

The Good 431

Chapter 431: Farewell (3)

They drank and continued to party, and by the time they fell asleep, it was already the next day.

The first ray of light illuminated the skies as Tang Nazhi looked at his comrades who appeared to be sound asleep. He took a deep breath before he grabbed his luggage and went toward the door. He looked at the friends that he had loved and hated for one last time before he left the room with a downward gaze.

Saint Laurent Academy, we shall meet again in the future!

The moment the door clicked shut, the four remaining friends sat up in unison. All of them had a complicated look on their face as they looked at the empty chair.

“Come to the first-year student’s lab in the afternoon,” Shen Yanxiao said as she stood up. Despite the smell of alcohol on her body, she was not drunk at all.

“Very well,” the three of them answered in unison.

Even if Shen Yanxiao did not say that, they would still be there. They wanted to see how those two bastards walked toward their demise after they had forced their friend out of the academy.

Shen Yanxiao said nothing further and turned to leave.

Even though she had not slept a wink, Shen Yanxiao was not sleepy at all. Instead of her usual glint, flames of fury flickered in her eyes instead.

That would be the farewell gift that Shen Yanxiao had prepared for Tang Nazhi!

Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao also had a sleepless night. Even though Luo Fan had absolute confidence in his victory, he still had to be careful as he needed to deal with potions that had detrimental effects. Pu Lisi had also guided Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao all night long to ensure they could teach that stinky brat, Shen Jue, a good lesson in the competition.

“Thank you, Master Pu Lisi.” Luo Fan had benefited a lot from the overnight lessons. It seemed like Pu Lisi hated Shen Jue to the core as he handed over the formulae for detrimental potions to Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao without any hesitation. Even though they did not manage to learn everything, with their talents, they had managed to acquire one to two rather harmful potions.

They were confident that as long as they could produce those two potions in the competition, Shen Yanxiao would not have the capability to make an antidote for it, no matter how skilled she was.

“That kid sought his own death, so he can’t blame others for agreeing to it.” Pu Lisi had a wicked look on his face. No one had dared to ruffle his feathers as he sat high above them, but Shen Yanxiao had dared to be the first person to embarrass him. He would have his revenge against her and make her suffer. He wanted her to know that it was unwise to offend a Great Herbalist.

Luo Fan might have appeared modest, but there was a complacent glint that flickered in his eyes.

“Indeed, that little kid does not know what’s good for him. Master Pu Lisi, please rest assured that I will teach that little brat a good lesson.” Even though his objective was Ye Qing, Pu Lisi was also a skilled Great Herbalist. Luo Fan would not mind reaping some benefits from him.

Pu Lisi nodded in satisfaction. The two formulae that he handed to Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao had powerful effects, and he was confident that Shen Yanxiao could never endure it.

“I will personally spectate the competition, so both of you had better not disappoint me.” Pu Lisi could not wait to see Shen Yanxiao’s miserable condition after she consumed the potion. A sinister glint appeared in his eyes.

“Yes, master.” Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao looked at each other, and they saw the same confident look and evil intentions in their eyes.

Chapter 432: Confrontation (1)

All the students rushed toward the first-year student’s lab as soon as lunchtime ended.

The room was only large enough to accommodate hundreds of students, but thousands of students had managed to squeeze their way into the lab. There was hardly any space left.

A few of the students from Yates Academy were also there, and they had gathered into a group. It was such a crowded place, and yet there was still a one-meter distance between them and the rest of the students. The students from the Saint Laurent Academy had subconsciously separated themselves from the group of outsiders.

The students from the Yates Academy had worn their uniforms to the match. Their long silver-white robes seemed exceptionally dazzling amongst the red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, blue, and violet colors of the Saint Laurent Academy.

All the students from the Yates Academy had an arrogant look on their faces, and they completely disregarded the stares from the Saint Laurent Academy’s students. They behaved as if they were better than everyone else and only had disdain for the students there. Their attitude was extremely unpleasant.

A middle-aged man stood amongst the crowd of students.

It was Fang Qiu, and he was the teacher who led the students from the Yates Academy. He was also a Great Herbalist, and he had been quite arrogant while he was at the Saint Laurent Academy. He was only focused on the Great Herbalists in the library.

Unfortunately, his students had behaved as he did, and everyone else had wanted to give them a beating.

