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#### Chapter 451 – Pure Bliss Amidst Peril

Hearing the furious howls coming from afar, Chen Xiang knew Hua Xiangyue had the upper hand. That red-armored giant had been forced to the point that he had gone angry. At this moment, Chen Xiang didn't dare to move closer, lest he dragged Hua Xiangyue.

Soon after, the roars ceased to exist. After having waited for a short time, Chen Xiang finally saw Hua Xiangyue riding the air at a distance, flying towards him.

Seeing Chen Xiang was alright, Hua Xiangyue heaved a sigh of relief. The same was true for Chen Xiang as well, he too was relieved upon seeing her. This made the two broke into laughter.

"So, you are finally concerned about me! At least, you have a conscience!" Hua Xiangyue patted Chen Xiang's chest. Then, she took out a big red as blood beat and handed it to Chen Xiang.

Looking at the brilliant red aura emanating from this beat, Chen Xiang immediately took it and said with a laugh, "After all, you are my dear sister, of course, I will be worried about you! Thank you."

"This is blood lightning pearl, you should have also obtained a small one just like this when you killed that little guy! Since you cultivate lightning, it should be able to improve your lightning energy," said Hua Xiangyue, smiling charmingly. Afterward, she picked those pieces of red armor.

Chen Xiang said, "What are you planning to do with these pieces of armor?"

Taking all those scattered pieces of armor away, Hua Xiangyue said, "These pieces of armor are pretty good, I can ask Meng'er to help me reforge them into some armor."

"Let's go! We caused quite a bit of commotion here, perhaps many powerful lightning beasts would be rushing here. If we encountered a bunch of them, it will be dangerous for us."

Hua Xiangyue, pulling Chen Xiang's arm, started running at breakneck speed. Only when they had reached far away from the earlier battlefield did she slowed down. Along the way, Chen Xiang came to notice that Hua Xiangyue's complexion wasn't very good. He face was extremely pale. There was a tightly knit frown on her brow as well as if she was enduring some pain.

Suddenly, "Ah~!" Hua Xiangyue let out a tender cry as she fell down on the ground, grabbing her chest. Her face was incomparably pale, a grimace from pain evident on her face.

Just a moment ago, Chen Xiang had noticed that there was something wrong with Hua Xiangyue. However, it never crossed his mind that her condition would be so serious that even with her strength, she fell down on the ground.

"What is it?" Chen Xiang asked, anxious. He was at a loss as to what to do. He didn't know what happened to Hua Xiangyue.

"I...I have been poisoned!" Hua Xiangyue said, weak and powerless.

A panicked Chen Xiang very quickly calmed himself down. Acting all anxious would do Hua Xiangyue no good. Seeing the panic-stricken Chen Xiang a moment ago, Hua Xiangyue felt warm in her heart.

As Chen Xiang pulled that slender arm on Hua Xiangyue's chest, he came to notice strands of black qi emerging from her chest. Indeed, it was a kind of poison. More importantly, tiny arcs of lightning were also flashing amid the black qi.

"Why didn't you say anything!" Chen Xiang scolded in a low voice, glaring at Hua Xiangyue. Then, he took out a small piece of Hell Spirit Grass and put it in her mouth.

After having taken the Hell Spirit Grass, Hua Xiangyue looked a lot better. However, it won't last for long.

"I have taken a Detoxification Dan, but it was useless! It was the best Detoxification Dan I can refine!" Hua Xiangyue was also very worried at this moment, for she felt poison spreading within her body. Of course, she didn't want to die.

Hua Xiangyue was a grand alchemist, who was second to none in Chenwu Mainland. If the Detoxification Dan refined by her couldn't remove the poison, whatever Chen Xiang did would all be useless for sure.

"This should be a kind of poison that can carry True Qi with it. This kind of poison can pass through the True Qi blockades inside someone's body. In other words, no matter how strong one's True Qi is, he would be unable to block that poisonous True Qi. Even if a couple of experts help you detoxify it together, they still won't be able to expel this kind of position!" explained Bai Youyou. He elder sister was a poison expert. Naturally, she had a good understanding of poisons.

Upon hearing this, Chen Xiang's face lost all color. Whereas Hua Xiangyue was looking at him with despair filling her eyes. Hua Xiangyue were extremely clear about her situation. This poison was extremely terrifying.

"Don't worry, there is still a way to remove it. All you have to do is suck it out. You have Suppressing Devil Golden Body, you are invulnerable to all poisons!" said Su Meiyao. Listening to this, Chen Xiang's eyes immediately lit up. He hurriedly looked at Hua Xiangyue's chest and then, reached out to her chest, tearing the garments over Hua Xiangyue's upper body without further ado.

At the sight of those jiggling beautiful white rabbits on Hua Xiangyue's chest and those shaking cherries on two snowy peaks, Chen Xiang could not help but took a deep breath. Hua Xiangyue was shocked, she immediately let out a tender cry. She shouted, ashamed, "Little Rascal, what are you doing! You bastard, you are actually taking advantage of me in this dangerous situation..."

"I...I am trying to save you!" Chen Xiang took a glance at Hua Xiangyue's wound. Just right at the center of those snow-white peaks was a deep ravine, where there was a blackish red dot by the size of a thumb. Black qi and red bolts of lightning were emerging from it.

Just as Hua Xiangyue wanted to curse Chen Xiang, Chen Xiang buried his head in between those marvelous snow-white peaks of her, sucking on her wound. Seeing this, she powerlessly blurted out, "Don't, you will die!"

Hua Xiangyue began to feel the blood flowing out of her body at this moment. The poison in her body that was spreading at an astonishing speed, was being taken out bit by bit. She knew Chen Xiang was sucking the poisoned blood in her body. At this moment, her heart was aching more than the pain

caused by the poison, for she believed Chen Xiang would die for sure. When she herself could not do anything against this poison, what could Chen Xiang, who was far weaker than her, do!

Despite the fact that her upper garments of Hua Xiangyue had been ripped away by Chen Xiang completely, and even his head was buried in her chest, Hua Xiangyue didn't feel shy at all. On the contrary, all she felt was indescribable grief. She didn't want Chen Xiang to die for her.

At this moment, Chen Xiang, on the other hand, was asking Long Xueyi to spread her divine sense into Hua Xiangyue's body, so that he could clearly know where the poisonous True Qi was located. At the same time, it would also let him see up to what extent the poison in her blood had spread. This way, he could accurately suck the poison in Hua Xiangyue's body.

In order to suck the poison quickly, Chen Xiang was even swallowing Hua Xiangyue's blood. Well, it was necessary, otherwise, he would have to suck a mouthful first than spit it out, and repeat this process again and again. But this would be far slower than the speed at which the poison was spreading.

A vast quantity of Hua Xiangyue's blood had been poisoned already. After Chen Xiang sucked away the poisoned blood, Hua Xiangyue's body was replenishing the blood at an astonishing speed. After all, she was a Nirvana Realm expert. Her rate of recovery was extremely fast. Therefore, Chen Xiang had no qualms about sucking her blood away completely.

What took Chen Xiang aback was Hua Xiangyue's blood was extremely powerful. When all was said and done, it was the blood of a Nirvana Realm martial artist. After having sucked the blood into his body, his blood fused with it, strengthening his flesh and blood in the due process.

At first, Hua Xiangyue was extremely worried. However, seeing Chen Xiang keep on going for so long, without any kind of repercussion, she heaved a sigh of relief before immediately letting out a tender harrumph.

Now that she wasn't so worried, she finally felt embarrassed, for her upper body had been laid completely bare by Chen Xiang. Those marvelous and shapely peaks of her had been seen by Chen Xiang completely, furthermore, Chen Xiang's face was being sandwiched between the two.

Of course, Chen Xiang could feel his cheeks sandwiched by those soft and smooth peaks. He was quite enjoying it.

"Ah...Little Rascal, keep your hands off!" Hua Xiangyue let out a tender shout suddenly, for Chen Xiang's hand was pressing on one of her snow-white peaks, kneading it.

"You...you are doing it intentionally!" Hua Xiangyue's face turned very red. However, she couldn't do anything, whatsoever. All she could do was scold this little rascal. After all, Chen Xiang was risking his life to suck the poison out of her body, in her opinion.

Chen Xiang was only kneading it lightly, which already made his blood to boil. However, he still had a bit of conscience. After savoring it a bit, he stopped. If continued, he was afraid Hua Xiangyue would ignore him later. After all, it was an act of violating her body.

Chapter 452 – Sacred Ancient Land

The things which Hua Xiangyue was worried about didn't happen. Chen Xiang groped her ravishing peak a bit and stopped afterward, which gave her a little sense of disappointment. She never expected that Chen Xiang would actually forbear such a powerful temptation.

After four hours, Chen Xiang lifted his head finally and wiped the blood off his mouth. At the same time, he fixed his gaze at those towering snow-white rabbits of hers. His eyes burning with raging flames, wishing to be burned away by Hua Xiangyue.

Hua Xiangyue let out a cutesy harrumph as she turned around hastily. She took out a long piece of cloth at once and wrapped it around her chest, and then put on a set of tights.

"Are you still not satisfied?" Turning around once again, Hua Xiangyue stared at Chen Xiang grudgingly.

"Nope!" Chen Xiang replied honestly. There was a perverted smile on his face.

"Hmph!" Hua Xiangyue gave a light snort before asking gently, "You have sucked so much of my poisoned blood, are you really alright?"

Seeing those glittering beautiful eyes of Hua Xiangyue, full of concern, Chen Xiang broke into a laugh and assured, "I am invulnerable to all poisons, I am completely alright, don't worry!"

