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A few of the leaders paid their respects as well, they all cried out, "Greetings, Elder Turner .

That person was an elder within the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. No matter where it was, the status of an elder was still well respected. Fane could not help but take a second look at Elder Turner.

He looked very friendly. His face was round and smiling. Only, there was a sharp ruthlessness that could not be hidden within his eyes. It proved that he was absolutely not as friendly as he would seem.

Elder Turner waved at all of them and said, "Everyone, thank you so much for coming. I never expected so many people to be here today, but with the orders from above, we have to obey."

After elder Turner finished those words, he looked at everyone meaningfully. After then, he put up five fingers and said, "Five! Today, we'll only be recruiting five disciples!"

Fane was not the only person stunned at those words. Everyone stiffened on the spot, noticeably caught off guard. Only five students? There were at least eighty of them on the deck.

Eighty of them were considered talented individuals in their own ways. To only pick five from eighty proved how strict the selection was this time!

They only wanted to choose the best of the best, but was it not too strict when they were only recruiting students? Was there something else hidden behind all this? Elder Turner's words suddenly pulled everyone into a discussion again.

There are eighty here, but they only want five! Isn't that too strict? They're just recruiting students. Before this, the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance only wanted some students with slightly better talents.

"After all, there's no need to be so strict when it's just students! We're all prodigies from where we came from, Only choosing five of us! It's no different from when some major clans choose their disciples! The Middle Province Alchemist Alliance is being far too strict!"

That's right. What are they planning Today is getting stranger and stranger. Grayson is a treasured disciple of the Rosefinch Pavilion.

They would never let him even see anyone else normally, so what's with today? They're actually giving him away today! This is far too strange!

Grayson's talent was undoubtedly at the peak among everyone there. After all, he was already able to form eight hundred pill runes. No matter how confident Gilbert was in himself, all he could do was barely form three hundred pill runes.

Most of them present were not even at Gilbert's level, let alone Grayson's.

Furthermore, Grayson had only learned the Way of the Pill for a very short time. He had done all of that in just a year.

His talent for alchemy would be incredibly favored even in a sixth-grade clan.

Rosefinch Pavilion might have a good relationship with the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance, but it was still not to the degree where they would just give away their treasured disciple.

No one standing there was an idiot.

They had naturally found the happenings of that day was incredibly strange. Elder Turner could naturally see what they were talking about, but nothing could be read from his expression.

When the discussions below started to die down, Elder Turner said, "The students we are recruiting today are different from those before. The students we recruit today will be heavily nurtured by the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance, and you won't have to leave your current positions.

The moment those words were spoken, Everyone present gaped. Even the leaders of the students all had widened eyes and expressions of disbelief.

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Fane raised an eyebrow. It was obvious from the vice treasurer's expression that he had not known about it at all.

Other than Zayne and Constance, everyone had looks of shock on their faces.

To not have to discard their current positions and still receive the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance's resources.

It was both good news for the student and the forces behind the student.

It was the same as the alliance basically raising someone else's child for them.

No one would have believed such a good deal existed if they had not heard it themselves.

Fane frowned as he looked at the elder suspiciously. Even though it sounded like a good thing, Fane knew very well that no one ever willingly gave up their own benefits for the sake of others, let alone a group like that.

The Middle Province Alchemist Alliance must have its own reasons for doing so.

Elder Horst let out a small cough to quiet everyone down. Everyone's discussions died down as Elder Horst raised his hand.

Elder Horst smiled and said, "I know what you're all trying to guess. In truth, there's no need to guess anything at all. The alliance is in a bit of trouble, and we need the help of some geniuses. That's why we asked everyone to gather here!"

Elder Horst's words were vague. It did nothing to reduce the suspicious looks on everyone's faces.

Elder Horst continued to say, "You don't have to worry, This matter won't involve all of you too much. It's an alliance secret.x

"When the time comes, you'll find out naturally. All you need to know is that this matter won't affect you negatively."

After that, Elder Horst turned around.

The servants behind him pulled over a chair for him to sit in.

After Elder Horst sat on the chair, he looked at everyone present with a sharp look.

He could tell that his words had done nothing to reduce the suspicion and confusion.

He looked up and said again, "The way we'll be choosing the disciples will be very simple. All you need to do is prove your talent and skill. It doesn't matter how you prove it. We just want to choose the best five."

Even the testing was not uniform? Fane felt like it was even more strange after he heard that.

Normally, tests should always be universal. Only with uniformed tests could the truly strong and weak be determined.

He turned to look at everyone else. Even though everyone had varying expressions, no one was as suspicious as Fane. It seemed like nobody felt that Elder Horst's words were that strange.

It seemed like he understood far too little of the alchemist profession. After all, he might have been an alchemist in Cathysia, but he had never picked up that status ever since He came to the Hestia Continent.

His understanding of the Hestia Continent's alchemists was only at the surface level.

Elder Horst coughed softly and said, "I'll give you fifteen minutes to think about how you're going to prove your skills and talents. After that, the test will begin."

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"I'll remind you again. The selection this

time is different from usual. Once you are chosen, you'll be nurtured heavily. Becoming a sixth-grade alchemist would just be the start."

Those Words caused everyone present to widen their eyes. It had spurred everyone's thirst for victory. It was such a golden treasure. All of the students present felt their mouths are watering.

Nurturing from the alliance that had never been seen before. It would absolutely not be an empty promise.

Even though it sounded like sweet words to lure them in, the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance was not a small group.

They naturally had to keep to their Own words.

The moment they thought about the nurturing they would receive, their hands started to tremble excitedly.

An impulse seized their bodies.

Yet, Fane did not care about the last few words that Elder Horst said.

Fifteen minutes for everyone to think about how they could prove their potential and abilities. Fane wondered how an alchemist could prove their abilities other than by forming pill runes.

Fane could not think about it for that moment.

Even though there were so many people present, none of them were sixth grade alchemists.

The only way to prove their skills was through forming pill runes.

The number and quality of pill runes could be used to gauge someone's talent. Just as he was thinking about it, Gilbert could not help but laugh next to him.

"Look at all of them... They're coveting something they won't have. It's as if they'd already Won. Did they not hear that there would only be five out of everyone here?"

"Do they think their talent is enough to beat everyone here? They should look at themselves in the mirror first!"

Thankfully, Gilbert was still self-aware enough to know that he would definitely be attacked by the crowd if he had said that loudly. So, he had deliberately whispered those words, causing Fane and Andrew to be the only ones able to hear those words clearly.

Andrew could not help but roll his eyes at those words. Fane had a cold laugh in his heart. Gilbert was clearly an idiot. Was he talking about everyone else or himself?

"You really don't know your place!"

Grayson's words were suddenly heard by everyone. Fane frowned as he looked up at Grayson.

Grayson had his eyes narrowed as he looked at everyone in disdain.

He seemed to be mocking them for not knowing their place.

When Grayson saw everyone looking up at him, he snorted in contempt.

There are over eighty people present, and the alliance only needs five. If you want to become a student of the alliance with your petty skills, you should first look at yourselves in the mirror first! You're all acting so excited.

It's so laughable!

Those words were no longer just words of snide mockery. He was practically scolding everyone present for not knowing their own strength.

Even though everyone present admired and acknowledged Grayson's talent, it did not mean they would just stand around and be insulted like that.

It did not mean they would just wag their tails and listen to whatever he said.

Someone could not help but shout out, "What do you mean by this, Grayson! We never said anything, so why are you trying to mock us ? We're already here, so we naturally want to fight for it or why would are we here otherwise?"

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Grayson let out a cold laugh and replied, "All of you are here just to make up the numbers. Please think about who you are. At least you're brave enough to talk to me like this I suppose.

If you can form five hundred pill runes,,I could acknowledge you. However, looking

at your face, being able to form a hundred pill runes would already need a lot of talent!

The person that had been berated by Grayson turned red. He suddenly looked like a deflated ball, unable to say anything else. Grayson had been right. He could not even form a hundred pill runes, let alone five hundred.

After all, the Way of the Pill had always been something deep and profound.

Without outstanding talent, there was no way to learn how to form five hundred pill runes in a short amount of time.

The difference between his talents and Grayson's was right there for all to see. Even if he was stubborn, it would quickly be useless, since they would have to take the test soon.

"Grayson seems very confident in himself.."The person behind Constance suddenly said.

Fane furrowed his eyebrows and looked over.

He noticed that it was the same guy who had looked at them with a disdainful gaze when they greeted Constance earlier.

The vice treasurer had reminded the rest of them that the person was probably incredibly talented looking at them like that, on top of Constance's earlier giddy attitude.

Fane had deduced that the person's talent would only be slightly inferior to Grayson's or he would not have made an expression like that. Grayson frowned and turned around to look at that person.

"It looks like you're not acknowledging my talents, Rudy."

Rudy Glasc let out a small laugh as he shook his head and voiced out, "Grayson, your talents are obvious. There's nothing for me to not acknowledge. It's just that you're incredibly confident. It's something I should learn from you. "

Rudy's words sounded a little strange.

Grayson's face stiffened when he heard it.

His gaze slowly turned cold as he looked at Rudy.

A tense atmosphere was slowly forming between them.

However, it was not the kind of tension that would lead to a battle.

They wanted to compete in alchemy.

Rudy's words had sounded incredibly nice as if he really admired Grayson's talents.

However, Fane was no idiot. He could tell from the tone that Rudy did not regard Grayson highly at all.

He probably felt like he was better than Grayson as well.

Fane could not help but raise an eyebrow. It seemed like there would be an entertaining show to watch.

At that moment, the vice treasurer was

already next to them and had an incredibly bitter look on his face. His eyes seemed to be dancing around. Various thoughts were flying about in his mind.

"What are you thinking about, vice treasurer?" Fane asked curiously.

The vice treasurer let out a sigh, "Whatever that has happened today feels more and more off. Those two guys clearly knew that there would be something different about the selection beforehand.

"Otherwise, they would not have sent out their two most talented disciples. This news never reached Heavenly Pills. I feel like something's off. Elder Horst seems to be treating them a little... "

The vice treasurer shut his mouth after that. His expression turned even more sour. Fane knew that he was referring to Constance and Zayne. The two of them had obviously come prepared.

