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Chapter 381 Jade Leaf Academy

It was an Empire built for the sole purpose of prying into the essence of anything and everything and they have been doing that for over half a million years which is how they ended up with the largest library in the Southern Continent and became the center of knowledge.

A bulk of the foundational cultivation techniques in use around the continent either originated from the Jade Leaf Empire or had some indirect relation to it.

Their foundations were terrifying, to say the least, and it was built in part due to their insatiable curiosity and interest in all manner of subjects, and the other was because of the ten thousand leaf white jade tree located in their empire.

Much of the information regarding the tree or its rank and even its location is a well-guarded secret by the imperial family however there was some information that was known. One of that information was the numerous cultivation arts that were created by the Empire was because of that tree.

It was rumored that the tree could induce epiphanies as easily as breathing, and the tree itself had its root entrenched in the origin dao, which transformed its leaves into materialized forms of dao. It had ten thousand leaves and each leaf was a form of dao, which was why the Ten thousand leaf white jade tree also went by different names around the continent such as the 'ten thousand dao tree' or the 'wisdom jade tree.'

Dao had different classifications to it, which highlighted its strength. They were classified in ascending order into minor dao, major dao, supreme or foundational dao, and finally origin dao.

Time and space Dao fell under the foundation or supreme dao category, while Dao tied to the elements usually fell under the minor or major Dao depending on the form of variations it takes, and as for the origin dao, there has never been any cultivator known to have mastered it because mastering it meant mastering the world itself and every single facet of it, which would basically make you an immortal.

The origin Dao was also called the 'source Dao' which meant it was the source of every single Dao in existence or to come.

The fact that the Ten thousand leaf white jade tree was rumored to have its roots entrenched in the origin dao, no matter how unbelievable it was, meant the tree at the very least was at the absolute peak of saint-grade treasures, and its abilities proved that because of how powerful the Jade Leaf Empire was.

Even though it was unmentioned, Yang Qing had no doubts in his heart that the Jade Leaf Empire was as strong as any of the two holy lands. Its power had definitely reached that level, and it was a holy land in everything but name.

There was no way a place rumored to have ten purple-grade cultivation arts be a rank 1 Empire.

Yang Qing even suspected the rank was a ploy between the Order and the Empire. As for the motives for doing so, Yang Qing had no clue but he knew the Order to be a cunning fox. Who knew half the reasons, it did the things it did? like paying their workers so low despite being so rich. I think you should take a look at

Yang Qing gave up trying to understand them, the more he tried, the more likelihood he would develop more internal demons.

The Jade Leaf Empire being one of the largest grounds of accumulated knowledge founded the Jade Leaf Imperial Academy. An institute that taught and researched all sorts of subjects. The best and the brightest of the Empire, have all passed through the Academy, not only them but even renowned cultivators around the continent, some of them were students of the Jade Leaf Empire.

The Imperial Academy opens its doors not only to its citizens but also to outsiders, though its citizens are given preferential treatment when it comes to admissions. Outsiders need to pass a rigorous test that is solely based on their comprehension for them to gain admission to the Academy.

Depending on how they perform, they may be accepted as a regular student, to which they will have to pay astronomical admission fees or they could be accepted as special admission students. This was reserved for those who showed world-defying aptitude.

They were similar to the legacy disciples of the One Thousand Hall Battle Palace, except when it came to the latter the consideration was given with respect to combat aptitude whereas for the former they had a much wider scope.

To the Academy to be considered a special admissions student all you needed to do was show an abnormal level of aptitude toward any area. It could be combat, pig rearing, painting, array interpretation, and talisman drawing. It did not matter to them, as long as it was something you excelled at, and fell within their category of knowledge, and that category was extremely vast.

Those who got in through special admissions would have all their fees waived along with being given other special considerations. However, it wasn't all free for them, as they were required to share the services with the Academy either by becoming teachers there for a certain period of time or share the findings of their research whichever it is, with the Academy. They would be compensated for their findings of course and the number was limited to only three, any findings above that number, they had no obligations to share it.

As for the regular students, in addition to the fees, they also owed the Academy a favor. Should the academy ever face danger, they were required to help. All the regular students were bound by a soul-binding agreement, so they could not escape their commitment.

Despite the stringent requirements, people still flooded to join the Jade Leaf Imperial Academy. Due to its size and the range of subjects it teaches, the Academy is divided into five branches namely: The Red Jade which specializes in cultivation arts related to combat more specifically attack techniques, the Blue Jade which is similar to the Red Jade except it specializes in defense techniques, the Yellow jade that specializes in artifact refinement despite whether its used for combat or daily life, the Brown jade that specializes in life skills that are not combat oriented such painting, calligraphy, archeology and the likes, and finally the Green Jade.

The Green Jade specialized in alchemy, herbology, medicine, and spirit beast zoology.

The elder slovenly dressed man called Ma Bo was a guest teacher in the Green Jade branch and even though guest teachers were of a lower tier than regular teachers, they still needed to have great skills for one to even be qualified to be a guest teacher at the Academy, which was why Li Shu and the rest were in shock as they heard Yang Qing introduce the old man.

Chapter 382 Guest Opinion (1)

"He is a blue-grade alchemist whose skills in both alchemy and herbology are at the same standard..."

With his introduction as a guest teacher at the Jade Leaf Academy, the crowd finding out he was a blue-grade alchemist didn't hit as hard as it would have had they not heard of his association with the Jade Leaf Academy.

The fact he was a guest teacher at the Academy, they felt him being a blue-grade alchemist whose skills in alchemy and herbology matched, was only par for the course as a teacher at one of the most prestigious institutions in the continent.

"Thank you for having me, ki..I mean Judge Yang Qing.." Ma Bo said as he chuckled in embarrassment at his almost blunder in addressing Yang Qing.

Yang Qing could only shake his head with a rueful smile at this. He was able to invite the Alchemist Ma Bo for his case, not through using the Order's connections but his own.

Other than being a guest teacher at the Jade Leaf Academy, Alchemist Ma Bo was basically a rogue cultivator, who liked to roam from place to place in study of different plants and even exchange pointers with various organizations that had built themselves upon the foundation of alchemy.

Since he had lived his whole life as a rogue cultivator, he never put on airs, and never minded whom he exchanged pointers with. It was in one of his travels that he stumbled upon the Yang family before they moved their clan home to the Order. At the time Yang Qing wasn't even born yet.

Ma Bo was deeply fascinated by his clan's long documented research that spanned countless years and their insights into the body refinement realm, which was supplemented with their knowledge of various materials to aid in that subject. The clan had done their in-depth study of the reactions of various materials with each other, and their combined effects on the human body.

The Yang family may have been borderline fanatics of the body refining realm, but their passion was built upon solid knowledge and understanding of the cultivator's body and it didn't just stop there but even extended to the materials needed to strengthen that body.

Ma Bo was instantly drawn to the strides and the studies they had made and immediately managed to strike up a friendship with his great-grandfather, which was about 400 years ago. He stayed at their clan grounds for almost 15 years and then left, but he occasionally passed by over the years.

