

## Supreme MK 261

### Chapter 261: Invitation to Yanhua Pool\_I

Elder Yu certainly understood the hidden meaning in Yang Chen's words, and said coldly: "Young Master Yang Chen, you must think it through carefully. Countless geniuses cry and beg to enter my Huangshan Sect. Being able to join the Outer Sect is already a great condition. What more do you want? Keep in mind that your talent is only third-class after all, and your future is limited. No matter who invites you, they will only invite you to join the Outer Sect!"

In fact, when he came to woo Yang Chen, he did not deliberately want to pull Yang Chen into the Outer Sect. It's not a big deal if he specially pulls a disciple into the Outer Sect.

What he valued was that Yang Chen could enter the Selection Competition, which could bring a lot of benefits to their Huangshan Sect.

Yang Chen waved his hand: "Elder Yu doesn't need to say more. If it's the Outer

Sect, Yang Chen will never accept it under any circumstances."

Are you kidding?

Giving alms?

Let alone the Outer Sect, even if Huangshan Sect opened a position for him as a direct disciple of the Sect Leader, he might not necessarily agree. With his experience and knowledge from his previous life, he really wouldn't care about this mere Huangshan Sect. What he wanted was a place where he could settle his past grudge with He Yunxiao given enough time.

If not for that, he really didn't intend to join any of these sects.

Elder Yu obviously felt that Yang Chen was too proud and arrogant. He sneered: "Young Master Yang Chen, I didn't expect that with your limited skills, you have quite high standards."

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen's expression became serious: "As you said, Elder Yu, although I am not very capable, my vision is indeed high. Speaking of which, according to what I've heard, your Huangshan Sect's primary focus is alchemy?"

"So what if it is? When it comes to alchemy, hmph, most of the elixirs in the Beishan Main City's chambers of commerce come from my Huangshan Sect. Even the other Five Sects have to give us face in some aspects." Elder Yu boasted.

He wasn't making things up.

Huangshan Sect mainly focused on alchemy, and most of the alchemy in North

Mountain County was indeed from Huangshan Sect. As long as they didn't serve Huangshan Sect well and the elixirs were not sold to them, the strength of the other sects would suffer greatly.

Therefore, many geniuses were quite eager to join Huangshan Sect.

Although Huangshan Sect's cultivation level for geniuses was average, they had many elixirs, and getting a few would probably benefit them for life.

Yang Chen had no interest in listening to the self-praises of Elder Yu. When it came to alchemy, there were probably only a handful of people who could boast in front of him on the entire continent, and Huangshan Sect certainly did not qualify.

He spoke bluntly: "If that's the case, it's a coincidence. If the Huangshan Sect also focuses on alchemy, then it should pay great attention to talents in the Alchemy Lineage."

"Exactly, what's the matter?" Elder Yu said lazily.

"Well, I can relax now. I hope that when Elder Yu sees me again tomorrow, he can still offer me this simple Outer Sect condition." Yang Chen said calmly: "It just so happens that I know a little about

alchemy techniques. Assessment site number forty-two for alchemy basics, I hope Elder Yu can be there on time!”

Elder Yu didn't know what kind of trick Yang Chen was playing, so he frowned, then immediately turned his head and walked away.

Could it be that Yang Chen could also refine elixirs?

But today, his impression of Yang Chen was so poor that he didn't think Yang Chen could have any great prospects.

After Elder Yu had left, Elder Luo from Yanhua Pool smiled: “Young Master

Yang Chen really has a great temper. He even managed to drive away Elder Yu.”

“Senior from Yanhua Pool, you don't need to mock me.” Upon seeing Elder Luo's smiles and frowns, Yang Chen maintained his composure. It was said that all women in Yanhua Pool were thorny roses. Although they looked coquettishly enchanting on the surface, once they started, not many men would not suffer a loss.

Otherwise, why do you think Zhou Haoran would arrange Yunxi into Yanhua Pool?

Luoxing Beauty smiled: “It's simple. My surname is Luo, representing Yanhua

Pool. I want to invite you, Young Master Yang Chen, to join us.”

“Senior Luo, did you misjudge my gender? Isn't Yanhua Pool only for women?” Yang Chen was confused.

Luoxing Beauty said playfully, “There are exceptions, you know. Although we rarely accept male disciples in Yanhua Pool, we do accept them. But there are some conditions after accepting them. Otherwise, without rules, how can we establish a sect and lineage?”

“Senior, don’t tell me that the condition is that if I join the sect, I must lead a celibate life.” Yang Chen laughed: “If that’s the case, I will never agree.”

Luoxing Beauty chuckled: “Young Master Yang is thinking too much. Of course not. It’s just that after joining Yanhua Pool, you must wear women’s clothing. Of course, this is only limited to the sect. Even if people laugh at you, it’s only among your sisters within the sect. Once in the outside world, you can wear whatever you want. This is a rule set by our Ancestor Master!”

Having said this, Luoxing Beauty smiled: “What do you think, Young Master Yang? Although this arrangement is a bit unfair to you, our Yanhua Pool is never short of girls. If you really join, making those unpopular senior and junior sisters happy, marrying three wives and four concubines is quite normal.”

Yang Chen laughed: “What exactly does Senior see in me? My martial arts cultivation doesn’t seem to be good enough.”

“To tell the truth, Young Master Yang Chen, your performance in Divine Soul

Power today really amazed me. Our Yanhua Pool focuses mainly on the

Spiritual Soul Lineage. With your talents in Divine Soul Power, joining our Yanhua Pool will definitely have a bright future.” Luoxing Beauty smiled: “I can even offer Young Master Yang the condition of entering the Inner Sect!”

This gave Zhou Haoran, who was standing nearby, a glimmer of hope. He immediately used Sound Transmission to say: “Young Master Yang, you can consider it. Inner Sect conditions, joining it is absolutely not a bad thing. What’s more, I’m still worried about my Yunxi. If you enter, you can at least take some care of her, right?”

Yang Chen couldn’t help laughing. Were they asking him to wear women’s clothing? What a joke!

Does he want face or not?

Yang Chen said bitterly: “I need to think about this matter.”

Think about what? He had no intention of agreeing at all, but out of politeness, he didn't outright refuse.

This made the Luoxing Beauty look at Yang Chen resentfully, and then breathed out lightly: "Young Master Yang, you must think it over carefully. Your talent in Divine Soul Power is wasted if you don't join our Yanhua Pool."

"I will definitely consider it carefully and not be vague." Yang Chen quickly said, for fear of offending the Luoxing Beauty.

There was no other way; the resentful gaze of this woman was really hard for people to adapt to.

With much difficulty, Yang Chen finally convinced Luoxing Beauty to leave, and it was obvious that she had really taken a fancy to Yang Chen's talent in the Spiritual Soul Lineage. However, he didn't have any talent in that area, as the soul power he possessed came from the Fishpeople Tribe's Divine Soul

Furthermore, joining Yanhua Pool was absolutely impossible for him..

Chapter 262: Exceptional Material!\_I

Just like that, time seemed to fly by, and in the blink of an eye, the second day arrived.

As expected, Yang Chen arrived at the alchemy assessment site.

Comparatively speaking, there were fewer people participating in the alchemy assessment than the martial arts one. However, there were still quite a number of them. When Yang Chen arrived at the assessment site, there were at least a hundred people.

At the moment, time was very close to the start of the assessment, and many examiners and judges were ready.

Compared to the martial arts assessment, there were more examiners in the alchemy assessment.

That's because alchemy is not like martial arts. Both the techniques and the skills are man-made, and many examiners and judges are needed to appraise and clearly verify a person's alchemy level in various aspects.

The Chief Examiner was fully prepared. Seeing that it was about time, and the examinees had all arrived, he coughed twice and said, "Before the assessment begins, let me explain the rules for this alchemy assessment. It's different from the martial arts assessment – there are three alchemy assessments in total!"

As the Chief Examiner spoke, his expression became more and more serious.

With a stern gaze, he said authoritatively, "These three assessments consist of

Material Collection, Fire Control, and the final Pill Refinement!"