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Earlier, the two of them did not have much of a change in expression when Elder Horst had talked about the special selection.

It seemed like everything had been within their plans.

That had obviously made the vice treasurer nervous.

The strongest among all the leaders there were the two of them as well as the vice treasurer. Yet, the vice treasurer was the only one who had not gotten any news as well.

It was obvious he would be anxious.

Fane raised an eyebrow.

After A deep breath, he said, "What will come will come. If it's a blessing, then it will be one. If it will end up badly, we wouldn't have been able to avoid it anyway. It's just a selection test. Even if the news had been leaked early on, you probably wouldn't have wanted to send the eldest student here anyway."

The vice treasurer turned to look at Fane and said, "That's not necessarily the case. You have to be willing to give up something to get something bigger. The Rosefinch Pavilion is even willing to bring Grayson over. There's no reason for us to hold back."

Fane nodded, unable to argue against that. If the positions were switched, he might not have done like the vice treasurer had said and give up. After all, Elder Horst did not seem like someone ordinary. Scheming against someone who was already used to it was not something he would like to do it.

"I know you're planning on refining a sixth-grade pill in front of everyone this time. Isn't that right?" Rudy suddenly said loudly.

Grayson's face darkened.

Rudy had said precisely what was on his mind.

Grayson had planned on announcing that at the start of the test.

It would cause everyone to admire him even more, as well as surprise them.

However, Rudy mentioning it would greatly reduce the impact. Grayson had enough of a life of being looked down and trampled on.

The moment he had talent and ability, he wanted everyone else to see it.

Grayson laughed coldly, "You're right. I was planning on refining a sixth-grade pill. Rudy, are you planning on doing the same as me? Saying that made Grayson let out a pleased smile.

He had dug a hole for Rudy since he firmly believed that he would be the only one who would be able to refine a sixth-grade pill among everyone present.

Rudy might be talented, but Rudy was definitely no match for him. Yet, Rudy put on an incredibly pleased smile when he heard Grayson say that.

"What a coincidence! You're right, I really was planning on refining a sixth-grade pill just like you were!"

The moment he said that gasps could be heard throughout.

The shock on everyone's faces could no longer be held back.

Grayson saying he wants to refine a sixth-grade pill that had already shocked them, but they were still able to keep their calm.

After all, Grayson's talent was clear for all to see.

It was still acceptable that he would want to try refining a sixth-grade pill.

Yet, Rudy did not have Grayson's reputation.

Rudy wanting to refine a sixth-grade pill shocked everyone incredibly.

Their expressions had thoroughly changed.
The discussions exploded among everyone.

Oh my god, two geniuses in one go! It looks like the recruitment this time really is extraordinary. I wonder what kind of trouble the alliance is in. Why are they nurturing someone else's geniuses?

The alliance definitely has its own plans.

I'm guessing that the alliance is doing so to smooth over the problem they're facing. Even though they're nurturing the geniuses on behalf of others, the geniuses would be able to help the alliance with tasks in the short term after they've grown."

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"You might be onto something, but I still feel like there's another reason..."

"Why are you guys going further and further away from the main topic? Didn't you hear what Rudy just said? He wants to refine a sixth-grade pill! What does this mean?! It means that Rudy's talents are on par with Grayson's!"

"We really can't compete with people like them. We're still frustrated over forming pill runes, but they've already started to refine sixth-grade pills. Even if they refine the most basic sixth-grade pill, it would still be enough to prove themselves as sixth-grade alchemists,

"Don't forget where we all are right now. We're all on the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance's vessel.

"As long as they can successfully refine a sixth-grade pill, the alliance would approve of their status and give them the badge of a sixth-grade alchemist! With that badge, everything they want to do will be much easier!"

The discussions broke out everywhere, and Fane's ears started to hurt. Fane sighed helplessly as he momentarily ignored the clamor.

He looked over at the vice treasurer with a serious expression and said, "How many ways are there to prove my talent and skill? I can only think of one at the moment..." I

The vice treasurer looked at Fane strangely as if he was surprised at Fane's ignorance. However, it was not the time to look for any explanations at that moment. He had a good impression of Fane, and he needed Fane to save his reputation, so the vice treasurer patiently answered Fane, "There are three types. It's actually common knowledge, so I can't believe you don't know. It looks like your master never taught you. The first is the most basic, which is forming pill runes and using them to judge your talent.

"The second type is to refine a pill.

"The third way is a bit more complicated. You'd have to prove your talent by determining the age and authenticity of various spiritual grasses and materials."

When Fane heard all that, he got even more curious and replied, "You can even verify grasses and medicines to prove your talent?"

The vice leader nodded, immediately knowing what Fane was thinking just looking at Fane's expression. "No matter pill merchants or the alliance, we need geniuses. Being able to verify materials at large volumes is also an exceptional talent."

"The alliance really needs talents like that. Whether it be gathering materials outside or purchasing them, they would need those people to support them. Most of the Heavenly Pills' stewards rely on that to climb to their positions."

Hearing the vice treasurer's explanation, Fane finally realized something. The vice treasurer was right. He had forgotten something important. No matter Heavenly Pills or the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance, they were all directly related to pill refining!

Refining a pill did not just need an alchemist. It also needed various spiritual grasses and materials. Being able to tell materials apart was naturally a special talent. Thinking about that, Fane could not help but look at everyone present.

Before, he had felt like some of those people could never become a student. Yet, a question appeared in his heart. After all, the ability to discern materials was not something that was easy!

Fane had been deep in his thoughts when the discussion between Rudy and Grayson started to get more and more heated. The two of them were bickering like roosters about to fight.

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In the beginning, Constance and Zayne merely stood by the side, not caring about the matter. They wanted to let the situation develop by itself. Yet, as Grayson and Rudy's fight got more and more intense, the two of them were forced to stand out.

They were forced to separate Rudy and Grayson. After all, the quarrels between the younger generation needed to have their limits. If it exceeded the limits, it would affect their relationship. It was something Rudy and Grayson did not want to see.

It was almost fifteen minutes already. Elder Horst sat on his chair as he idly looked on at all the bickering and discussions. Once the time was up, he stood up from the chair.

He clapped loudly and said, "Alright, time's up. You must have already decided how you'd prove your talents.

"I suppose I don't have to tell you about the different methods. Split up into groups right now. The ones who want to condense pill runes stand in the east.

"Those who want to discern materials can stand in the middle. If you want to prove yourself by refining a pill, stand in the west.

"However, I have to first remind you. If you want to prove yourself by refining a pill, you'll have to refine sixth-grade pills if you want to prove yourself that way. Fifthgrade pills are all trash here."

After saying that, Elder Horst waved. Everyone hurriedly stood into their groups. Most of them were in the easternmost group. There were about ten who stood in the middle.

In truth, everyone knew very well that those who became a student through discerning materials would not get the best resources. After all, their talents were not in alchemy, but in discerning ingredients.

They would be welcome as stewards, but it would be incredibly difficult for them to become sixth-grade and above alchemists. It was practically impossible. Grayson looked on snidely at everyone else as they split up in the groups. He immediately walked toward the west side.

He had come here for the sake of receiving the best of the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance's resources. The other reason was to show off his talents to everyone else. He wanted everyone to know that he had a talent that surpassed everyone in alchemy, that no one could compete with him.

As Grayson walked over, Rudy hurried over to the west side as well. There were only the two of them on the west side at that moment.

Everyone was filled with admiration and jealousy when they looked at the small group in the west.

Sixth-grade alchemists were the target for most of the people present. Yet, for the two of them, it was merely a shortstop. They might even have already achieved it, so how could everyone not be jealous.

Fane and the others stood behind the vice treasurer, not moving. Gilbert's sharp eyes fell on Fane. Andrew had his eyes on Fane as well.

Fane's lips twitched helplessly at their looks. Even though they did not say anything, Fane knew very well that the two of them would not move if he did not.

The vice treasurer looked over at Fane when he saw that the groups were almost formed. He said, "Go ahead and queue up. There's quite a bit of pressure today, but I feel like your performance in the pill aura room was not your limit.

"It's a rare chance today, so you have to seize it. Even if you can't compare to those two, you still have to become one of the five disciples."

As he said those words, the vice treasurer had an incredibly serious look on his face. It was as if all the vice treasurer's hopes were on Fane. Fane furrowed his eyebrows, wanting to say something. Yet, he swallowed the words back after thinking about it.

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Gilbert looked like he had swallowed a few flies. He had been incredibly hopeful that the vice treasurer would have said those words to him, but the vice treasurer did not even spare him a second glance.

The vice treasurer had placed all his hopes on Jack. It was as if Gilbert and Andrew were merely there to make up the numbers.

Andrew had a bitter look on his face as well. He has had a lot of conflicts with Gilbert in the past, and their relationship was not something that could ever be fixed.

Yet, thanks to Jack, he had put those grudges at the back of his mind.

Andrew said with a dark look on his face, "Vice treasurer, you seem to have placed all your hope on Jack.

"However, you should still remind Jack that even though his talents are pretty good, he should still not get too arrogant."

Those were incredibly condescending words. Andrew was incredibly furious at that moment and did not really hold back.

Gilbert added hurriedly after that, "Andrew is right. Even though Jack's talents are quite good, he shouldn't be too arrogant. Those words won't do you any good."

Jack was speechless at their jabs. Jack had not said anything the whole time, so where was that arrogance they were speaking off?

It was obvious the two of them could not find anything else to mock him about, and casually decided to place the flaw of arrogance on him. They were also trying to tell the vice treasurer to not treat him too well.

Jack could not be bothered to fight with the two of them, but he knew very well that they would just take things for granted if he kept on retreating.

He coldly smiled and turned around to look at them, "Don't be jealous. If you have the skills, then the vice treasurer will place just as much importance on the two of you.

"You keep saying I'm arrogant, but how have I ever acted so?"

Those words completely stuffed their mouths. They could not even think of anything to reply with. Their plan had been to forcibly stick the label of arrogance onto Jack.

“Stop trying to cause more trouble at this point. If no one managed to enter the top five and become a student of the alliance this time, Heavenly Pills’ reputation would be ruined!”

Jack took a deep breath as he turned around. Looking at the groups that were slowly taking shape, he no longer wanted to delay things.