He was one of the few outsiders the Yang family ever took to. As body refinement fanatics with an unpopular reputation they never made friends that easy, and with their obsession in digging the mysteries of the body refinement realm, they never bothered in knowing or striking up relationships with others. Ma Bo was one of the few.

He learned a lot from the Yang family and the Yang family benefited a lot from him too, be it when it came to additional knowledge and access to materials that they would not be able to have easy access to. Ma Bo was already a palace realm cultivator and a guest teacher of the Jade Leaf Academy when he met the Yang clan.

With his identity as a guest teacher of the Jade Leaf Academy, his palace realm cultivation, and his skills as a blue-grade alchemist, he had tonnes of connections and was able to supply the Yang family with tonnes of materials for them to experiment with.

The ingredients used on Yang Qing over the years were courtesy of him, especially the ones used when he broke through to the diamond body stage and then finally the peerless jade body including the array used to seal his senses.

No one in the Yang family knew of his identity as a Guest teacher of the Jade Leaf Academy except his grandfather, they all thought he was just a slovenly-looking old man with good connections, great skills in alchemy, and potentially a reincarnated ancestor of the Yang family who came back to push forward the clan's research into the body refinement realm.

It was only after they came to the Order, and Yang Qing was an outer core court judge did his grandfather let it slip one night when Yang Qing was comparing the Institute's library to the grand library of the Jade Leaf Empire, and the library of the One thousand hall battle palace wondering which had the best collections, and what he would give to be a librarian at all three libraries.

His grandfather at the mention of the Jade Leaf Empire opened up about Ma Bo's identity to Yang Qing. His reaction at the time was the same as Li Shu's and the rest because unlike them he knew intimately how awe-inspiring their Academy and the empire as a whole was, and to be a guest teacher there for what seemed to be 400 years was no small feat.

With his talents as a guest teacher, he was more than qualified to be an instructor at the Institute.

Even after the Yang family moved to the Order, his grandfather and the rest of the elders still maintained contact with him and continued a lot of research together.

With his identity as a guest teacher of the Jade Leaf Academy, being given special entry access to various facilities of the Order including where the Yang family generally conducted their experiments wasn't an issue, and the Order also had a good relationship with the Empire.

Some of their members have also been guest teachers at the academy. Yang Qing had entertained the thought at some point, to do it as a part-time time during his leave days since the remuneration was really good at least better than his measly pay at the Order, but he changed his mind since it meant more work.

What use were breaks, if you just worked? It wasn't a soft life at all. It went against everything he stood for.

Yang Qing was many things but he wasn't one to violate his life principles all for the sake of five thousand high-grade spirit stones per lecture. But...I think you should take a look at pantheonovel.com

When Yang Qing got the list of cases and went through this particular case, on seeing its parameters decided to call on Ma Bo for his expertise in the case, his identity would make his opinion acceptable to both parties and the best part was, Yang Qing could get for cheap as opposed to what he had to spend to invite the blue haired man next to him.

Yang Qing hatefully gnashed his teeth as he outwardly smiled when he made the next introduction.

"Next to Alchemist Ma Bo is Alchemist Luo Fan. He is a blue-grade alchemist with matching skills in medicine and spirit beast zoology. He is also one of the appraisers of the White Rose Pavilion..."

Yang Qing need not say more about the White Rose Pavilion. While it was lower in rank compared to the Jade Leaf Academy, as it was only a rank 2 organization, but when it came to reputation and being well known around the continent, it had the same level of renown as the Academy.

Almost every kingdom, empire, or territory of any sect had a branch store of the White Rose Pavilion merchant group.

παΠdαsNovel.com Though the Golden Bamboo Pavilion in terms of rank was the same as the White Rose Pavilion, fundamentally be it in terms of scale and even power they were miles apart. Among the rank 2 merchant organizations, if the White Rose Pavilion claimed itself to be second no one would dare name themselves first.

Their level of influence and scale of business was the same as some of the rank 1 merchant organizations around, and Luo Fan's identity as one of the appraisers carried significant weight with the members present, same as Alchemist Ma Bo.

"I'm glad to be of service Judge Yang Qing and we appreciate your trust and patronage.." said Luo Fan in a gentlemanly tone.

Yang Qing's eyes twitched at the mention of patronage.

Is this bastard teasing me?

He needed an additional seasoned alchemist for balance and for the sake of fairness to the members present he couldn't use those from the Order. He could thus only use outsiders for this, and when it came to outsiders, it had to be those who had belonged to organizations with a worldwide reput.

Sourcing blue-grade alchemists from renowned alchemy-based organizations was difficult since they were always too busy to even humor the Order, but there was one place where they would gladly offer their services for a price and that was merchant organizations. While it was easy to gain their services it wasn't cheap either.

Yang Qing had to fork out two low-tier blue-grade recipes, of which it didn't matter whether it was incomplete or not, and add 50 high-tier sky-rank herbs under the specification that Luo Fan wanted.

Redeeming the items from the external logistic division using his discretionary funds cost him 48,908 high-grade spirit stones and that was even at an employee discount. The 40,000,000 high-grade spirit stones he was getting, now didn't seem high at all.

He quickly pushed down the urge to punch Luo Fan as he introduced the last person.

"And lastly this is Liang Tian, a top-tier orange grade herbologist. He is here because the various spiritual herbs owner Bai Zou uses, are produced by him.

Of the members present, palace master Meng Ye and Vice palace master Pan Xin, you both diagnosed Li Shu with pill poisoning. You just need to share your findings and rationale as you did the tests.

As for Liang Tian, you'll need to provide detailed guidelines in the farming process of the herbs you sell to owner Bai Zou and if there was anything you might have changed in the process during the last ten years, and finally

Alchemist Ma Bo and Alchemist Luo Fan are both skilled seniors of high reputation and integrity. They have been trusted by this court and the Order to provide their own unbiased opinion on your injuries Li Shu.

They will both perform independent screenings of their own and give their opinion. They will be screening Li Shu, the gold-feathered duck, the moon-silver-scaled carp, the crimson fire pig, and the cerulean deer which are the meat dishes Li Shu has mostly consumed over the years at the Golden Duck Platter Restaurant.

In addition, they will also be testing the red scale fairymoss, ocean tassel, and volcano fennel which are the three herbs supplied to the restaurant by Liang Tian.

Their findings will be openly shared in the court so none of you can have any doubts when I give my ruling.."

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"Oh, I almost forgot the finished dishes will also be evaluated and scanned.." Yang Qing added with a straight face, though inwardly he was gleeful.

He had taken liberties and ordered triple of each dish that Li Shu regularly ordered at the restaurant in the past ten years. With the enhanced memory of a core formation cultivator, it wasn't hard for her to recollect every single meal that she had over the past decade, and the fact that she was a creature of habit, who only had three selections every time, it was easy to remember.

Every time she went over she had the restaurant's special which was the golden roast duck, barbecued crimson pig which was another house specialty, and smoked veal.

Yang Qing had the branch in Silent Willow County prepare three of each of those meals for easy analysis, and after the inspections were completed, well he would have nine meat dishes for lunch.

He couldn't wait for the case to be done with.

"Palace Master Meng Ye, Vice Palace Master Pan Xin, we will start with the both of you, then daoist Liang Tian it will be your turn..." said Yang Qing.