"As for the Material Collection assessment, it's very simple. We will provide different elixir recipes, and you have to extract the materials required for refining the elixirs from the recipes. Some materials may need to be replaced, and a variety of others may be involved. If you want to satisfy the judges, you must be meticulous and comprehensive!" the Chief Examiner stated with an indifferent expression.

"Everyone knows about the Fire Control assessment. We will provide a pill furnace that is about to explode, and what is being tested is purely your fire control technique. The better your fire control technique, the more you can gradually reverse the situation with the exploding furnace, making it more and more stable. If your fire control is inadequate, the furnace will explode!"

"As for the Pill Refinement assessment, we examiners and judges will provide a pill formula, and you will refine a specific elixir. The final results will be determined based on the refinement results!"

"Each assessment is divided into first-class and nine-class. If you get a full score, it's called a special class."

The Chief Examiner thought about it and saw there was nothing more to add, so he crossed his arms and spoke in a rough tone, "Alright, let's proceed with the Material Collection assessment. I'll read the names of the candidates, and you'll come forward to perform."

In an instant, the youths seemed eager to give it a try.

Even the elders from the sects that had come to assess alchemy geniuses were attentively watching, ready to see if there were any promising talents worth recruiting.

Comparatively, the Huangshan Sect had more elders attending as they mainly focused on alchemy. Elder Yu, who had a minor conflict with Yang Chen yesterday, was also present.

Elder Yu could guess Yang Chen's provocation from thinking about it last night, and sure enough, he saw Yang Chen among the many alchemy youths in the No.42 testing site today.

"This kid actually has some achievements in alchemy. But he shouldn't think that a countryside standard of alchemy can impress me, right? Humph, it's not that easy to be accepted as a disciple of alchemy in our Huangshan Sect," Elder Yu snorted coldly, not taking it seriously.

The Huangshan Sect had no shortage of alchemists, and their standards for recruiting alchemy genius talents were much higher than those of other sects.

He didn't think Yang Chen could achieve anything outstanding, so today, he came here partly for the assessment and partly to see how Yang Chen would embarrass himself.

In addition to the Huangshan Sect, elders from several other sects were also watching the assessment.

After all, those top alchemy geniuses were worth recruiting for their sects. Who wouldn't want to have an Alchemy Master in their sect?

"Wang Mingyang, Material Collection assessment, fifth-class!" "Luo Jing, Material Collection assessment, fourth-class!"

"Third-class!"

“Second-class!”

Some alchemy geniuses achieved outstanding second-class results in the Material Collection assessment, causing a stir among the crowd. Obtaining a second-class score in Material Collection was not an easy task, as it meant this genius was well-versed in the basics of alchemy.

Soon, it was Yang Chen’s turn.

Upon hearing his name being called by the examiner, Yang Chen walked quickly to the front with his hands behind his back. Looking at the neatly placed complex materials together with the elixir formulas written on the examination paper, he couldn’t help but click his tongue in admiration.

There were ten second-grade elixirs in total. He was to extract the materials required for refining these elixirs within the stipulated time.

This assessment tested the foundational knowledge of the geniuses. Even if these elixirs were not obscure, it was very difficult to accurately select the required materials from the array of materials available and to ensure they were correct. That’s because, while they knew the names of some materials, they might not have seen what they actually looked like.

It resulted in many geniuses only achieving a second-class score in Material Collection, which was considered quite outstanding.

However, this was like child’s play for Yang Chen.

“Obtaining the materials for ten second-grade elixirs is really too easy,” Yang

Chen shook his head.

Seeing those materials he was so familiar with, his movements were smooth and extremely skilled, as if he had done it countless times before. He quickly and accurately classified the materials into ten portions and labeled the corresponding elixir names on the table to satisfy the judges.

Although the assessment had a time limit of the duration of a single incense stick, Yang Chen had completed it in less than thirty percent of the allotted time, clapping his hands and saying, "I'm done."

Seeing Yang Chen finish, the Chief Examiner was stunned. "Are you sure?"

Yang Chen nodded.

The Chief Examiner thought Yang Chen was another candidate who had given up in the face of the difficulty in Material Collection. He sighed, ready to clean up. However, upon closer look, he was instantly dumbfounded by the neatly placed materials on the table corresponding to the elixir names.

Not only him, but the judges were also equally astonished!

This caused the Chief Examiner to take a deep breath and swallow hard.

As an Alchemy Master himself, he could clearly see that Yang Chen's performance in the Material Collection assessment was flawless and impeccable.

Thinking of this, the Chief Examiner said, "Fellow judges, what scores do you give?"

"Special class!"

"I also give him a special class!"

Immediately, more than a dozen judges spoke up with their decisions.

As they had no grudges against Yang Chen, they naturally spoke the truth, and there would be no cheating or favoritism in the assessment at Beishan Main City.

The Chief Examiner thought for a moment and said directly, "I also give a special class.. Since it's unanimous, Yang Chen, my friend, congratulations on achieving a special class score in the Material Collection section!"

Chapter 263: Playing with the Leftovers\_I

When the exceptional result appeared, the whole scene was in an uproar. Many forces trying to win over Alchemy Geniuses started to get unsettled.

'Exceptional' is a dazzling word.

That's because, many times, it is basically impossible for exceptional results to appear in alchemy assessments! This represents that in this link, the alchemist did it flawlessly, almost without a single flaw, just now can it be called exceptional.

But that's just being 'called' exceptional.

Being called exceptional, and actually getting exceptional, are two different concepts.

For example, among more than a dozen judges, if you are only theoretically exceptional, you may encounter a good-tempered one who gives you an exceptional score, or encounter a picky one who doesn't give you an exceptional score, who do you go to reason with?

But more than a dozen judges, plus the Chief Tester, all gave exceptional scores.

That means Yang Chen did it so well that more than a dozen judges had nothing to say! It has already gone beyond theoretical perfection, it's true perfection, with no one able to find any faults.

The most awkward expression was that of Elder Yu from the Huangshan Sect. At this moment, he stood there, staring blankly at the scene, a little unable to react to what was happening. Was Yang Chen actually an Alchemy Genius?

The key point is that Yang Chen obtained another exceptional result.

When he was being assessed in martial arts, he got one exceptional result after another.

Now another exceptional result?

Did this little guy have a thing with exceptional results? That's not how it works.

It's worth mentioning that the Luo-surnamed beauty from Yanhua Pool was also here.

She heard that Yang Chen was going to participate in the alchemy assessment yesterday, so she simply came here since she had nothing to do with it. She was just going to watch these little guys refine elixirs to pass the time. As a result, who would have known that Yang Chen's performance would shock her jaw-droppingly?

Although she didn't know much about alchemy, she knew the meaning of exceptional.

Thinking of this, the Luo-surnamed beauty murmured: "When I first saw this kid, I knew there was something interesting about this little guy, the more I look, the more pleasant he seems. Turns out this kid not only has strong Divine Soul Power but is also an Alchemy Genius."

Yang Chen's material selection assessment undoubtedly stirred up waves.

The most frustrated one was the genius alchemist who obtained a second-class result, whose score was completely suppressed by Yang Chen.

In this way, after the material selection assessment, Yang Chen undoubtedly became the most eye-catching member in the field of alchemy.

Following that, it was the second level, the Fire Control Assessment.

The Fire Control Assessment doesn't take too much time compared to material selection. It typically takes about the time it takes for a cup of tea to assess one, and those who are fast may even finish before they fully control the fire.

It can't be helped, the Fire Control assessment is difficult, even harder than material selection.

Because the pill furnace used in the assessment is specially prepared, it's on the verge of exploding due to an imbalance in fire control. If the candidate's fire control skills are not enough, they cannot save the dying pill furnace with their fire control skills.

Many geniuses stepped up, and with a bang, the pill furnace exploded.

Fortunately, a prohibition was set up on the pill furnace, so the explosion was just an illusion. However, it was true that these geniuses failed in fire control.

Soon, it was Yang Chen's turn to play.

Yang Chen's appearance undoubtedly became the focus of the whole audience.

Everyone was curious whether this young man, who was able to get exceptional results in the material selection stage, could perform well in the fire control stage?