Recalling that shameful act from just a moment ago, Hua Xiangyue spat on the ground. "Damn you, Little Rascal, you took so much advantage of me!"

"How about I let you take recompensation," said Chen Xiang, laughing. He started to undress.

"What can you even compensate me with." Hua Xiangyue tightly pinched Chen Xiang's waist. She pinched so tightly that Chen Xiang screamed in pain. At present, Hua Xiangyue had already recovered her strength.

Having pinched Chen Xiang's waist for a bit, Hua Xiangyue's anger had finally vented off her anger. She then continued pulling Chen Xiang, shuttling through the dangerous Blood Lightning Mountain Sea.

"Xiangyue, yours are definitely bigger than Sister Menger's!" Chen Xiang said all of a sudden. The scenes from just a moment ago were deeply etched into his mind already. Especially the feeling of having his cheeks sandwiched by those two towering and shapely peaks. He had not played so much even with Xue Xianxian's. All Xue Xianxian let him do was grope them a bit; that's all.

Of course, Hua Xiangyue's were bigger than Xue Xianxian's. The sensation of touching them was simply exquisite, he praised them again and again.

"Little Rascal, you aren't allowed to speak of this anymore! And, you can't tell about it to anyone, especially your Sister Meng'er, you absolutely can't tell her," said Hua Xiangyue in a sweet voice.

Chen Xiang laughed and said, "What? Didn't you show them to me back then yourself? Although at that time, you were wearing a translucent dress, I still remember it. Not to mention, I was just sucking your poisoned blood, I wasn't sucking them, anyhow."

Hearing this, Hua Xiangyue's face turned red at once. She gripped Chen Xiang's wrist ever more tightly, so tightly that Chen Xiang gave out screams as if he was a pig that was on its way to the slaughterhouse.

"Ah...ah, the poison in my body is flaring up," screaming this suddenly, Chen Xiang intentionally fell down on the ground, giving a fright to Hua Xiangyue. Her face turned pale at once as she anxiously held Chen Xiang in her arms. She was completely terrified.

"Little Rascal, what happened to you? You are scaring me!" Hua Xiangyue's current appearance was just like Chen Xiang's from a moment ago. At the sight of this, Chen Xiang was delighted in his heart.

"Help...help me suck the poison," begged Chen Xiang painfully.

"Where should I suck?" asked Hua Xiangyue, anxious. At present, she didn't fear death, as long as Chen Xiang was alive, everything was fine for her.

Chen Xiang, pointing at his mouth, said, "Here..."

Only when she noticed the strange gleam in Chen Xiang's eyes did she reacted. Clasping Chen Xiang's wrist, she inspected the condition of Chen Xiang's body just to be sure. As expected, she didn't find any poison at all. Furthermore, Chen Xiang's condition could not be any better.

"Little Rascal...you...hmph!" Hua Xiangyue pinched Chen Xiang's waist at once. Then, she threw Chen Xiang back on the ground. Hearing those screams of Chen Xiang filled with emotions, she was sure Chen Xiang was playing her. Furthermore, he still wanted to cheat her into kissing him.

Rubbing the place where he was pinched, Chen Xiang mischevious laughed and appeased Hua Xiangyue, "Sister Xiangyue, don't be angry, I was joking with you!"

"Joking my head! How can you do this to me, I was very worried about you!" Hua Xiangyue stamped her foot on the ground. "Little Rascal, you are really bad!"

Chen Xiang grinned stupidly. "Of course, I know that! I too am very concerned about you, I am sorry!"

"Don't play any more tricks, let's hurry up!" Hua Xiangyue, after wiping the dust on Chen Xiang's face, continued pulling Chen Xiang.

"Sister Xiangyue, why do you want to be my maid? I never understood this point, apart from joking, why would a woman of your stature want to do this?" asked Chen Xiang. He had asked these questions a few times, but every time, Hua Xiangyue brushed him off with perfunctory answers.

"I will not tell you this for now. Do you want to take me as you maid now?" Hua Xiangyue asked, laughing.

"Hmm, are you going to agree?" Chen Xiang had already planned everything. He was just waiting until he had prepared gifts for her.

Hua Xiangyue mischievously smiled, "Don't worry, my proposal will remain effective perpetually!"

Chen Xiang got immediately excited. "After you become my maid, will you listen to my every command, like...?"

Sensing the powerful fluctuations coming from those slender arms of Hua Xiangyue, Chen Xiang didn't continue anymore.

"Of course, I will listen to you, but only if you are stronger than me. Currently, you can't eat me!" Hua Xiangyue's face flushed red as she unconsciously recalled those previous acts.

Chen Xiang said, "Just wait for sometime, I will take you as my maid soon, let me do some preparations."

"What preparations? I can become your maid right now!" Hua Xiangyue asked, extremely curious.

"I am not telling you for the moment!" A mysterious smile appeared on Chen Xiang's lips. In order to take such a stunner, he must prepare some decent gifts. After all, Chen Xiang was someone who was very keen on face-saving.

This Blood Lightning Mountain Sea was extremely dangerous for sure. If an Extreme State expert went in alone, it would be quite difficult for him to even come out. Had it not for Chen Xiang, even Hua Xiangyue might have died from poison.

There were far too many species of lightning beasts in here. The very first lightning beasts they encountered that had evolved to the point that they resembled humans were extremely strong. Not only could they utilize the dreadful power of red lightning bolts, they also possessed a kind of strange poison.

When Chen Xiang was fighting with the red-armored boy, he had been attacked with poisonous lightning attack a few times, but as he was invulnerable to poison, he didn't feel anything.

On their way, Hua Xiangyue and Chen Xiang were exceptionally cautious. Yet they had encountered many lightning beasts, sometimes in groups as well. They were extremely powerful. In order to avoid any mishap from happening, all they could do was evade them, again and again, trying not to cause any conflict with these lightning beasts.

After ten days of shuttling through the Blood Lightning Mountain Sea, Hua Xiangyue and Chen Xiang finally arrived at the region surrounded by the Blood Lightning Mountain Sea. This place was very rich in Spirit Qi. Furthermore, many ancient towering trees were also growing here. Anyone of those trees would require over a hundred men to hug its trunk together. This kind of trees contributed most to the entire forest. Moreover, there were many strange flower and grass also growing here.

"This is called Sacred Ancient Land. I heard that many Nirvana Realm martial artists had come here, but apart from these ancient trees and beasts, they didn't find any legendary sacred land!" said Hua Xiangyue. Currently, she and Chen Xiang were resting atop a towering tree.

### <u>Chapter 453 – Ruins</u>

Chen Xiang asked Long Xueyi to look around and see if there was someplace that was different from the others.

"So Sister Xiangyue, you have also come here before, right? Didn't you find anything?" asked Chen Xiang.

"I came here looking for herbs, so, of course, I found many of them. However, these trees and those strange flowers and grasses are mostly found here. I didn't find any herb garden, whatsoever. Furthermore, there aren't any mountains here, so all I could do was circle a few times here and there," answered Hua Xiangyue.

Chen Xiang thought that this place wasn't that simple. For this place to get a name like Sacred Ancient Land, it sure would have something special about it. He could not help but associate it with Wu Canghong. Wu Canghong was the Human King. If this place was truly the Sacred Ancient Land, it was quite possible for Wu Canghong's clan to originate for this place.

However, Wu Canghong himself gave Chen Xiang this map. He must have seen the map, but why didn't he say anything to Chen Xiang at all.

Be that as it may, Chen Xiang still believed this place could quite possibly be the birthplace of Human King family. Calling it Sacred Ancient Land won't be wrong at all then.

"The trees in here are quite big, one can simply live on these trees." Chen Xiang looked about for the trees that were far apart. The canopies of these towering trees were simply too big and dense. They were blocking the sunlight completely. The ground was completely dark and dim. Nonetheless, the air was very fresh here.

"That's what I am saying. There aren't any good stuff here, even the herbs are fewer. Last time I visited this place, I was very disappointed," said Hua Xiangyue. As an alchemist, searching of the spirit herbs was a very distressing matter. Sometimes, an alchemist would spend many years searching for just one herb, but even then, he won't find it.

Therefore, alchemist like Hua Xiangyue had traveled to many places.

Chen Xiang broke into a laugh and said, "Perhaps, you, Nirvana Realm martial artists were too stupid to found that herb garden."

Currently, Hua Xiangyue had taken up a skeptical attitude. Had it not been for the danger here, she would not have accompanied Chen Xiang.

"Those lightning beasts don't seem to come in here!"

Hua Xiangyue nodded her affirmation and said, "They can't venture too far away from the Blood Lightning Mountain Sea. If they have taken the baptism of lightning even for one day, they won't be able to survive. Therefore, if you are targeted by those guys, as long as you come here, you will be safe."

Chen Xiang was even more doubtful. He felt that the birth of those lightning beasts in the Blood Lightning Mountains Sea was certainly not accidental.

"In that case, those lightning beasts are protecting the Sacred Ancient Land. Maybe a clan or something is hiding here."

Hua Xiangyue, shaking her head, said, "I have spent two years here, apart from these towering trees and those strange flowers and grasses, I didn't see anything, whatsoever."

After resting for a while, Chen Xiang stretched his tired body. Suddenly, he discovered that his body had strengthened a lot. "Xiangyue, your blood was really sure, it actually strengthened my body so much. I feel that I can enter the fourteenth level of Immortal and Devil Body very soon!"

