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Chapter 271: Aura Concealment Potion (3)

If one possessed natural talent, then one demonstration would suffice.

Vice versa, if one had no talent, then it would be useless even if they watched it repeatedly for dozens of times.

One good example was the violet class that was under his charge. He had done the same demonstration for hundreds of times, but only a few of those idiots understood it.

“Alright.” Shen Yanxiao nodded, and then she stared at Luo De’s action in all seriousness.

The reason the Aura Concealment Potion was classified as an intermediate potion was that it required thirteen different medicinal ingredients, and not merely due to its effects. Furthermore, the properties of four of those ingredients repelled one another, so if the herbalist were not attentive enough, the potion would fail because the medicinal properties were not neutralized.

Luo De placed those thirteen medicinal ingredients on the table and then processed each ingredient with a hundred percent focus.

His actions were slow, and yet it was not draggy. He was extremely meticulous with the medicinal ingredient’s initial preparation.

He pressed them, juiced them, extracted them, and then finally, he ground them.

Every single process was done precisely.

After he had processed all thirteen medicinal ingredients, Luo De poured one ingredient that was in liquid form into a crystal bottle. Subsequently, he poured in three more ingredients of different types of liquid, and each one in different quantities.

When he combined those four different ingredients, the jade-colored liquid turned dark blue. Luo De shook it to even it out, and then he placed it on the flame to heat it.

As the temperature increased, the dark blue liquid gradually turned into a greenish-black color. Then, Luo De added a few more medicinal ingredients into the mix.

Shen Yanxiao paid her undivided attention to everything that Luo De did.

As an Advanced Herbalist, Luo De had high proficiency in the production of intermediate potions, and his every movement was done with perfection.

Shen Yanxiao noticed the timing in which Luo De added the ingredients were very precise. As the temperature changed, the liquid inside the bottle changed as well. During the process of changes, he would add the powder-type of the medicinal ingredients carefully so that it would not clash with the other ingredients. It also allowed the ingredients to combine much better together.

One needed to grasp the time to add the medicinal ingredient precisely.

The students from the violet class stared at Luo De's demonstration. They could remember the process of producing the Aura Concealment Potion by heart, but unfortunately, they could not grasp the essence of it. Thus, most of them could not complete the production of the potion.

Thirty minutes later, the potion was done, and a pale yellow-colored Aura Concealment Potion appeared before their eyes.

Luo De placed the completed potion at one side as he wiped his hands and looked at Shen Yanxiao.

"Are you clear about the process for the potion?" Even though he could produce intermediate potions easily and quickly, he deliberately completed each step correctly so that Shen Yanxiao could get a better view.

"I think I can remember it roughly." Shen Yanxiao smiled and said.

"Then give it a try." Luo De walked away from the table and took a few more medicinal ingredients for the potion, in case she could not succeed in one try.

Shen Yanxiao did not object to his actions and directly walked toward the table. She looked at the familiar apparatus on the table calmly as she was not in a hurry to begin. Instead, she took her time to recall the entire process of how Luo De produced the potion.

The group of students around them noticed that Shen Yanxiao had stood still, and she did not move an inch, so they sniggered.

"I knew it. He is simply a reckless and ignorant kid. I think he must have been overwhelmed by the process of producing the Aura Concealment Potion."

"It was obvious that he had overestimated his abilities. Did he honestly believe that just anyone could produce an intermediate potion? To think that he had the cheek to boast about how he could attempt it after only one demonstration. This is simply a huge joke."

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The crowd thought that Shen Yanxiao was a joke, and they looked at her with ridicule and contempt.

All of them wanted to see just how 'skilled' that first-year kid would turn out to be.

Shen Yanxiao recalled the whole process of Luo De's demonstration in her mind, and then she began to process dozens of medicinal ingredients after that.

She managed to complete every single process speedily, and one could not say that she was inferior to Luo De. Her fast movements also shocked the crowd.

Shen Yanxiao's rapid movements also startled Luo De. The timing to prepare the medicinal ingredients was crucial to the process, and even a slight inattentiveness would lead to mistakes. However, since Shen Yanxiao had moved very fast, it was quite hard to guarantee that the ingredients were processed to perfection.

