spring solidifying realm beast..." As he said that, tears started to form in Claude's eyes. It was as if Claude would start crying if he was questioned more.

Jackie pursed his lips helplessly, feeling like Claude thought everyone else was stupid. He felt like he was the only smart one. It would have been better if he had not said anything, but he made Elder Maurice even angrier after he did. Elder Maurice had not planned on saying anything too unpleasant initially.

After all, it was not just Phoenix Valley gathered there, but Sky Peak Pavilion as well. If he said too much he would just be laughed at.

Yet, Claude had added oil to the fire at that point, not reflecting on his mistakes. He was even trying to find excuses, so Elder Maurice was naturally infuriated.

“Why were you in such a rush to defend yourself after you came out? Do you think we’re all stupid? You know yourself what you’ve done. If you really did put in the work, you wouldn’t have walked out unscathed!”

Hearing that, Claude felt even more wronged as he replied, “I really did do everything I could, but this isn’t a test of my alchemic abilities, but my adaptability. I did my best and couldn’t get the results you wanted. I really was very careful, and that’s why I wasn’t injured. It’s not because I wasn’t working hard.”

Elder Maurice felt that explanation was not convincing enough. Even though Benedict had failed earlier, Elder Maurice had not been so angry. It was because Claude really had a problematic attitude.

Master Forrest was no idiot, he naturally knew what Claude was thinking. As someone from Sky Peak Pavilion, the more Claude acted like that, the happier he got.

Master Forrest frowned as he said with a concerned look, “I can tell that you’ve definitely done your best. Otherwise, you would have come out way before. You wouldn’t have stayed in there for an hour. It’s because you were doing your best that you worked till the very last moment!”

Hearing that, Claude nodded immediately as he thankfully looked at Master Forrest, “Master Forrest is right. If I wasn’t doing my best, I wouldn’t have stayed in there for so long. It’s because I was trying to do as much, that I fought till the last moment...”

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Jackie was suddenly speechless when he heard that. Claude was really acting as the pinnacle of stupidity.

Did he really think Master Forrest was trying to help him?

Master Forrest was clearly trapping him, but that brat still decided to jump onto Master Forrest’s words. He added oil to the fire once again and did nothing else. Elder Maurice was about to explode from Claude’s actions. His fists were constantly trembling as he clenched them, showing how furious he was at that moment.

Jackie felt like Elder Maurice should be trying his best to control himself. He was forcing himself not to send a punch right over and lost control entirely.

Conrad suddenly laughed and said, "No matter how hard you worked, you still returned empty-handed. What's the point of saying so much?"

Right after he said that he turned around and walked toward the door. Looking at Conrad's confident demeanor, everyone started to have complicated feelings in their hearts.

After Conrad opened the door, he turned to flash a confident smile at everyone. When he saw the complicated expressions on the face of those from Phoenix Valley, Conrad's mood improved. After that, he closed the door, and the atmosphere cooled down.

Jackie took a deep breath and looked at the still unsettled Claude, and was even more speechless.

Claude's eyes constantly moved. It was obvious that he was still trying to clear his name and shed all responsibility.

In order to stop Elder Maurice from blowing up and losing control, Jackie could not stop himself from stepping up.

"You said you tried every method. There must have been dangerous plans among those. If you took the risk, you'd naturally encounter danger. There are incredibly strong warriors around you to prevent you from dying anyway. Yet, your clothes are still clean and intact. It means you've done nothing at all. You're just saying all that to shed your responsibility," Jackie said all of that with a firm tone, leaving no room for doubt. However, Claude still shook his head violently, not agreeing with what Jackie had said.

"I really was not injured because I was very careful. I know you're very strong. In terms of alchemy, you leave us in the dust. However, the third round isn't about testing alchemy at all. It focuses on your adaptability and knowledge. It's something Master Forrest said. Don't think you'll be able to win in the third round just because you're a good alchemist!" Claude's eyes got redder and redder as he said that. He was incredibly emotional.

At that moment, Claude was doing everything he could to avoid responsibility. He did not want to get injured but did not want to be blamed either. He definitely did not want to be punished for dragging the team down.

Jackie's words had been incredibly accurate earlier. If he admitted to it, it would definitely be bad for him later.

Jackie's lips twitched helplessly, feeling like Claude was not acting like an alchemist of Phoenix Valley at all. Instead, he was acting like an alchemist from Sky Peak Valley, trying to cause Phoenix Valley trouble. Jackie was incredibly angry at those words, let alone Elder Maurice and Mr. Zayne.

Claude's words were just trying to discredit Jackie. To Elder Maurice and Mr. Zayne, Jackie was not just their stabilizing factor, but the biggest chance for them to turn the tables.

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He was the one who gave the two of them hope. Claude's words were basically denying that hope from the two of them.

How could Mr. Zayne and Elder Maurice stomach it?

Even Mr. Zayne could not help but narrow his eyes and say in a low voice, "You'd better watch your mouth! Just because your results are bad and you didn't do your best, you're trying to discredit Jackie too! If Jackie wasn't here, we'd have already lost, thanks to your bad results. How dare you question him?"