"What?" Hua Xiangyue let out a cutesy cry and said, "You are in the fourteenth level of the Immortal and Devil Body!?"

Chen Xiang smiled in satisfaction and said, "Impressive, right!"

Hua Xiangyue suddenly recalled the time when Chen Xiang was helping her sucking the poisoned blood. Her face turned red immediately. She felt warm in her heart but she was also feeling a bit ashamed. At that time, that really was an extremely embarrassing situation for her.

"Let's go! After we have found that herb garden, Sister Xiangyue, you can return first. I will stay here for some time," said Chen Xiang. He wanted to see what kind of secret this place was hiding. In any case, he also needed some time to plan the herbs for refining Resurrection Dan as well as the Fruit of Fortune.

Hua Xiangyue immediately refused. "Not possible, you have to return with me. It will be too dangerous for you to stay here. At that time, how will I explain it to Meng'er?"

Chen Xiang could only agree. "Alright!"

Since he had come here once, it would be quite easy for him to come here later again, for he had the Luo Tian Door. As long as he recorded the coordinates of this place, he could directly enter here by shuttling through space. While he was thinking over this point, he suddenly wondered whether there were some coordinates of this place marked on the Luo Tian Door, for Luo Tian Door was given to him by the Human King, Wu Canghong.

By now, Chen Xiang had already come to trust Hua Xiangyue. Naturally, he didn't have to worry about the revelation of Luo Tian Door's secret. Thence, he took it out immediately.

Noticing Chen Tiang taking out a small stone disc, which also had some spirit patterns as well as ancient characters on it, Hua Xianyue's curiosity was piqued.

"What's this?" asked Hua Xiangyue.

"A good thing! Had I known that the Blood Lightning Mountain Sea would be so dangerous, I would not have asked you to take risks with me. Hei hei, but had it been not so, perhaps, I would not have been able to take advantage of you," said Chen Xiang, a perverted smile on his face. These days, his mind had been preoccupied with that attractive and shapely body of Hua Xiangyue as well as that marvelous feeling of touching her.

"Little Rascal, don't you dare talk about that again!" Hua Xiangyue gave a tender snort as she punched on Chen Xiang's chest, but she didn't use any strength.

Chen Xiang cracked a smile as he began to pour his divine sense into the Luo Tian Door. What took him by surprise was that he really found the coordinate of a place just inside the Sacred Ancient Land. He could not help but scold himself for being so stupid; Wu Canghong was originally a resident of Kings' Mainland, most of the coordinates recorded should be of Kings' Mainland, he should have thought of using this Luo Tian Door from the start.

At this time, Chen Xiang took a look at the recorded coordinates of the Kings' Mainland. Sure enough, there were many places recorded all across the entire Kings' Mainland. He felt that it was necessary for him to get a complete map of Kings' Mainland to see what places are recorded by Wu Canghong. Maybe, he would find some good thing.

At this moment, the rings of that rock disc in Chen Xiang's hand started to rotate automatically as his True Qi was drawn by it suddenly. Immediately, a beam of light shot out from the center of the disc towards the front, before a gate was formed. At the sight of this, Hua Xiangyue was flabbergasted, for she could sense the power of space from it. To her surprise, Chen Xiang had opened a space door.

"This...this is magical equipment?" Hua Xiangyue asked, surprised.

"A senior gifted this to me, impressive, right! Let's go!" Chen Xiang, pulling Hua Xiangyue, stepped into that Luo Tian Door.

In Hua Xiangyue's cognition, only some martial artists could open a space door, and that too by using some impressive martial technique and expending almost all of their strength. Even Hua Xiangyue could do this, but she could not traverse a large distance, just a bit. Furthermore, it would deplete a large amount of her True Qi.

After having entered Luo Tian Door, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue arrived at a heap of ruins, which astounded Hua Xiangyue extremely.

"We...we are still in Sacred Ancient Land?" Hua Xiangyue, gazing at those dilapidated stone buildings, many of which had collapsed. From the looks of it, they seemed to have been destroyed due to an intense battle.

These buildings were very tall. Just a brick was the size of a house. It was quite clear that the people who used to live here were very powerful. They were the first royal family of the human clan.

Looking about, Chen Xiang spotted some humongous trees in a distance. Evidently, they were still in Sacred Ancient Land. Furthermore, at the edge of this ruin, he also noticed many spirit patterns on the ground. Some of these spirit patterns were still exuding a weak energy.

"These ruins have been protected by an array, that must be why no outsiders have been able to discover them," said Chen Xiang.

# Chapter 454 – Dragon

Looking about the ruins, Hua Xiangyue's knit her brow tightly. She pulled Chen Xiang's closer, for she felt that this place was filled with a terrifying aura.

"Where in hell are we?" Hua Xiangyue looked to Chen Xiang.

"This should be where the most ancient tribe, the Human King Family used to live. The entire Sacred Ancient Land may very likely be the birthplace of them," Chen Xiang could also feel an appalling aura in here.

The reason Hua Xiangyue never found this place when she came here last time was because this place was hidden by an array. What's more was that this place was in ruin, yet it had been hidden by a strong array for as long as a hundred thousand years. One could surely reckon that some very impressive thing was here.

After having a bad premonition, Chen Xiang immediately activated the Luo Tian Door and opened a gate.

"Hurry up!" Pulling up Hua Xiangyue, Chen Xiang hurriedly entered that door. At the same time, they heard an ear-deafening roar coming from behind as they were assailed with a horrifying aura, raising the hair all over their body.

"A dragon!" Long Xueyi exclaimed. "However, from its aura, that dragon doesn't belong to my Imperial Dragon Family, maybe it's a low-rank dragon who had evolved from a flood dragon. However, it should still be one of most terrifying existence for the mortal world."

Much to Chen Xiang's surprise, it turned out to be a dragon! Hearing this, he was immediately filled with an inexplicable excitement, for he was cultivating the Dragonslayers' Divine Martial Techniques, which were specially created to slay a dragon. He very much wanted to try these dragonslayer's techniques. However, he couldn't for now, as that dragon was very strong, so strong that it scared Hua Xiangyue to the point that her face had gone pale.

"I truly didn't expect that there would be a dragon in the mortal world! Fortunately, you, this Little Rascal were smart enough to retreat." Hua Xiangyue was still in a state of shock. She was panting for breath. She was a powerful expert in the mortal world, yet facing a horrifying beast like a dragon, she was feeling powerless.

Now, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue came to know that the Blood Lightning Mountain Sea was created artificially by someone, all in order to make sure that no one would enter this place. If some powerful array grandmaster entered this place, they just might find the array that was imprisoning that dragon, and maybe, due to their curiosity, they might open the array. At that time, it would be a disaster for the Mortal Martial World.

"It seems that the Human King Family had imprisoned that dragon. That family sure is very powerful," Hua Xiangyue marveled as a sigh leaked from her mouth. Of course, what astounded her the most was the fact that the disc in Chen Xiang's hand could open a space door.

"That senior did not allow me to divulge anything about me, so, I can't tell you anything, maybe in the future," stated Chen Xiang, helpless.

"Don't sweat it, I am not going to force you to tell me. Can we also leave with this thing?" Hua Xiangyue asked.

"But of course, I can return to the Chenwu Mainland with this. If I am strong enough, I can go even cross this world," answered Chen Xiang. He very much wanted to check other worlds out.

Hearing that he could travel to the other worlds, even Hua Xiangyue was excited. Traveling to the other world wasn't that simple. Only some powerful array grandmaster could travel to the other world through a huge teleportation array.

Also, if one found a rift in space and could resist the wear and tear inside it, one could traverse to another world. But this way, it would be very difficult to return to the original world.

Vast as the Mortal Martial World was, as far as those tycoons who had lived for tens of thousands of years, it was very small. Take Hua Xiangyue for instance, she had traveled to many mainlands to find herbs over the years.

"Is that herb garden also inside an array?" asked Hua Xiangyue, otherwise, such a huge herb garden in here would have been found by her for sure.

Chen Xiang, shaking his head, said, "It should be. However, the herb garden is under the ground. When we came in, I am afraid no one would have the expected for the good stuff to be under the ground."

Hua Xiangyue gave out a light snort as she said, "Who would have expected, huh?"

Very soon, Chen Xiang found a tree with some symbol following the map. Though many years had come and gone, the symbol was still there.

Spotting a small 'Li(李)' character on the thick trunk, Hua Xiangyue knew that the entrance of that herb garden was inside this tree. This forest was so huge, furthermore, these kind of trees were countless in numbers. Who would notice a character that was just the size of a finger!

"Li Tianjun was not just a Dan King, he was very impressive when it comes to array and refining equipment as well. If he wanted to make this kind of stuff, it would be a piece of cake for him."

Chen Xiang had a Refining Weapon Scroll. Since he had gotten the memories of four array grandmasters, he had come to realize how impressive those complex spirit patterns inside it are and why Liu Menger was so fascinated by them. All in all, those spirit patterns were terrific and very esoteric.

Chen Xiang, with his finger, pushed the "Li(李)" character, and it was pushed in very easily. Without the map or the instruction, no one would know that there was a mechanism in here.

Just as the finger was pushed in, a glowing white door appeared on the trunk of that tree.

Seeing this, Hua Xiangyue was excited. She reckoned that the herb garden had many rare and precious herbs.

"Let's go in!" Chen Xiang, pulling Hua Xiangyue's hands, went in.

As soon as they stepped into the door, the gate closed and immediately disappeared. And when they got inside, Chen Xiang's and Hua Xiangyue's eyes were dazzled with bright light as they caught sight of a spiral staircase heading down.