Luo De wondered if there was something wrong with the kid. He could produce perfect potions, so why was it so shocking that the kid could do the same? Were his expectations too high? It was probably that since it was tough for a first-year student to be able to produce an intermediate potion.

Luo De felt anxious for Shen Yanxiao while the other students laughed at Shen Yanxiao's swift actions.

However, they would not be able to laugh for long.

Soon enough, they would not even be able to smile.

Even though Shen Yanxiao was fast, the way she processed the ingredients was flawless. The powder was fine and smooth, and the liquid was clear and transparent. The rest of the students might not have been able to the perfect Aura Concealment Potion, but they had a profound understanding of the fundamentals of medicinal ingredients. Shen Yanxiao had processed all thirteen ingredients, and she even managed to do that in only one-third of the Luo De's time. Even so, the processed medicinal ingredients were comparable to Luo De's.

Luo De was shocked at Shen Yanxiao's success. He could not even find a single flaw in any of the thirteen ingredients that she had processed.

It looked as if that was not the first time that Shen Yanxiao had processed those ingredients. Her skills made it look as if she had done the same processes for more than a hundred times.

However, Shen Yanxiao was still only a first-year student, and therefore it would have been impossible for her to have learned the Aura Concealment formula before that.

Luo De might have been shocked, but he was also pleasantly surprised as he stared at Shen Yanxiao's preparation for her next steps.

Shen Yanxiao did not slow down as she continued the steps to produce the potion. She poured the liquid into the bottle swiftly, but she did not continue with another set of liquid. Instead, she added a powdery ingredient that was supposed to be added at a much later step.

Luo De's heart dropped. It seemed like the one demonstration that he did for Shen Yanxiao was not enough as Shen Yanxiao had mixed up the sequences in the process.

However, Shen Yanxiao did not think that there was anything wrong with what she did. After she added another liquid, she heated the bottle on the fire.

Luo De could not bear to continue watching her. Shen Yanxiao had followed the wrong sequences, and even if she were to add the other medicinal ingredients into the bottle, it would prove hard for her to complete the Aura Concealment Potion.

The other students remembered the sequences in the process as well. When they saw Shen Yanxiao's apparent mistake and Luo De's increasingly sour expression, they smiled maliciously.

"I knew it. This kid is not skilled at all. He had messed up the sequences of several medicinal ingredients."

"I would like to see if he'd cause an explosion."

Everyone knew that Shen Yanxiao's attempt had failed, and they only had to wait for the final result. They looked forward to Luo De's reprimand for that first-year student.

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Luo De could not bear to continue watching her when she messed up the sequences in the process.

However, when he saw Shen Yanxiao's absolute focus on the task, he felt bad about interrupting her. So he allowed her to continue despite her mistakes.

A pale yellow potion appeared soon enough. Shen Yanxiao took a deep breath and then gave the completed Aura Concealment Potion to Luo De, who wore an ugly expression on his face.

Luo De hesitated, but he took the potion anyway as he looked at Shen Yanxiao with uncertainty.

The potion that Shen Yanxiao had produced looked almost identical to the one that he did. However, he had personally witnessed her attempt, and even if someone had a sword to his throat, he could not believe that it was a successful Aura Concealment Potion.

Perhaps the potions only looked similar in appearance?

Luo De took a deep breath before he sniffed the bottle. A faint medicinal fragrance entered his nose, and the familiar smell assaulted his mind.

"How could this be..." Luo De stared at the potion in disbelief.

He was familiar with the scent of the Aura Concealment Potion, and the potion that he held in his hand had the exact same smell of a perfectly produced Aura Concealment Potion.

However, how was that possible?

He had witnessed Shen Yanxiao's mistakes! Her mistakes had led to changes in the properties of the medicinal ingredients, so it was impossible to produce a successful Aura Concealment Potion from her attempt!

The appearance and the scent of the potion in his hands were completely identical to the one that he had produced!