"Seniors, I will leave the next matter to you both to decide how you want to go about it.." he added as he addressed the two blue-grade alchemists.

Of the two members of the Blue River Cauldron Pavilion, Vice Palace Master Pan Xin seemed to have agreed with the palace master that he would go first since he had been the one to diagnose and treat Li Shu first before he went to consult his palace master when the matter got too difficult for him to handle.

"Daoist Li Shu came to our pavilion a few months ago for help concerning her ailment which the alchemist of the Shao clan had struggles identifying.

pandasNovel.com With my relationship with Shao Qing, I readily agreed to help her. She proceeded to explain her symptoms to me, which at the time had the ear markers of a poison.

I had a Silverleaf euphorbia gotten from the tree that was at least 5,000 years old, and I used it to perform a general check to find if she had any obvious signs of being poisoned.

On using the leaf, there was no change to it. This is the leaf I used.."

Vice palace master took out a palm-sized brown box and gently opened it revealing a white colored leaf that had a metallic shine to it, which made it seem like it was carved from metal. It had smooth edges and a single mid-rib and veins that were white in color.

Yang Qing took the box as he nodded inwardly. The box was made from serenity oak wood which was an excellent material for storing sensitive spiritual herbs. It helped preserve their efficacy even after they had been harvested. I think you should take a look at pantheonnovel.com

He gently parsed his hand through the leaf, and from its fluctuations, he could tell Vice Palace Master Pan Xin didn't lie about it being from a Euphoria tree that was at least 5,000 years old. As per Yang Qing's estimation, it seemed to have been approaching 7,000 years. The midrib had a lustrous liquid flowing through it. The liquid was thin and if one wasn't keen, one could easily miss it.

The liquid flowing through it was the silver dew that could only be formed on the leaves of the Silver leaf euphorbia tree that had crossed the five thousand mark in terms of age. The liquid had gentle properties which made it an excellent ingredient as a potion stabilizer, especially when the potion involved was a volatile one. The dew also enhanced the properties of the leaf itself especially when it came to poison detection.

The leaf of the silver leaf euphorbia tree also went by another name, which was the hundred poison leaf, which was given due to its ability to detect different kinds of poisons. Every time it detected poison the silver leaf would change colors. It usually reflected three colors; red, orange, and green. Red showed a high level of toxicity in the poison detected and green showed it was mild.

It was a common must-have item for most alchemists especially those just starting out, due to the ability to accidentally interact with poisonous materials, or a potion accidentally having a poisonous attribute due to some mishap somewhere, and the one in his hand was even better than most silver leaves at the job due to the presence of the silver dew.

Yang Qing fiddled with it for a bit before he passed it on to Alchemist Ma Bo and Alchemist Luo Fan for their own inspections. They all did quick scans that lasted barely three seconds and then handed it back to Vice Palace Master Pan Xin with a tacit agreement of the nature and age of the Silverleaf he had presented.

Vice palace master Pan Xin looked visibly relieved as he received his Silverleaf back. Despite knowing none of what he said was false about the leaf, he couldn't help but be nervous as the three inspected it. Some nervous-ridden part of him expected him to be called a fraud and for things to go downhill from there.

After this, I'm going for a secluded break, he thought.

"After getting no reaction from the Silverleaf euphoria, I proceeded to use other means for checking poisons that I had at my disposal and they all failed.

Some of her symptoms were evident to me such as her sluggish qi but none of my tests showed it was a result of poisoning. That was when I decided to conduct one final test, which is something every alchemist at the Blue River Cauldron does, which is the pill poisoning test.

With how many potions and pills we make, along with our personal research, despite our skills, we are always at risk of pill poisoning. Therefore we devised a method to regularly check if our bodies had accumulated a lot of pill and potion residue, and that method is using the flames produced from lighting the branch from a night star Rowan tree that had been soaked in water produced from middle grade spirit stone mine.

The flames produced are able to trigger a reaction in the person's body and cause a coloration to appear on their skin if they have pill poisoning. We can keep the flames burning a while longer and if the coloration turns to colored smoke coming out from the pores of the person, then that shows their pill poisoning is extensive.

I'm sure you are all aware of the particular technique. It's the spiritual kindling cleansing art that's been shared by the Flowing Valleys Sect.."

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Yang Qing and the two alchemists nodded at his remark. Flowing Valley Sect had made its bones in alchemy and the strides it has made, no organization in the continent comes close. They occasionally make public some of their research arts, one of which was the spiritual kindling cleansing art which was highly appreciated by the alchemist community around the continent, with their greatest dangers of the job being accumulated pill poisoning.

The art itself was simple enough and anybody could use it as long as they knew an orange-grade flame art suitable with alchemy, the night star rowan tree was a sky rank tree though at the top tier, and the water from a middle-grade spirit vein was common enough that it could be bought by spirit stones from any merchant organization and even other alchemy organizations.

Its simplicity, affordability, and practicality made the art, a ubiquitous art around the continent.

"When I used the spiritual kindling cleansing art, Daoist Li Shu's skin changed. Green, red, and pale white markings appeared on her skin, and later a thick green smog was produced from her body.

That basically confirmed that she had pill poisoning, and from the scale of the smoke produced from her body, it could only be if it had accumulated in her for quite some time. Her level matched what a seasoned alchemist would get after concocting potions and pills for at least seven years.

With the malady identified, I went ahead and used the violet flame purging acupuncture technique that we use at the pavilion to purge the toxins accumulated in our bodies.

It always works on me perfectly, so I thought it should do the trick on Li Shu since we are basically of the same cultivation base.

It seemed to be working at first, but as time went by, whatever materials that had accumulated in her body started absorbing the flames produced by the technique and became stronger, and purging them got harder by the second..."

Vice Palace Master Pan Xin gave an overview of the acupuncture art, without giving too much away about its core details since it was one of the core arts of the Blue River Cauldron Pavilion.

If he gave out the core details, it was basically giving out their core art. Though Pan Xin felt like the people present could likely decipher their art with the information he had given out. The art was a top-tier orange-grade art, that the previous palace master had bargained for in the market fair, in exchange for 100 sky rank recipes.

The art was a prized treasure for the pavilion, and those who knew it were the palace master, Pan Xin, and four other senior alchemists of the organization who had been with the pavilion for over 100 years and were orange-grade alchemists.

To them, it was a valuable art, but Pan Xin felt to Yang Qing and the two alchemists, it was no more important than dumplings being sold at the sideways stall.

With their stations and abilities, they likely had access to hundreds of arts that matched the violet flame-purging acupuncture art.

Pan Xin wouldn't even mind exposing every little detail of the art, but the rules of the cultivation world had to be observed, especially ones tied to core arts. So he had to be careful about how much he gave away in his explanation, but when it came to the changes that happened to Li Shu as he was executing the art, he was as thorough with the details as possible, explaining every minute change he observed.

"When I saw I was getting nowhere with the violet flame purging acupuncture art, that was when I decided to involve Palace Master Meng Ye..."

On reaching this point, Vice Palace Master Pan Xin respectfully gestured for the palace master to take over.