“What does Luo Fan think he’s doing? Why would he want to compete with a first-year little brat? What’s there to compete? What kind of skills would trash have anyway?” One of Luo Fan’s fellow students threw a proud look at the Saint Laurent Academy’s students. They were at the academy to learn from their Great Herbalists. They had undergone several friendly matches during that period, and the Saint Laurent Academy suffered a total defeat.

From the eight students that were sent to the academy, even the weakest student was comparable to Shangguan Xiao. When they competed against the other students from the Saint Laurent Academy, there was no wonder that they would win by a margin.

“That’s right. Their herbalists have pitiful skills. No one would come here if it were not for their Great Herbalists here.” The Yates Academy students were very confident because of their continued victories.

Even though Fang Qiu remained silent, he still had an arrogant expression on his face.

The Saint Laurent Academy’s Herbalist Division was renowned in the Longxuan Empire because they had Ye Qing and several Great Herbalists with them. Every single one of them held a famous reputation, and no one knew how Ouyang Huanyu enticed them to join the Saint Laurent Academy. It was not only the academies in the Longxuan Empire, but even the Blue Moon Dynasty had always wanted to get those Great Herbalists to join them. However, they remained loyal to the academy.

Even though Fang Qiu’s official duty was to keep an eye on the students, he was also entrusted by the Yates Academy’s dean to lure those living buddhas to join them. He was fortunate to have connected with Pu Lisi while Luo Fan also managed to build a good relationship with his disciple, Shangguan Xiao.

However, they had not been able to meet Great Master Ye Qing even though they had been at the academy for half a month.

Even so, it was good enough for them to have gained Pu Lisi’s favor. As for Luo Fan’s private dealings with Shangguan Xia, Fang Qiu had decided to turn a blind eye on it.

Chapter 433: Confrontation (2)

“This is not our first competition with them, so please quiet down. Great Master Pu Lisi would be here later, so don’t lose your decorum in front of him.” Fang Qiu said as he tried to calm his students.

The students obediently quieted down, but the students of the Saint Laurent Academy had already heard their comments.

The undisguised contempts and the sentence with the word ‘garbage’ had infuriated them.

They glared at the group of outsiders in furious anger. However, even though they were offended, they were rather helpless about it.

Their consecutive defeats had shattered their confidence, and they had no way to refute their opponents’ words.

At that moment, they could only wait. They were waiting for that one person in their academy to slap their opponents on their mouths. They want their opponents to know that the Saint Laurent Academy was not without talents!

As minutes and seconds elapsed, all the students anxiously waited for three main leads of that day’s competition.

A few moments later, three silhouettes appeared at the entrance.

Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan walked beside Pu Lisi as they stepped into the crowded room.

That was not the first time that Pu Lisi had appeared before the students. That famous herbalist had personally watched the competition between Shangguan Xiao and Shen Yanxiao a month ago, but his student had ended with a tragic defeat. It seemed like he was there to witness his disciple's sweet revenge on Shen Jue.

The students automatically made way for the three to pass through to the front of the room.

When Fang Qiu saw Pu Lisi, he went to welcome his arrival. His arrogance had disappeared as he fawned over Pu Lisi.

The group of students from the Yates Academy also appeared to be respectful toward Pu Lisi.

"Shen Jue isn't here yet?" Shangguan Xiao looked at the crowd, but he did not see the person that he hated so much.

"Perhaps he's scared and doesn't dare to come?" A student from the Yates Academy scoffed.

"I reckon he's just seeking to impress by feigning to be more than he could achieve. He's only a first-year little brat. What could he have accomplished? Luo Fan's random finger could crush him to death at any single moment." Another student spoke with disdain. He would not bother with any student from the Saint Laurent Academy.

Luo Fan merely smiled but did not make any statement. Unfortunately, the glint in his eyes had betrayed his thoughts.

After a short while, four silhouettes suddenly appeared at the entrance.

Shen Yanxiao stood at the front as she wore her long purple robe as Qi Xia, Yan Yu, and Yang Xi trailed behind her. Their slender physiques had formed a wall behind her.

Their appearance had immediately attracted everyone's attention. Everyone was surprised when they saw the three figures behind Shen Yanxiao.

They were Qi Xia, Yan Yu, and Yang Xi, and they were the top students of three divisions in the academy. One could even say that they were the most influential people in the academy!

Why were they at the Herbalist Division?

"That's Shen Jue?" The students from the Yates Academy, who had not seen Shen Yanxiao before, pointed at the little brat in disbelief.