"In fact, there is a part of luck in the material selection stage, some geniuses just happen to encounter the elixirs they are familiar with. Yang Chen is just like that, just happened to encounter the elixirs he is familiar with, that's why he can get those materials out so flawlessly. In my opinion, the exceptional result in the material selection assessment is just a fluke!"

"Fire Control is a legitimate assessment of whether the alchemist's foundation is solid!"

"If he doesn't do well in this assessment, hehe, it means that this kid's alchemy talent is just average, otherwise, how could he be unaware of the importance of fire control?"

Elder Yu of the Huangshan Sect frowned, not knowing whether he wanted Yang Chen's performance to be excellent or not.

Yang Chen didn't care what others thought or the discussions of others. At this moment, looking at the collapsing pill furnace, he made a virtual grasp with his hand. Immediately, a ball of flame was born out of thin air, transformed by his True Qi, directly rushing into the bottom of the pill furnace. "What a rigid alchemy technique, not complicated at all!" "Did this kid never learn any alchemy techniques?"

"Too rigid, can this kid succeed?"

"Why does it look like this kid's understanding of fire control doesn't even reach the basics?"

At first glance, Yang Chen's fire control technique was indeed not fancy, very methodical, as if a novice was controlling the fire.

And this is indeed Yang Chen's fire control technique.

Because fire control itself is a rigorous task, being complicated is ultimately just an appearance. The essence of fire control is actually control and understanding of the temperature. That is fire control. If one only goes for complexity in controlling fire, the meaning of complexity is merely fancy.

For Yang Chen, fire control never needed those fancy appearances.

On the contrary, many fire control novices have a sense that only by playing with fire that creates flowers can they be regarded as having a deep understanding of fire control. However, these people don't know that playing with fire that creates flowers is what Yang Chen had played with and discarded.

Yang Chen's understanding of fire control had already reached another level. It's not an exaggeration to say that it had returned to simplicity.

Thinking about this, he became more focused. In just a few breaths, the pill furnace seemed to behave itself as if it was going to collapse and then turned around in an instant. It became even more stable afterwards.

Not only did the pill furnace stop shaking, but in a short period of time, the elixir used for testing emitted a pill fragrance.

This made the judges lose their color one by one.

The elixir used for testing was designed to explode the furnace, which can be said to be a basically dead elixir. Did Yang Chen save it with his fire control technique and refine it again?

It's not that this is impossible, but it is unthinkable to finish it in such a short time.

It's like saving a critically injured person in the blink of an eye.

"It's done." Yang Chen stood up. Since he had refined even the dead elixir, it was naturally over.

When Yang Chen stood up, the judges and examiners were all stunned.

In a short period of time, the judges who reacted one after another shouted: "Exceptional!"

"My score is exceptional too!"

"Exceptional!"

Looking at it, these judges had unanimously and without exception given Yang Chen exceptional results.

They had no choice but to admit that they had been racking their brains, trying to find a reason not to give Yang Chen exceptional results!

The Chief Examiner had a stiff-faced moment then, seeing the pill furnace still emitting pill fragrance, he gave a bitter smile: "Exceptional!"

Nobody was not surprised.

Because, as many sessions of alchemy assessments had been held, there had rarely been any monsters like Yang Chen..

Chapter 264: How About Betrothing Her to Him? 1

Already, quite a few sects and forces have set their sights on Yang Chen.

Although the dual special grade is not enough to make these sects and forces scramble to win him over, it is certain that they are starting to pay attention and observe Yang Chen. As long as Yang Chen performs excellently in the third round of assessment, it would be a sure thing to win him over.

“Just who is this Yang Chen?”

“I’ve never heard of someone with such an amazing alchemy talent before.”

“That’s something you probably don’t know. This Yang Chen chose to take both the alchemy and martial arts exams. It’s worth mentioning that this kid fares poorly in the martial arts exam, though. He has only a third-tier talent for the Fourth Level of Spirit Martial Realm cultivation. This sort of excessive growth in martial arts has already been eliminated by many major sects and been blacklisted.’

“However, what’s interesting is that his alchemy talent is so astonishing. This is quite unexpected.”

Among those who paid special attention to Yang Chen, there was also the beautiful woman with the Luo surname from Yanhua Pool.

Today, Madam Luo had come to the assessment site and brought her own disciple with her. Upon closer inspection, it could be seen that her disciple was a young girl aged seventeen or eighteen, wearing green gauze and looking pure and untainted, like lotus leaves in a pond, indescribably charming.

Although the young girl could not be described as a peerless beauty, calling her a beautiful woman was not an exaggeration.

Madam Luo stared at Yang Chen in the field, stroking her chin, and asked thoughtfully, "Huawu, what do you think of Young Master Yang? Do you think he would make a good husband?"

"He does look quite good." MO Huawu pouted and laughed.

Madam Luo rolled her eyes: "I asked you to look at him as a person, not at his appearance."

MO Huawu smiled and said, "Master, don't be mad, I was just joking. You've also told me about Young Master Yang. His achievements in the soul aspect are extraordinary, and most importantly, his performance today shows that he has a truly outstanding talent in alchemy! As for being a husband... Master, what do you think?"

Madam Luo rubbed her eyebrows: "Although his martial arts cultivation path has been blocked by his own excessive growth, he is indeed extremely talented in alchemy. If you were to marry him, you must never look down on him and support him for life. With his alchemy accomplishments, this would be beneficial to you for the rest of your life."

Seeing that her master was serious, MO Huawu's face turned red: "Master, are you serious?"

"Nonsense, of course I'm serious. Hurry up and get ready. We must win Yang

Chen over to our Yanhua Pool no matter what!" Madam Luo waved her hand.

"Master, are you kidding? Our Yanhua Pool doesn't focus on alchemy." MO Huawu was puzzled.

Madam Luo smiled: "Are you slow-witted? Who wouldn't want to have a future alchemy master in their family?"

What a joke.

Having an alchemy master would benefit the entire sect. It's just a pity that the alchemy geniuses in the past were all taken by the Huangshan Sect. However, hehe, the Elder Yu of Huangshan Sect had a quarrel with Yang Chen yesterday. It wouldn't be so easy for Elder Yu to win Yang Chen over now.

Since that's the case, why wouldn't their Yanhua Pool take advantage of this opportunity and seize the opening?

MO Huawu was naturally obedient to her master. Even if her master asked her to marry Yang Chen, she wouldn't frown. She replied immediately, "Yes, Master, I'll go get ready now. By the way, Master, is there anything specific I need to prepare?"

"Something specific to prepare? Well... there is one thing." Madam Luo smiled as she glanced at MO Huawu. MO HuaWu's pretty face flushed, "Master, why are you staring at me like that?"

"Why? Just remember to dress yourself up nicely. After this assessment is over, I'll take you to meet Yang Chen," said Luoxing Beauty.

Hearing this, MO HuaWu was dumbfounded and immediately revealed her girly charm, "Ma...Master, I'll go get ready now."

She thought her master was joking.

But now it seemed that her master really meant it when she asked her to dress up nicely.

Seeing Luoxing Beauty's urgent attempt to get close to Yang Chen, Elder Yu, who was by her side, said with great displeasure, "Ahem, Elder Luo, this third assessment is the most crucial. It's where we see the key to an Alchemist's talent. You're so eager to get close to him, aren't you afraid that this kid will underperform in the third round?"

He was the most frustrated, and seeing Luoxing Beauty so flustered, he didn't mind throwing in some sarcastic remarks.

Luoxing Beauty smirked, “Elder Yu, opportunities are reserved for those who are prepared. Otherwise, by the time you see this little guy’s talent and try to get close to him, it may already be too late. Hehe, besides, I like this little guy and want to take him in as an adopted son. What’s wrong with that?”

Elder Yu snorted and stopped talking.

Nowadays, with the end of the second level of the assessment, the third round has naturally begun.

The Chief Tester with his hands behind his back, his tone serious and expression heavy, said, “This third round of assessment is the most critical link in testing your Alchemy talent. Our Beishan Main City’s Chief Alchemist, Master Hu Dan, will develop a new and obscure second-grade elixir for the basic assessment’s third round assessment topic in each alchemy assessment! Of course, the elixir is only a second-grade, not difficult to refine, so there is no need to worry.”