"With vice palace master Pan Xin's explanation of the situation at the time, and with my own observations, I arrived at the same conclusion as him, which one, Daoist Li Shu had pill poisoning and the level was high enough to the point of assuming she had accumulated it for more than five years.

I tried using the violet flame purging acupuncture art since I have slightly more familiarity with it than vice palace master Pan Xin and thought the results would be different. That it would work, but it failed and since the art requires close contact with the person being treated, I almost got infected by the pill poison that had built up inside her.

In all my years, I haven't seen pill poisoning that acted like that. It seemed more like a live curse than anything...

With the failure of the acupuncture art and the added risk of getting poisoned ourselves, I opted we use a formation array to cleanse her of the pill poison.

Though the grade of the array is the same as the acupuncture art, its powers of cleansing are much stronger since it has the support of treasures and more than one person can operate it to increase its cleansing abilities.

The name of the array is the blue river harmony cleansing array and is a top tier orange grade formation that we have used countless times to perform cleansing en masse on our members.

Vice palace master Pan Xin and I operated the array, but even after three days of operating the array non-stop, we didn't manage to remove the pill poison completely, and it even seemed like it had mutated somewhat.

To avoid any further risk I decided we stop with the treatment using the array. Whatever pill poisoning she has, it was beyond our ability to treat, and I judged us continuing may very well cause irreversible damage to her, so we stopped.

With nothing left to try, at least not with our abilities, I gave her three options that may work. Which was to seek the help of a blue-grade alchemist to help her purge the pill poison in her body, find a palace realm expert to do it, or finally use morning lily heartseed.

Despite telling her this, I knew how difficult it was, to just find one of the three options I had given her. But it's the best we could do.." A soft sigh escaped her lips as she said this.

"I'm sorry Daoist Li Shu.." she added as she cupped her fist apologetically at Li Shu.

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"No, no, no, Palace Master Meng Ye ...You went above and beyond for me, and for that, I'm extremely grateful..." Li Shu hurriedly said as she went to offer a bow of thanks of her own.

Yang Qing could detect the deep sincerity coming from her. He could understand why, since none of the measures that the Palace Master and the Vice Palace Master used on her was particularly cheap, especially the array.

If they kept the blue river cleansing array running for three days non-stop, being driven by two core formation experts, one could imagine how much resources that array consumed in those three days.

Not unless Li Shu was an ingrate, her reaction was to be expected.

"Thank you for your apt explanation Palace Master Meng Ye, Vice Palace Master Pan Xin..."

"Liang Tian, would you please.." Yang Qing said as he addressed the simple-looking brown-haired young man.

"Th..a..nk you for the opportunity, Judge Yang Qing..."

Liang Tian was a little taken aback as he seemed unaccustomed to being in such a setting.

Yang Qing chuckled inwardly at the young man's reaction.

Bai Zou who had maintained an austere expression throughout the court proceeding, had his gaze soften somewhat when Liang Tian was introducing himself.

Liang Tian was a resident of the Jadebrook Kingdom. Bai Zou established a relationship with him when he was opening his restaurant's first branch in the kingdom.

Liang Tian was a farmer, and he had a 100-acre farm in Felonwood County. Bai Zou came to know him courtesy of the royal family of the Jadebrook Kingdom.

Liang Tian was a gifted farmer who could grow all sorts of spiritual herbs en masse, along with certain spirit beasts known for their docile nature.

He formed a balance between the two to support the growth of each other. He used the manure from certain spirit beasts to promote the growth of certain spiritual plants, and he used certain spiritual plants to ensure the growth of certain spiritual beasts.

The output was high with matching quality. Liang Tian was very meticulous with every single process involved in the farm, which was why in the whole kingdom, few could match the quality of his produce. However, he was relatively unknown and unheard of in the kingdom despite being such a gifted farmer and a late-stage core formation expert.

If it wasn't for the royal family of the Jadebrook kingdom introducing him, Bai Zou would have never known that someone like him existed in the kingdom.

He kept a low profile, his farm was secluded and also hidden in arrays, and as far as the spiritual herbs and animals go, he usually kept them for himself and the only people he sold to were the royal family, in exchange for them laying down the isolation and illusion arrays around his farm.

Bai Zou became his second customer. In exchange for getting the spiritual herbs he needed, he offered up the seeds of some indigenous species to the Cinnabar Kingdom.

He couldn't help but smile when he remembered how over the moon Liang Tian was when he saw the seeds. When they met, it was just like now, he struggled to talk but when Bai Zou showed him the seeds, all nervousness and awkwardness he had, vanished. He rattled on endlessly about the seeds and various ideas he had of planting them.

Bai Zou rather admired his almost innocent single-minded focus. Every now and then he liked going there personally to pick up the spiritual herbs he needed even though his disciples could do it.

He liked the air around Liang Tian's farm. It was calming. It brought him the same sense of relief that cooking did. So whenever he had time, he would visit Liang Tian with a few seeds, and watch him rattle on and get excited as he ran over the farm looking for the perfect place to plant.

Is this what it feels like to be a parent? he often wondered every time he was around Liang Tian.

The torturous experience of the beast tides from the Cinnabar Kingdom made him avoid any thoughts of having children in such an environment, where you could all die in the next second. Even after everything had settled down, and he became a palace realm expert, he still avoided it. One of the reasons was fear of loss, and the other which was the most important one, was the presence of the palace realm spirit beast in the kingdom.

Even though it never attacked, except when they bursted into the forest it was hibernating in, Bai Zou always felt it was a matter of time until it attacked them. The spirit beast tides had already shaped his judgment of them, they were all violent, and the palace realm spirit beast may not be any different. This was why he rarely left the kingdom.

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"I deal with a lot of plants like the starfire nettle, the moonlit jasmine good for tea that calms the mind, but I found it doesn't go well with the starfire nettle, they always try to devour each other.

For plants that are so dissimilar in quality, it's rather funny that they depend on the same resources for growth, and conditions are almost identical. They always seem like quarreling siblings to me..." Liang Tiang let out a soft chuckle as he said this.

The moment he started talking about his plants, his whole demeanor changed, all nervousness and shyness changed, and he had a certain aura to him that seemed to radiate the vibrancy and nature of the earth.

Even the two senior alchemists couldn't help but evaluate him.

"The earth alder physique... explains the variety and the quality of the herbs.." muttered Yang Qing as he smiled.

Liang Tiang may or may have not noticed it, but the skin and the hair on his head had changed the moment he began to talk passionately about the plants in his place. His brown hair had transformed and had small branches growing out of it with leaves that matched that of the alder tree, while his face had golden yellow runic lines that combined into forked-like lines at the front of his forehead.

The features he presented were usually found in those who had the earth alder tree physique. The physique had no offensive means to it, but if one was to be a herbologist, there were few physiques that were better suited for the job than it.

It granted the user the ability to affect the earth around it and alter it to reach conditions that could accommodate different spiritual plants. Even the barest and poorest of soils could be transformed into a ground that could host over 50 sky-rank herbs as long as a user of the earth alder tree physique worked on it.

They are also sensitive to the changes in moisture which is why the users of the physique are proficient with arts that are tied to both the earth and water element.

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A bunch of the herbs collected from Liang Tian's farm for purposes of the case had excellent quality, matching even those grown from the herb gardens of the Medicine Valley.