The staircase led very deep under the ground. At the end of the staircase, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue saw a stone door. When they opened the door, a very long passage was presented before them. And the rocks on either side of passage lit up with white light automatically.

"What a great place!" Chen Xiang took a deep breath, for the Spirit Qi here was extremely rich.

"Mhmm, I think that the soil of the herb garden had already transformed into spirit soil. This soil is best for planting spirit herbs," stated Hua Xiangyue.

At this moment, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue were extremely excited. Both of them were alchemists. Those rare and precious herbs were extremely tempting to them. After all, those were the herbs left behind by a Dan King, they sure weren't going to be ordinary. Moreover, Dan King Li Tianjun had entered the first mysterious realm once, which had countless precious herbs. He must have had obtained a lot of them.

As Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue arrived at the end, an iron gate with a keyhole entered their sight. Seeing this, just as Hua Xiangyue wanted to blast the door open with her palm, Chen Xiang hurriedly stopped her as he said, smiling, "I have the key here."

The key was universal, it could open all the doors of herb gardens left behind by Li Tianjun. Once Chen Xiang pushed in the key and gave it a twist, the iron gate opened on its own.

Chen Xiang's and Hua Xiangyue's nerves stretched thin. They held their breath as they watched the iron gate open slowly. But as soon as the dense Spirit Qi blew on their faces, they became extremely excited, especially when the rich fragrance of spirit grass and flowers assailed their noses.

Once the gate opened, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue could see the beautiful herb garden clearly. There were many flowers and trees inside. Just with one glance, they recognized some extremely rare spirit herbs.

But just as they went in, they saw an elder looking at them with a jovial smile on his face!

Much to their shock and horror, someone was actually inside.

## Chapter 455 – Dan King's Apprentice

Apparently, the old man appeared to have already foreseen Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue's arrival. Therefore, he wasn't taken by surprise a bit. Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue, on the other hand, could not comprehend as to why there was someone here, in this enclosed space for many years?

At first, Hua Xiangyue thought that this old man was the Dan King Li Tianjun. However, Chen Xiang knew the Li Tianjun had already gone to the Heavenly Realm. Even Wu Canghong knew him.

"Who are you?" asked Chen Xiang, vigilance clearly written on his face. He and Hua Xiangyue just couldn't see through this old man's strength.

The elderly was wearing an old and worn dress. Nonetheless, he was dressed very neatly. Also, there was an amiable smile on his face as he replied, "I am someone who has been waiting for you!"

Only at this time did Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue came to notice that the place which was full of spirit herbs was protected by an array, and a very powerful one at that.

Deep as the herb garden under the earth was, this place was just like a mysterious realm; one could see the blue sky.

"Why have you been waiting for us here?" asked Chen Xiang, once more.

"Since the time this herb garden was built, I have been waiting for you! Right, this herb garden was built by my teacher. I have been looking after it for a very long time, I have already forgotten as to how many years had passed," said the old man, a smile still on his face.

Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue were shocked, once more. To their surprise, this old man was Dan King Li Tianjun's apprentice.

"No need to worry, you can get these herbs, however, you have to pass the test!" the old man stated.

Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue glanced at each other momentarily before Chen Xiang asked, "What test?"

Noticing that Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue were tightly holding each other's hand, the old man asked doubtfully, "Are you husband and wife? Or brother and sisters? The gap between your strength is too big! Only if the man is stronger than the woman, it's justifiable!"

Chen Xiang cracked a smile and said, "That's right, we are husband and wife!"

"Hei hei, Kid, don't lie to me! Although I may not have exited this place for many years, the outside world should not have gone through such tremendous changes!" That old man shook his head, smiling.

Hua Xiangyue rolled her eyes at Chen Xiang as she let go of Chen Xiang's hand and said, "He and I are just friends. What's the test exactly? If it's dangerous, we won't do it!"

"It's not dangerous, all you have to do is compete with me in alchemy. You can use the spirit herbs in this herb garden for the competition. Furthermore, you have to refine the dan which I tell you to! Only when you have passed my test will you have the qualifications to have this herb garden. This isn't too much, right?" the old man said, looking at Hua Xiangyue.

He was secretly astounded by the fire energy emanating from Hua Xiangyue's body. He could see that Hua Xiangyue was a very powerful flame expert. Furthermore, she was extremely powerful. Evidently, she was a high-level alchemist.

As for Chen Xiang, he was completely disregarded by the elder. This put Chen Xiang ill at ease.

"No problem! However, your rules can't be too harsh, you can't ask me to refine an immortal dan, okay!" said Hua Xiangyue.

The elderly nodded his acknowledgment and asked, "What the highest level of dan you can refine?"

"Middle-grade Heaven-level dan!" Hua Xiangyue said, dismissively. But this shocked the hell out of Chen Xiang and that elderly. From the beginning, Chen Xiang believed that Hua Xiangyue's limit should be a low-grade Heaven-level dan, because the one who could refine a middle-grade Heaven-level dan was a Dan Ancestor.

Just one level above the Dan Ancestor was Dan King, and that was the limit of the mortal world alchemists. Although there was only a gap of one level between Dan King and Dan Ancestor, it was rarely used in the mortal world. Even if one could refine high-grade Heaven-level dan, one would still be referred to as Dan Ancestor.

More importantly, Hua Xiangyue was a female, a young, beautiful, and very powerful female. She had very bright prospects.

"Very good! I will lay down the rules to you, and then, I will compete with you!" At this moment, the old man was extremely excited. Back then, his teacher had asked him to remain here and he had given his promise. However, having been stayed here alone for many years, he was bored to death. It was rare for someone to come here.

The old man had been delving in alchemy all day. And now that he had met a strong opponent, of course, he would want to test himself against Hua Xiangyue.

"Senior, are you Dan King Li Tianjun's apprentice? Can I please have your good name!" asked Chen Xiang. He also wanted to compete with this old man. It was impossible for him to play with high-level dan, but if it was a profound-level dan, he was very confident. After all, he was labeled as the top youngest alchemist of the Mortal Martial World.

The old man nodded as he answered, "I was adopted by my teacher, so, I have my teacher's surname. My name is Li Baojun, what about yours?"

"Chen Xiang!"

"Hua Xiangyue!"

Li Baojun continued, "Don't worry, I won't ask you to compete with me in refining Heaven-level dan. Refining that kind of dan depends a lot on luck. Furthermore, we can't see your level using that kind of competition. What's more, it needs a lot of time and wastes far too many herbs."

"Senior Li, I don't want to say this but that map was found by me! I think both of us should be tested! I have also learned alchemy for ten years," stated Chen Xiang.

Li Baojun simply had not expected Chen Xiang, this little rascal to compete in alchemy. He could see that Chen Xiang was very young, and very weak as well. According to his estimation, Chen Xiang should be thirty to forty years old, and definitely, nowhere good in alchemy.

Hua Xiangyue had discovered that Li Baojun was underestimating Chen Xiang and was also secretly dissatisfied with him. She very much admired Chen Xiang's alchemy. If it was a competition of refining low-level dan, she would candidly admit defeat.

"Indeed, it was him who brought me with him, if we got this herb garden, whether he shares with me or not completely depends on his mood!" Hua Xiangyue said, a smile on her lips.

Li Baojun furrowed his white brows. He felt that this world has changed too much. To his surprise, an ant-like kid could order a woman who was extremely good, strength wise and alchemy wise, both. Furthermore, this woman was still as beautiful as a flower, as heavenly as a fairy. He could not help but think that there was something wrong with Hua Xiangyue's head.

Nonetheless, Li Baojun was a principled man. The herb garden had to be handed out. But only those who could pass the test would have the qualifications to have this herb garden.

"Very well, I am a bit reluctant but I will allow you two to compete with me, I alone will compete with you two! If you can't defeat me, you don't deserve to have this herb garden!" said Li Baojun.

There were many spirit herbs in the herb garden. The highest ranked were high-grade earth-level herbs, and the lowest level of herbs were still for refining True Elemental Dan, White Jade Dan, and other similar dans. Furthermore, there were also herbs for refining Building Foundation Dan, Five Elements True Elemental Dan, Life Elemental Dan, and many other low-grade profound-level dans. There were also some herbs for middle-grade and high-grade profound-level dans, but not much.

"Don't worry, the competition will be very fair! If you won two out of three games, then, victory will be yours. The side which won two rounds first would be the winner! Kid, what is the highest level of dan you can refine?" Li Baojun asked.

Chen Xiang replied, "Low-grade profound-level!"

Li Baojun was stupefied. From the beginning, he believed that what Chen Xiang could refine at most was high-grade spirit-level dan. But he didn't expect him to enter this level at his age. Of course, it was not that such people didn't exist, it was just that they were very rare.

In this huge Mortal Martial World, there weren't many people who could refine low-grade profound-level dan at Chen Xiang's age.

"Wait, I just thought of a better way to compete, it will guarantee the fairness, and at the same time, it will allow us to display our alchemy level!" stated Li Baojun.

### <u>Chapter 456 – Young vs Old</u>

There was an arbor inside the herb garden. Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue were sitting here. They were drinking a sweet and fragrance tea as they wait for Li Baojun to come up with the method for competing.

Chen Xiang was caressing Hua Xiangyue's straight and long hair, yet Hua Xiangyue didn't object. She only used her charming eyes to look at him. In her eyes, Chen Xiang was a like a kid, but sometimes, he was very manly as well.