Either because he was too angry or because he could not figure out how to fight back. Gilbert stomped over to the east group. Andrew’s lips twitched as he followed behind Gilbert.

Both of them were not talented in discerning materials. They could only rely on forming pill runes to prove themselves. Jack looked at them standing at the back of the group and sighed helplessly.

Sometimes, he did not want to show off too much, but he was usually forced to. The vice treasurer frowned when he saw that Jack did not move and said, “Why aren’t you going over? If you go any later, Elder Horst will ask questions.”

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Jack was the only one who remained standing at that point. He seemed to be hesitating and seemed to be waiting as well. The moment the vice treasurer finished saying that, Elder Horst’s curious gaze moved over.

Even though his eyes reveal too much, Jack could still feel a hint of sharpness within. It was as if he would be disqualified if he did not move.

Jack’s lips twitched helplessly. He could no longer wait, so he walked toward the area that he had already planned to

In the beginning, Jack did not attract much attention. After all, he might have been the last one, but no one recognized him. Even though he was from Heavenly Pills, other than those who had already met him, no one knew who he was.

As he continued moving toward the west, everyone's gazes started to shift onto him. The vice treasurer's face was also gradually turning sour when he noticed which direction Jack was slowly heading toward.

"Is that guy trying to go behind Rudy? Is he also trying to prove himself by refining a sixth-grade pill?"

"He must be. Unless he's an idiot or he didn't hear the rules carefully, he would not be heading to that end. Who is he? Why have I never heard of him?"

"I saw him standing behind the vice treasurer of Heavenly Pills earlier, so that must be where he's from. I know Heavenly Pills quite well, but I've never seen this person. What's his name? Does anyone

Know?"

The discussions started to erupt among the crowd. Everyone started to look at Jack with curious and confused expressions.

Jack took a deep breath, ignoring the gazes and discussions of those around him. Rudy's puzzled look threatened to see through Jack's body.

Grayson frowned as well. He gave a measuring look at Jack, seemingly wondering who Jack was. He had never seen Jack before.

The vice treasurer looked at Jack, not knowing what to do. He stood on the spot in panic.

Jack stood behind Rudy resolutely. The puzzled expressions shifted between Jack and the vice treasurer.

No one knew who Jack was, but as the leader of Heavenly Pills' team, the vice treasurer definitely did. The vice treasurer definitely knew of Jack's skills and talents as well.

Constance and Zayne exchanged a look. Both of them could see the confusion in each other's eyes. They knew more about Heavenly Pills than any regular disciple.

After all, they had to deal with much more matters as one of the people in power. They both knew the value of information. Yet, they had never heard of a genius in Heavenly Pills nor had they ever seen that person.

Could Heavenly Pills have also received the news beforehand and decided to hide a genius in their midsts?

Various speculations started to run in their heads. They looked at the vice treasurer with inquisitive expressions. The vice treasurer was struggling to keep his speechless demeanor.

If the situation had been appropriate for it, he would have rushed right in front of Jack and asked if Jack's brain was working properly.

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No one knew better than the vice treasurer what a sixth-grade pill meant. In so many years, Heavenly Pills had accepted an uncountable amount of students, but there were not many who actually became sixth-grade alchemists.

Constance let out a meaningful smile as he asked, "Vice treasurer, you really have so much up to your sleeves. I can't believe Heavenly Pills has a genius as well. I'd never heard of it before."

The vice treasurer's lips twitched. He wanted to explain himself, but if he said that Jack could not refine sixth-grade pills, and only had some talent in forming pill runes, it would be a massive joke. Everyone would laugh at Heavenly Pills.

Yet, if he remained stubborn, Jack would end up revealing everything when it was time to refine the pills. Then, the humiliation would be worse.

His hands trembled. He had never felt like he was in such a troubled position before in all his years. He felt like he was trapped between two hard spots. Everyone thought that the vice treasurer was actually planning on using silence to answer the question when they saw that the vice treasurer said nothing.

However, Constance seemed unwilling to let him off, and wanted to pursue the matter to the end. He asked, "What's this student's name? Which family or what background did he come from? To be able to refine a sixth-grade pill at that age must mean he's incredibly talented..."

The vice treasurer could no longer hold on. He turned around and used a low voice to say, "He's just trying to tout. Mr. Constance, you'd better focus on your own disciples. You don't have to care about Heavenly Pills.

Constance could immediately catch the guilt in the vice treasurer's words. Suddenly, Constance was even more interested. He could not help but place his gaze on Jack again.

Zayne looked over as well. Even Elder Horst had his gaze fixed on Jack. Everyone was trying to see if they could figure something out.

Jack felt a little exasperated. He composed himself as he looked slightly downward. He ignored everything around him.

Gilbert was getting a little impatient. Possibly because of the vice treasurer's earlier attitude toward him, Gilbert's hatred for Jack had already boiled over.

He had already hated Jack when they were back in Heavenly Pills. Jack's actions at that moment were perfect for him to throw in some insults.

Gilbert impulsively said, "Jack, have you gone crazy? Do you know what you're doing? You really are bold. Can you even refine a sixth-grade pill? Why are you standing there?!"

"Do you think you can refine a sixth-grade pill just because you managed to form three hundred pill runes before? Don't forget, forming a sixth-grade pill needs at least eight hundred pill runes. Can you do that?"

Those words were incredibly accusatory, but they had served to reveal more about Jack. It was then that everyone understood. Jack was not that exceptional. Jack could only form three hundred pill runes at most.

He was probably standing behind Rudy because he was shameless and incredibly daring!

Gilbert's words had answered the question in everyone's minds, and laughter erupted.

"Is there something wrong with that guy's head? Does he think that making a sixth-grade pill is easy? No wonder the vice treasurer had such a strange expression. It looks like the vice treasurer never expected Jack to stand at the west side!"

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“There really must be something wrong with this guy’s head. Does he really think that he’s on par with the other two in front of him just by standing in the same group? That’s a little too much of a joke...”

“I thought that the test was going to be strict and serious. I can’t believe I got to witness such a show. My stomach hurts from laughing...”

Andrew frowned, feeling embarrassed. The vice treasurer was furious to the point that he started to tremble after hearing Gilbert’s words. He wanted nothing more than to rush over and slap Gilbert a few times.

For the sake of himself, Gilbert had ignored Heavenly Pills’ reputation. They were about to be thoroughly embarrassed. No matter what, it would be a humiliation that Heavenly Pills would not be able to wipe away.

The vice treasurer shouted out, “Shut up right now! What nonsense are you talking about? If you don’t want to take part in this examination then get lost!”

The vice treasurer was in absolute rage. When he spoke, his expression was incredibly vicious. He even had thoughts of killing Gilbert on the spot. Being berated like that caused Gilbert to realize that he had misspoken.

Yet, there was no way for him to take back those words he had said. He coughed softly before hurriedly turning his head around, not daring to utter another word.

There was no meaning to keeping silent anymore. Everyone already knew Jack’s background and skills. Constance could not hold himself back from laughing out loud

“Vice treasurer, don’t be angry. You might hurt yourself from the anger. I actually really admire the fact that Heavenly Pills managed to get such a fearless student.”

Those words were full of mockery. The vice treasurer’s face soured even more. At that moment, he did not just want to kill Gilbert, he wanted to beat Jack up as well. He felt like he was incredibly unlucky that day for him to be so thoroughly humiliated by the action of those two students.

He took a deep breath, holding himself back from trying to argue with Constance. He knew that he would just be even more embarrassed later on if he tried to rebuke anything.

He had known that Jack had not revealed his full strength during the test before. Yet, no matter how talented Jack was, there was no way Jack could refine a sixth-grade pill!

Rudy let out a light snort as he glanced at Jack. At the same time, Grayson and Rudy were actually in sync as they both looked at Jack with thinly veiled disgust.

At that point, Jack seemed like someone who was trying to reach above his station. It completely disgusted the two of them. They even felt like it was an insult to them for Jack to be standing behind them.

Grayson frowned as he said coldly, "If you don't have the skills, then don't try to show off so much. Who do you think you are to stand behind me?!"

"You're only able to form three hundred pill runes, and you dare to try to refine a sixth-grade pill? Time can really tell what kind of a person they really are!"

Rudy let out a laugh as he followed Grayson, "Is there something wrong with your head? Do you know that your actions have no meaning to them other than you being laughed at?"

"It's not like your talents can compare to ours just because you're standing behind us. Do you not know your place?"

Jack helplessly sighed. Jack hated those meaningless conflicts. He usually preferred to ignore all the nonsense.

Chapter 2452

There were too many accusations being thrown out and too many insults. Even if he did not want to argue with those people, he was still forced to slowly raise his head.

He looked into Rudy's eyes which were filled with mockery. It was as if he was merely a dog in Rudy's eyes.

Jack let out a cold laugh, "So are you just going to listen to the dog that is barking the loudest?"

Those words had managed to successfully mock everyone there. He had compared Gilbert to a dog and mocked everyone for listening to that dog. It had caused a change in expression on everyone's faces.

Gilbert almost lost himself to his anger. He could not believe that Jack still managed to throw out such an insult even with things as they were. Gilbert was red in anger as he turned around to glare at Jack.

He had wanted to shout back but was stopped by the vice treasurer. "It looks like you really don't want to take part in the test anymore!"

That one sentence had completely stopped Gilbert from saying anything, Gilbert realized that he had heavily offended the vice treasurer.

If he still insisted on fighting against Jack, the vice treasurer might really pull him out. Then, he would not even be able to take part in the tests.

Hence, he was forced to hold in all the anger in his heart as he protest against Jack's words with a glare.

Grayson and Rude were infuriated by those words earlier. They were already looking down on Jack, thinking that Jack was just a brainless, low-class person

Yet, the two of them could not believe that such a person actually dared to rebuke them with such Vicious words

Rudy pointed at Jack and said, "You're really daring!"

Jack let out a cold laugh. He did not care how dark Rudy's face looked or how angry Rudy was. He continued saying, "You're a student, and I'm a student too. What's the difference between us? Why are you saying all this? If you hadn't been insulting me like that, I wouldn't even have bothered with all of you!"

Jack's words were heard by everyone present. Everyone felt like there was not just something wrong with Jack's head, he was probably crazy as well.

Did he not know the consequences of his words? Even though Rudy was a student as well, Rudy's worth was several times more than Jack's.