"Then there's the luminescent moss that senior Bai Zou brought the other day...."

"Ahem, Liang Tian while I appreciate the step-by-step introduction of the plants on your farm, and would like to hear more about it later, for now, could we focus on the three herbs you usually sell Owner Bai Zou and whether there were any of the three that you changed up on how you cultivated them.." said Yang Qing.

"Sorry.." said Liang Tian as he grinned foolishly while scratching the back of his mind in embarrassment.

"Well of the three herbs in question I haven't changed much when it comes to the ocean tassel and volcanic fennel. They're pretty hardy plants and highly adaptable.

For the ocean tassel as long as the water it grows under has the same saline conditions maintained and the lighting controlled, it grows with minimal interference for my part.

I use the marine jadeite crystal to maintain the saline conditions and its essence hasn't been drained yet, it's about 7 years shy of it.

As for the lighting part, I use the Eclipse oak tree for that. It absorbs the sunlight around it, which is where I placed the pond containing the ocean tassel. Its leaves are still intact, and it only wilts once every eight months, and it's at night during the full moon.

As for the volcanic fennel, it's the easiest. its growing area is basically supported and run by an array supported by the beast core of an infernal gland salamander that was at the peak of the core formation stage.

Since I laid down the formation, I've never touched it."

"Thank you senior Bai Zou for the core..I'm thinking of adding spirit flame lemon grass with the volcanic fennel. I feel like the grass would work well with the mutton soup you bring by..." Liang Tian suddenly said, deviating.

"I'll bring some next time when I come, but please finish answering Judge Yang Qing's questions first. We can discuss the other matters after.." Bai Zou gently said as he looked toward Yang Qing like a parent asking a teacher to let off their kid.

"The white scale fairy moss was the one I had a problem with a few years ago but I rectified it. The fairy moss has stringent requirements on the water it grows from. It needs to be dense with wood qi, and yin qi, however, the water feeding into my farm had yang qi mixed into it a few years ago.

While the levels were not that detrimental to it, it would slow down the rate of maturity of the red-scale fairy moss. So every morning before the sun hits, I would sprinkle it with dew collected from the leaves of the moonlit cypress tree on my farm.

The dew it produces has a gentle yin qi in it, which suited perfectly to meet the needs of the white-scale fairy moss.

The quality was in no way compromised or damaged because of it. Over the years I've continually checked it, and I even compared it to the fairy moss I had stored up before the water used in the farm got yang qi concentrations. The qualities are similar.

Miss Xia Ting picked a few samples, you can compare both and see they're the same, Judge Yang Qing."

"And for what it's worth, I don't think senior Bai Zou is someone who would poison their customers.." added Liang Tian.

"Thank you Liang Tian.."

"Seniors, it's up to you now.." said Yang Qing.

"Daoist Luo Fan, I'll take the herbs how about you take Miss Li Shu's inspection first? then we can finish up with the inspection of the spirit beasts. What do you think?" asked Alchemist Ma Bo.

"Let's do it that way.." Alchemist Luo Fan readily agreed.

"Miss Li Shu please don't move," Alchemist Luo Fan said as he walked towards her, stopping a few inches away from her.

"Mmh, it's as I guessed.." he muttered after casually scanning her for a few seconds.

Carp of illumination

Alchemist Luo Fan pointed his index finger toward her and a silver carp was produced from his fingertip. The carp was palm-sized and slender and had blue glyphs in its eyes.

Li Shu was taken aback by its lifelike appearance especially when it turned its gaze toward her, she felt like she had been locked on by a real-live spirit beast.

She was about to take a step back because of the pressure the carp was emitting but she remembered Alchemist Luo Fan's order and stood still.

The carp produced a water ball from its mouth that it fired at Li Shu which immediately expanded from a tiny pebble-sized ball to a big ball that was large enough to envelop her and even leave some room for her to move all her limbs around if she wanted to.

The moment Li Shu was enveloped in the water ball the silver carp dived into the blue water ball and then swam directly into Li Shu's body.

Li Shu on instinct blocked her body with her arms, but the carp was like a specter as it phased through her defense and penetrated her body.

Just as Li Shu was wondering what the carp was up to, she saw glowing lines suddenly appear on her body, and the resplendence of that glow grew brighter by the second to the point it could be seen even through her blue robes.

The lines grew in number by the minute, till every part of her body had them.

Vice palace master Pan Xin tugged at palace master Meng Ye's robe as he pointed at Li Shu and the water ball.

"That?" asked Pan Xin with a voice of disbelief.

"It's all her meridians and composition, internal organs, vessels ..everything within her internal structure.." answered Meng Ye with disbelief herself as she took in what was before her

Li Shu's current outward look had transformed. The water ball had shrunk both in size and shape. Its shape became humanoid and surrounded her like a translucent protective membrane. The glowing lines reflected themselves on that membrane, and what seemed to be random lines at first became the outline of her entire internal structure.

The meridians, vessels, and internal organs were depicted on the membrane. One could see a massive bowl-sized object at the center of her navel that had a blue wave swirling in a clockwise manner and from that object were multiple channels coming out of it that went throughout her body.

At present the color showing around her body was one single color, which was blue, but after a few seconds, two more colors appeared which were deep yellow and white color and a tinge of green.

Blue was the most dominant, then followed by yellow and white and finally green which appeared in a single place which was her stomach.

"A yin yang imbalance..." said Alchemist Ma Ba as he came over holding the white scaled fairy moss in one hand, and stroking his beard with the other.

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"How were the concentrations?" asked Alchemist Luo Fan as both he and Alchemist Ma Bo scrutinized the reflected image of the internal structure of Li Shu.

"On the plants, normal but on the duck I bet it will be different, and judging by her internal makeup, it seems to have been the cause.." answered Alchemist Ma Bo as he handed the white scale fairy moss in his hand to Alchemist Luo Fan, who gently parsed its leaves through his fingers.

A blue crystalline liquid that shone like the luster of stars appeared on his fingertips as he pressed the leaves of the white-scale fairy moss against his fingers.

The white-scale fairy moss was pure white in color and its leaves had a silky smoothness to it and released a sweet fresh breezy scent.

"The quality is not bad. It falls under the top 5 among the white-scale fairy moss I've interacted with over the years..." said Luo Fan as his gaze went back to Li Shu.

"Mmmh, explains why the Jadebrook royal family has so many experts. Having someone gifted like young Liang Tian supplying them with all sorts of spiritual herbs with such a quality, having skilled experts is a definite guarantee.."

Alchemist Ma Bo couldn't help but sneak a glance Liang Tian's way who had already walked to Bai Zou and seemed to be animatingly discussing something with him in a low voice.

paṇḁasNovel.com "I wonder if he'd agree to join the Jade leaf academy. With my recommendation and his talent, it wouldn't be a problem. But he doesn't strike me as the sort to care too much about that.." wondered Alchemist Ma Bo.

"He didn't either.." he added as his gaze fell on Yang Qing.

His years of working as a teacher made him develop a habit of scouting unpolished gems and recommending them to the Academy and see what heights they'd reach.