"That's him." Shangguan Xiao gritted his teeth with intense hatred in his eyes.

"Oh my god, you were defeated by a little brat like him?" The students from the Yates Academy were surprised by that information.

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Even though they knew that their opponent was a first-year student, they thought that he would be around fifteen to sixteen years old. However, that brat looked to be approximately thirteen to fourteen years old?

Shangguan Xiao's expression darkened. His past defeat would be a stain throughout his life.

"Who is the trio behind him?" Fang Qiu did not have much of a reaction. He was more curious about the trio who came together with Shen Yanxiao.

"Qi Xia from the Magus Division, Yan Yu of the Priest Division and Yang Xi from the Knight Division," Shangguan Xiao said.

"They are not from the Herbalist Division? Why are they here then?" Fang Qiu was confused. All divisions had their own rules and regulations. No matter the conflicts within any division, the students and teachers from other divisions were not allowed to interfere.

"They are Tang Nazhi and Shen Jue's friends," Shangguan Xiao explained.

"I've heard of that guy named Qi Xia. There's a rumor that he is extremely talented in magic, but even until now, no one knows his current level." One of the students from the Yates Academy had heard of Qi Xia's name as he spoke up oddly.

"Magus? So what? This is a competition between herbalists, so it's none of their business," Another student said disapprovingly.

Shen Yanxiao and the trio's appearance had resulted in a commotion in the room.

Yet, the four of them seemed oblivious to the noises as they walked straight into the room.

Luo Fan smiled and puffed his chest as he looked at the petite Shen Yanxiao with an evil glint in his eyes.

"You're finally here. I thought that you'd be afraid and would decide not to come," Luo Fan spoke in a provocative tone.

Shen Yanxiao glanced at him with indifference.

"Afraid? Are you referring to yourself?"

Luo Fan's expression changed, but he recovered soon enough.

"Your friend should have left the Saint Laurent Academy, right? Honestly, he should have left ages ago. The profession of an herbalist is not something any dog or cat could do. Any garbage should stop their wishful thinking of becoming one." Luo Fan's words had caused the Saint Laurent Academy's students to gasp.

Even if one were to disregard his talents, Tang Nazhi was still a young master from the Black Tortoise family. Only Luo Fan from the Blue Moon Dynasty would dare to humiliate someone from the five great aristocratic families in public like that.

Shen Yanxiao narrowed her eyes, and a cold smile curled on her lips.

"Is that so? Do you think that you're suited as an herbalist?" Shen Yanxiao's childish voice had a trace of coldness in it. When she spoke, it was as if an invisible pressure had shrouded the entire room.

Luo Fan quirked his eyebrow and appeared confident.

“Naturally. I am not even 20-years old, and I’m already an advanced herbalist. It’s a huge contrast compared to some garbage.”

Shen Yanxiao sneered, and a sinister glint flickered in her eyes.

“Very well, remember your words today. Very soon, I will let you know that you... do not deserve to become an herbalist!”

Their words were like swords that clashed, and it had caused the atmosphere in the room to become tense.

Everyone kept their gazes fixed on both of them. The other participant, Shangguan Xiao, had been thrown to the back of their minds.

“Be careful of what you say, and don’t embarrass yourself. Little brat, you’re still too inexperienced. Don’t assume that you can be arrogant just because you have some skills. I’ve seen many who are like you, overconfident but incapable. Unfortunately, all of them had miserable endings,” Luo Fan ruthlessly commented. He thought that Shen Jue was an eyesore. Be it his personality or his identity as Ye Qing’s student; he was annoyed with him!

He must be eliminated!

“Oh? Then let’s see if it’s my miserable ending or your bitter finish that would invoke more pity.” Shen Yanxiao revealed a lofty smile.

Chapter 435: Competition Start! (1)

Shen Yanxiao’s arrogance shocked everyone. Everyone knew about Luo Fan’s abilities as an herbalist, so they did not expect that Shen Yanxiao would say those words.

The students from the Yates Academy acted as if they had seen a ghost. They had never seen anyone who had dared to speak with Luo Fan in such a tone.

Shen Yanxiao was not only arrogant; it seemed like he wanted to seek death!

Luo Fan snorted and decided not to continue with their verbal fight. He was extremely confident that he could make Shen Jue suffer a devastating defeat with the formula that Pu Lisi had taught him.