"Little Rascal, after I return, I will be going into a closed-door training for some time. If you are troubled with something in the future, you should go and look for Meng'er!" said Hua Xiangyue.

As Chen Xiang wanted to give Hua Xiangyue a few sets of Resurrection Dan herbs and a Fruit of Fortune, he asked, "How long are you going to train in seclusion? What should I do if I come across a serious matter and wanted to look for you?"

"Go straight to Danxiang Taoyuan and look for me in the restricted area directly. Only those who have my permission can enter it!" Hua Xiangyue took out a white pearl and handed it to Chen Xiang.

"When you reach there, take this pearl out and you will be able to enter safely! Also, after coming in, please don't yell, I will know when someone comes in immediately," Hua Xiangyue continued.

Chen Xiang nodded as he took that pearl and started playing with it.

"Senior Li, as the protector of this herb garden, you must have gotten many spirit herbs, right?" Chen Xiang shouted towards a nearby pond, where Li Baojun was sitting, ruminating.

Li Baojun answered, "Of course, I am familiar with many herbs. But I can only pick herbs after I have planted them first. However, most of these are low-level spirit herbs."

"Kid, stop bothering me! Just adjust your state while you still have the time!"

Chen Xiang pursed his lips and continued to play with Hua Xiangyue's silky black hair, for there was a sweet aroma coming from them.

"Sister Xiangyue, why do you smell so nice? Is it natural?" Chen Xiang broke into laughter and continued, "You blood also smelled very sweet."

Hua Xiangyue gave a twist to Chen Xiang's arm. "Don't mention that matter again."

Recalling the shameful scene of Chen Xiang lying on her chest, sucking her blood, her cheeks turned charming red as she looked at the mischievously smiling Chen Xiang.

"You truly smells so good, if I sleep while hugging you, I will get a sound sleep for good." While Chen Xiang was making blind and disorderly conjectures, he got a knock on his head by Hua Xiangyue, once again.

Li Baojun didn't look over. However, with both of them flirting around him, he was simply unable to calm himself down. What he found it incomprehensible was as to why a beautiful and charming girl like Hua Xiangyue was with a little rascal like Chen Xiang.

"Quiet down a bit, will you!" said Li Baojun.

"Thinking of just one method for so long, how boring!" Chen Xiang blurted out in a low voice. And this made Li Baojun feel disgusted by Chen Xiang secretly. He decided that he would not show mercy and teach Chen Xiang, this little rascal a ruthless lesson.

When Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue had waited for two or some hours, Li Baojun shouted aloud, "I have finished thinking, come here!"

When Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue had come over, Li Baojun continued, "Brat, since all you could refine is low-grade profound-level dans, I had to use every cell of my brain."

"I have only come up with two methods. If after these two rounds, there is still a need for the third round, I will think of something again."

Chen Xiang said in contempt, "After thinking for so long, you can only come up with two games?"

"It's best two out of three games. If I won two games in a row, then, I will win. I won't have to come up with the third game," said Li Baojun.

"You are really good!" Chen Xiang was rendered speechless.

Li Baojun continued, "The concept of the game is not complicated, it's very simple! The first round consists of refining a low-grade profound-level dan. We will see whose speed of refining and grade of dan refined is better. This will show us the alchemy level of an alchemist for a dan.

"We will compete in refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dan. I have a lot of its herbs here. Furthermore, it is comparatively difficult to refine dan among the low-grade profound-level dans! However, this is disadvantageous to you because I am a high-level alchemist. Therefore, it would be better for this girl to compete with me. Anyway, it for you to decide."

Li Baojun believed that competing with Chen Xiang would be an utmost insult to him. Noticing the disdainful look in Li Baojun's eyes, Chen Xiang secretly swore that he would definitely beat this old man, who doesn't know how high the sky is and how deep the earth goes, to the ground.

"I have forty set of Five Element True Elemental Dan's herbs here, all of which will be placed here. The first round will continue until all the herbs are completely refined.

"We will use the forty set of herbs at the same time. That is to say, if you are slower than me, then, you will definitely get fewer herbs than me. In other words, if I am faster than you, I can refine thirty sets, thirty-five sets," explained Li Baojun.

Upon hearing this, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue were secretly laughing in their heart. As soon as they heard the rules of the first round, they knew their victory was set in stone. At the same time, they also came to despise Li Baojun. If it had been a competition between alchemists of the same level, it sure would have been extremely fair.

However, when it was a competition between a high-level alchemist and a low-level alchemist, the high-level alchemist had a huge advantage, for he was faster, and as such, he would be able to refine far more than the low-level alchemist.

Of course, Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue understood very clearly that Li Baojun was doing this so that he could compete with Hua Xiangyue.

"Do you any problem with this?" asked Li Baojun.

"Not at all!" Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue answered at the same time. If they had a problem, it would be even stranger. Had it been other low-level alchemist, he would lose for sure. However, Chen Xiang was different, even Hua Xiangyue believed that she herself wasn't Chen Xiang's match.

"What about the second round?" asked Hua Xiangyue.

"In the second round, we will refine three common low-grade profound-level dans. And we will judge from a comprehensive perspective, for instance, the grade of dans, the speed of refining, the number of dans refined. We, alchemists, can judge these points ourselves. At that time, we ourselves will know who is the winner and who is the loser," Li Baojun said. "Do you have any problem with this?"

Chen Xiang and Hua Xiangyue shook their heads. In their heart, they were having a good laugh because Chen Xiang had a fair good chance of winning the two rounds.

"Old man, you lose!" said Chen Xiang in his heart.

Li Baojun immediately took out the forty sets of Five Elements True Elemental Dan herbs and placed them in a single basket. They were all placed randomly. If one wanted to take the herbs, he would have to pick them himself. More importantly, there were many herbs of poor quality as well.

"Now, we will pick a set from them, and then, begin refining at the same time! So, have you decided who is going to compete with me?" Li Baojun asked.

"I will!" said Chen Xiang.

Hearing this, Li Baojun's brow was lined with deep frowns. He looked at Hua Xiangyue, only to see no objection coming from Hua Xiangyue, none at all.

"Sigh, it isn't good for the younglings to be too competitive!" Li Baojun shook his head as he said, disappointed.

Chen Xiang very much wanted to say, "It isn't good for the oldies to despise everyone."

Very soon, Li Baojun and Chen Xiang began to pick herbs from the basket. First, they, both were picking all the good herbs. If they could refine faster, they could choose the better ones, leaving the bad herbs for the slower one.

After having picked their herbs, both of them began checking the alchemical furnace of the other.

"We can start now! Kid, you better give your best!" Li Baojun said, smiling disdainfully. He looked down on Chen Xiang very much.

Nonetheless, Chen Xiang didn't take it seriously and began organizing the herbs.

### Chapter 457 – A Shocking Difference

Hua Xiangyue was very confident about Chen Xiang. She had watched Chen Xiang in many alchemy competitions, and every time he would achieve the best result.

What Hua Xiangyue was more curious about was that alchemical furnace of Chen Xiang's that looked as if it was carved out of ruby. She used to believe that reason that Chen Xiang's alchemy skills were so brilliant was due to that alchemical furnace. But after she saw Chen Xiang refine dans in the air, she no longer believed as such. However, she still felt that there was something about that alchemical furnace.

When processing the herbs, Chen Xiang and Li Baojun's speed was almost the same. Just this point extremely surprised Li Baojun. Nonetheless, he still didn't believe that Chen Xiang could defeat him.

Having placed their herbs in their respective furnaces at the same time, Chen Xiang and Li Baojun seriously started refining dans.

And in the next moment, Chen Xiang activated the time array inside the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace, accelerating the flow of time inside. In this way, the flow of time inside the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace was different than the flow of time outside. The difference of flow of time between inside and outside was 10:1.

Even without the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace, if Chen Xiang had just used the Illusionary Brilliant Furnace, his speed of refining would still be far from the normal by just relying on the Heavenly Sun Fire as well as his alchemy talent.

Right now, his divine sense inside the alchemical furnace felt as if a long time had passed, but outside, just a very short time had elapsed.

In the next moment, Chen Xiang opened the lid of the alchemical furnace and took out ten pieces of Five Elements True Elemental Dans!

At the sight of this, Li Baojun's pair of old eyes were almost about to fall out, for both of them had started not too long ago and in the meantime, Chen Xiang had already refined a set of dans, just in this short period of time! This kind of speed was unbelievable.

Hua Xiangyue too was horrified by that kind of heaven-defying speed.

"Bang!" a muffled bang rang out from Li Baojun's alchemical furnace. As everything happened before everyone's eyes, he was so ashamed that his old face turned very red, for he was shocked by the unreasonable speed shown by Chen Xiang.

"Impossible!" Li Baojun shouted. He hastily ran over and checked the jade box next to Chen Xiang's alchemical furnace. As he inspected the ten Five Elements True Elemental Dans carefully, a look of disbelief showed up on his face. Chen Xiang's quality and quantity were both very good. However, the most shocking was still his speed.

Chen Xiang, on the other hand, didn't pay any attention to Li Baojun and started choosing the herbs from that basket.

"Can you be a little serious!" Chen Xiang said to Li Baojun. Hearing this, Li Baojun felt as if he had been lashed by a whip. Only now did he came to realize Chen Xiang wasn't an ordinary little rascal.

Li Baojun took a few deep breaths to calm himself down, otherwise, he would lose the first round, which for him would be a galling shame and humiliation. He was someone who could refine heaven-level dans, and he was actually defeated by a little rascal who could only refine low-grade profound-level dans!? If this news spread, how was he going to face anyone!