His life was changed in the same way too. He too was once a student of the Jade Leaf Academy and had gotten in as a regular student. However he was an orphan and had no lucky encounters or treasure stash somewhere to fund his entry, but lucky for him there was a guest teacher of the Academy who admired his talents and gave him his recommendation.

Guest teachers were given two recommendations a year. The recommendation worked as a free sponsorship and not a direct entry card. Whoever they recommended had to have sufficient talent to be accepted into the Academy by normal means. Their recommendation would serve as their fees throughout their whole education.

The recommendation Ma Bo received in his early years, had changed his life. It was no different than giving him a new life. All he had today was because of that recommendation. What he learned at the Academy laid down the foundations he needed to become a blue-grade alchemist and herbologist. I think you should take a look at paṇḁasnovel.com

This was the reason why, when the Academy offered him a position as a guest teacher when he became a blue-grade alchemist, he did not hesitate. Other than the generous resources and opportunities he would get as a guest teacher, one of the other main reasons he did it, was he wanted to create many opportunities for other potential geniuses who may end up buried because of insufficient resources.

He wanted to be that opportunity for them, which was why he kept roaming around the continent. He did so for his research and also spotted a few talents that he could use his recommendation on.

One of his journeys landed him at the doors of the Yang clan. A family that had some of the most profound theories and deductions into the human body, that was supplemented with a deep level of knowledge that it drew even his attention, despite already being a blue-grade alchemist at the time.

Over the years of interacting with them, he had attempted to recommend a few of them to the Academy one of which was Yang Qing's grandfather who had a creative mind for research that wasn't only restricted to the body refinement realm, but to other physiques and alchemy.

As per Alchemist Ma Bo's assessment from their most recent interaction, Yang Qing's grandfather was already just inches away from being a blue-grade alchemist, even with his foundation-level strength.

Ma Bo wouldn't be surprised if he was overtaken by him someday, which was why he tried to get him to join the Academy to further develop his talents and there would definitely be cultivators there who would help him with his research, however he was ruthlessly rejected by Yang Qing's grandfather, and when he tried recruiting other Yang clan talents they all gave him the same response, which was a rejection.

He didn't give up and still kept trying to recommend someone from the Yang family. He always felt like he owed them for them allowing an outsider like him to have a share in their insights and the research. He was surprised at how open they were with it after just exchanging a few pointers with them.

Their research had greatly contributed towards him strengthening his abilities as a blue-grade alchemist, to the point it wouldn't be long before he was able to successfully concoct mid-tier blue-grade potions and pills.

Potions and pills of this grade were ones that would induce two tribulation lightning upon completion. Such potions and pills had the same potency as a cultivator in the middle stages of the palace realm.

If Ma Bo managed to make such a potion, the harvest he would gain would be sufficient to push his cultivation base to the middle stages of the palace realm, and he could become a regular teacher of the Jade Leaf Academy which came with over 100 more perks than what he had access to, one of which was access to gold grade recipes, and access to facilities and treasures that would increase his understanding of alchemy and other related matters.

The research and generosity shown by the Yang family had given him a chance at something most alchemists would drool over, thus he felt he owed them a lot, and giving them resources for their experiments wasn't enough in his book.

A recommendation was the most valuable thing he felt he could give them, but sadly to most of the Yang clan members, it was no more important to them than a useless rock by the road. Other than their devout study of the body refinement realm, they had little care for anything else and they were stubborn about it and were creatures of habit, and would not deviate from it.

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However every now and then, some anomalies would appear among them. Some Yang members who didn't care for the body refinement realm or had any interest in pouring their whole lives into it. Ma Bo often waited around for those anomalies, but unluckily none of them were talented enough to have a guaranteed entry into the Academy, that was until Yang Qing's father.

He had top-notch skills in alchemy, one that was enough to even draw Ma Bo's attention, and the best part was Ma Bo had long since noticed his dissatisfaction with the ways of the Yang family. He thought surely he could get him to accept his recommendation. However, he had severely underestimated how deathly afraid Yang Qing's father was of his grandfather. He refused him only for years later to run away from the Yang clan.

Luckily for him, after a decade or so when he came back, another anomaly in the form of Yang Qing was born. A kid who showed the same level of aptitude as the special entry students of the Academy, and the more he saw Yang Qing cultivate his way through the body refinement realm, the more he was certain of it.

He decided to let Yang Qing stay in the Yang family during his body refinement period since even the Academy would not do any better than the Yang family when it came to it, and when Yang Qing reached the qi refinement realm, he would nominate him with his recommendation.

He had already laid down the groundwork for it over the years, by painting the picture of how grand the academy was, the resources, the endless research into different cultivation arts, and how the academy even gives their students the opportunity to delve into all sorts of different unexplored ruins and mysterious realms within their territory.

He knew all young cultivators boiled from the thrill of the adventure, and when Yang Qing kept asking for detailed specifics of those ruins, and mysterious realms such as if they were truly unexplored, and if the Academy supervised, Ma Bo was certain Yang Qing's interest had been piqued, and him joining the Academy was all but guaranteed.

However he came back years later only to find Yang Qing had left like his father, but unlike him, he went to join the Order.

To date, Ma Bo couldn't understand why. Yes, the Order was a powerful organization with a lot of prospects but in his opinion the Jade Leaf Academy didn't lose out to the Order. It had vast resources just like the Order, it had connections all over the continent, and in terms of power, only when he became a guest teacher did he discover how powerful the Jade Leaf Academy was.

Teachers were ranked according to a grade that not only highlighted their accomplishments but also their power level. Ma Bo as a palace realm cultivator and blue grade alchemist was a blue-rank teacher, and above him was gold rank which was reserved for those in the domain realm, and above that was purple rank reserved for those in the soul formation realm.

In all his years working there had heard there were at least 31 purple grade teachers. That was 31 soul formation experts, and then there was the Jade Leaf Empire behind it which was bound to be even more powerful than the Academy it supports.

While the Order was powerful, he found it difficult to believe it was stronger than the Jade Leaf Empire, an entity that was dubbed as strong as the holy lands. If it wasn't, there was no way they could hold onto their ten thousand-leaf jade tree.

When he met Yang Qing, after he had become a judge and his choice, Yang Qing said it was out of a sense of duty and he felt the Order suited his ambitions of introducing fairness to the world.

Ma Bo didn't believe him at all. He knew the kid, he wasn't a believer or a true altruist. The kid talking about fairness was the same one who learnt herbology and alchemy from him all for the sake of dosing his grandfather and a few elders with a potion that induced diarrhea and nightmares.

However, despite Ma Bo not buying it, he didn't pry too much into the reason. At least his talents flourished at the Order. The little kid he'd bribe with pancakes so he could drink the disgusting body refinement potions was already a palace realm cultivator, the same as him, probably even stronger. Ma Bo could distinctly feel even with his third-stage palace realm strength, if he fought with Yang Qing, there was a high likelihood he would lose. It was only to be expected since the grades of the dao they used to breakthrough to the palace realm were different. If he wanted to suppress Yang Qing, he'd need to be at the sixth stage to be able to confidently do it. But as long as they were both within the early stage minor realm, the likelihood of him winning was small.

Ma Bo couldn't help but sigh in gratification.