The trio’s competition had attracted the Herbalist Division’s attention, and large quantities of medicinal ingredients had been transported into the refining room for their use.

Pu Lisi stood at the forefront as he looked at the trio. The moment he looked at Shen Yanxiao, his expression turned evil.

Each of them had a table for their usage, and they were already at their positions. The competition was about to commence, and all the spectators held their breaths.

The problem was, who would referee the competition.

Luo De had also arrived in the refining room, but since Pu Lisi was also at the scene, he would not have the opportunity to referee the match. However, Luo De was reluctant to have Pu Lisi as the referee because that would mean that Shen Yanxiao would be in a disadvantageous position.

Even so, except for Pu Lisi, no one else could assume the role.

Everyone knew that Shangguan Xiao was Pu Lisi's student. They had also allied with Luo Fan to frame Tang Nazhi. Any fool could see that the three were allies. If Pu Lisi were to referee the match, then it could spell a disaster for Shen Yanxiao.

Luo De was anxious for her. The competition was about to start, but there was nothing that could be done to change the situation.

Just as Luo De was ridden with anxiety, a person with a long pure-white robe appeared in the room and caught everyone's attention.

The arrogant Pu Lisi had immediately gasped when he noticed the person's arrival.

"Great Master Ye Qing!" Pu Lisi cried out in alarm.

That person was none other than world-renowned Great Master Ye Qing.

After Ye Qing took to the library, it had been dozens of years since he had stepped outside. However, he had suddenly made his appearance there that day.

Pu Lisi's surprise had shocked everyone else too.

Everyone's gazes were locked onto Ye Qing.

Even students from the Yates Academy widened their eyes in surprise.

Ye Qing was the only person in the entire Brilliance Continent who was the closest to the status of a Grandmaster Herbalist. He was the idol of all herbalists!

Luo Fan was extremely excited. It had almost been a month since he had arrived at the Saint Laurent Academy, and he had not met with Ye Qing. Finally, he could meet the teacher of his dreams!

"Great Master Ye Qing, why have you come today?" Pu Lisi hastily went forward to welcome him. He was like an ordinary humble herbalist apprentice in front of Ye Qing.

A smile surfaced on Ye Qing's friendly face.

"It has been a long time since I came out for a walk. I have been thinking about it, and coincidentally, I heard that there's a competition here today. I am just here to join the crowd. Please, continue and pay no heed to me."

Chapter 436: Competition Start! (2)

Join the crowd? Who would believe that!

No one believed Ye Qing when he said that. Everyone knew that Shen Jue was Ye Qing's student, and he was probably only there because of him!

Who did Pu Lisi think he was? All Great Herbalists could only stand aside as they make way for Ye Qing.

Shen Yanxiao looked at Ye Qing in surprise as she did not expect that he would be there as well. She respected her mentor for teaching her herbalism, and she could deduce the reason he was there that day.

She felt a little emotional with his presence. Even though she was not afraid of Pu Lisi, she knew that he would do his best to hinder her progress in the competition.

Ye Qing was there to tell everyone that Shen Jue was his student. If they wanted a fair competition, then he would have no problem with that. However, if they were to attack him sneakily under his nose, then they would have to deal with him first.

Even Pu Lisi would have to weigh the pros and cons before he could decide to do anything.

There was a slight change to Pu Lisi's expression, but he did not dare to cause trouble in front of Ye Qing.

However, even if he did not use any underhanded tactics, he was confident that the two types of formulae he handed to Luo Fan and Shangguan Xiao was enough to bring Shen Jue down.

Due to Ye Qing's arrival, there was a subtle change in the atmosphere, and Luo De could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Then, the competition began.

"This competition is only to compare notes on herbalism, and you will have to observe proper restraint." Pu Lisi pretended to be just, but he was rather annoyed that he could not cause more problems for Shen Yanxiao.

Shen Yanxiao remained silent and waited for the competition to start officially.

The trio then immediately began to move.

Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan had made preparations for the competition the day before that, and they had memorized the formula to their potions. When the match started, they immediately dashed toward the medicinal ingredients to select what they needed.

Shen Yanxiao walked calmly behind them with a light-hearted expression on her face.

Luo De went to Ye Qing's side and observed Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan's movements. Shangguan Xiao had already retrieved 17 types of medicinal ingredients, and most of them were ingredients with extremely potent toxicity. If those were mixed together, the effects would certainly be dreadful.