“Of course, don’t take your chances. You’ve never seen this elixir before. We’ll prepare five sets of materials for you and give you the pill formula. The less materials you can use and the better the results of the elixir you refine, the better your alchemy talent! We’ll also grade your test accordingly based on your performance.”

An Alchemist, after a long time refining a certain elixir, naturally wants to refine it to whatever desired quality.

But it’s different now.

This time, they give you the pill formula and let you learn it on the spot!

For many alchemists, this is almost an impossible task because even with the pill formula, it is difficult for many alchemists to refine an elixir within five tries.

This is the test of an Alchemist’s talent to see how adaptable you are.

“In this assessment, all of you will participate together. Now take out your pill furnaces. Remember to use ordinary pill furnaces and flames. Examiner Wang, distribute the materials and pill formulas.” The Chief Tester instructed.

Upon hearing this, Examiner Wang naturally didn't hesitate and handed out the materials and pill formulas.

Yang Chen received the pill formula for the so-called 'Chi Lian Dan' and took a quick glance, losing interest almost immediately.

This wasn't weird at all.

In his previous life, he had developed countless elixirs that shocked the continent, and those elixirs were even difficult to measure with grades. Naturally, they were not comparable to this mere second-grade elixir. In fact, when refining elixirs, even the most innovative ones still follow the same principles.

For such an obviously second-grade elixir, even without the pill formula, he could instantly analyze dozens of materials to refine the elixir just by being told its effects.

Now that he had the pill formula, refining it was as if it were child's play for him..

Chapter 265: Destroying Three Furnaces in a

Row 1

Even without the experiences from his previous life, with his pure alchemy talent, his understanding and comprehension of alchemy, refining a mere second-grade elixir would be a piece of cake for him. The pill quality would definitely be top-notch. Otherwise, he would not have been able to dominate the world of alchemy in his previous life at the mere age of twenty.

Of course, if he showed such a performance right from the start, it would be too astonishing. After weighing the pros and cons, Yang Chen decided to slow down his pace. There were many ways to become an overnight sensation, so there was no need to reveal too much of his expertise.

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, Yang Chen appeared very calm.

Only when the alchemy geniuses started to refine their pills in a hurry, Yang Chen leisurely put away the pill formula, and then meticulously selected the materials and threw them into the pill furnace for refining!

Not long after, there was a loud bang accompanied by a fragrant aroma as a genius encountered a pill refining failure.

In the blink of an eye, numerous pill refining failures occurred.

This disheartened many geniuses, as it was difficult to control the rhythm of pill formation when refining a pill for the first time. "Eh, someone has successfully made a pill!"

"It's the pill fragrance!"

The genius who successfully refined the Chi Lian Dan elixir was ecstatic. He quickly removed the pill, which turned out to be a dark gray elixir.

This left the judges shaking their heads, unsatisfied with the result.

Obviously, this pill's quality was not up to par, and it was merely a half-finished product.

Even though this genius managed to refine the Chi Lian Dan successfully, the pill's quality was subpar, and it could only be considered a fluke. This did not represent anything.

Everyone's eyes remained on Yang Chen, wondering how this genius, who had scored exceptionally well in the previous two assessments, would perform in this crucial third assessment.

With calm and composed demeanor, Yang Chen's first furnace of pills showed results after the other geniuses completed their first round of refinement. An unpleasant smell filled the air, and black smoke emerged from the pill furnace.

“The pill is destroyed!”

“He failed!”

This caused several elders from the sects who had high hopes for Yang Chen to narrow their eyes. Yang Chen’s first attempt at pill refining had failed!

“As expected, even a genius would find it impossible to succeed on the first attempt when refining a new kind of elixir.”

Although Yang Chen’s pill refining failure disappointed many, it was a reasonable outcome, and no one thought it was a surprising event. However, what followed left the crowd with mixed expressions.

Because in the second attempt...

Yang Chen also destroyed the pill.

“He also destroyed the pill in his second attempt?”

“What’s going on?”

“Is it possible that Yang Chen only relied on luck in the previous two assessments and doesn’t have any real alchemy talent?”

Everyone knew that there were shortcuts in the previous two assessments, but there were none in the third one. This was because the elixir had never been seen before. It was a newly created elixir that even the examiners in Beishan Main City were unaware of until they received the pill formula, let alone the candidates.

So, if you could quickly refine the Chi Lian Dan, it would indicate your alchemy talent.

As of now, although most geniuses still failed in their attempts, some talented alchemists successfully refined the elixir during their second attempt with low-quality results. Yet, wasn't this still better than not being able to refine at all?

Yang Chen's failure to refine the Chi Lian Dan in his second attempt left many disappointed. Could it be that his genius was just a flash in the pan? Were his excellent scores in the previous two assessments mere flukes?

What they didn't know was what Yang Chen was thinking.

Yang Chen remained calm and composed, not the least bit anxious or frustrated by his pill refining failures because it was all intentional. He had no intention of refining the Chi Lian Dan so early. It would be too shocking if he succeeded on the first attempt and produced a flawless pill. He wasn't in a hurry and wanted to slow down a bit.

Then, he began refining the third furnace elixir.

As the fragrant aroma filled the air and black smoke rose from the pill furnace, the crowd focused their gaze on the scene, only to see Yang Chen destroying yet another pill in the third attempt.

This made many people sigh secretly and shook their heads incessantly.

"I thought we finally had a top-tier alchemy genius, but it turns out he couldn't hold up in the third assessment."

"Whether someone is a waste in alchemy or not will be revealed in this third assessment. Yang Chen has destroyed pills in three consecutive attempts, which indicates he probably doesn't have alchemy talent. He is not worth pursuing with such talent."

This caused Elder Yu from Huangshan Sect to chuckle, "This kid loves to take shortcuts. His martial artist assessment was like this too, and now the Way of Alchemy is the same. Although I don't know how he obtained those excellent scores in the first two assessments, based on this vital third assessment, it is evident that he did not rely on his talent. I wonder what tricks he used, hmph!"

“Oh, by the way, Elder Luo, I’m afraid you’ll be disappointed this time. This kid, haha, doesn’t seem to have much alchemy talent. Your alchemy genius, whom you held high hopes for, seems to be nothing more than a useless person. We have plenty of these so-called ‘geniuses’ in our Huangshan Sect Outer Sect. If your Yanhua Pool is really that desperate, we wouldn’t mind sending a few to you. Of course, the prerequisite is that you have to exchange them with girls from your Yanhua Pool, haha.” Elder Yu changed the subject and laughed at the beautiful woman with the Luo surname.

Seeing Yang Chen’s pill refining results turn out so disastrously and hearing Elder Yu’s provocative words, the Luoxing Beauty snorted coldly, giving Yang Chen a deep glance, feeling that something was off.

She had never expected such a result from Yang Chen’s pill refinement.

However, she did not think that Yang Chen’s abilities were just limited to this, as she had not seen any panic in his eyes. Even if he was more mature, he wouldn’t be this calm after failing three consecutive attempts in such a situation, right?

As people discussed Yang Chen’s pill refining results, with some mocking or feeling disappointed, Yang Chen remained seated calmly on the ground.

Although he didn’t know what the people on the viewing platform were saying, he could guess from their reactions.

Not to mention others, the alchemy geniuses beside him had gloating expressions and sneered as they watched his poor results. Some even spoke sarcastic words without any qualms.

Yang Chen turned a blind eye to all this. At this point, he finally leisurely put the fourth batch of materials into the pill furnace and began refining. It was time to show some real skills from the fourth furnace onward..

Chapter 266: Hurry and Prepare\_I

At the moment when Yang Chen was indeed placing the materials for the third furnace elixir, the other geniuses had already used up all five portions of their materials, and the judges and chief examiners had begun to announce the results.

“Wang Chaoming, third item’s assessment, fourth class!” “Liu Hong, third item’s assessment, sixth class!”

“Fifth class!”

“Third class!”

As the results came out one by one, some geniuses were pleasantly surprised, while others were disappointed.