One might even say that it had a higher purity than the one that he had made.

Luo De looked at Shen Yanxiao with an extremely complicated expression.

"Did you know that you made a huge mistake when you added the medicinal ingredients?" Luo De asked as he narrowed his eyes at her.

Shen Yanxiao smiled and said, "Are you referring to the sequence in adding the medicinal ingredients?"

"Yes, that's right." Luo De nodded. In all honesty, he could not ascertain if the potion he had in his hands was a completed product or not.

Shen Yanxia shrugged her shoulders and said, “The exact sequences in the process to produce the potion was to improve the balance of each medicinal ingredient. At the same time, it was also to preserve the effect of the potion. Even though teacher Luo De’s steps could preserve the potion’s effect, the four ingredients in the Aura Concealment Potion would strongly repel each other. Unless one was a hundred percent sure that they had the precise quantity for each of these four ingredients, it could very well lead to failure.”

Luo De gave her an affirmative nod. Everyone knew about the medicinal ingredients that repelled each other and how it increased the difficulty in the production of the Aura Concealment Potion.

However, what did that have to do with anything?

When Luo De gave her an affirmed response, Shen Yanxiao continued, “I could only vaguely see the quantity that you had used. Since this is my first attempt, I was not sure as well. Therefore, I decided to change the sequence of the process. First, I added the first four strongest ingredients and then used the medicinal effects of the other ingredients to combine them together. With that, not only could I ensure the success of the potion, but I could also reduce repulsion when they combined. As a result, there was no violent clash between the four types of ingredients, and it was also easier to produce.”

Shen Yanxiao knew that her change of sequence would have a significant impact on the other students, but she did not care about that at all. She only wanted to achieve her goal, and not be burdened by other people’s opinions of her.

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It was a method that she had thought of during a practice at the Herbalist Division, and that was to change the sequence of the process to balance the medicinal properties. It was not a complicated method, but she had to have a thorough understanding of each of the medicinal ingredients. Otherwise, not only could she not balance the medicinal properties of the ingredient used, but she would probably also ruin all the other ingredients too.

After he heard Shen Yanxiao’s explanation, Luo De’s expression changed from uncertainty to one of astonishment.

Make changes in the sequence to reduce the difficulty of the process in producing the potion?

Was she actually capable of such a crazy feat?

One would need to identify which ingredients had the right properties to combine perfectly with another ingredient. One would also need to know the precise quantity to be used in the process – a feat that was usually enough to cause other herbalists to collapse and give up.

Even though her method could prevent the repulsion between the medicinal ingredients, one would need to have extreme skills in determining the precise quantity required for the potion and also a thorough understanding of the ingredient’s properties.

Luo De was an Advanced Herbalist, and even he would not dare to attempt such a method so haphazardly.

As an herbalist, Luo De only knew of a few others who had similar skills. However, they were all Great Herbalists and beyond! Only those who had reached the epitome of researches in herbalism would have the confidence to change the sequences of medicinal ingredients in a process. Otherwise, they would stand to lose more than they would ever gain.

How old was Shen Yanxiao? She was a mere thirteen-year-old, and she had only been at the Herbalist Division for less than two months.

No matter how talented she was, it was quite impossible for her to reach the same level as the Great Herbalists. Even if she had learned herbalism from the moment she was born, it was simply impossible for one to remember the properties of every single medicinal ingredient amongst thousands and thousands of ingredients.

Luo De could not believe what Shen Yanxiao had said. If she was right, then her understanding of medicinal ingredients was on the same par as the Great Herbalists!

How could that be possible!

Luo De's breathing became labored. He would have to drink Shen Yanxiao's Aura Concealment Potion if he were to verify the status of the potion.

The other students watched helplessly as they waited for Luo De to drink the unidentified potion, and when he did, their hearts almost leaped out of their chests.

Had teacher Luo De gone crazy? He had actually drunk that failed potion!

However, the students' expression changed again soon after that.

Luo De stood only ten feet from where they were, but they could not detect a hint of his aura. If they closed their eyes, they would not have been able to notice Luo De's existence.