"Great Master Ye Qing, the medicinal ingredients that Shangguan Xiao took are extremely toxic. Does he really intend to make a potion with detrimental effects with it?" Those toxic medicinal ingredients were sufficient to make a poison. Luo De was sincerely worried about Shen Yanxiao's wellbeing.

Ye Qing looked calm and peaceful, but he was well aware of Luo De's concerns. He had also noticed the ingredients that Shangguan Xiao had gathered. Based on that, he could already confirm the potion that he intended to concoct.

Ye Qing furrowed his eyebrows as he turned toward Pu Lisi, who was sneering at Shen Yanxiao. Disapproval flooded Ye Qing's eyes.

It was a rare competition in which they would brew potions with detrimental effects that could be harmful to one's health. However, the elixir that Shangguan Xiao wanted to produce would cause extreme damage to one's five senses. It was an extremely sinister and malicious potion that was not suitable for competition.

On the other hand, Luo Fan had gathered about 19 medicinal ingredients. The items that he had selected were not all toxic, but most of it contained a certain degree of heat. At that moment, not even Ye Qing knew which potion he wanted to produce.

Chapter 437: Competition Start! (3)

On the contrary, Shen Yanxiao took her own sweet time as she looked at the pile of medicinal ingredients and slowly selected a few plants that looked utterly harmless.

"What is Shen Jue doing? Why did he choose all those medicinal ingredients with mild properties? Shouldn't she make a potion with detrimental effects?" Luo De did not understand the situation. The medicinal ingredients that Shen Yanxiao had chosen were all common herbs and would not cause any damage even if it were eaten raw. If those medicinal ingredients were stewed in a pot, it would definitely be a tonic rather than poison.

Luo De was burning with anxiousness. That kid, Shen Jue, was too stubborn!

It was evident that her opponents had planned to concoct poisonous potions. However, that little brat did not pick a single toxic ingredient, and instead, all her medicinal ingredients were beneficial for the body! Did she forget that they were competing with potions that had detrimental effects?

She was not meant to make a tonic for Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan!

Since Luo De noticed the problem, naturally, Fang Qiu and Pu Lisi realized the same thing too.

Both of them already knew about the potions that Shangguan Xiao and Luo De would make, but they had no clue about Shen Yanxiao's choice.

However, it looked like Shen Yanxiao had only picked ingredients that would be beneficial to one's health.

"It seems that little brat does not know how to make any detrimental potions. I was right; he only wanted to impress others with his words." Fang Qiu was relieved. As he watched the competitors, he was sure that Shen Yanxiao would lose even before they began to make the potions.

It also looked like Shen Jue would lose miserably too.

"I knew it! How could that piece of trash compare to Luo Fan? Any one of us could have defeated him too," one of the students from the Yates Academy spoke arrogantly.

Potions with detrimental effects were much more complicated than potions with beneficial results. It was because detrimental potions contained strong repulsion properties. Therefore, it was a massive challenge for the herbalist's skills to stabilize those repulsion properties.

None of the intermediate herbalists could guarantee that they could successfully produce the potion.

Fang Qiu and his students had talked very loudly, and the Saint Laurent Academy's students could hear their conversations easily.

When they heard what they had said, all of them were secretly nervous for Shen Yanxiao.

They had suffered too many defeats at the hand of students from the Yates Academy, and they could not endure any more failures. If Shen Yanxiao were to fail, they could no longer look at those students in the eyes ever again.

All the students from the Saint Laurent Academy rooted for that first-year student from their division.

At the same time, they were also resentful of Shangguan Xiao for allying with the enemy.

That former top student of the Herbalist Division had turned into a disgrace in their minds!

Minutes and seconds elapsed. Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan had collected all the medicinal ingredients that they required for their potions, and they had returned to their tables to process them.

Some students with good eyesight immediately noticed the ingredients that they had picked up.

Every single medicinal ingredient that Shangguan Xiao had chosen was extremely toxic... If they were mixed into a potion, the person who consumed it would experience something worse than death.

How much did Shangguan Xiao hate Shen Jue, that he would choose to make such a vicious medicine?