Now that it had come to this point, there were only a few dozen geniuses left on the field who were still racking their brains to refine elixirs, and Yang Chen was one of them. However, he appeared extremely relaxed, showing no signs of tension at all.

This made many people feel that Yang Chen was just putting on a show and trying to attract attention.

By this time, many sect elders and scouts had given up on Yang Chen, and only a few people were still observing the results of Yang Chen’s fourth furnace elixir. For example, Mrs. Luo still had some expectations for Yang Chen.

The chief examiner and the judges still felt the same way, but unfortunately, when they thought of Yang Chen’s first three furnaces all resulting in ruined pills, they all sighed and shook their heads.

As judges, they naturally had experience and thoughts. Generally, if one couldn’t successfully refine an elixir after three furnaces, it meant that the genius was just ordinary, and the result of the fourth furnace wouldn’t be much better. Even if it was good enough to be refined by luck, it would only be a semi-finished elixir at best, so what?

However, just as these judges’ thoughts fell, suddenly, a rich pill fragrance wafted out.

“Who has successfully refined a pill?”

“Quick, see who has refined a pill, such a strong pill fragrance, the quality of the elixir coming out of the furnace shouldn’t be too bad!”

The judges followed the fragrance and as they saw its source, their eyes widened in shock because the source of the pill fragrance was none other than Yang Chen, whom they had all given up on. “Yang Chen has successfully refined a pill?”

“It seems so.”

Although the people on the viewing platform couldn’t smell the pill fragrance, they could tell from Yang Chen’s pat on his palms and the look of triumphant satisfaction that his Pill Refining process was done.

The chief examiner was somewhat pleased, as he had high hopes for Yang

Chen. He said at this moment, “Yang Chen, show us the quality of your elixir for us to have a look.”

Without any hesitation or delay, Yang Chen took out the Chi Lian Dan that he had successfully refined.

Upon seeing the material of this Chi Lian Dan, all the judges were slightly taken aback, because the Chi Lian Dan had a soft, smooth texture, and its exquisite appearance made people feel an urge to consume it. This was clearly the most perfect result and manifestation of elixir refinement.

Looking at the almost supreme-grade quality elixir, the judges glanced at each other and almost without any hesitation said, “First class!”

“I also give it a first class score.”

“Wait!”

Just as the judges were about to give their scores, Yang Chen suddenly burst into laughter and quickly raised his hand to stop them.

The chief examiner couldn't help but ask, "Yang Chen, what's wrong?"

Yang Chen sighed helplessly, "Well, examiner sir, there are still a few Chi Lian Dans in my furnace that I haven't taken out."

"What!"

Upon hearing this, the judges and examiners were all stunned.

They were so eager to give their scores, yet Yang Chen hadn't even taken all the elixirs out of the furnace. What did this mean? It meant that Yang Chen had refined not just one, but several supreme-grade quality Chi Lian Dans.

Unfortunately, this examination area was full of prohibitions, and even the most cunning old fellows couldn't probe into Yang Chen's pill furnace.

Having more elixirs inside the furnace meant that Yang Chen had refined more than one Chi Lian Dan at once!

At this point, Yang Chen undoubtedly became the focus of everyone's attention once again.

Yang Chen, on the other hand, calmly turned the pill furnace over, and immediately, an elixir fell into his palm.

Seeing another Chi Lian Dan of the same supreme-grade quality, everyone couldn't help but gasp in cold air.

But this wasn't the end.

Because, after the second pill, with a flap, another one popped out!

Just when everyone thought that the third pill was the end..

Yang Chen shook the pill furnace slightly, and immediately, the fourth Chi Lian Dan fell into his hands.

Four Chi Lian Dans, all of supreme grade and quality.

Upon seeing this scene, Mrs. Luo couldn't help but burst into giggles for a moment, her enchanting body trembling. Even if she were a fool, she would know that Yang Chen's so-called ruined furnaces in those first three attempts were actually a ruse.

It was all a pretense!

Otherwise, how could Yang Chen suddenly refine four elixirs in the fourth furnace? It was because Yang Chen had this ability from the beginning and simply didn't want to show off too much.

So how terrifying must this young man's alchemy talent be?

With this thought, Mrs. Luo smiled at Elder Yu of Huangshan Sect, who had an awkward expression and said, "Elder Yu, are you satisfied with the result now? Oh, I don't know if those two words you just mentioned about giving me two geniuses like Yang Chen are still valid? If so, our Yanhua Pool wouldn't mind asking for two more. Of course, the precondition is that your Huangshan Sect is willing to give away this alchemy genius?"

Elder Yu's expression changed rapidly, as if he had been slapped in the face. Recalling the words that Yang Chen had said to him yesterday, Elder Yu felt even more wronged.

If he had known earlier that Yang Chen's alchemy talent was so amazing, how could he have only offered Yang Chen an Outer Sect disciple's conditions? If their Huangshan Sect Leader found out that he had only offered an Outer Sect disciple's conditions to an alchemy genius, he might even have the heart to kill him.

Such a genius was more than enough to be a disciple of their Sect Leader.

With such alchemy talent, he could almost be called a demon.

At the thought of this, Elder Yu no longer cared about face and immediately said, "Quick, give orders, prepare everything you can and be sure to pull Yang Chen into our Huangshan Sect."

Many others had the same thoughts, and those sects were all rushed and hurriedly preparing, for fear of missing out on Yang Chen, an alchemy genius like this.

As for the judges at this time, they looked at each other, all knowing the original intention of Yang Chen's hidden incompetence.

They couldn't help but laugh and then helplessly said, "Special class!" "The same is special class!"

"Even our Master Hu, who personally created this Chi Lian Dan, only refined five supreme-grade Chi Lian Dans. This kid is just having his first contact with it, and he could actually refine four elixirs. With such talent, I, as an old man, have nothing to say but to give him a special class!"

All the judges, without exception, unanimously gave a special class score.

The chief examiner looked at Yang Chen with a wry smile and then coughed twice, "Yang Chen, my vounz friend, if you ever participate in another assessment, please don't pretend to be weak anymore, playing with people's hearts like this is really not a good thing."

Yang Chen grinned, knowing full well what the chief examiner's intentions were..

Chapter 267: Arrival of Various Sects\_I

He originally planned to be more low-key, so he only refined four Chi Lian Dan. If he had used his full skill, he could surpass the limit of five Chi Lian Dan refined from one furnace of materials and reach six or even seven.

Compared to his peak level, he had only refined four, which was quite a show of restraint. However, it seems that even so, his results were more shocking than he expected.

Of course, the Chief Examiner didn't seem angry at all. In fact, his seemingly reprimanding tone was meant to show friendliness and get closer to Yang Chen. As the Chief Examiner, he was on the side of Beishan Main City and was the first to have the chance to win over geniuses.

However, he was not as well-connected as those Sect Elders, and his vision could not possibly match theirs.

Being won over to Beishan Main City's side was not an easy task.

But Yang Chen had achieved top results in all three assessments...

Such talent was definitely worth winning over.

He now resolved to show his goodwill to Yang Chen, then report back to his superiors, and wait for their decision.

After all, when it came to winning over a genius, Beishan Main City had to be extremely cautious.

And so, the assessment finally came to an end.

Yang Chen's unbelievable performance in all three assessments set the Sect Elders who were observing the assessment on edge. Before the results were even announced, they left one after another to investigate Yang Chen's background and prepare what kind of persuasive arguments and treasures they would use to win him over.

No sect would mind having an Alchemy Master among them.

At this moment, the Chief Examiner, with hands on his back, slowly said, "Alright, today's basic assessment has ended. Those who scored higher than twelve in the three assessments combined are

considered failures and will not advance to the next round of selection competition. Now I shall announce the successful participants. Those who have not been called may leave.” Soon after, the failed genius contestants began to leave one after another.

Only a few dozen people remained.

Watching these successful contestants, the Chief Examiner whispered with the rest of the judges, seemingly discussing something.

Then, the Chief Examiner said, “Yang Chen, after consulting with the rest of the judges, we have decided that due to your exceptional performance, you may skip the Alchemy Selection Competition and directly enter the Knockout

Competition. When the date for the Knockout Competition is decided, Beishan

Main City will notify you!”