Rudy was someone who could refine a sixth-grade pill whereas Jack could only form three hundred pill runes. The two of them were far too different. Rudy was someone who would definitely become a sixth-grade alchemist, an existence that everyone respected.

Jack's future was unknown. Jack had actually offended someone so wantonly. Rudy would definitely not let him off. Once Rudy becomes a sixth – or even seventh-grade alchemist, Rudy would definitely deal with Jack.

Rudy's face was red when he said, "Good! Very good! Brat, you're the most daring person I've ever met. Remember the words you've said today. In the future, you'll definitely pay for your words. Don't cry when that happens!"

Jack raised an eyebrow as he answered nonchalantly, "Of course, I'll remember what I said today. I'll remember what you said today as well."

Rudy saw that Jack was not going to give way no matter what he said. If it continued, Rudy would definitely lose his composure. No one expected Jack to have such a stubborn mouth.

Rudy was forced to swallow his anger and avert his gaze. Rudy even started to plan how he would deal with Jack later on.

Chapter 2453

Grayson narrowed his eyes as he looked at Jack in anger as well. He said in a cold tone, "It seems like you've come here today just to embarrass yourself."

After saying that, Grayson turned away and remained silent. The sounds of the conflict had stopped, and everyone around was whispering in a discussion.

Elder Horst looked at Jack meaningfully, as if he was looking at Jack in a different light. Elder Horst was suddenly incredibly curious about Jack, but he could naturally not say anything about it at that moment.

When he saw that everyone had already formed their groups, Elder Horst waved and said, "Come with me!"

Everyone followed Elder Horst in their respective groups. Elder Horst entered the spirit vessel. The interior of the vessel was filled with people hurrying around.

They followed closely behind Elder Horst, twisting and turning before they finally arrived in a spacious room. The room was so spacious that it could already be considered a hall.

The moment they stepped into the room, everyone could feel a dense pill aura around the atmosphere. The room was more than large enough for the eighty of them.

Jack did a bit of estimation. The room was large enough to accommodate another hundred more people on top of them.

The west end of the room had alchemical equipment. There were not just furnaces, there were even special flames lit up there.

Elder Horst turned around and said in his jovial tone,

Those who want to prove your talent and skills through refining a sixth-grade pill, head to the west end

“Those who want to form pill runes to prove yourselves, stand on the east side and start forming the pill runes. The rest, wait for further instructions!

After Elder Horst said that, Jack walked over to the west. He ignored everything else as he put his focus on the pill furnace and the ingredients in front of the furnace.

Jack could tell what the ingredients were. They were the ingredients for an Energy Breaking Pill. Energy Breaking Pills were the most common and easiest to refine sixth-grade pills. Normally, test takers who wanted to refine a sixth-grade pill would choose that to prove their worth.

Jack had not planned on refining an Energy Breaking Pill. Even though the Energy Breaking Pill was easier and had a higher chance of success, it is also worth less than other sixth-grade pills.

He had wanted to refine an even more expensive pill, After he refined it, he would be able to sell the pill for spirit crystals.

Jack's mind was filled with spirit crystals at that time. As long as he could get even more spirit crystals, he could ignore everything else. After all, he was pursuing the path of an alchemist completely for the sake of gaining even more spirit crystals.

Otherwise, he would never have come to this place.

Elder Horst arranged for three of them to stand before the first three furnaces. Grayson stood at the front while Rudy stood between Jack and Grayson.

Next to the furnace were a few small bowls that contained the materials for an Energy Breaking Pill.

Elder Horst explained the rules simply, "You can try three times. If you fail all three times, it means you don't have the right to become a sixth-grade alchemist."

When he said that, Elder Horst's gaze had been on Jack. It was as if those words were targeted at Jack. Jack raised an eyebrow, not caring about what Elder Horst had to say.

Chapter 2454

Elder Horst let out a slight cough as he continued, "After you successfully refine the pills, bring them to me for verification. You will have eight hours for the test. If you can't refine the pill within eight hours, you will fail the test, so don't be too slow."

The three of them nodded at practically the same time. After Elder Horst gave them their instructions, he arranged for a few workers to be their judges. The workers stood behind the three of them to make sure they did not do anything sketchy.

After that, Elder Horst turned around and went to the other test-takers. Rudy narrowed his eyes as he glanced at Jack and said, "The most important step to refining a sixth-grade pill is the final step. However, the initial steps aren't easy either. If you think you can't do it, then don't waste the materials. These ingredients aren't cheap. You wouldn't be able to afford it even if you sold yourself!"

Jack let out a light breath after hearing those words. He suddenly realized that he had lost the motivation to even open his mouth. He decided to ignore the guy and anything the guy would say.

There was no point in replying anyway. Rudy looked down at him and thought that he could not refine a sixth-grade pill. Rudy also thought he was a lowclass individual.

No matter what he said, Rudy would not stop his insults anyway.

Jack let out a cold smile, not answering Rudy. He did not even bother looking at Rudy as he reached out his right hand to grab the materials to refine the Energy Breaking Pill. He slowly put the materials into the furnace one by one.

The first step to refining a sixth-grade pill was to turn all those materials into liquid form. That step was a challenge for any alchemist. The higher the level of the pill, the harder the process was.

However, anyone who dared to attempt refining a sixth-grade pill would have already been incredibly familiar with that step. The hardest was the last step, condensing the pill runes and fusing them with the pill.

Only with a fifty percent refinement would the pill be considered complete. That information flashed through his mind as Jack's expression hardened. He immediately shut off everything around him.

He put his full focus on the pill furnace. Jack was incredibly focused, but the others around him were not. Grayson and Rudy were incredibly confident in themselves.

Even delaying it a little would not affect the end results, so they stopped their movements when Jack was refining the pill. They stared at Jack's confident movements.

"Why don't we make a bet!" Just as Jack threw himself into refining the pill, Rudy suddenly spoke to Grayson.

Grayson raised an eyebrow. He did not have a good impression of Rudy, but he knew that Rudy was talented. Grayson could tell that Rudy might be able to pose a challenge to him.

Even though he looked down on Rudy, Rudy was still much closer to his level than Jack. He let out a smile as he nodded at Rudy's words, "What do you want to bet on?"

Rudy let out a meaningful smile and said, "Let's bet on how far this brat can go." Grayson was interested upon hearing that.

He moved out of his position as he stood next to Rudy, looking at Jack's actions together.

At that moment, Jack was not aware of anything that was happening at all. Even though the two of them were staring right at him, Jack did not realize that at all.

Chapter 2455

As long as it did not affect him refining the pill, the two of them could do whatever they wanted. It had nothing to do with him at all.

“Even though I look down on this guy, he still dared to brag around so much. I think he should have some amount of talent. He shouldn’t have any problems going through the first two steps.” Grayson said plainly.

Rudy looked over at Grayson with a cold smile on his face and replied, “You seem very confident in this guy. I think what he said earlier was just all nonsense.

“I think he’ll only get to the second step before he fails completely! I really want to see how this brat will face us after that.”

Grayson took a deep breath. He could feel that Rudy’s anger at Jack was much deeper than his own.

Rudy’s eyes were practically on fire when he said those words. It was obvious how much he hated Jack.

Grayson let out a cold laugh, “Then let’s see what happens. I feel like he should be able to get to the last step. It would be decent enough if he manages to get to a hundred pill runes.”

After the two of them said all that, they shut their mouths at the same time as they quietly looked at Jack.

They looked on as Jack took out the last spiritual grass. That spiritual grass was called dragon bone grass. It got its name because it looked like a dragon’s bone. It was the last and most important ingredient to refining an Energy Breaking Pill.

As long as he successfully refined it into liquid and mix it with the others, the first step would be completely done.

Even though the first step was not too difficult for most people, it needed a lot of practice. A lot of effort and resources have to be put inside.

The reason why most people were not willing to become alchemists was that alchemy used up a lot of time and spirit crystals. It was why most students were forced to rely on backers.

That was because it was incredibly difficult to improve alone. With a light sound, all the heat that Jack controlled was forced onto the dragon bone grass.

The dragon bone grass suddenly started to smoke. It was quickly turning into a faint green liquid, mixing into the other liquids that Jack had refined earlier. His movements looked incredibly practiced.

Those movements looked like they had been done tens of thousands of times. There was no hesitation and not a single mistake. Looking at that, Rudy raised an eyebrow

Grayson whispered, "It looks like this guy has practiced liquifying materials a lot. Even I would only be on par with him. It's quite surprising."

After hearing that, Rudy let out a snort, "You really are confident in him. We were just talking about our bet just now, but we never put anything on the line. Why don't we..."

After that, Rudy turned around to face Grayson. At that moment, Rudy's expression turned serious, as if a grand decision was about to be made.

Chapter 2456

He thought for a long time before he said, "I'll bet a middle-priced sixth-grade pill. As for what pill it is, you can decide. Of course, that's if you win."

Rudy's words ignited Grayson's competitive spirit. He never expected that Rudy would talk about it so seriously. It was as if Rudy had mustered up his resolve.

Grayson was quite rich at that moment. A single sixth -grade pill was not much to him. He nodded casually, "Sure! I'll bet that he fails at the last step."

Rudy nodded, "I'll bet that he fails at the second step. He won't even be able to form a pill!"

Those words were incredibly resolute. It was as if he would start fighting if Grayson said anything against

It.

Grayson raised an eyebrow as he let out a laugh, "Then I'll bet a sixth-grade pill as well. You're allowed to choose the type."

The two of them had a deal, and they once again shifted their focus onto Jack.

Those words that were being spoken near Jack did not disturb Jack at all. After completing the first step, he reached the second. The first two steps were actually not difficult for Jack at all.

After all, he had absorbed the great warrior's memories. The great warrior had done the first two steps countless times. He could easily make seventh, eighth, and ninth-grade pills, let alone sixth-grade ones.

After all, the great warriors had come from the firstgrade world, the Divine Void World. In the Divine Void World, even ninth-grade pills were incredibly common.

Jack was still not completely merged with the memories at that moment. Otherwise, Jack would have easily been able to refine ninth-grade pills.

Constance looked over to the vice treasurer. He saw that a curious and disdainful glint was in the vice treasurer's eyes.