Having relied on the time acceleration of the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace, Chen Xiang's speed of alchemy had reached a very frightening degree. However, this was because he was going all out, not to mention, that he was in the Extreme State now, and as such, the Heavenly Sun Fire in his body had reached a new level.

"That's strange, my flames are a lot stronger! In these ten days, they have become stronger! Could it be because of Hua Xiangyue's blood?" When Chen Xiang was refining just a moment ago, he felt that there was something wrong with his flames. Although it was a good news, he could not understand why.

"If that's the case, then, Hua Xiangyue definitely has a fire spirit. The fire spirit is fused with the flesh and blood of its possessor. You have sucked so much of her blood, therefore, a lot of her fire spirit's energy was sucked into your body and subsequently fused with your Heavenly Sun Fire Spirit," explained Su Meiyao.

Previously, Chen Xiang and Wu Qianqian had given it a try. And to their surprise, their two fire spirits could be fused. Moreover, they became stronger!

At this time, Li Baojun's heart was in turmoil because whenever he recalled Chen Xiang's refining speed, he wasn't able to refine dans with a calm heart. He had personally checked Chen Xiang's dans. They were indeed Five Elements True Elemental Dans, out and out. And whether it was their quality or quantity, they were of the best kind.

From a comprehensive perspective, Chen Xiang had already reached the peak in refining profound-level dans. In this regard, he was indeed not a match of Chen Xiang!

Very soon, Chen Xiang had refined another set of dans. As for Li Baojun, not only had he not refined one set, he had blasted his furnace once. This was a pretty big blow for Li Baojun.

Even so, at the end of the day, Li Baojun was an old man who had lived for many years. Very soon, he calmed himself down and had finished refining one set of herbs. However, he was only able to refine eight Five Elements True Elemental Dans. Whereas Chen Xiang was able to refine ten from one set of herbs.

Many years as Li Baojun had been guarding this place, there was still a limit on how many Five Elements True Elemental Dan herbs he could get. And from the beginning, he was a high-level alchemist; naturally, he won't go and refine these kinds of low-level herbs.

In contrast, Chen Xiang was someone who had planted many Five Elements True Elemental Dan herbs and refined the Five Elements True Elemental Dans many times just to speed up his cultivation. Therefore, Chen Xiang was very familiar with refining this dan. In this regard, he had a pretty big advantage.

Half an hour later, Chen Xiang had already refined eight sets of Five Elements True Elemental Dans. Whereas Li Baojun was only able to refine two sets. However, Li Baojun maintained a level head, he wasn't disturbed by this.

Hua Xiangyue, who was watching from the sideline, was secretly enjoying after watching Chen Xiang leading by so much because, in the beginning, Li Baojun was underestimating Chen Xiang too much. And now that Chen Xiang was leading by so big of a difference, she was sure that Li Baojun was ill at ease in his heart.

If it was her, maybe she won't be able to win so easily like Chen Xiang.

Time went by just like that. Chen Xiang was completely immersed in refining dans. He simply didn't notice the flow of time. Taking out the Five Elements True Elemental Dans set after set, he too was delighted. Tedious as the alchemy was, he always felt happy when he took out the dans.

Twenty-eight sets! That was the number of sets Chen Xiang was able to refine. Watching the two hundred and eighty Five Elements True Elemental Dan jampacking that jade box, Chen Xiang was filled with pleasure. Whereas Li Baojun was only able to refine twelve sets, out of which, one set of herbs had exploded. Altogether he had refined eighty-eight dans. His quantity was far less than that of Chen Xiang's. Therefore, he had completely lost in all aspects.

"Hei hei, if you have given me your herbs, I would have been able to refine a dozen or so dans extra. Now, it's should be pretty obvious who is the winner and who is the loser, right!" said Chen Xiang, laughing pridefully. Hearing this, Li Baojun's old face turned red. Earlier, he was completely confident in his win, he believed he could make Chen Xiang lose in a very ugly manny. However, who would have known that he would lose to the point that he didn't have any face left.

"There are still two rounds left! I was negligent this time. Moreover, I had also underestimated you. Next game, I will definitely win," proclaimed Li Baojun. He regained his confidence. He felt that as a high-level alchemist, he should not get discouraged by such a small setback.

Chen Xiang only smiled. "Are you going to give me these dans?"

"At the end, if you are the winner, I will give all of them to you." Li Baojun did not care about these low-level dans. For him, they were completely useless.

In the next round, they were going to compete in refining three most commonly used low-grade profound level dans. Chen Xiang was worried that Li Baojun would ask him to refine some unconventional dans which he hadn't refined yet. However, he was still unafraid. He had the Refining

Simulation Technique. Moreover, he had already mastered the technique to refine low-grade profound level dans. Even if he hadn't refined those dans before, he could easily handle them.

### Chapter 458 – Baptizing Bone Dan

Li Baojun said that the next round would only begin after an hour break. He did this because he wanted to take a breath of respite, he wanted to calm his heart down. Now, he was on guard against all possible scenarios. Having watched Chen Xiang refine Five Elements True Elemental Dans so easily and so quickly, moreover, two extra dans than him, Li Baojun no longer had that easy-going attitude that he had a moment ago. From the performance of Chen Xiang, it was quite evident that Chen Xiang's alchemy foundation was quite solid.

Li Baojun believed that even his master, Dan King Li Tianjun won't be a match of Chen Xiang in refining Five Elements True Elemental Dans! Chen Xiang may have been refining just low-grade profound-level dans, once Chen Xiang could refine high-level dans, he would surely show the same results as he had shown now, high quality, better quantity as well as an astonishing speed! This could only be done if one had a very solid foundation!

As many geniuses as he had seen, it was still the first time he had seen a genius like Chen Xiang, who so steady and without pride and arrogance! If someday, Chen Xiang ever reached the level of Dan King, he sure would be a very powerful figure.

"Next, we are going to be refining three very useful low-grade profound-level dans. Of course, this is only true for low-level martial artists like yourself." Li Baojun still believed Chen Xiang was just a True Martial Realm martial artist.

Chen Xiang cracked a smile as he said, "Low-grade profound-level dans are not very useful to me, I need middle-grade or perhaps high-grade profound-level dans."

Li Baojun was momentarily taken by surprise. He could not help but ask, "What is your cultivation level?"

"I have just advanced to Extreme State, the early stage of Spirit Martial Realm!" answered Chen Xiang.

Li Baojun gulped nervously. He very much wanted to asked Chen Xiang's age, but he still didn't ask. He was worried that he would receive another blow. Just his high alchemy skills and his extraordinary strength had given him a considerable scare!

"The three dans are Five Elements True Elemental Dan, Building Foundation Dan, and Baptizing Bone Dan. Do you any objection?" Li Baojun asked.

"Is Baptizing Bone Dan very common?" Chen Xiang now had a difficult time in finding the herbs of Baptizing Bone Dan. This kind of dan could strengthen a martial artist's physique. It was greatly useful but very uncommon.

"It was very common a long time ago, however, over these ten thousand years, it has become very rare," said Hua Xiangyue.

Chen Xiang nodded his acknowledgment. "I don't have any problem. When do we start?"

He was very familiar with the Building Foundation Dan and Five Elements True Elemental Dan. As for Baptizing Marrow Dan, he had never refined it.

The Baptizing Marrow Dan was not as difficult to refine as Five Elements True Elemental Dan. However, from the books, Chen Xiang knew that it still had a certain difficulty. Now, he could only employ the Refining Simulation Technique and give it a try.

He felt that this was also a method and opportunity to improve his Refining Simulation Technique.

Li Baojun gave Chen Xiang three jade boxes, each carrying three sets of herbs respectively. Out of which, two he was very familiar with, which were the herbs for refining Building Foundation Dan and Five Elements True Elemental Dan. The third set he had never seen. Apart from some Ginseng, Fleeceflower Root and Lingzhi which were auxiliary herbs, there were three black ingredients that appeared to be some kind of fruits. They were very hard. When he picked them up to feel, they felt like iron balls.

Judging from Chen Xiang's expression, Hua Xiangyue realized that Chen Xiang would be refining this Baptizing Bone Dan for the first time. Previously, Chen Xiang had asked her help to gather the Baptizing Bone Dan herbs. However, she never found them.

"Have you never refined the Baptizing Bone Dan?" Li Baojun had also come to notice this, because Chen Xiang had a curious look on his face when looking at those three iron ball-like fruits.

Chen Xiang nodded his affirmation. "This should be the main herbs of Baptizing Bone Dan, the Iron Heart Fruit! I heard that it is harder than iron and also very difficult to refine!"

Li Baojun blurted out, taken aback, "You have never refined it? Then, why did you say you have no problem a moment ago? This is surely disadvantageous for you!"

Chen Xiang smiled. "Might as well. I just wanted to try it out! Because this herb of Baptizing Bone Dan is rarely found, surely, I would want to try refining it, regardless of anything."

Chen Xiang was speaking the truth. So long as he saw some rare herbs, he could not wait to refine them!

Li Baojun was completely shocked. He could not help but look at Chen Xiang with horror. For him to say so when he had never refined that dan, there was only one possibility, and that was that Chen Xiang knew that skill which all high-level alchemists' needed to master—the Refining Simulation Technique!

In Li Baojun's cognition, only when someone was beginning to learn refining high-grade profound-level dan or low-grade earth-level dan, he or she would learn that damn Refining Simulation Technique. That technique was very taxing to the mind. It was an alchemy technique during which its user had to use every cell of his brain. If an alchemist could not learn this technique, he or she would never become a high-level alchemist!