Yang Chen nodded.

Upon thinking more about it, it was clear that the Chief Examiner’s decision was a sign of goodwill towards him.

This made the geniuses nearby extremely envious, their eyes blazing with jealousy.

Allowing Yang Chen to skip the Alchemy Selection Competition and proceed

directly to the Knockout Competition was a well- thought-out decision made by the judges and examiners, with the aid of sound transmission and the agreement of a certain influential individual behind the scenes.

It was obvious that the selection competition would be meaningless for someone with Yang Chen’s level of skill in the three assessments.

Most importantly, they wanted to win Yang Chen over, and they were already going to find him, so they might as well use the opportunity to notify him about the knockout competition's start time to discuss the matter of winning him over.

After all, there couldn't be anything wrong with securing a genius like Yang Chen first.

As for whether or not to win him over, it would be up to those above to decide.

After the assessment ended, Yang Chen naturally returned to his residence.

He was more or less prepared for the Sects' attempts to win him over, but he never expected them to arrive so quickly, taking him by surprise.

He had just exchanged a few words with Zhou Haoran when Madam Luo from Yanhua Pool appeared at his residence with a beautiful girl, her cheeks blushing and a coy expression on her face. He didn't know what she meant by this.

"Yang Chen, my friend, it's only been a day and you've left me, your older sister, utterly astonished," Madam Luo said with a playful laugh.

MO Huawu, who was beside her, rolled her eyes. You were the one who wanted me to marry Yang Chen, but now you want to be his sister. If I really do marry him in the future, and considering that I am your disciple and he would be your younger brother, how would our relationship work?

Not giving it much thought, Madam Luo was clearly willing to go all out to win over Yang Chen now.

Seeing Madam Luo acting this way, Yang Chen knew her purpose and smiled wryly: "Senior Luo, you're too kind. What happened today was just a stroke of luck!"

"Luck? I don't think it was luck at all. Anyway, Young Master Yang, I won't beat around the bush. I'll get straight to the point, so you won't think I lack sincerity," said Madam Luo, her heart racing, afraid that

time was running out. She didn't even bother with pleasantries and hurriedly moved on to discussing the main issue.

However, before she could finish her words, a sudden 'Stop!' interrupted her.

This caused Madam Luo to frown, as the newcomer was none other than Elder Yu from Huangshan Sect.

With an unhappy expression, Madam Luo thought to herself, what a quick move Elder Yu had made! She had prepared in advance to arrive so quickly, yet Elder Yu, despite her swift preparations, was only two steps behind her.

Elder Yu could plainly see Madam Luo's displeasure at his arrival. However, he couldn't care less, as his purpose was to interrupt her attempt to win over Yang

Chen.

The key to winning over a genius was always to act first, and they couldn't afford to let others take the lead.

This thought was shared by more than just the two of them, Elder Yu and Madam Luo.

Shortly after Elder Yu arrived, one after another, seven or eight nameless martial artists arrived at Yang Chen's door, all of them possessing strong energy.

Naturally, Yang Chen couldn't refuse and allowed them to enter.

Seeing this scene, both Madam Luo and Elder Yu felt somewhat embarrassed. They had feared competing against each other, and now, in just a blink of an eye, so many people had arrived. How could they not feel the pressure?

Madam Luo let out a charming huff and said, "Since everyone is here, we must follow the principle of first come, first served. Let's not beat around the bush, as we all want to win over our young friend, Yang Chen. I arrived first, so it's natural for me to make my offer first."

"Madam Luo, that's not for you to say. It's up to Yang Chen to choose," a senior elder from the Linghe Sect stroked his beard and smiled.

Upon hearing the elder's interruption, Madam Luo let out a huff and then asked, "Young Master Yang, how would you like to choose?"

Chapter 268: Madly Rallying\_I

"Senior Luo, you go first," Yang Chen said helplessly.

Upon hearing this, Luoxing Beauty's eyes flashed with delight, and she looked triumphantly at the people around her, which infuriated them. The party who proposed the conditions first undoubtedly had various advantages.

Not wanting to waste any time, Luoxing Beauty smiled and said, "Young Master Yang, I offered my conditions yesterday, but in hindsight, they seem inadequate for someone like you. Now, without changing my original conditions, I'll add some benefits for you. If you're willing to join my Yanhua Pool, you'll be considered an elite disciple. If you're interested, you can even become an inner sect elder of Yanhua Pool and have the same status as me."

Yang Chen's performance today was outstanding; all three of his basic assessments were of exceptional quality.

Such talent was rare, having only appeared once in the history of North Mountain County's Genius Selection Competition.

The genius alchemist with that accomplishment resounded throughout North Mountain County for four hundred years, making a name for himself in alchemy. His alchemy insights and standards still benefited countless people after his passing. After that, there had been no one else who achieved three exceptional achievements in basic assessments, but with proper guidance, Yang Chen's potential could be boundless. Who wouldn't want him?

Upon saying this, Luoxing Beauty glanced at Yang Chen, who remained calm.

Unable to help herself, she clenched her shell teeth, “In addition to that, Young

Master Yang, you’ve seen the girl behind me, right? She’s my disciple, MO

HuaWu. HuaWu, greet Young Master Yang quickly!”

Not daring to be slow, MO HuaWu saluted, “HuaWu greets Young Master Yang!”

“If Yang Chen is willing to join Yanhua Pool, I’m willing to betroth my precious apprentice HuaWu to you. You don’t know that, aside from her talent, she also has a fortune-bringing ability. The most important thing is that HuaWu’s talent is top-notch in my Yanhua Pool, being the number one apprentice next to my sect leader’s direct disciple!”

Proudly, Luo Family Beauty continued, “MO HuaWu is only eighteen years old. She has reached the Spiritual Martial Realm 5th Level! In this basic assessment, she has achieved the excellent result of first-class talent.” Upon hearing this, everyone around gasped in awe.

Just eighteen years old and already reached the Spiritual Martial Realm 5th Level?

“Ms. Luo, you have truly found an excellent disciple,” someone complimented.

Upon hearing the praise, Luo Family Beauty snorted before saying, “Young Master Yang, my HuaWu is a few years older than you. If you’re ever bullied, she’ll be the first to stand up for you without hesitation. Most importantly, don’t you think you two make a great match? You focus on alchemy, while she focuses on martial arts – it’s a match made in heaven!”

Luoxing Beauty could almost hear her own voice crack in her effort to persuade

Yang Chen.

However, Yang Chen still showed no signs of agreeing.

This made Luoxing Beauty utterly anxious.

She had just asked her sect leader for advice. The moment her sect leader heard about Yang Chen's unique talent in alchemy, he insisted that Yang Chen must be brought into Yanhua Pool no matter what.

Anxious, Luo Family Beauty hastily added, "Young Master Yang, I promise that you can be in Yanhua Pool without needing to dress like a woman. Moreover, if you still think that's not enough, feel free to pursue any girl in Yanhua Pool. If you can win their hearts, I and HuaWu won't interfere with you having three wives and four concubines."

It was normal for men to have multiple wives, but the girls in Yanhua Pool were all extremely feisty. Catching their attention was no easy task.

Watching Luo Family Beauty offer such a great deal to win Yang Chen over, the surrounding sect elders couldn't help but shudder.

Luo Family Beauty was obviously prepared to make a big sacrifice.

Upon hearing this and seeing MO HuaWu, who was too embarrassed to even raise her head, Yang Chen couldn't help but feel a mix of amusement and frustration. "Senior Luo, I appreciate your kindness." "Don't just take my gratitude!" Mrs. Luo raised her hand and stared with her big eyes: "How is it enough for you to just accept my gratitude? Yang Chen, you won't even accept these conditions? Tell me what you want, as long as you want it, if I have it, I can give it to you!"

Yang Chen helplessly said: "Senior Luo, it's not that simple!"

"You..."

Mrs. Luo stomped her foot angrily, feeling extremely frustrated.

MO HuaWu also blinked her eyes, watching her master's disappointment, she couldn't help but feel a little disappointed. She and Yang Chen just met by chance and couldn't talk about any special feelings, but seeing her master disappointed, she carefully thought if it was her fault for not being excellent enough?