He only stopped on the treasurer for a moment before he looked over at Jack. His eyes constantly moved between the vice treasurer and Jack, as if he was thinking about something and trying to make a decision.

After a good while, Constance suddenly said, "Your student over there really is someone special..."

The vice treasurer's face soured more when he heard that. He had already been incredibly miserable standing there.

Jack, who he had thought was incredibly reliable, had suddenly thrown such a curveball. Then there was Gilbert who decided to ignore the Heavenly Pills' reputation to tell everyone about Jack.

Those matters really troubled the vice treasurer. Constance's words almost caused the vice treasurer to leap into combat.

The vice treasurer suppressed his rage as he turned to look at Constance and replied, "Mr. Constance, you should focus on your own matters. There's no need for you to worry about me.

"I know myself how my student is. I know what he can or cannot do. I didn't really want any of them to become a formal student for the alliance anyway."

If Jack had not wanted to refine a sixth-grade pill, Jack would still have had the chance to become a formal student of the alliance. With Jack's actions, it was already completely hopeless.

Chapter 2457

Jack could not possibly refine a sixth-grade pill and had also lost the chance to prove himself through forming pill runes. Jack had dug his own grave.

The vice treasurer could not help but prepare himself for future failure. Otherwise, he would be viciously mocked later on, and Constance's mockery would get worse.

The vice treasurer had experienced many things in his years, but he could not take that kind of mockery.

Constance let out a cold smile and said, "It looks like you don't think Jack can do anything at all. I really don't know what Heavenly Pills are thinking to accept riff-raff like that.

"An idiot like him who insists on proving how stupid he is would be a burden even if he became a sixthgrade alchemist."

Constance seemed to be giving out advice, but the tone was notably wrong. Anyone could have sensed that. The vice treasurer's lips twitched as he turned to look away, no longer facing Constance.

"I know what you're trying to say, but I can't hear anything when my mood is bad. I'd advise you to shut your mouth and look at your favored disciple."

After that, the vice treasurer deliberately moved away from Constance. The vice treasurer would probably end up spitting out blood if he continued talking to the guy. He decided to just shut his mouth and pretend to not see anything.

"The pill has taken shape!" Grayson suddenly said.

Grayson did not even have to mention that. Rudy had seen everything. At that moment, Rudy looked like he had swallowed a fly.

Rudy had thought that Jack was just full of hot air. Yet, a dark pill body was in the furnace in front of Jack, floating in the middle.

Jack's hands were constantly forming seals as the pill's movement constantly sped up. At the peak of the speed, the pill suddenly stopped.

Under Jack's serious eyes, the pill started to emit a dense smell. Jack let out a sigh of relief as he once again started to form seals. The dense fragrance filled Jack's nose as he quickly gathered all that pill aura together.

One by one, golden pill runes started to form. The faint golden runes started to illuminate the air around him.

When Rudy saw that scene, there was not much he could say. Rudy had lost completely. Jack did not just complete the second step, he had even started on the third

Even though he knew that Jack could not finish the third step, he was still unable to contain his anger.

Grayson let out a light laugh as he looked at Rudy and said, "It looks like I've won. Thank you..."

Rudy took a deep breath, unable to say anything back at Grayson. He was forced to nod sincerely and replied, "Don't worry, I'll let you pick a sixth-grade pill later."

Either because of Rudy keeping to his words or because they both had Jack as a common enemy, they had seemed to set aside their earlier differences.

Chapter 2458

Time slowly ticked away. Jack was forming the pill runes at an even pace. One by one, the golden runes floated in the air, slowly accumulating.

Rudy and Grayson had yet to start on their own pills. They had put their full focus on Jack. They witnessed for themselves as Jack slowly condense pill rune after pill runes.

The faint golden glow flashed in front of their eyes. The more they watched, the more apprehensive they were. Grayson had felt like Jack would already be quite talented to even be able to form a hundred pill runes.

After all, forming pill runes by themselves was different from forming pill runes while refining a pill.

While refining, one would need to make sure the pill maintained its shape. Then, one would need to use the pill aura emitted from the pill to form pill runes. It needed the support of true and spiritual energy.

Most importantly, one needed to go through constant training to stabilize oneself. That needed incredible skills as well as a very long time.

Normal students would not be able to do that at all. Yet, Jack seemed to be able to do it comfortably. Jack was not panicking at all as he calmly formed his pill runes.

The number of pill runes slowly increased. From three hundred to five hundred, and he even managed to form eight hundred.

It was then that Jack was once again the focus of everyone's attention, not only being focused by a select few.

Initially, everyone felt like Jack had been an incredible idiot to stand behind Rudy.

A completely unknown brat had actually dared to challenge the third test to prove his skills. Everyone knew very well how difficult a sixth-grade pill was to form.

Only those with incredible talent could become sixthgrade alchemists at their age. Back then, no one thought Jack could do it.

After following Elder Horst into the hall, everyone's focus had been on the test. They no longer cared about the troublemaking Jack. Yet, even if they wanted to ignore him, they could no longer do so.

Eight hundred pill runes floated in front of Jack. The golden glow was absolutely radiant. Everyone was looking at Jack in a completely different expression!

Even if Jack's pill runes could not merge well enough with the pill, his performance would still have set him apart from the group.

It was way better than most of them! After all, being able to form one to two hundred pill runes among those students was already considered an incredible feat.

Jack was able to control the pill body as he condensed eight hundred pill runes. That was something those students could only dream of. Rudy was already looking at Jack with an incredibly dark look.

His hands trembled and he uttered, "How is this possible?! How could this guy actually form eight hundred pill runes?! How did he do it? Why can he do it?! I've never heard of him before!"

Rudy was already in a completely crazed state. Jack had given Rudy a slap to the face with the demonstration of his skills.

All the mockery Rudy had thrown had been reflected right back at him. Rudy felt like a joke at that moment. It was no wonder Jack's words had been so sharp before.

Jack really did have the skill! Grayson's frown had not disappeared since Jack had formed five hundred pill runes.

Grayson's mood was not much better than Rudy's. After all, it was too much of a shock. "Where did he come from? Why have I never heard of him before?! I she actually able to form a sixth-grade pill?"

Chapter 2459

Grayson's voice was a little raspy. At that moment, Rudy was no longer in the mood to answer Grayson. Rudy looked at Jack with an anxious look, praying that Jack would fail! Only then would he be able to save himself from embarrassment.

The vice treasurer's eyes were about to pop out of their sockets. He gaped slightly as he looked at Jack in disbelief.

He never expected that Jack would actually be able to form eight hundred pill runes. He knew that Jack had been hiding his skills, but he did not expect him to be so skillful.

The vice treasurer had thought that Jack had gone crazy, but it seemed like he was the one who had been blind to Jack's genius!

Thinking about that, he took a deep breath, concealing his expression. He did not want anyone to notice anything strange.

Constance said in an incredibly cold voice, "Vice treasurer, your acting skills are getting better and better!"

When he said that, he was filled with rage. Thankfully, the vice treasurer had hidden his strange expression and returned to normal. Constance had not noticed anything at all and only felt like he had been playing around.

The vice treasurer let out a cold laugh, "What do you mean by my acting skills? I'm Heavenly Pills' vice treasurer. I'm not some circus show."

Constance slammed his hand down as he violently exclaimed, "Stop trying to pull one over me! I actually really thought that the brat was an idiot.

"It looks like you were just too good at acting. You managed to fool all of us!"

The vice treasurer did his best to control himself, not revealing any strange expressions. The vice treasurer struggled a little at Constance's accusations. He had not been acting earlier and had really felt that way.

He had never known of Jack's true abilities. His shock was no less than anyone present. It was just that he could not voice out his surprise.

Zayne had been eagerly waiting to be entertained. Even though he was not in that great of a relationship with the vice treasurer, he could not really offend the vice treasurer too much.

After all, Zayne was part of the Rosefinch Pavilion. Heavenly Pills had Heavenly Auction House behind them, which had incredibly close ties with Rosefinch Pavilion. He could not make the situation too bad for the vice treasurer, but now he was a little anxious.

Zayne's lips twitched, "Vice treasurer, did you need to do all that? They had to show their skills eventually anyway. What was the point of hiding everything from us? You caused us to think that you were just recruiting riff-raff."

The vice treasurer let out a helpless sigh as he said, "I've never seen Jack refine a sixth-grade pill, so I can't be sure if he can actually do it.

“I was more or less a little anxious. Naturally, I showed anxiety in my expression. It was you who jumped to conclusions, so this has nothing to do with me.”

The vice treasurer’s reasoning was a little forced, but it was still able to temporarily set the situation aside.

He did not want to go too deep into the topic. His eyes remained fixed on Jack.

Gilbert and Andrew had already formed quite a few pill runes, but when they witnessed what Jack was doing, they could no longer maintain their composure.

The runes they were forming suddenly disappeared, turning into pill auras. Gilbert looked at Jack with a frown.

He pinched himself harshly to prove that he was not dreaming. “How is this possible?! How could he form eight hundred pill runes?!”

Chapter 2460

Gilbert felt like he was about to go crazy from anger. He had already been stamped on by Jack before, but now he felt like he was about to be completely trampled over.

He had thought that Jack had some talent, but would not be that much stronger than him. After witnessing all this for himself, he finally realized how much of a joke his thoughts were.

No wonder Jack had always looked at him as if he was nothing. Jack had never taken him seriously before at all. In Jack’s eyes, Gilbert was merely a clown. Gilbert could not take it after realizing that point.

Earlier, he might have offended the vice treasurer, but he had turned Jack into a joke. Once Jack returned to Heavenly Pills, Jack would be punished severely. After all, Heavenly Pills really held a lot of importance in their reputation. 1

Jack’s actions had clearly smeared a black spot on Heavenly Pills’ reputation before. Yet, his thoughts had been completely shattered by Jack.

Gilbert’s hands trembled. He could not even breathe properly at that point. “I refuse to believe it! Why can he do all this? Why does he have so much talent? I’ve never seen...”

He could not finish his sentence. He had never seen anyone as talented as Jack. Jack looked to be about the same age as him, but Jack was so much more talented than he was.

It was one thing for Jack to be better at fighting than him, but they had such a huge gap even in alchemy. How could he possibly stand it? Gilbert's mild trembling had turned into full-on shaking as if he was having a fit.