The effect of the Aura Concealment Potion was to completely conceal one's aura.

Luo De was dumbstruck when he realized that the potion he had drunk was a successful Aura Concealment Potion!

Shen Yanxiao was right! She had managed to preserve the efficacy of the potion despite the change in the process' sequence!

"What's going on? He couldn't have really produced the Aura Concealment Potion, right?" A few students immediately noticed that something amiss with the situation. Luo De's aura had disappeared completely, and that had to have been the effect of the Aura Concealment Potion.

"How could this be? I definitely saw his mistakes when he added the medicinal ingredients!" The students looked at the situation in disbelief. They were unwilling to believe that Shen Yanxiao had successfully produced the potion. However, they also could not question the facts before their eyes.

A bottle of Aura Concealment Potion had managed to crush the confidence of a few arrogant students.

No matter how they looked at the situation, they could not understand how wrong sequences could still lead to the successful production of the Aura Concealment Potion.

1They also could not understand how a young first-year student could replicate the production of an intermediate potion from just a single demonstration?

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Was she even human?!

A first-year student had managed to produce a perfect Aura Concealment Potion after only one demonstration. Furthermore, the student had managed to do even when he had added the medicinal ingredients in the wrong sequences.

Was there anything else that could make them feel even worse than they already did?

The students looked at Shen Yanxiao in horror. It was as if the plain kid in front of them was not a first-year student at all. He could be a Great Herbalist who had used some forbidden potion to make himself look like a young kid.

Luo De had to suppress the shock that he felt with great difficulty, and he looked at Shen Yanxiao as if he was pleasantly surprised.

He had thought of Shen Yanxiao as a gifted prodigy in herbalism, but it seemed like she was born for herbalism!

“Good! Very good! Excellent!” Luo De smacked Shen Yanxiao’s shoulders in excitement. As he was eager with joy, his hands had even started to shake.

“Follow me. I have some things to discuss with you!” Luo De did not wait for Shen Yanxiao’s response. He pulled her by her elbow, and they left the lab together. The other students were still rooted in their original spots.

The students then began to spread the news about what had happened that day to the other students in the Herbalist Division.

Everyone who heard about that had expressed shock over the news.

Luo De pulled Shen Yanxiao along, and they passed through many long corridors in the Herbalist Division to cut across the buildings to head toward the library.

Shen Yanxiao had been to that library a few times, but unfortunately, her attention was not focused on herbalism at that time. Therefore, compared to the library in the other divisions, she had only been to the one in Herbalist Division a handful of times.

At that time, though, Luo De had personally escorted her into the library and then ushered her into the elevator. Then they headed toward the 90th floor. The Herbalist Division’s library had a hundred levels, but only the lower fifty floors were opened to the students. Even the most gifted students could not enter the higher levels. However, Luo De had brought Shen Yanxiao directly to the 90th floor.

Luo De could hardly conceal the excitement on his face as they made their way to the library. However, he had gradually calmed down. He lowered his gaze to look at Shen Yanxiao.

“Young lad, you have given me a tremendous surprise this time. With your talents, I shall bring you to a good place for your skills.”

Shen Yanxiao blinked. She did not know where Luo De had planned to bring her, but it was definitely not an ordinary place since it was located on the 90th floor.

“For now, please refrain from speaking. I will bring you to meet with a few Great Herbalists shortly,” Luo De said with a smile.

Great Herbalists? Shen Yanxiao was dumbstruck by that statement. There were only a few Great Herbalists in Saint Laurent Academy, but they were no longer in teaching positions. Instead, they spent their time on researches about intricate herbalism knowledge.

Shen Yanxiao’s eyes immediately brightened. If she could get in touch with those Great Herbalists, that meant she could obtain information about the Blood Banquet Potion!

Chapter 276: Great Herbalist (2)

When she thought about that, Shen Yanxiao decided to heed Luo De’s instructions obediently and followed behind him in silence.

The 90th floor of the library was completely different from the other levels that Shen Yanxiao had seen. There were no mountain-high piles of books, and instead, she could only see potions displayed in those huge cabinets.