"Maybe if I enlist daoist Bai Zou's help I can get Liang Tian to agree," he thought, unwilling to let Liang Tian rot away in a rank 4 kingdom without getting the chance to excavate his potential to the full.

He decided to push the matter till later and focus on the task at hand. Li Shu's internal structure was clear to the point that it seemed like she had been cut open and her innards were exposed.

The blood flow and the qi flow could be observed in real-time. His gaze focused on the white-red cloud spots that had filled most of her body except the dantian. It was in her organs, meridians, and blood vessels. Other than her dantian, the head was the only other place that didn't have the white red spots, that seemed to be trying to consume each other rather than live in harmony.

"Daoist Luo Fan's skills are truly a masterful wonder..." Alchemist Ma Bo said in admiration.

The imagery was so detailed that he could see even the numerous injuries in her meridians.

"It's nothing of note.." Alchemist Luo Fan said with a light chuckle

"You gave her harmony wisteria as a stop-gap to regulate her qi flow right?" asked Luo Fan as he directed his question at duo masters of the Blue River Cauldron Pavilion.

"We did.." humbly answered palace master Meng Ye.

"Palace master Meng Ye, right?" asked Luo Fan as he cast a deep glance in her direction.

"It is senior..." Meng Ye hesitantly answered.

"I guess congratulations are in advance..." Luo Fan said with a smile as he made his way to where the live spirit beasts were kept, leaving the dumbfounded Meng Ye and Pan Xin behind.

The membrane that surrounded Li Shu popped and disappeared almost immediately, and the silver carp flew out of her body and followed Alchemist Luo Fan in the direction of the spirit beasts, who showed signs of fear and agitation when they saw the carp.

"Don't worry, it won't harm you.." Luo Fan softly said. His words seemed to have a charm to it, because the moment he uttered those words the beasts calmed down, and almost seemed like they were about to doze off. The gold-feathered duck even tucked its head under its wing in preparation for it.

"Judge Yang Qing, I think we only need to test the gold feathered duck and the respective dish. The other animals and dishes likely did not cause Miss Li Shu's yin-yang imbalance.."

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"It's okay senior Luo Fan.." answered Yang Qing.

From Liang Tian's statement and the image of Li Shu's internal structure, he could already infer what happened.

Alchemist Ma Bo's and Alchemist Luo Fan's presence at this point and whatever they were doing was more of a reassurance for the two parties involved.

Yang Qing's eyes lit up at the thought that he would soon be devouring the dishes brought over for the test. While the live spirit beast will be given back to the restaurant, the finished dishes on the other hand, Yang Qing had already decided either by fair means or foul, they would not be leaving the courtroom.

Alchemist Luo Fan went over to the gold feathered duck, while Alchemist Ma Bo went for the roasted version of it. The former placed his hand on the duck that was already dozing off and rubbed its back almost as if he was guiding something out.

Seconds later, a white crystal came out from the open mouth of the duck. it was the size of a tear drop and had faint chilly mist being emitted from it.

When it came to Alchemist Ma Bo, he produced a gentle looking pale green flame from his fingertip tip which he used to jab at the succulent back of the roasted duck.

The green flame transformed into a string that traversed the whole body of the roasted duck. Seconds later the roasted duck began emitting white mist from its body.

Alchemist Ma Bo waved his sleeves and the mist got sucked into his palm to form a light blue crystal that had a white shin to it.

"I think we have everything. Daoist Ma Bo would you like to do the honors? As a teacher, i feel you'll be better at the explanation than I am..."

"As an appraiser, shouldn't you be better with your words than I am.." said Alchemist Ma Bo with a light chuckle.

However, he didn't reject Alchemist Luo Fan's suggestion as he took the white teardrop crystal he had on him.

"Before I start, there is one thing I'd like to clarify.." Alchemist Ma Bo said.

Yang Qing waved his hand saying it was his show.

"Miss Li Shu, whenever you have the roasted gold feathered duck, do you have it with anything special, outside of what the restaurant offers?"

Li Shu paused a bit, surprised at the line of questioning, but she was quick to recollect herself and answer.

"I usually sprinkle dried dragonfire basil on it.."

"Mmh, that explains it.." muttered Alchemist Ma Bo.

"Okay, now first things first, Miss Li Shu you don't have pill poisoning, though your body does present its symptoms, what you have is completely different.

If you had pill poisoning, despite the levels, the means Alchemist Meng Ye and Alchemist Pan Xin used on you, would have been more than sufficient to handle it, and if it wasn't, well..you wouldn't be able to walk as you are right now.

In the best case scenario, you'd be bed ridden, and in the worst case, you'd be in spitting distance of death's door. The fact that you're still relatively well, means you don't have acute pill poisoning, and you have something else.

That something else is a disharmony known as yin yang imbalance," said Alchemist Ma Bo as he stroked his beard.

Li Shu who should have been relieved for not having pill poisoning, had a look of confusion that slowly grew to worry.

"Is it treatable?" she asked in fear.

Yin-Yang imbalance no matter how she looked at it sounded way more dangerous than pill poisoning. Maybe it might be something she would have to live with and manage using certain natural treasures like various ailments she's seen other cultivators live with.

παΠδαςNovel com While cultivators were known to have improved vitality and the diseases that affected them while they were mortals would no longer affect them, that did not mean they didn't get sick. Though the sickness was usually of them going to some place dangerous and suffering the consequences of it, one of which was getting infected.I think you should take a look at παΠδαςnovel.com

Over the years, as a rogue cultivator, Li Shu has seen cultivators with all manner of maladies which they contracted from exploring some dangerous ruin, mysterious realm, forest, and areas known to be bountiful with natural treasures, or even from fighting against other cultivators.

They'd get cursed, injured, possessed, poisoned, and have their bodies altered, which more often than not if they didn't die on the spot, usually manifested itself as a sickness.

She once saw a cultivator in the seventh stage of core formation realm who went to harvest a mushroom that had the constellation of the stars in its cap, and produced a mist and voice that seemed to increase a cultivator's ability of comprehension.

A massive fight broke out for the mushroom. Li Shu was only in the early stages of the core formation realm at the time, so she only spectated. The seventh-stage core formation expert won the bout and managed to grab the mushroom for himself.

However because his skills in herbology seemed to be wanting, he didn't know there was a specific way of harvesting that mushroom and one couldn't simply just pluck it from the ground. Upon contact, the mushroom exploded and some of the pores got into the system of that cultivator. Within minutes he became delirious and started to vomit.

At the start, he was vomiting saliva, but as time went by the saliva turned to tiny mushrooms. Then the mushrooms started appearing on different parts of his body. That cultivator never managed to make it out of the area. Li Shu occasionally passes by the area, and her last visit was about six years ago and when she went by the area she found that the cultivator was still alive, however, he was mumbling crazy things and had mushrooms growing all over his body.

There were countless stories similar to that cultivator and some were even worse. Li Shu couldn't help but feel fearful she was about to join that group and her case would be even worse.

She couldn't help but imagine herself growing basil and producing duck feathers from different parts of her body, and towards the end would she be a duck basil human?