And now, Chen Xiang could only refine low-grade profound-level dan, yet he had mastered such a high-rank alchemy technique. He could very well be called as a genius among geniuses.

Li Baojun took a few deep breaths before coming over to Chen Xiang and ask him in a serious manner, "Do you know the Refining Simulation Technique?"

Chen Xiang answered, "When I was refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dan for the first time, I had used the Refining Simulation Technique. Furthermore, the conditions at that time were very poor as well."

At that time, Chen Xiang didn't have an alchemical furnace. He was using his spiritual energy to create a transparent alchemical furnace. Suffice to say, the difficulty had reached a whole new level. But also because of this, he was able to master the basics of Refining Simulation Technique!

The credit must also go to Hua Xiangyue. Therefore, Chen Xiang was very grateful to her.

"Who is your master?" Li Baojun asked subconsciously. Then, he turned his gaze to Hua Xiangyue. If Chen Xiang could have such a solid foundation at his age, then, his master should surely be an extraordinary figure.

"I have been taught by three people, one is her, other is an elder of my Extreme Martial Sect, and the last one is a senior, I can't say her name," Chen Xiang reported truthfully. When he was in Extreme Dan King Courtyard, Elder Dan had also instructed him in alchemy. At that time, he had benefited a lot from her.

Whereas Hua Xiangyue had created a huge hurdle before Chen Xiang during the alchemy competition of Danxiang Taoyuan, forcing Chen Xiang to break through his bottleneck and master the Refining Simulation Technique and Illusionary Brilliant Furnace.

Li Baojun sighed deeply. There was an incomparably solemn expression on his face. Only now did he came to realize that the guy he was despising all this time was not some ordinary character. He believed that if Chen Xiang could reach his level, he would definitely achieve far more than he had.

The curtain on the second round soon opened. Li Baojun took this round very seriously because if he lost this round, he won't have any opportunities to turn the tables. He was an old and honorable alchemist, he was not too far away from becoming a Dan Ancestor. But if he lost to this Little Rascal, he would have lived in vain all this time.

Chen Xiang and Li Baojun began processing the herbs. Li Baojun was the first to process the herbs. He was refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dan first. What Li Baojun could not comprehend was as to why Chen Xiang was processing two distinct sets of herbs, one for Five Elements True Elemental Dan and one for Building Foundation Dan.

However, seeing this, a smile crossed Hua Xiangyue's face. She knew what Chen Xiang was planning to do!

Since Chen Xiang had never refined Baptizing Bone Dan, he needed a lot of time to carry out the Refining Simulation Technique, and also, he would need to slow down his speed. Therefore, in order to save some time, he could only refine Building Foundation Dan and Five Elements True Elemental Dan simultaneously!

Hua Xiangyue was sure that she soon would be able to watch Chen Xiang refine two set of dans simultaneously. No matter how many times she had watched it, it was still as shocking as before. Since then, she had secretly tried it herself. Although she was successful, she was far from Chen Xiang's level.

Chapter 459 – New Challenge

While refining the dan, Li Baojun was also keeping an eye on Chen Xiang's movements. He wanted to see how Chen Xiang would refine dans.

Having processed the herbs of Building Foundation Dan and the Five Elements True Elemental Dan, Chen Xiang placed the Five Elements True Elemental Dan herbs inside the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace. As the Five Elements True Elemental Dan was a bit harder to refine as compared to the Building Foundation Dan, using the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace was more appropriate.

Noticing Chen Xiang placing only one hand inside the alchemical furnace to pour in the flames, Li Baojun found it a bit strange. But when he saw Chen Xiang pick up the Building Foundation Dan herbs, he was even more astounded.

"What does he want to do?" wondered Li Baojun in his heart.

Releasing his spiritual energy, Chen Xiang created a transparent alchemical furnace, the Illusionary Brilliant Furnace. An alchemical furnace that was completely invisible to the naked eye.

When Chen Xiang placed the Building Foundation Dan herbs inside the Illusionary Brilliant Furnace, Li Baojun was so shocked that he almost blasted his furnace.

Watching the Building Foundation Dan herbs floating in the air, Li Baojun felt as though the herbs were placed inside a transparent alchemical furnace, situated in the middle section of the furnace. At the sight of this scene, Li Baojun very much wanted to dig out his eyes and wipe them clean, to make sure his eyes weren't playing tricks on him. Even after having lived so long, it was still the first time he had seen such a strange scene.

But what shocked him even more was still the next part, when Chen Xiang poured the flames inside the Illusionary Brilliant Furnace. The scene of flames rising from below, swirling their way into the second level and baking those herbs was simply astounding. Owing to the flames, those herbs started releasing white and green brilliance, dazzling Li Baojun's eyes to the point that his eyes started to hurt. Which also proved that he wasn't mistaken!

Li Baojun gulped fiercely in shock. He was so shocked by Chen Xiang that he was profusely sweating. Only now he knew what Chen Xiang was doing; he was actually refining two sets of herbs at the same time. Furthermore, one set was being refined without an alchemical furnace!

This way, Chen Xiang could refine two sets of dan at a faster speed. And then, he could use the time he had just saved to employ the Refining Simulation Technique in order to refine the Baptizing Bone Dan!

This kind of far-sighted thinking left Li Baojun in admiration. He suddenly felt that he wasn't a match of Chen Xiang. He felt that aside from the fact that he could refine higher grade dans than Chen Xiang's, he was nothing.

If someday, Chen Xiang could also reach the same level as his, he believed that Chen Xiang would surely be able to refine better high-level dans than him, especially quantity wise! Under normal circumstances, when refining high-level dan, the alchemists would refine fewer dans in order to increase their chance of success. Therefore, high-level dans were very rare.

However, if Chen Xiang could refine an extra dan, he would surely make a killing. When refining high-level dans, the difference of an extra dan was comparable to the difference between heaven and earth.

Li Baojun calmed himself down as he watched the startling scene of Chen Xiang using the transparent alchemical furnace to refine dans. Even at his age, he never got to see how the herbs are converted into dans inside the alchemical furnace with his own eyes. Therefore, this startling scene was a rare sight for him!

The spirit herbs contained a vast amount of energy. Once they were incinerated by the flames, it would cause the energy to burst out, which would then release a dazzling aura. Now, when Chen Xiang was refining the Building Foundation Dan herbs, glaring golden and green brilliance dazzled everyone's eyes. The corresponding scene was extremely beautiful.

From the changes happening inside that alchemical furnace, Hua Xiangyue and Li Baojun realized that Chen Xiang was refining the Building Foundation Dan at an astonishing speed. Furthermore, he was also putting every wisp of those herbal spirit qis into use; he wasn't wasting even the slightest bit. All of the herbal qis were being congealed into dans. Generally, in order to do this, one needed to have a very high degree of control over flames and divine sense, both. Furthermore, the alchemical furnace also needed to act in consort.

But Chen Xiang was doing everything flawlessly. More importantly, he was doing it while refining a batch of Five Elements True Elemental Dans at the same time! At the sight of this, Hua Xiangyue and Li Baojun were secretly amazed, for they believed that they won't be able to do to this degree. As far as they were concerned, this was the ultimate state of alchemy.

At this time, Li Baojun suddenly felt that Chen Xiang would very like become someone an alchemist who would one day surpass Dan King Li Tianjun. He was very familiar with Li Tianjun. He knew that if Li Tianjun descended to the mortal world, perhaps he too would be unable to defeat Chen Xiang.

Although he saw Chen Xiang display such a unique alchemy technique, Li Baojun still believed that he could win because Chen Xiang did not know how to refine the Baptizing Bone Dan. Even if Chen Xiang used the Refining Simulation Technique, the chances of failure were pretty big.

However, Li Baojun felt that even if won, it was still because of the unfair advantage in the contest, because whether it was Chen Xiang's age or experience in alchemy, they were far too lacking as compared to Li Baojun's. Especially the fact that Chen Xiang didn't know how to refine the Baptizing Bone Dan.

Very soon, four masses of green aura appeared in that transparent illusionary brilliant furnace of Chen Xiang. Seeing four masses of green fogs rotating on their own axis, Li Baojun marveled once more. His own limit was three dans per set. However, Chen Xiang was actually refining four and that too in those conditions!

Refining four Building Foundation Dans with one batch of herbs was pretty easy for Chen Xiang. Even if he was using the Flame Dragon Brilliant Furnace, he would have gotten the same result. However, achieving the same was doubly difficult for other alchemists!

Now, Li Baojun came to realize why an attractive woman like Hua Xiangyue was willing to be with a kid like Chen Xiang, for Chen Xiang's talent and prospects were simply too horrifying. So long as he was trained properly, Chen Xiang would surely become an outstanding alchemist in the future.

In the world of cultivation, no matter how high the level of refiners, array grandmasters, and talisman masters was, they could not be compared to an alchemist. Because the dan refined by a top-level alchemist was simply priceless. It could allow someone to breakthrough their bottleneck, revive someone from the inch of death! Therefore, even those refiners and talisman masters would take most of the items personally crafted by them to please the alchemist so that he would refine a dan for them. And whether the alchemists would refine or not also depended on his or her mood.

Soon, four glittering green dans were congealed inside the Illusionary Brilliant Furnace. These were the Building Foundation Dans. Judging from their color and the herbal qi wafting from them, it was clearly evident that these Building Foundation Dans were of top-grade quality.