There were hundreds of potions that were placed neatly in rows and rows of cabinets. As sunlight shone through the windows and onto the colorful bottles of potions, it reflected the light like crystals to create a beautiful and dazzling display of lights.

Those potions attracted Shen Yanxiao’s attention. She had seen several advanced potions that she had only heard of in rumors. As she took a better view of the room, she noticed that all the cabinets on the 90th floor were filled with bottles of advanced potion.

A bottle of an advanced potion would cost at least thousands of gold coins, and the most expensive ones could reach tens of thousands of gold coins.

Based on Shen Yanxiao’s estimation, the total value of all the potions there was enough to purchase at least five cities!

Unconsciously, Shen Yanxiao’s hands had started to itch.

If she could get her hands on all those potions, then she would not have to worry about money for the next ten years!

Luo De brought Shen Yanxiao along as he passed through the corridors before they arrived in front of a huge wooden door.

Then, he carefully tidied his garment before he knocked gently on the door.

“Enter.” A raspy voice echoed from behind the door.

Luo De immediately pushed the door open.

Dozens of wide tables meant for potion-making were arranged neatly inside the room, and every single one of them had been crafted from high-grade crystals. An expensive-looking set of apparatus was laid out neatly on every table. A random collection of those apparatus could cost around three million gold coins.

An old man who looked to be in his eighties was at the table, and he seemed quite busy. Luo De's appearance did not seem to affect him in the slightest as he continued to stare at the crystal bottle above the fire. An attractive student beside the old man greeted them with respect when he noticed their arrival. "Teacher Luo De."

Luo De nodded at him and said, "Shangguan Xiao, you're here early today."

The student who stood beside the old man was the top-ranked student in the Herbalist Division.

A faint smile appeared on Shangguan Xiao's gloomy face, but he was startled when he noticed Shen Yanxiao, who stood behind Luo De.

"Luo De, why have you come?" The old man, who was buried in his work, slowly raised his head to look at Luo De.

"Great Master Pu Lisi, I have something that I wished to discuss with you." Luo De was very respectful toward the old man.

"What is the matter?" There was shrewdness in Pu Lisi's aged eyes. He was one of the Great Herbalists of the Saint Laurent Academy, and he was famous throughout the entire Longxuan Empire. Even Ouyang Huanyu had to accord him some respect.

Anyone who could reach the summit of their professions would undoubtedly exhibit some eccentricity, and that could not be more true for those Great Herbalists. They were usually cooped up in the library for an extended period, and they rarely made an appearance in front of others. Some could even stay indoors for five years, and they were usually described as crazy maniacs with regards to researches in herbalism.

"Dean Ouyang Huanyu had mentioned that you are willing to accept gifted students from the Herbalist Division to be your assistant. I am here to recommend such a student to you," Luo De explained politely.

"Oh?" Pu Lisi glanced at Luo De, and then he noticed Shen Yanxiao, who still stood behind the teacher, shortly after.

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If he did not pay them any attention, he would not have noticed her existence.

When Pu Lisi saw Shen Yanxiao's fragile figure and her childish face, his eyebrows immediately furrowed.

“Luo De, your eyesight must be deteriorating. Do you wish to tell me that the student you mentioned is the one standing behind you?” Pui Lisi said with a displeased tone. His reaction to the situation was quite reasonable. Great Herbalists like him were cooped inside the library for research, and it was rare for them to show any interest in mentoring the younger generation, but for Luo De to bring such a kid to him? Did he think that he was a fool?

Luo De could feel the cold sweat that crept on him, and he hastily explained, “How would I dare to fool you? Even though he is a first-year student, his talent is...”

Before Luo De could finish his sentence, Pu Lisi interrupted him with impatience. “A first-year student? And you said that you would not dare to fool me? What can a young student like him do? A first-year student who had only attended lessons for a few months? He could not even complete a junior potion independently. And yet you have the cheek to recommend him to me?”