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"It is treatable, of the methods you were given two of them are guaranteed to work. Any blue grade alchemist can remedy it easily, and the morning lily heartseed would work as well, as for the third option, while a palace realm expert could do it, it would have to be one with certain attributes that would enable them to quell the out of sync energies in your system.

Lucky for you, there is one here, who would do a better job than even what a blue grade alchemist could do, or the morning lily heartseed.." Alchemist Ma Bo lightly said as his gaze darted off in Yang Qing's direction.

Alchemist Luo Fan had a gleam of curiosity flash in his eyes when he saw Alchemist Ma Bo's insinuation.

"Thank you, senior Ma Bo.." said Li Shu with a visible sigh of relief.

"No problem...Now to the matter at hand..The Yin-Yang disharmony in your body was caused by a series of coincidences, which if even one piece was missing, you may have not gotten it in the first place.

I'll start from the top.."

Alchemist Ma Bo began exuding the aura of a seasoned scholar. However, the aura he was exuding was butchered by his sloven appearance.

"Our young friend Liang Tian is right. In essence, the white-scale fairy moss he produced using the water that fed to his farm, and the one he produced using the dew of moonlit cypress when it comes to quality, they're the same.

However, even though the quality is the same, doesn't mean they're truly the same.."

"Huh, what do you mean, senior?!" Liang Tian asked in surprise.

"Mmh, well as mortals, we can have water from the same source that is similar in every single detail, but that same water when drunk cold or drunk hot, cause different reactions to the human body. The former can cause constipation while the latter aids in digestion.

In essence, when it comes to quality, these two waters are the same but the effects they cause on someone are different, the same thing applies to the white scale fairy moss you produced.

While the yin qi from the moonlit cypress is gentle, the same as the one from the water feeding your farm, making both fairy moss essentially the same. However, the difference does come up because of the gold feather duck.

The yin qi derived from a water source, and is naturally occurring and usually passes through the system of the duck when it consumes the white scale fairymoss, but it's different with yin qi from the dew produced from the leaves of the moonlit cypress.

The duck has special bacteria, that can process that qi into yin salts. This is that salt.." Alchemist Ma Bo said as he raised the hand containing the white teardrop crystal that he was given by Alchemist Luo Fan.

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"This yin salt continually accumulates in the duck's body the more it consumes the white scale fairy moss doused with dew from the moonlit cypress. The yin salt in by itself is not harmless and is rather beneficial to the duck, when it comes to increasing the durability of its feathers, and when it comes to the restaurant side of things.

Duck meat from a gold feather duck with yin salt in its system is much tender than one without."

"Now daoist Bai Zou, I take it you use the tri fire flame to cook it?" asked Alchemist Ma Bo.

"I do," answered Bai Zou with a mildly surprised expression.

"The tri fire flame is an excellent flame art for both alchemists and chefs.." As Alchemist Ma Bo said this, a flame appeared in his hands.

The flame had three different colors. There was blue, yellow, and dark orange.

"With this flame, you can regulate different levels of heat be it on your cauldron or on the food you're processing. The blue flame is fierce and hot, the dark orange flame is gentle and slow, and the yellow flame is the middle ground between the two.

It's one of the best flame arts to use to extract a large quantity of the elements contained in an ingredient. It's truly a wonderful art with unlimited uses and high efficiency.."

Alchemist Ma Bo lightly rubbed his palm and the flame disappeared.

"The flame is good for ensuring every ingredient is used to its maximum potential, and that's what happened with the Yin salt. Because of the tri-fire flame, the yin salt which should have remained in the gizzard got melted and distributed throughout the body of the duck, and if served sizzling, the yin salt is usually at an active state because of the fire.

Herein lies the problem...yin salt by itself is no problem to someone who consumes it, however, in its active state, it becomes problematic if you introduce a compound with volatile yang energy which the dragonfire basil has plenty of.

Introducing both substances in your body at the same time turns it into a combat arena with one vying for dominance over the other.

Had Miss Li Shu not been a regular and had the same dish, the yin-yang imbalance wouldn't have appeared. Your body would have regulated it with time or the yin salt and the yang energy from the dragon fire basil would have neutralized each other.

But by consuming it on a regular basis you continuously supplied these two substances the energy they needed to subsist on your body to the point they could run autonomously by using different organs and parts of your body as a furnace and a source of the yin and yang energy, with each trying to outdo the other.

It's why your qi becomes erratic and sometimes sluggish, the dizzy spells, and other effects. Every part of your body turned into a battleground for these two types of energies, and the measures the two alchemists from the Blue River Cauldron couldn't work because a lot of substances around the world contain traces of yin or yang energy.

The two substances used their means to feed themselves. The array or their technique would have worked had they used an item with a void element but those are hard to find and it would be a waste to use it for a harmonization or cleansing.

That's the basic ins and outs of what happened.."I think you should take a look at pandasnovel.com

A short silence ensued as Li Shu and Bai Zou processed what happened. They all seemed to have conflicted expressions. With what Alchemist Ma Bo had said, Li Shu couldn't very well blame the restaurant. Her regular consumption of the golden roast duck and the long-term use of the dragonfire basil was the trigger for the whole thing.

Guilt could be seen all over her face as she tried to avoid eye contact with Bai Zou.

As for Bai Zou, he too felt guilty along with Liang Tian who kept mumbling 'how' over and over... For Bai Zou the yin salt present in his duck was a factor in Li Shu's imbalance, and she was only affected this badly because she was a regular customer. Her reward for loyalty to the restaurant was sickness.

He could be seen clenching his fist in frustration.

"Ahem.." Yang Qing's soft cough broke the silence.

"Well, I guess its time for me to pass my judgment. Li Shu, Bai Zou....as per the seniors' comments in my humble opinion, none of you is to blame, it's just a series of unlucky events that brought this on.

As for the matter of resolving the imbalance, as your mediator for this case, I'll just do it myself and bring it to a close.."

Yang Qing immediately reappeared in front of Li Shu with his right index finger placed above her forehead.

"While it's not the morning lily heartseed, it works just the same. I've eaten enough of them to mimic their abilities.." Yang Qing casually said as a green-blue drop appeared on the tip of his finger.

Spring of resplendence

παΠdasNovel com A burst of refreshment and vitality filled the room the moment the drop appeared. Luo Fan's pupils constricted in shock when he felt the fluctuations of that droplet. He wasn't alone in this, as Bai Zou had the same reaction but for Lou Fan, it was more exaggerated.

"A perfect yin-yang harmony? it's even better than the morning lily heartseed? How?!" he couldn't help but turn his gaze to Alchemist Ma Bo who had hinted about Yang Qing being capable of resolving the issue.

Luo Fan had assumed Yang Qing was a blue grade alchemist like them or would use some natural treasure to resolve the issue but he didn't expect him to resolve it as he did.

With all the treasures he has appraised over the years, he has interacted with a few treasures that exhibited the dual nature of yin yang but none of them matched the purity of the droplet in Yang Qing's hand. He was even half tempted to ask for it and do the treatment himself.

The moment the droplet fell on her forehead Li Shu felt a sense of comfort she had never felt before instantly washing her body. Every bone, sinew, organ, and blood cell were being renewed and revitalized by the microsecond.