Seeing the opportunity, Elder Yu hurriedly said: "Young friend Yang Chen, about this... "

"Hehe, Elder Yu, I think I told you yesterday that you would come again today. It seems my words have come true?" Yang Chen said with a smile.

Elder Yu knew exactly what Yang Chen meant, took a deep breath, calmed his anger, and immediately said: "Yang Chen, it was my fault for looking down on you yesterday. But I didn't know about your talent in alchemy at that time. If I had known, I wouldn't have made such a mistake yesterday. I sincerely apologize to you here."

Seeing Elder Yu apologizing, Yang Chen didn't intend to push the matter any further and his anger subsided. He had already offended the Ming Emperor Sect for no reason and didn't want to cause trouble with the Huangshan Sect as well.

Elder Yu saw Yang Chen's anger subsiding and felt delighted, thinking that Yang Chen would choose their Huangshan Sect since it was a Sacred Land for Alchemy.

With this in mind, Elder Yu thought about the credit he would get for successfully drawing Yang Chen in and quickly said: "My friend Yang Chen, I feel deeply sorry for what happened yesterday. Our sect leader has promised that as long as you join our Huangshan Sect, he will immediately accept you as his direct disciple. You should know that our sect leader's achievements in alchemy are unparalleled. If you want to shine in the alchemy lineage, our Huangshan Sect is undoubtedly the best choice for you."

"In addition, as long as you wholeheartedly contribute to our Huangshan Sect, we will cover all the alchemy materials and various ancient pill formulas that other disciples can't learn, you will have the qualification to learn!"

These were the conditions he had offered after consulting with their Huangshan Sect leader, and he exaggerated them once again.

Yang Chen waved his hand: "Elder Yu, our enmity has been cancelled, but I

have no intention of joining the Huangshan Sect for the time being!"

Upon hearing this, Elder Yu was stunned.

What does this mean?

Yang Chen doesn't intend to join the Huangshan Sect?

He originally thought that Yang Chen's hesitation was because of him personally, but there was no anger in Yang Chen's eyes, which obviously had nothing to do with him. Yang Chen had no intention of joining their Huangshan Sect at all.

This made him hesitate on the spot, becoming somewhat anxious.

The elder of the Linghe Sect saw that the opportunity had come and hurried to open his mouth. He was extremely happy now, thinking that Yang Chen was neither interested in women nor in the orthodox alchemy of the Huangshan Sect, so what was he interested in? Their Linghe Sect might not have anything else, but they had plenty of Spirit Stones. Was Yang Chen interested in Spirit Stones?

Yang Chen stopped him before he could say anything: "Please wait, senior."

He couldn't help but laugh, originally intending to tactfully reject them one by one, but seeing that they were all sincere, it seemed that he could only state his true thoughts.

Except for Linghe Sect, Yanhua Pool, Huangshan Sect, as well as some other smaller sects' leaders and family heads, neither Ziyang Sect nor Ming Emperor Sect had sent anyone here. Yang Chen was not surprised by this. Both of these sects had some resentments against him and wouldn't submit to him just because of his performance in alchemy today.

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People like Elder Yu with such broad-mindedness were indeed rare to see.

With this in mind, Yang Chen clasped his hands in salute: "Everyone, please go back. It's not that Yang Chen is proud, but the arrival of all the sects has caught me off guard, and I'm temporarily undecided and can't make a decision. After I ponder for a few more days, if I really have a decision, I will visit in person and explain my intentions.."

Chapter 269: Secret Realm Jade 1

By saying so, he naturally rejected them subtly.

It wasn't that he didn't want to join these sects but joining them with his alchemy talents was not his intention.

In terms of alchemy, he didn't need any guidance. With his previous life's alchemy level, who could he still need to teach him?

He didn't know the level of the Huangshan Sect's leader, but teaching him was beyond their reach. It was good enough for them if he didn't teach the leader of the Huangshan Sect.

So, there was no need to join these sects. Instead, he hoped to join them as a martial arts genius, relying on his absolute strength and not alchemy!

In his previous life, he knew that the privileges gained from alchemy eventually turned out to be nothing more than illusions.

Didn't he gain supreme power through alchemy in those years?

So now, the conditions offered by these people seem tempting, but for him, it doesn't mean anything.

Although he subtly rejected them, these sect elders didn't think so. They all thought they still had a chance, and their faces showed a bit of joy. No matter what, at least Yang Chen's words were flawless, weren't they?

"You all go first. Senior Luo, I'm sorry. I need some time to think." Yang Chen felt most guilty about Luo Surname Beauty. He bowed his hand with a wry smile.

This Luo Surname Beauty had never looked down upon him from the start, and even her invitations were made with great sincerity and the conditions offered were quite good. Now rejecting her goodwill, he felt uncomfortable at heart.

Luo Surname Beauty heard Yang Chen's words and chuckled, "Young Master

Yang, I originally thought you disdained our Yanhua Pool. Now it seems I was overthinking it. You should think about it, my disciple is waiting for your favor."

"Master, what are you talking about?" MO Huawu complained.

Luo Surname Beauty kept laughing and then became serious, saying, "Young Master Yang, I still want to say something. If you can consider our Yanhua Pool more, it should be taken into consideration. My conditions remain unchanged. If you have any requirements, I will try my best to meet them. If you don't choose Yanhua Pool in the end, I hope you can visit us more. We will definitely welcome you."

As for such a future alchemy master, Luo Surname Beauty knew how to go about it. At least for this good connection, she wanted to establish it promptly.

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen felt warmth in his heart and said slowly,

"Certainly!"

"Young Friend Yang Chen, be sure to consider my Huangshan Sect more." Elder Yu couldn't help but say.

“Also, consider my Linghe Sect. We don’t have anything else, but we do have a lot of Spirit Stones!”

“As well as my Hua Hai Sect!”

“And me...”

Everyone introduced themselves one by one, afraid that Yang Chen would forget about it. In the end, Yang Chen had to send them away after saying a few more polite words.

After finally persuading these people to leave, Yang Chen got some quiet time to sit on a chair and ponder carefully.

Ziyang Sect and Ming Emperor Sect didn’t send anyone. He didn’t care about the Ming Emperor Sect. They had already crossed swords, and he didn’t plan to make it easy. Ziyang Sect was the most crucial, his older sister Yang Caidie was in Ziyang Sect.

It seems that, in order to prevent him from seeing his sister, Elder Wu really went to great lengths. Despite his efforts today and his three excellent performances, Elder Wu didn’t budge? How afraid was Elder Wu to let him see his sister?

Thinking of this, Yang Chen gradually became annoyed.

Since Elder Wu looked down on him so much, it seemed that he couldn’t keep a low profile even if he wanted to.

Time slipped away quietly. As many geniuses were preparing, the time for the selection competition had arrived.

Zhou Haoran had been busy these days. He had spared no effort for his daughter. After finally deciding to join the Yanhua Pool, he handed over the defensive spirit weapon he carried to ensure that his daughter could perform better in the selection competition.

Today was the day to attend the selection competition. Zhou Haoran prepared early and found Yang Chen, “Young Friend Yang Chen, the selection competition is about to begin. Why not go with us?”

“I have the same idea!” Yang Chen naturally wouldn’t refuse and agreed.

Zhou family members and Yang Chen went to the gathering place of the selection competition.

Along the way, Yang Chen couldn’t help but ask, “Master Zhou, did you find out any news about the selection competition in advance?”

“Hehe, how could I not inquire about it for my daughter?” Zhou Haoran smiled wryly.

As the saying goes, parents all over the world are concerned about their children.

For these few days, Zhou Haoran had done everything he could think of for Zhou Yunxi.

Zhou Haoran said softly, “According to my investigation these few days, the selection competition is not something hidden. As I told you before, it is a secret realm assessment. All the geniuses who pass the basic assessment will enter this secret realm assessment!”

“I still remember that.” Yang Chen said.