His complexion kept on changing as if he had suffered some disease. Andrew's expression was not much better than Gilbert's, but he was at least a little calmer than Gilbert.

Andrew was also dealt a heavy blow. He gulped as he sighed, "So there's such a big gap between us. It's such a joke that I had wanted to use my skills to prove myself. Such a huge joke..."

Andrew was just like Gilbert. He felt like all his actions in front of Jack before were all just a massive joke. The more he thought about it, the more it seemed that way.

The discussions around the place at that moment shot up in waves.

"Why have I never heard of Heavenly Pills having such a genius before?! His talents are equal to Grayson's! Looking at him, he should be around our age. No wonder he dared to stand behind Rudy. He was no idiot, he really did have the skills!"

"I was saying that he didn't look like an idiot. Heavenly Pills really hid this very well. I'm so surprised.

"If Jack grows up, Heavenly Pills will definitely be much stronger. When I go back, I have to tell the elders..."

The discussions flew everywhere, but it did not disturb Jack at all. Jack had a challenge in front of him at that moment, which was the last step. He needed to merge the pill runes with the pill body.

Only with a fifty percent refinement would the Energy Breaking Pill be considered successful. With Jack's skills, it would not be hard for him to do so, but he did not want to expose too much of his talents.

His goal was to become a sixth-grade alchemist and enter the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. He did not want too many eyes on him, or he might risk being targeted by others.

Chapter 2461

After all, he was still not that skilled. In the martial world, the strong were always the winners. He did not want to cause any unnecessary trouble at that moment. With that question in mind, Jack made a clear decision.

He formed seals after seals with his hands as the pill body started to spin slowly again. With a wave of his right hand, the golden pill runes that were in the air started to rapidly spin around the pill body.

The moment they fused with the pill body, the golden pill runes let out a vibrant, golden glow. After that, they fused with the pill body.

There were a total of eight hundred and thirty pill runes. Jack controlled those runes and fused them into the pill body one by one. As the pill runes fused with the pill body, Jack's hand shook a bit, doing something to the pill body.

It caused the pill that would have been at an eighty percent refinement to turn into a fifty percent one! Jack deliberately slowed down the process before he fused the pill runes with the pill body.

An Energy Breaking Pill that was glowing in a faint golden light spun in the air. Jack reached out and grabbed the pill. He let out a breath as the somewhat uncertain feeling in his heart died down.

"Success." He plainly said.

At that moment, his focus shifted to his surroundings. He once again felt gazes on his body. He immediately turned around and saw Rudy and Grayson staring at him with wide eyes.

The two of them were looking at him as if he had killed their fathers. Rudy was in an especially bad state. His mouth was twitching as if he had been poisoned

Rudy's breath was erratic and his face was pale. It was obvious how much of a blow his mental state had been dealt with. Grayson was in a slightly better state, but not much better.

He could even see jealousy and hatred in Grayson's eyes! Facing that expression, Jack was incredibly calm. He had seen that look on so many people before.

Whenever he performed just a little better, it could invite the hatred of others. Grayson had been claiming that his talents were the more superior, and had been showing off in front of everyone.

Yet, even if he successfully refined a sixth-grade pill at that moment, it would not cause that much excitement. Grayson really hated Jack for stealing his thunder.

After Jack successfully refined a sixth-grade pill, the others would no longer hold Grayson in that high of regard. Grayson sighed as he coldly stared at Jack.

"You're really something else. I thought there was something wrong with your head before, but you really do have the skills. However, there's something wrong with your character for sure. Since you're so talented, why didn't you just voice it out earlier?"

"You insisted on playing around with us and shocking us? I won't respect your disgusting behavior!"

Jack was a little speechless at Grayson's words. Even if he had said he was talented earlier, it would merely have invited more mockery. Why would he have done that?

Only by proving his skills would he be able to shut everyone up.

Chapter 2462

Grayson said that merely because he did not want people to look at him differently after he showed off his talents. He wanted Elder Horst to have a better view of him than Jack.

Jack let out a soft laugh and said, "Even if you want to try to bring me down, you should at least use your brain. If I had said that I was talented just now, what would all of you have thought?"

"You're just saying all of this because I stole your thunder. I hate people like you who think so much of your meager talents the most. All you do is try and push everyone down from your high seats!"

Those words almost caused Grayson to spit out blood. That brat's mouth was just as amazing as his talents.

Grayson shouted out with clenched fists, "Don't think that you can beat me just because you managed to refine a sixth-grade pill!"

"Let me tell you, I'm only at this level now because I've only learned the Way of the Pill for a short time. If you give me a bit more time, I'll definitely be better than you. I'll be so much better than you, you won't even have room to breathe!"

Jack coldly laughed as he averted his gaze, not even bothering to talk to Grayson anymore. Rudy looked like his bones had been snapped by someone. He looked like he was about to collapse on the floor. He was furious, his stomach was filled with inexhaustible rage, but there was nothing he could do

He wanted to voice out all his anger just like Grayson had done. He wanted to shout and scream, but Rudy knew very well that Jack would not allow himself to be trampled all over.

No matter what he said, it would just be seen as a joke. Suddenly, everyone had strange looks on their faces. There was conflict and shock on their faces, as well as reluctance.

Elder Horst coughed lightly, breaking the strange atmosphere. He walked a few steps forward as he reached out to Jack and said, "Hand over the Energy Breaking Pill. Let me check if the refinement is at fifty percent."

Elder Horst's words successfully plunged everyone into a strange silence again. Everyone widened their eyes as they waited for Elder Horst's final result.

If Jack did not manage a fifty percent refinement with the Energy Breaking Pill, it would prove that he did not truly have the skill to become a sixth-grade alchemist. It would mean that his talents were not as high as they expected.

Hearing Elder Horst's words, Grayson and Rudy looked up at the elder with an expectant gaze.

Elder Horst ignored all the attention. He placed Jack's Energy Breaking Pill in his palm before he furrowed his eyebrows as he observed the pill in earnest. Elder Horst was a true eighth-grade alchemist

There was no way he would make any mistakes when verifying pills. After all, the Energy Breaking Pill was just a sixth-grade pill.

The vice treasurer clenched his fists tightly. He looked much more nervous than everyone else there. His breath started to get erratic. If Jack really did succeed in becoming a sixth-grade alchemist, it would be something that would have the whole of Heavenly Pills celebrating. After all, a student as talented as Jack would definitely be able to accomplish a lot if he was brought up properly.

Even a seventh-grade alchemist would not be within his limits. Heavenly Pills would greatly benefit from him in the future. Jack was a student under him, so he would definitely be able to benefit greatly from Jack in the future as well!

Elder Horst looked at the Energy Breaking Pill with great scrutiny. In the end, there was a glint in his eyes as his lips curled up into a smile.

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Looking at that smile, the vice treasurer's breath almost stopped. Elder Horst said confidently, "Over fifty percent refinement! Even though it's not at sixty percent, it's still almost there. Very good! As of right now, you're a sixth-grade alchemist."

When he said that, Elder Horst had a slight smile on his face as he looked at Jack with a relieved expression. Elder Horst's words were basically a confirmation

At that moment, differing feelings went through everyone's hearts. Most of them felt shocked. Jack had only been slightly off from being at sixty percent refinement. It meant that Jack was slightly better than regular sixth-grade alchemists.

They were all so far away from being a sixth-grade alchemist, but Jack was already making his steps toward being a seventh-grade alchemist. There was such a huge difference in their talents that they were forced to admit defeat!

Rudy took a deep breath. His body swayed and he was about to lose it. No matter what he did at that moment, it would be useless.

He turned around abruptly as he walked toward the materials that Elder Horst had prepared for him. He stared at Jack the whole way. He had yet to even start refining his pill. Jack dealt a huge blow to his mood, but the test needed to continue.

Just as he turned around, a familiar voice was heard behind him. Constance berated, "Throw those dumb thoughts out of your head. Don't let this affect you at all! No matter how strong anyone else is, it's not you. What did you come here for? Surely you don't need me to remind you.

"If you're affected by something like this, and fail to become a student of the alliance, I'll tell the elders everything when we're back. You know how the elders are. You know what kind of punishment you'll get!"

Rudy was so scared that he shivered. He did not even dare to turn his head around. Constance's words were no joke. There was not a single elder in Golden Pills that was not ruthless.

If anything happened at that moment, he did not even dare to imagine what he would face when he went back. He hurriedly composed himself and took a few deep breaths. He cast his gaze on the furnace.

He mumbled to himself, "Only success! No failure is allowed!"

He had been dealt a heavy blow. The person he had thought he would be able to trample beneath his feet had actually turned out so talented. There was nowhere for him to vent his anger, so he was naturally suffering at that moment.

Grayson saw that Rudy had already started refining his pills and did not dare to delay any longer. At that moment, he started to move as well. It was not the time for him to wonder how talented Jack was.

He needed to hurry up and refine an Energy Breaking Pill to prove his talent and skill!

Elder Horst held his protruded belly as he walked toward Jack. He reached out his large hand as he pats Jack on the shoulder.

"Not bad! You are quite the rare sprout! I haven't seen anyone with such potential in two or three years.

"Don't worry, the recruitment this time is different from before. The alliance will give you everything you need to grow. All you need to do is listen to our arrangements.

Jack looked up at the smiling elder. He merely gave a slight nod, not saying anything.

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Elder Horst was painting a very nice picture, but Jack was not a naïve child. He would not believe someone else so easily.

Even though Elder Horst had said that something had happened in the alliance which caused the recruitment to be different, Jack was still waiting to find out how it would affect him.

The vice treasurer excitedly walked to Jack. He could not hold back the smile on his face. "You did very well!" He praised loudly.

Jack merely nodded slightly again. He did not have too much of a reaction. He had always known his skill and potential, so he would naturally not be as excited as everyone else.

"Don't worry, Heavenly Pills will absolutely not let your talents go to waste. We'll definitely raise you up properly, as long as you remain loyal to us!" There was another meaning to the vice treasurer's words, but his face remained incredibly excited.

Jack could not help but let out a silent laugh. The vice treasurer was actually more interested in the last few words. He wanted Jack to remain loyal. Only with enough loyalty would Jack get enough resources.