“That is not true, Great Master Pu Lisi. Please, do listen to my explanation.” Luo De tried to explain himself hurriedly, but Pu Lisi waved his hand impatiently at him. Then he turned to Shangguan Xiao and said, “Shangguan Xiao, chase them out and don’t let them disturb my work.”

Shangguan Xiao sniggered. The few Great Herbalists at the Saint Laurent Academy had expressed their interest in finding a few assistants amongst the students. However, he was the only one who had been given the honor to be one of their assistants thus far.

How did Luo De have the cheek to recommend a first-year student to the Great Herbalists? Did he want to be chased out from the library?

Even though that thought had been in Shangguan Xiao’s mind, he was still polite as he invited Luo De and Shen Yanxiao to leave the room.

Luo De was angry and anxious about the situation. Even though Shen Yanxiao was young, but she was also extremely talented. With her skills, he knew that she would become an intermediate herbalist before long. What kind of terrifying presence would a thirteen-year-old Intermediate Herbalist make?

It was clear that Pu Lisi was not interested in his explanations, and he did not dare to cause trouble before a Great Herbalist. That was why he was anxious.

Shen Yanxiao still stood at the side as she stared at the anxious Luo De and then at Pu Lisi, who continued with his research. Her eyes narrowed slightly before she pursed her lips and said, “There’s a huge repulsion between the Hawthorne Grass and Pixie Flower. If I were you, I would not add the Pixie Flower so soon after I added the Hawthorne Grass.”

A young and crisp voice echoed in the room.

Pu Lisi, who had been processing the potion, paused his movements for a moment before he turned toward Shen Yanxiao, who had suddenly spoken.

“What does a young kid like you know! Even though the Hawthorne Grass and the Pixie Flower would cause a repulsion, it can also be reduced to the lowest extent if we use the precise amount,” Pu Lisi said with a light snort.

Shen Yanxiao raised her eyebrows and said, "Reduced to the lowest extent does not mean complete non-existence. If both ingredients are added to the potion at the same time, it will cause some bad side effects and lowers the purity of the potion. Furthermore, it will also deplete the efficacy of the other medicinal ingredients."

Pu Lisi snorted and did not respond to Shen Yanxiao as he continued to add the Pixie Flower petals into the potion.

After he added the petals, they heard a crisp cracking sound before the potion placed on top of the fire bubbled over.

Pu Lisi frowned. It seemed like he did not use the exact amount needed for the potion!

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Shen Yanxiao crossed her arms and smiled as she looked at Pu Lisi's gloomy expression. "It would be better to add the stamen of the Hanath Flower before adding the Pixie Flower."

Pu Lisi shot a sideways glance at Shen Yanxiao before he replied in annoyance, "Do you even understand it? The Hanath Flower has a certain degree of loss of effects, and this would eliminate the Hawthorne Grass's medicinal effects.

A first-year student had dared to give pointers to a Great Herbalist like him? What a joke!

Shen Yanxiao curled her lips and stared at Pu Lisi. "You get that result because you could not determine the accurate amount of the Hawthorne Grass and the Pixie Flowers needed for the process."

It was not a problem with the medicinal ingredients, but instead, it was Pu Lisi who lacked the skills needed to brew the potion.

Ever since Pu Lisi had been promoted to an Advanced Herbalist, no one had dared to question his methods. At that moment, the young student not only rejected his methods, but she even hinted at his inadequacy.

Pu Lisi's face was immediately ashen.

Luo De had also broken out in a cold sweat. He never expected Shen Yanxiao would suddenly point out Great Master Pu Lisi's shortcomings. Even though she had talent, she was still a first-year student there, so how could she compare with the Great Herbalist, Pu Lisi?

At that very moment, Luo De felt as if he wanted to cry. Those Great Herbalists at the library had never taught any students. It was Ouyang Huanyu who had personally requested for them to guide a few gifted students in brewing potions.

That was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The teachers had brought them more than a dozen talented students, but Shangguan Xiao was the only one who passed the test, and he was then allowed to stay there.