Zhou Haoran sighed, “However, the secret realm assessment is not an easy task. I found out that there are three secret realms in total. These three secret realms were formed innately and were later excavated by Beishan Main City with human resources. The entrances of the teleportation array have gathered in one place. Which secret realm do you want to enter?”

“You can choose any secret realm to enter?” Yang Chen was startled.

“Don’t think the rules are lax. I’ve heard that there are at least ten thousand geniuses who have passed the basic assessment. With such a number, when divided into three secret realms, there are more than

three thousand people in each secret realm on average. Do you still think this number is small?" Yang Chen was stunned for a moment, then understood.

Not to mention anything else, the Ziyang Sect alone had brought thousands of disciples. With the strength of these sect disciples, it wasn't much of a problem to pass the basic assessment. In addition to disciples from other sects and the loose cultivator martial artists, having more than ten thousand people wasn't strange.

"Entering the secret realm and ignoring the powerful demonic beasts comparable to the half-step Origin Martial Realm, where is a safe place for more than three thousand geniuses?" Zhou Haoran looked at his daughter, who didn't know how frightening this situation was, with a worried face.

"There should be some rules in the secret realm, right? You can't always let geniuses fight against each other." Yang Chen couldn't help asking. Zhou Haoran laughed, "Of course, every genius who passes the basic test will receive a Secret Realm Jade before entering the secret realm. To emerge victoriously from the selection competition and advance to the knockout competition, one must obtain at least three Mysterious Realm Treasure Jade.."

Chapter 270: Entering the Scene\_I

"At least three Secret Realm Jades?" Yang Chen laughed helplessly.

It was clear that they wanted these geniuses to fight and kill each other in the secret realm.

If they didn't get enough Secret Realm Jades, which genius would want to be eliminated?

"That's not all." Zhou Haoran glared and said, "Did you know that there are scattered and unowned Secret Realm Jades all over the place? When they come out of the secret realm, the North Mountain Main City will judge their rankings based on the number of Secret Realm Jades they submit!"

Yang Chen narrowed his eyes, thought carefully, and then said, "So there's a ranking?"

"Yes, those who get three Secret Realm Jades will directly advance to the knockout round. And if the number of Secret Realm Jades is enough to rank in the top ten among the tens of thousands of geniuses, they will be eligible to enter the Purple Gold Pavilion in the North Mountain Main City after the

Imockout round and choose a cultivation method passed down by the North Mountain Main City.” Zhou Haoran took a deep breath, “Who knows how deep the North Mountain Main City is? Their cultivation methods are inherited from the royal family, and countless people dream of obtaining them.”

Yang Chen wasn't moved by these conditions.

As for the cultivation methods, he didn't really crave them. He possessed the Tai Chu Divine Body, Mixed Yuan Spear Technique, and the Divine Soul Cultivation Method, which were all top-notch cultivation methods.

While the royal family's methods were targeted, as the saying goes, too much will spoil the broth. When it was passed down to such remote places like North Mountain County, how many of them were genuine?

However, to achieve a startling effect, he still had to snatch the Secret Realm

Jades.

“By the way, Yang Chen, my friend, this...” Zhou Haoran grinned sycophantically.

Seeing the respectful tone of Zhou Haoran, Yang Chen knew that he might not have good intentions: “Senior Zhou, just speak your mind.”

“It's not a big deal, I just hope that when you enter the secret realm later, you can lead Yunxi into a secret realm together. You know, I cannot let go of my Yunxi. Although she is considered part of the Yanhua Pool, they will certainly take care of her, but the disciples of the Yanhua Pool may not be much stronger than you, my friend. After much consideration, I still think it's better for you to take care of my Yunxi.”

Zhou Haoran, fearing Yang Chen's refusal, quickly said, ‘You just need to take her with you in the secret realm.’”

Yang Chen was both amused and annoyed. Taking Zhou Yunxi into the secret realm with him, wouldn't that be like taking a burden? It's not that Zhou Yunxi's strength was poor, but given Zhou Yunxi's temperament, this girl was genuinely a burden.

Although Zhou Haoran was not eloquent, he wasn't stupid. Why would he let Zhou Yunxi follow him?

Was Zhou Haoran foolish?

Absolutely not.

He didn't know what happened between Yang Chen and that half-step Origin

Martial Realm Elder Gu that day, but he knew that with Yang Chen's Spirit Martial Realm Fourth Layer cultivation, he could escape from the grasp of a half-step Origin Martial Realm master. Such strength was difficult to achieve even for those at the Spirit Martial Realm Fifth and Sixth Layers.

Letting Zhou Yunxi follow Yang Chen was naturally the most suitable choice.

Although Yang Chen was reluctant to take a burden with him, he would not refuse since Zhou Haoran asked: "Since Master Zhou has spoken, Yang Chen has no reason to refuse."

Zhou Haoran let out a long sigh of relief.

It seemed that his efforts to get closer to Yang Chen these past days had not been in vain.

With Yang Chen protecting his daughter in the secret realm, Yunxi's safety would be more assured.

Zhou Yunxi pouted, "Father, although I'm not as strong as Yang Chen, I am not weak either. Is there a need to be so nervous?"

“Shut up, look around, there are so many geniuses, aren’t there a lot of them stronger than you?” Zhou Haoran scolded. He was well aware of the terrifying geniuses in this selection competition.

It wasn’t just independent martial artists, but also disciples from various sects.

As they were discussing, the Zhou family arrived at the gathering place for the selection competition.

“Up ahead is the entrance, Yunxi, remember to follow Yang Chen, my friend.” Zhou Haoran said worriedly.

Zhou Yunxi stuck out her tongue: “Oh, Father, I know!”

Yang Chen shook his head helplessly and said with his hands behind his back:

“Miss Zhou, take out your assessment order and get ready to enter.”

Immediately, both of them handed in their assessment tokens and entered the preparation area.

As soon as they entered the preparation area, Yang Chen felt the soul scanning from all around him.

Yang Chen calmly said: “Miss Zhou, don’t be nervous!”

Zhou Yunxi felt a little scared when her soul was being probed by so many soul forces. However, upon hearing Yang Chen’s words, she realized that these people had no ill intent and were just sizing her up unconsciously. She then breathed a sigh of relief.

Yang Chen and Zhou Yunxi stood together. Since he had promised Zhou

Haoran to protect Zhou Yunxi, he would naturally be responsible for his words.

At this moment, he glanced around and found that a lot of people had gathered in the stadium to participate in the secret realm selection competition.

The numbers were hard to estimate.

Then, Yang Chen looked up at the viewing platform. It was also crowded with people. Judging by their outfits, it was not difficult to guess that unlike the basic assessment, the people watching this selection competition were all extraordinary figures.

Most of them were big shots from the Taotu Sect and Ziyang Sect.

“Hmm?”

Yang Chen was somewhat familiar with the attire of the Canghai Sect.

At this moment, he saw a man on the viewing platform who was middle-aged and watching the talented young people below with a smile. When he saw this, Yang Chen frowned, because this man was exactly like He Yunxiao's description, so it wasn't hard for Yang Chen to guess that this person was probably He Shangfeng, whom He Yunxiao was extremely jealous of.

When he saw He Shangfeng for the first time, Yang Chen quickly looked away. He knew very well that he couldn't reveal any hostility now.

For masters like He Shangfeng, their senses are extremely sharp, and their souls are omnipresent. Even the slightest hint of hostility might be detected by him!

At present, compared to He Shangfeng, Yang Chen was just an ant that could be crushed to death at any time. If he behaved unnaturally, it would be too easy for the enemy to kill him with his power and influence!

In addition to the strong players from various sects on the viewing platforms, there were also outer viewing platforms where the viewing experience was not as good. The outer viewing galleries were filled

with small clans and sect forces. Yang Chen's soul wandered and saw that Zhou Haoran had already taken a seat.

"Hmm?" Yang Chen was slightly startled: "The people from Liaocheng City Lord Mansion are also here?"

This made Yang Chen smile because he could see his brother, Jin Cheng, on the outer viewing platform.

Jin Cheng obviously hadn't noticed him and sat down with his father and He Liancheng. Meanwhile, the Huang Family from Liaocheng was nearby. Both sides sat together, engaged in a war of words, taunting each other relentlessly..