After all, Heavenly Pills would not waste its resources and gain nothing. Jack nodded, still not saying anything. Jack was not someone who forgot those who helped him.

As long as Heavenly Pills did not do anything against him or harm him, he would repay them in the future.

At some point, Constance and Zayne had arrived next to them. The two of them measured Jack properly. This time, they were looking at him with a different expression.

The first time, they looked at him as if he was a clown. This time, they seemed deep in thought, as if they wanted to find out everything about Jack.

Constance let out a slight smile as he said plainly, "You really are a genius. Good talent shouldn't be hidden. The outer regions are still the outer regions. If someone of your talent was in the inner regions, you'd definitely cause many waves!"

Constance was trying to overstep his boundaries at that moment. When the vice treasurer heard that, he replied angrily, "Mr. Constance, stop right there! Don't think I don't know how the inner region acts!

"There are so many resources, but you all scheme among each other so much. If a genius went inside, who knows what would happen to them!"

Jack glanced at the vice treasurer. Just as the vice treasurer was going to continue fighting, Jack raised a hand to stop him. He turned to look at Constance.

Jack acted as if he had forgotten everything Constance had said to him before. Jack said calmly, "Of course, I'd want to go to Golden Pills..."

Those words caused a chill to go through the vice treasurer. The vice treasurer hurriedly turned around with widened eyes. He looked at Jack in disbelief and was about to say something when Jack continued.

"But alas, I have an incredibly bad relationship with Rudy from Golden Pills. You've seen what he was doing just now.

"If I join Golden Pills, Rudy would definitely plot something against me. I just want to focus on alchemy. I obviously wouldn't want these petty matters affecting me.

"You should understand! As long as Rudy is in Golden Pills, I'll never join you!"

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Jack's words had been incredibly venomous. He had pinned the blame on Rudy for not joining Golden Pills.

If Jack got more and more talented, Golden Pills might actually consider kicking Rudy out to make Jack a formal student!

Sure enough, the moment Jack finished, Constance was deep in thought. It was as if he was seriously considering the possibility. Before the vice treasurer exploded, Jack hurriedly turned over and winked at the vice treasurer.

The vice treasurer immediately understood what Jack was doing. He suppressed the anger in his heart as he said nothing.

At that moment, a bang was suddenly heard behind them. A few of them turned around to look and saw that Rudy's furnace had a small explosion. The medicinal liquids splattered everywhere.

Rudy's first try had been a total failure! Jack smirked coldly. Logically, the first step should have been the easiest. Mistakes should never be made at that step.

Rudy's medicinal liquids had exploded because of his errant thoughts. He had heard everything Jack had said earlier.

Jack had managed to shut off everything else when he was refining earlier, but Rudy had been unable to completely focus on everything with his thoughts all over the place.

When he heard those words that Jack had deliberately targeted at him, Rudy naturally lost his composure. With Jack's talents already causing Rudy's whole body to tremble, he lost control of the balance for a moment and caused the furnace to explode.

Looking at that sight, Constance frowned as he walked forward and said, "Rudy! Did you not hear what I said earlier? If you mess this up, you'll definitely be punished when you get back! Throw those dumb thoughts away right now!"

"You can't make any more mistakes. Don't forget, you only have three chances. You've already ruined one right at the first step, so what if you make another mistake?! You know the consequences!"

Constance had forced out the last few words through clenched teeth. It was obvious how angry Constance was at that moment.

Jack let out a cold laugh. That was exactly what he had wanted. Elder Horst glanced over at Jack and had naturally caught Jack's smile. He suddenly laughed as he told the servant behind him, "Bring Jack to the back hall. After that, give him the sixthgrade alchemist badge and make a record for him. I'll make more arrangements after the test."

The servant behind elder Horst hurriedly nodded. The servant hurried over and motioned to Jack. Jack let out an exasperated sigh, he was still not that good at controlling his own expressions.

He should not have let out that laugh earlier. Otherwise, he would have been able to pull off more tricks. He wanted to at least ruin that guy's test.

After all, that guy kept on causing him trouble. If Jack let Rudy off like that, Rudy might think that Jack was an easy target.

Yet, it seemed like Elder Horst was not going to give him any chance to do that. Jack let out a sigh, not saying anything else as he followed the servant to the back hall

Chapter 2466

Jack was led to a solitary room, one adorned with furnishings and an elegantly decorated layout. There were even various refreshments on the table, and a faint floral fragrance permeated the room.

The servant invited Jack to sit down before he said, “ Please wait here. After the test, Elder Horst will make his arrangements. Call me should you need anything; I’ll be right outside the door.”

The servant bowed at Jack before he turned and left the room, leaving only Jack inside.

Jack sighed in helplessness as he muttered to himself, “I must have better control over my expressions next time...”

If Elder Horst had not noticed it, Jack could have stayed and got his scheme to work, making things difficult for the other two. It was only Rudy who had been affected at that moment, while Grayson did not suffer too much.

That was what Jack regretted, but such laments were pointless for the moment. With that, Jack placed these thoughts aside before he sat down to train.

Ever since he came to Middle Province, he had not! Had the chance to calm down and train. He had even focused solely on alchemy, which no doubt affected his martial advancements.

Jack had formally become a student of the alliance and a sixth-grade alchemist, much to his relief.

He needed to catch up on his training, however. He had only managed to get Destroying the Void to the second stage. He was still a bit far from the third stage, and he had to hurry.

After absorbing the Formational True Energy, his strength was already close to a breakthrough. He was close to achieving the spring solidifying realm, but he was still

too weak at that moment. Only by stepping into the spring solidifying realm would he be able to have the most basic ability to protect himself.

Jack would be able to enter a few hidden ancient realms. To Jack, eight hours passed by in a flash. When the door opened again, Jack was a little surprised.

He walked Elder Horst, smiling as he did, and following after him were Rudy and Grayson, both seemingly at peace. It was obvious from their expressions that the two of them had passed.

They were already sixth-grade alchemists just like he was, or they would not have looked so pleased.

When Jack stood up, Elder Horst motioned for Jack! "Come forward"

From his storage ring, Elder Horst produced a golden badge. On the badge was the word 'Six', and there were countless small symbols around it. Elder Horst gave the badge to Jack once Jack walked up to him." This is your badge."

All of a sudden, Elder Horst then ordered, seemingly directed to whoever was outside, "There's not much more time, hurry on inside!"

Jack frowned when he saw two other people hurrying in from outside. They looked to be in their forties or fifties, with beards and seemingly fierce expressions to boot.

Jack could not tell how strong the two of them were at that moment.

Elder Horst introduced Jack and the others, "The one on the left is Aston Cain, and on the right is Martin Lemming. They're both deacons who'll be bringing you to Phoenix Valley."

This stunned Jack. Where was Phoenix Valley? Why were they ushered to this location so quickly? What awaited them there?

Jack did not want to depart before knowing the whole situation fully, but he was not in the position to decide that. If he rejected even that order, the alliance would not trust him in the future and would not give him the resources he needed.

Even if he was unwilling, Jack did not voice his objection immediately. Jack merely kept silent and looked on quietly.

Elder Horst continued, "I said we needed to recruit five students this time. The other two aren't able to match you three in potential, so they'll remain here for now."

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"The three of you are special, and sending you to Phoenix Valley is what the higher-ups desire. Phoenix Valley is a very special place for the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. A lot of things are happening today, so it's not good for you to remain here."

Elder Horst then took a deep breath. It was as if there was something he could not say, a secret buried deep in his mind.

Jack frowned at that. Phoenix Valley did not seem to be anywhere too dangerous, and nothing treacherous should be lurking there. It was just that he did not know if Phoenix Valley was in the inner or outer region.

As Jack mulled over the matter, Elder Horst once more spoke, "Alright, let us not dilly-dally. I've already prepared the spirit vessel. There's no need to say your goodbyes either; I'll let them know."

"Phoenix Valley is a good place. Make sure you properly practice alchemy when you're there. Your future will be very bright."

Elder Horst did not dawdle any longer. He shot a look at Martin and Aston, and the two of them nodded. They then brought Jack and the other two to a spirit vessel.

They were still reeling in disbelief at that point, even as they got into the small vessel. Everything had happened too quickly, and they barely had time to digest it all.

The small vessel was a lot smaller than the vessel they had just come from. The spirit vessel could only fit five to six people. Aston and Martin were the ones controlling the vessel.

One of them steered the vessel from the inside while the other looked out for danger outside. Jack and the others merely rested inside quietly.

The three of them had quite the complicated relationship

Grayson might have had a temporary truce with Rudy before, but they still did not see eye-to-eye. After both of them completed the test and became sixth-grade alchemists, they were at odds once again.

The three of them were at a corner each, distancing themselves from each other as much as they could. It was as if none of them wanted to have anything to do with one another at all.

Jack was actually quite happy with this.

He did not like exchanging empty pleasantries, especially when the interactions were meaningless. What Jack was the most worried about at that point was what sort of place Phoenix Valley was and what he would encounter when he arrived.

It had already been ten hours since they left. Earlier, he had asked Martin when they would arrive at Phoenix Valley, Martin showed him three fingers. "At least three days."

The answer stunned Jack. The small vessel might not be able to carry a lot of people, but it was no slow vessel at all. Three days would mean they would be traversing a lot of space. Jack wondered where in Middle Province they were headed to.

He had wanted to ask even more questions, but Martin seemed so distant and apathetic, as if he did not want to bother with Jack and the others.

Jack was forced to put his questions aside for the moment.

Out of the blue...

"So it's you!" an exclamation was heard.

Jack jumped, thinking that something had happened. Martin immediately stood up as he ordered, "None of you are allowed to come out. No matter what happens, pretend you didn't hear anything!"

Martin seemed incredibly stern at that point. Jack had stood up as well, but he still looked relatively calm. Meanwhile, Grayson and Rudy seemed terrified.

Martin gave out those instructions before rushing out. He shut the door behind him before noises were heard outside. A battle had taken place.

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It did not sound like the battle had ceased at all from the moment Martin got out. Jack, Grayson, and Rudy were rooted, stone-faced even. None of them were all that calm.

Something had happened outside, and it was not something to joke about.

They were no masters nor venerable fighters. If anything happened outside, their lives could very well be lost there.