When Luo De realized that Shen Yanxiao was extremely talented, he felt the need to cherish that talent. The Aura Concealment Potion was a test to see if Shen Yanxiao had the skills needed for that. Even though he was confident that Shen Yanxiao was far more talented than Shangguan Xiao, she also lacked the experience, and her age would prove to be a problem. Thus, it was not unreasonable for the Great Master Pu Lisi to display such a reaction toward the situation.

He thought that he could still try the other great masters if the attempt with Pu Lisi failed. If one of them were willing to give Shen Yanxiao an opportunity, he was sure that her talents would shock them all.

Unfortunately, Pu Lisi did not want to give her an opportunity to do that.

Therefore, he could only make plans for another time.

Nevertheless, he did not expect that Shen Yanxiao, who usually stayed silent, would take such drastic actions.

From Pu Lisi's ashen expression, Luo De knew that the situation was far from great.

"Great Master Pu Lisi, please forgive Shen Jue's rude remarks." Luo De wiped the cold sweat on his forehead as he attempted to appease Pu Lisi's emotions.

"Hmph!" Pu Lisi snorted coldly, and his tightly furrowed eyebrows hinted at his anger.

He was a Great Herbalist, and a first-year student had dared to give him instructions? How could he maintain his dignity from then on?

Luo De felt extremely nervous, but Shangguan Xiao remained at the side as he enjoyed the show.

He was the sole student who had been acknowledged by a Great Herbalist. It was undoubtedly his advantage to stay there as Great Master Pu Lisi's assistant. The student that Luo De brought with him did not seem very capable at all. Ordinary students like that young student could never compare to him.

Did Luo De think that he could bring a random student to the library to become an assistant to a Great Herbalist?

Chapter 279: Great Herbalist's Provocation (2)

Just as the atmosphere reached a freezing point, a white-robed elder slowly walked in from the door. As he observed the strange situation in the room, a trace of puzzlement surfaced on his wrinkled face.

"Pu Lisi, what is going on here?" The white-robed elder asked.

When the furious Pu Lisi saw the white-robed older man, the anger on his face was immediately replaced with an expression of great respect.

"Great Master Ye Qing, why have you come?" Pu Lisi spoke deferentially, and it was completely different from his previous attitude.

Ye Qing was the top herbalist in the entire Longxuan Empire. He was also the only one that Pu Lisi respected in the whole Saint Laurent Academy.

Even though Ye Qing and Pu Lisi were both Great Herbalists, there was a difference between their ranks. When Pu Lisi became a Great Herbalist twenty years ago, Ye Qing had been on that path for fifteen years. Pu Lisi was still at the initial phase of a Great Herbalist, but Ye Qing had already reached its peak. He was only a step beneath the ranking of a Grandmaster Herbalist.

Pu Lisi remained as respectful as an apprentice, and he would never show the slightest disrespect toward him.

“Great Master Ye Qing, Luo De brought a student here to cause trouble, and I was just chasing them out,” Pu Lisi related to the older great master.

Ye Qing looked at Luo De and Shen Yanxiao. His soulful eyes paused for a moment before it swept across Shen Yanxiao.

“Great Master Ye Qing, that was not my intention at all. I thought that this child is very talented in herbalism and wanted to bring him here so that the great masters could have a look at him.” Luo De felt even more pressured when faced with Ye Qing. Even the dean of the academy, Ouyang Huanyu, had to be courteous in front of Ye Qing.

With Ye Qing’s skills and strength, the people in the entire Longxuan Empire would offer their priceless treasures to beg for a single bottle of potion from him.

The Emperor of the Longxuan Empire had personally graced his presence at the Saint Laurent Academy to invite Ye Qing to assume the position as the Imperial Family’s Herbalist.

Even so, Ye Qing had rejected that invitation. He no longer cared about materialistic reputations, and he had devoted himself wholeheartedly to herbalism to break through to the level of a Grandmaster Herbalist as soon as he could. In a sense, all worldly possessions and names no longer held any meaning for him.

If Luo De was cautious and fearful in front of Pu Lisi, then one could say he had boundless admiration and reverence when he stood in front of Ye Qing.