Claude was already getting desperate at that moment. Jackie's earlier threats were no longer working. He only had one thought in his mind at that moment which was to rid himself of all the blame.

He took a deep breath and raised his voice a little, "You're right. If not for Jackie, we'd have already lost! But we can't just say he'll do well in the third round just because he did well in the earlier two. I've said it before, he's an incredibly good alchemist, but this isn't a test of alchemic skill. So what if he's a talented alchemist? I don't know much, but I know something very well. He's not been in Phoenix Valley for a long time and has never gone to Grand Yorn mountain with the guards. He definitely doesn't have the necessary basic knowledge! Since he knows nothing and has never been in the world, how could he possibly get his hands on the Green Phoenix Fruit?!"

"Shut your mouth!" Elder Maurice's veins were already starting to pop. He had practically shouted at Claude with all his might.

Claude was completely exposing Jackie at that moment. He even mentioned when Jackie entered Phoenix Valley.

Sky Peak Pavilion's group could not help but be curious and suspicious at that. They were curious about when did Jackie enter Phoenix Valley and suspicious about the fact that he was so good despite not having been there for that long. After all, no matter how talented one was, one would not be that strong without going through systematic growth. However, Jackie's skills were already far above the five alchemists.

Even though the other five alchemists were not that amazing other than Bradley, they could still already be considered top alchemists. Otherwise, they would not have been chosen to participate in such an important tournament. All of them were masters, but they were unable to even put up a fight in front of Jackie.

Claude's words sparked a sense of curiosity in everyone. Elder Maurice was so furious that he was about to walk over and slap Claude a few times.

Even Benedict, who had been grabbing his arm quietly by the side, could not help but look at Claude speechlessly. Benedict felt like Claude must have gone crazy. Otherwise, he would not have said all that.

He was practically digging a ditch for himself. He would definitely be punished even more when he goes back. He was really helping the outsiders.

Yet, Claude did not seem to realize how horrible the things he had said were. He continued to shout, "Was I wrong? He might be strong, but the third round isn't what he's good at. He's never been to where beasts are found to collect materials. He wouldn't know the basic knowledge and habits! If he doesn't know, how could he get the Green Phoenix Fruit from the phoenix! It's not like you don't know what is being tested!"

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Elder Maurice was about to go mad. He shouted again, "Let me say this one more time, you'd better shut up right now! If you say another word, I'll kill you!"

Elder Maurice was not joking at that point. If Claude continued talking like that, he would really do something to Claude, no matter where they were.

Even if Elder Maurice killed Claude, the others would not say anything at all. After all, Claude was an alchemist of Phoenix Valley. Claude was suddenly woken up by those words. Chills went down his spine, and he immediately shut his mouth. However, just because he said nothing, it did not mean the matter had passed. After some silence, Bradley suddenly said, "You'll lose for sure!"

He had said that in a very matter-of-fact manner as if he was speaking the truth! Jackie could not help but look up at Bradley and noticed that Bradley's gaze was on him as well. The two of them met each other's gazes.

Jackie said in exasperation, "The results are still not out yet. I don't know where you got the courage to say you'll win."

Bradley laughed as he ignored Jackie's accusation and replied, "Those four pieces of trash won't be able to get the Green Phoenix Fruits. In the end, it's between the two of us!"

Bradley had said that in a very firm tone. Jackie was a little speechless, but he more or less agrees with what Bradley had said. Yet, Jackie knew that Bradley had said that because he did not want to compare himself to the others but only Jackie.

Master Forrest frowned as he looked at Bradley unhappily. Conrad, who he had his hopes on, was currently in the realm. Bradley's words had clearly lumped Conrad in as a piece of trash as well.

Bradley completely disregarded everyone else.

Claude and Benedict had startled expressions. It was the first time they had ever been called trash. Even though the two could not be compared to that group, they were still nowhere near 'trash'. However, no matter how unhappy the two of them were, they did not dare to say anything at that moment. After all, Bradley's results were far above theirs.

Master Forrest let out a slight cough and said, "Those words definitely crossed the line a little. I don't disagree with your evaluation of others, but Conrad should do alright."

Bradley replied rudely at that, "No matter how well a piece of trash performs, how good could they get? He just happened to show off some talent during the second stage. Have you forgotten how badly he did in the first stage? Trash is trash. Even if they do well sometimes, they're still trash!"

Master Forrest's face soured at those words. It was the first time he had been shot down like that. Bradley rarely voiced his opinions, and usually had a face of nonchalance.

No one expected that he would say all of that. Bradley let out a grunt before he looked up and focused on Jackie, "The third match has always been a battle between the two of us. Even though you did well in the earlier two rounds, you definitely won't beat me this time. You'll lose terribly!"

As he said that, Bradley's voice had a chilling tone to it.

Jackie frowned helplessly, feeling like Bradley had gone a bit mad.