Jack, at least, seemed to be in control over himself. Even though a lot was going on in his mind at that moment, he could still manage himself as he assessed the situation, planning what he would do if anything went awry.

The other two could not even remain calm, especially Grayson who looked incredibly aghast. His hands were trembling, and his mouth was twitching.

It was obvious that Grayson was close to losing his mind. The sounds from the clash that took place outside intermingled with shouts and yells, and it grew louder by the moment, too. Martin and Aston were both talking, but it was hard to tell what they were talking about.

“What’s happening? Why is there a sudden ambush? Did we pass a dangerous path or something? Is it a rival?!” blurted Grayson, his voice evidently unstable as he babbled.

Rudy glanced at Grayson before saying, “Don’t forget that we’re currently in a ship provided by the alliance. Don’t we all know what the alliance is? Which group would start a conflict with the alliance? It’s just an alliance that helps out alchemists. Normally, there shouldn’t be any conflict with anyone that powerful...”

Saying that, Rudy felt like there was no weight to his words. If it was not someone with a grudge, what was that yell from earlier about, before Martin stepped outside? That was impossible to explain.

Still, Rudy could not imagine who would have such a grudge against the alliance to start such a conflict, even trying to kill them on the journey.

Grayson then argued, his eyes red-rimmed and breaths erratic, “The question is, what’s the point of killing us? We might be a little talented, but we’ve only just turned into sixth-grade alchemists. We can’t really affect anyone! Why would they try to kill us?”

Rudy nodded meaningfully at those words.

Even if the enemy wanted to kill them, there should have been a meaning to the assault. The three of them had just turned into sixth-grade alchemists, and the news about it should not have been leaked yet.

Even if talent was valuable, it meant nothing in the eyes of those truly powerful. After all, talent could sometimes be exhausted, and no one could truly know if it would blossom.

Sixth-grade alchemists might be respected, but the truly respectable figures are all seventh or eighthgrade alchemists. Sixth-grade alchemists were still too low ranked in that regard!

Thinking about that, Rudy stood up, his emotions whirling within him. “Do any of you have some sort of special identity? Are you enemies trying to pursue you?”

Saying that, Rudy’s eyes widened. He viciously stared at the two in front of him, not able to think of who would want to kill them.

Since he could not figure it out, there might be another reason for it. For instance, the one they wanted to kill might have nothing to do with the alliance. They might want to kill just one person.

If that was the case, he would just have been dragged into this mess!

Chapter 2469

The more Rudy thought about it, the angrier he became, believing his assumption to be true after all.

He could not help but raise his voice as his hands trembled, “I’m telling you two: No matter who attracted the assassins, you’d better suffer the consequences! Don’t pull me into your mess!

“I’ve always been very careful with what I do, never misstepping.” Rudy’s breathing started to quicken as he spoke. “I’ve never provoked any powerful figures before, so I don’t want any of you to drag me down with you!”

Grayson’s face reddened in fury upon hearing Rudy’s words. If the situation had allowed it, he would have rushed over to Rudy and screamed.

“Stop assuming things so rashly about us! You’ve never offended anyone, so does that mean we have? Don’t talk about yourself as if you’re some saint, alright?”

“With how your character is, could you have not offended anyone? Who knows; you might be the culprit here. Why are you so insistent that these enemies are targeting one person?”

Rudy’s nostrils flared as he pointed a finger at Grayson. “What do you mean by that?! Quit insulting me-I’ve never offended anyone important in my life!”

“I know how you normally act. You keep wagging your tail. If you haven’t offended anyone, I’ll take up your name in the future.

“Perhaps your usual abrasiveness actually ended up offending someone? Maybe it ended up causing a whole lot of trouble, and now, someone is trying to kill us.

“Back then, you were in Rosefinch Pavilion, and it wasn’t easy to make any moves on you. Now that you’re out, they found the perfect opportunity to attack!”

Both Grayson and Rudy were screaming at each, neither one of them wanting to give in. They felt like the situation they were in was caused by the other person, that all the fault laid on the other person, and this got the two of them more riled up by the minute.

Jack silently stood by the side and watched as they both screamed it out like a death match. He sighed helplessly.

He really admired the two of them, being able to quarrel to that degree even with the situation as it

Was.

Could the result of their quarrel solve the dangers they were facing? Hilarious.

Jack tried to listen in on the constant fighting that was outside. There were even a few explosions. Both sides seemed to be using powerful weapons. The skills clashed against each other, causing the explosions.

At that moment, the small vessel suddenly swayed violently. The two who were quarreling panicked at the sudden movement, falling on the floor after losing their footing.

The quarrel died down temporarily. Grayson fell down right on his back, and his expression soured even more.

“That’s a powerful technique, alright. How strong must that person be to cause such an intense explosion? Even the spirit vessel was affected!” At that moment, Grayson’s eyes reddened, and his pupils wavered in fear.

Rudy did not fare any better. Even though he did not fall as harshly as Grayson did, he still fell to his knees. His hands were on the ground, stopping his face from slamming flat against the floor.

He frowned as he said, “What do we do?! Are we supposed to just stay here and wait to die?! I don’t want to die! I’ll become a seventh-grade alchemist I n the future! I absolutely can’t die!”

Chapter 2470

Jack could care less about Rudy and Grayson; he himself was in a state of panic. He wanted to know what was happening outside the vessel, yet these two were at it so noisily that he could not hear anything

Jack then sharply turned to both Grayson and Rudy. “Can both of you shut up?! What’s the point of fighting over all this? Tell me, what can you do? The two of you will no doubt die if you go out there. You can’t even change what’s happening now! All you can do is wait here!”

Rudy paled at Jack’s explosive remark. “And what gives you the right to try and educate me, Jack? What gives you the right to shout at me?! Quit pretending like you’re so calm. Are you not afraid at all?!”

“Can you just shut your mouth?!” Jack could not be bothered to argue with these two.

A livid Rudy then staggered to get back up on his feet when another explosion occurred the moment he stood up

A shockwave erupted in the aftermath. It came from the outside, and the entire vessel shook violently due to the force.

Rudy, having just stood up, fell once more. This time, however, his fall was even worse than the last, his face planted straight to the surface in his fall.

Grayson, on the other hand, fared better as he did not try to stand up before the explosion happened. Jack stood at the furthest corner of the vessel as he leaned against the wall. He leaned in very closely, so he was naturally not sent to the ground.

Looking at how pathetic the two of them were, Jack could not help but let out a cold laugh. "What's the point of all that bickering? If you don't shut your mouths, I won't be so polite anymore!"

Grayson was merely a runner disciple before he discovered his talent in alchemy, so it was obvious how bad his skills were. He was older than Jack, but he was merely at the early stage of the innate level.

He was even among the weaker ones of that level. Jack could easily kill him if he wanted to. Rudy was a little better, but he was still at the early stage of the innate level as well.

To Jack, Grayson and Rudy were mere dispensable individuals. They were not from some acquired stage beasts, and killing them would be like a walk in the park for Jack.

Jack wanted nothing more than for them to shut up.

Grayson's face reddened in anger as he pointed at Jack. "Just you wait! Don't be so arrogant! So what if you have some talent? We're basically on the same level.

"There's still a lot of time. In the future, my talents will exceed yours. I'll become a seventh-grade alchemist before you and make you pay!"

Jack rolled his eyes. "Can you save those arrogant words for when you actually do it?"

The moment Jack said that, a shout was heard from the outside.

It was Martin's voice.

"How shameless! I knew you'd use such despicable tricks! So what, though? I won't let you get what you want. The alliance isn't that weak!"

Martin's words were more than audible to everyone inside the vessel. It seemed like Martin was right outside the vessel when he spoke, too.

The battle had been far away from the vessel earlier, probably to avoid harming it.

Thinking about that, Jack's heart stopped.

Since the sounds had gotten so close that they could hear them so clearly, it meant the battlefield had moved closer to the vessel.

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It could mean that Aston and Martin were already at a disadvantage. Since it was an ambush, the enemies were well prepared.

Even if the enemy could not kill the two of them for the moment, it was only a matter of time if the enemy had made enough preparations.

A muffled reply could be heard, seemingly like a response to Martin. However, the trio in the vessel could not hear it.

Martin's words had caused their hearts to plummet. They were so worried that they could not even speak.

They were in a grave situation. They could also see that the ambush had nothing to do with the three of them.

It was coming right for the alliance.

Grayson looked like he had swallowed a fly. "If I knew this would happen, I wouldn't have insisted on joining the Middle Province Alchemist Alliance. If I hadn't said I wanted to come, this wouldn't have happened!"

"Who did the alliance offend? Why is this ambush happening? They're even targeting a small vessel like this!"

The multitude of questions haunted Grayson and tormented him greatly. He might be incredibly distraught at that moment, but his words had given Jack an idea.

Jack frowned, feeling like the situation was incredibly strange as well. Just like Grayson had said, the alliance was there just to provide services and help out alchemists.

Normally, it would always maintain good relationships with the various clans, since they were not directly in competition. Furthermore, the various clans would require help from the alliance.

After all, that was where more of the alchemists in Middle Province gathered. Every warrior needed the support of pills. Groups like this would normally not have enemies intent on killing them unless the group had done something incredibly terrible.

What shocked Jack even more was the fact that the three of them seemed to be the targets.

He admitted that the three of them had much more potential in alchemy than any ordinary person, but that did not usually mean they would be targets to be killed. It would not have invited such an attack unless there was something else tied to it!

Grayson's face was slowly turning green. He had thought that he would be treated incredibly well after joining the alchemist alliance, that he would receive respect from everyone.

This disaster happened right before he could even achieve any of that! His future was suddenly thrown into disarray!

He was even starting to hate the alliance at that point.

Rudy was more or less in the same spot as Grayson. Rudy was considered incredibly talented even in Golden Pills, but at that moment, Rudy's life was in grave danger.

Just as the three pondered and lamented, the door to the vessel suddenly opened. Someone had activated the door from the outside.

A radiant light shone into the door from the outside, and the three could not help but look over at the door.

Jack stared at the door and then at the situation that unraveled past it. Everything felt like it was stagnant.

There were various figures constantly flashing about outside, and bursts of color from energy fluctuations constantly clashed with each other. The battle was very intense, and they could not even tell which one was Martin or which one was Aston.