All herbalists in the Longxuan Empire regarded Ye Qing as their ultimate goal.

“Oh?” Ye Qing smiled faintly. Unlike the aggressiveness of Pu Lisi, the smile on his face brought a relaxed and friendly vibe to the people around him.

That was probably why Shen Yanxiao took an instant liking to that gentle older man.

Compared to Pu Lisi, he was much more worthy of one’s respect.

“Not your intention? This little kid had dared to question my herbalism skills when he’s merely a first-year student. Where did he find the courage to do so? Would a first-year student have a deeper knowledge of herbalism than me?” Pu Lisi sneered.

Shen Yanxiao had humiliated him, and he wanted them gone from his room as soon as possible.

Luo De did not know how to answer him. Shen Yanxiao's words were pretty hard to swallow, and the other party was a Great Herbalist.

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As a first-year student in the Herbalist Division, they should not speak nonsense in front of a Great Herbalist, no matter what.

Ye Qing did not offer any comment. He merely stared at the young kid who maintained a smile on her face.

"Great Master Pu Lisi, do you think it is right for me to keep quiet when I know there's a problem with your brewing process?" Shen Yanxiao laughed. He was a Great Herbalist, but so what? If he could not accept any form of criticism from anyone, could he still be called a true master?

Furthermore, she did not say those words baselessly. She had verified them through experimentations.

The medicinal ingredients on Pu Lisi's table were used to produce the Blood Banquet Potion. Shen Yanxiao had asked Qi Xia and the rest of them to search for the same ingredients. The three ingredients that she had mentioned earlier were among the medicinal ingredients that they had managed to gather.

She had wanted to help Yun Qi to produce the Blood banquet Potion as soon as she could, and so she had already attempted some experiments with those medicinal ingredients. Thus, she knew about the problems that Pu Lisi had encountered. Pu Lisi had followed the sequence in the formula when he added those ingredients. The formula might have been completed, but its processes were not without change.

She had attempted to combine those three medicinal ingredients, and she did not get any problems when she used her method to do that.

Not only did Pu Lisi did not accept her suggestions, but he had pulled rank on her and reproached her for her supposed rudeness. Shen Yanxiao had wanted to laugh in his face right there and then.

"A problem? How would you know about any problems if you didn't even know which potion I was brewing?" Pu Lisi's anger flared as he did not expect Shen Yanxiao to contradict his words.

"It did not matter what you were trying to formulate because there were processed Hanath Flowers on your table. The formula for your potion must have required it." Shen Yanxiao could already guess that Pu Lisi was preparing the Blood Banquet Potion. There were dozens of ingredients on his table, and each one of those was what the potion required.

"So what? What does a little kid know? Since you are so bright and logical, why don't you give it a try? I'd like to see how a young kid like you would solve the repellence effect between the Hawthorne Grass and the Pixie Flower!" Pu Lisi exploded. He had never encountered a student who would dare to oppose him.

How did the student named Shen Jue have the nerve to go against him?!

Pu Lisi's words shocked everyone there. Even though they did not know what Pu Lisi was working on, they were certain that it was, at least, an advanced potion as it required a Great Herbalist to produce it personally. Had Pu Lisi really asked a first-year student to attempt such a challenging potion? That was hard to believe.

Luo De was dumbstruck. He did not imagine that the situation would progress that far.

Shangguan Xiao laughed. He had always stayed by Pu Lisi's side, and even he did not know what Pu Lisi was working on. One thing for sure, it was a potion that required the skills of a Great Herbalist since it had managed to cause Pu Lisi headaches while he worked on it.

Why would he want a first-year student to attempt a potion that was meant for Great Herbalists?

Two random medicinal ingredients would be enough to defeat Shen Yanxiao, let alone to complete the entire potion.

Ye Qing frowned as he was surprised that Pu Lisi would say such things. He knew that Pu Lisi had a bad temper, and it was apparent that the student had angered him.

As Ye Qing hesitated to speak out and advise Pu Lisi against that, a provoked Shen Yanxiao suddenly walked up to Pu Lisi and addressed him directly.

"So be it!"