Meanwhile, Chen Xiang had also finished refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dans. What's more was that there were ten of them and of top-grade quality at that! Chen Xiang's relaxed expression gave the impression that refining these dans were as easy as eating for him.

As for Li Baojun, he had yet to finish refining one set. Now, he decided to get serious, or else, he would lose to Chen Xiang for sure. If he could refine the three dans before Chen Xiang, he could still win the game.

Having finished refining the Building Foundation Dans and the Five Elements True Elemental Dans, Chen Xiang began processing the Baptizing Bone Dan herbs. He decided that he must get more of these Baptizing Bone Dans, for he was planning to train a team of three thousand True Martial Realm martial artists. And these Baptizing Bone Dans were very useful in True Martial Realm.

The main ingredients of Baptizing Bone Dan were three Iron Heart Fruits. From the books and Su Meiyao, Chen Xiang knew that these Iron Heart Fruits were very difficult to refine. Furthermore, their herbal spirit qi was extremely violent and also very heavy, adding another level of difficulty especially when congealing the dan. This was what made the Baptizing Bone Dan difficult to refine.

Chen Xiang wasn't worried about refining them as he had the Heavenly Sun Fire Spirit. Neither he was worried about the violent nature of the herbal spirit qi because he could suppress them with his spiritual energy! Since he came to know that the spiritual energy could save his strength when it was used in alchemy, his speed of refining dan had improved a lot. Therefore, refining these extremely difficult dans didn't give him any pressure.

Just to be on the safe side, Chen Xiang was planning to use the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace, since it could also allow him to raise his speed as well.

Winning this round would mean passing Li Baojun's test. Chen Xiang wanted to get that herb garden as soon as possible so that he could return early!

For refining the Baptizing Bone Dan, there weren't too many ingredients. However, they were extremely heavy, all because of those three Iron Heart Fruits. Although they may be the size of a baby fist, three of them altogether weight a hundred jin. This in itself proved how mystical this spirit fruit was.

#### Chapter 460 – Sincerely Convinced

Chen Xiang began processing the Baptizing Bone Dan herbs. It was just some auxiliary herbs, which he was finished with very soon.

He was refining this dan for the first time. He had no idea about those three Iron Heart Fruit. Neither he was clear about their characteristics, nor he had any idea about what temperature should the flames be adjusted or when would they show any changes in the flames. Since he didn't know anything, just the slightest bit of carelessness would cause him to fail.

Therefore, he had to use the Refining Simulation Technique to predict the changed at every step. If he learned about what changes would occur and when they would occur, he could make the necessary adjustments.

Placing the herbs in the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace and pouring in the Heavenly Sun Fire, Chen Xiang accepted this new challenge!

When Chen Xiang had begun learning alchemy, when he hadn't learned the Refining Simulation Technique, he would always make preparations for the failure. In fact, the Refining Simulation Technique was devised to reduce the failure. Last time, when he was refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dan, failure was not an option. And this time too, he must successfully refine the dan which he had never refined at his first try.

This time if he failed, he won't get that herb garden. Therefore, he needed to be successful, which was another difficult challenge for him.

As the rumor stated, the Iron Heart Fruit was very difficult to melt, leaving Chen Xiang no choice but to intensify the flames. Enhancing the temperature of the flame could very easily melt that Iron Heart Fruit that was difficult to melt.

A herb that could grow into such a form would surely be storing a kind of strange energy inside it. And when this herb was combined with other auxiliary herbs to refine a dan, the dan could have even more mystical power which could strengthen its user's physique.

After intensifying the flames, Chen Xiang used the Refining Simulation Technique. Very soon, Chen Xiang foresaw the complete incineration of the auxiliary herbs because of the excessive flames. Thereby, destroying the entire herbal spirit qi.

This was a very serious problem. Chen Xiang promptly made adjustments and used his powerful divine sense to guard those delicate auxiliary herbs. This way, even if used stronger flames to burn the Iron Heart Fruit, he didn't have to worry about harming the auxiliary herbs.

Bit by bit, Chen Xiang strengthen the flames. This Iron Heart Fruit was the hardest herb Chen Xiang had ever encountered, it was very difficult to incinerate. Of course, his Heavenly Sun Flames were very powerful as well, especially after sucking Hua Xiangyue's blood. As he continued to intensify the flames, changes had finally started to occur in that Iron Heart Fruit.

Be that as it may, it still took Chen Xiang more than four hours to bake that Iron Heart Fruit. However, this was the time inside the Brilliant Flame Dragon Furnace. More importantly, the Iron Spirit Fruit had just begun to melt, that's all. It still hadn't been completely incinerated into powder. Difficult as it was to completely extract the herbal spirit qi from baking, in Chen Xiang's opinion, it was a bit easier than the Five Elements True Elemental Dan. Not to mention, when he was refining the Five Elements True Elemental Dan, he had just gotten hang of the Refining Simulation Technique. In various regards, the

condition at that time wasn't as good as now. Therefore, Chen Xiang didn't find refining the Baptizing Bone Dan extremely difficult.

Hua Xiangyue sat in the arbor, playing with her hair. Her pretty eyes were completely focused on Chen Xiang's handsome face. She found a serious Chen Xiang very attractive. Looking at Chen Xiang, her face was flushed red, God knows what was going on in her brain.

"Four dans can be refined from one set of Baptizing Bone Dan herbs. But now, in my current condition, it seems I can at least refine six dans. This should definitely defeat that old man!" Originally, there was a rather serious look on Chen Xiang's face. But now, he looked a lot at ease. Hua Xiangyue had also noticed that he was about to solidify the dans.

Chen Xiang had already spent more than an hour to refine the Baptizing Bone Dan. He had taken so much time because he was refining it for the first time. Yet, he had already caught up with Li Baojun!

In contrast, Li Baojun was refining with ease as he had refined the Baptizing Bone Dan many times. Be that as it may, a mountain of pressure was pressing on his heart. He was worried that he would lose to Chen Xiang.

Chen Xiang was competing with an alchemist at the level of Li Baojun, who could refine the heaven-level dans, for the first time. Although it was a competition using low-level dans, the foundation of the two alchemists could be discerned from it.

At this moment, Li Baojun's forehead was drenched in sweat. He was tensed because while he was alchemy, he was also paying attention to Chen Xiang's movements.

"Finally!" Having finished first, Li Baojun promptly took out five Baptizing Bone Dans. Those dans radiating brownish red brilliance looked strangely beautiful.

Seeing that he had refined five dans, a complacent smile appeared on Li Baojun's old face immediately. He believed that it would be very good already if Chen Xiang managed to refine one Baptizing Bone Dan on his first try.

Seeing Li Baojun finished refining, Hua Xiangyue immediately came over. Li Baojun had refined eight Five Elements True Elemental Dans, three Building Foundation Dans, and five Baptizing Bone Dans. This was already pretty good. At least in the Mortal Martial World, only a few people could achieve such a result. Hua Xiangyue believed that she herself was just a tad bit better than Li Baojun.

A short while after Li Baojun had finished refining the Baptizing Bone Dan, Chen Xiang also opened his eyes. Spotting this, Hua Xiangyue hurriedly rushed over to him and used a fragrant handkerchief to wipe the sweat on his face. She was very clear about what kind of toll it would take to refine a dan which he had never refined using the Refining Simulation Technique.

"Hei hei, I didn't take long, did I?" stated Chen Xiang.

"You don't need to worry about it, you didn't lag by too much. Comparing the results of the previous two dans, you are in the lead. But if the Baptizing Bone Dans you have refined are fewer in number, you will definitely lose to me! You need at least three Baptizing Bone Dans to defeat me!" Li Baojun cracked a faint smile. He also knew the Refining Simulation Technique. So, he knew very well that when refining

unfamiliar dans using the Refining Simulation Technique, the number of dans refined would not be much because it was very difficult to control.

Hearing Li Baojun, Chen Xiang promptly open the lid and took out six Baptizing Bone Dans!

"Senior Li, please check them!" Chen Xiang slightly smiled. His eyes flickered with joy. He was feeling rather satisfied for defeating a high-level alchemist like Li Baojun.

At the sight of six glittering brownish red dans, Li Baojun was shocked silly. He suspected that Chen Xiang had long learned to refine Baptizing Bone Dan, otherwise, how could he refine so many on his first try.

Of course, he didn't know that when Chen Xiang would refine dans, his would try not to waste even a bit. Therefore, no matter under what circumstances, he could put the herbs to a complete use and refine as many dans as possible.

Hua Xiangyue was only a little surprised. She was already numbed to Chen Xiang's surprising deeds. She said with a cute laugh, "It seems I don't need to participate."

Li Baojun slumped down to the ground on his ass and heaved a sigh facing skyward. All of a sudden, he had grown a lot older. He never thought that he, who had delved in alchemy for so many years, would lose to a greenhorn kid. Furthermore, he would lose so miserably. He had been thoroughly defeated by Chen Xiang.

Taking out all the dans he and Chen Xiang had refined just now, Li Baojun handed them to Chen Xiang and said, "Take them, you win! You have passed the test, this herb garden is yours. For this herb garden to have a master like you is for the best."

After taking the dans, Chen Xiang gave his thanks.

"Senior Li, what are you planning to do next? You have been here for far too long, you should leave. Although the Three Realms Great Battle is about to begin, you should go out and take a look at the world. It might not be a bad thing," said Chen Xiang.

Li Baojun nodded in agreement as he said, "I will leave. After having competed with you, I have learned many things. Next time we meet again, I will definitely beat you."

Having said this, Li Baojun left this underground herb garden through a one-time teleportation array.