Chapter 438: Detrimental Potion (1)

Shangguan Xiao laughed wildly internally. His previous loss against Shen Yanxiao was his most significant stumbling block, but he finally had the opportunity to return the favor. The potion that Pu Lisi had taught him the previous night was called the Concealed Poison Potion. It required 23 different types of medicinal ingredients with extreme toxic properties and three other components to stabilize it. Not only could the potion damage an herbalist's five senses, but it would also cause irreversible damage to the user if it were consumed Luo Fan's potion.

Those two potions could completely ruin any herbalist and end their path as an herbalist.

Shen Jue had sought death when he dared to challenge both of them to a challenge. He did not only have to face an Intermediate and an Advanced Herbalists, but he also had to worry about the Great Herbalist, Pu Lisi, who supported them from behind the scenes. Even if Shen Jue was talented, he could never compete against a Great Herbalist.

Shangguan Xiao did not only want Tang Nazhi expelled from the Herbalist Division, but he also wanted to remove Shen Jue from the equation!

Shangguan Xiao thought about his impending victory and, at the same time, carefully processed the medicinal ingredients in his hands. These medicinal ingredients would soon be the key to destroy Shen Jue!

As opposed to his ally, Luo Fan was much calmer. He had never regarded Shen Yanxiao as his rival, and the competition was to sell Pu Lisi a favor and to display his capabilities in front of Ye Qing. Therefore,

he was cautious with each step he took. He was also careful to ensure that he presented the best of his abilities to gain Ye Qing's favor.

He thought that Shen Jue was merely an intermediate herbalist, and so he was not worried about the first-year student.

If it were a typical day, he would be too lazy even to focus his attention on such trash!

Luo Fan had never lost, and so he did not anticipate that he would lose that day.

Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan had finally finished processing their medicinal ingredients and had begun to make their potions.

Shen Yanxiao had only started to process the medicinal ingredients that she had chosen, and so she was a step slower than the two of her opponents.

However, she was not in a hurry as she completed each step as orderly as she could.

The three of them were busy with their tasks while the spectators switched their gaze back and forth between them.

The students from Saint Laurent Academy were all rooting for Shen Yanxiao. They no longer wanted to fail, nor wished to lose.

However, when they saw the huge difference between Shen Yanxiao and her opponents' progress, they felt as if a huge stone had been pressed upon their hearts.

Selecting and processing medicinal ingredients was also a type of test for an herbalist. It was apparent that Shen Yanxiao was a step slower than everyone else. How could the students continue to believe that she could win the competition?

Furthermore, Shen Yanxiao had to produce two potions during the match for Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan, respectively.

At the same time, she would have to drink the two potions that Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan made.

No one could predict the results if she were to drink both of the potions, but they knew that Shen Yanxiao's life was at stake.

There had been numerous competitions between herbalists, but no one had dared to compete in such an extreme way.

Regardless of the result, they would always remember that brave and fearless first-year student.

Chapter 439: Detrimental Potion (2)

Shen Jue had put everything on the line and challenged an opponent that they would not dare to challenge. Everyone had admired that student's bravery.

An hour had passed before Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan were nearly done with their potion. When they completed the process, they stood at the side as they eyed Shen Yanxiao's progress with her potion.

“The potion that Shanguan Xiao had concocted is the Concealed Poison Potion and as for Luo Fan...” Ye Qing looked at the two bottles of potion. However, he seemed quite upset.

“The potion in his hands seems to be the Chaos Potion.”

“Chaos Potion?” Luo De’s face paled when he heard that.

The Concealed Poison Potion was not incurable despite its infamous reputation, but the real problem was with the Chaos Potion.

Even though the Concealed Poison Potion was very toxic, it was still possible to produce an antidote in a short period if the herbalist understood the potion. However, as its name implied, the Chaos Potion would cause massive disturbance to the human body, and that chaotic state would spread to the Concealed Poison Potion. If that were to happen, then no one could predict the changes to its toxicity.

The Concealed Poison Potion would reduce one’s five senses by half in a short time. Furthermore, it would also cause significant harm to the human body that resulted in fatigue and acute pain. Coupled with the Chaos Potion, the damage was not something that an average person could endure, let alone its increased toxicity.

The loss of one’s five senses was usually fatal for the herbalists. They would not be able to control the medicinal ingredient quantity accurately, nor could they perceive the changes to the potion’s scent. They would not be able to produce potions that were usually familiar to them. They would also require exceptional willpower and endurance to maintain their consciousness to tolerate the sharp pain throughout their body. In such a scenario, it was near-impossible for them to concentrate on preparing an antidote for themselves.

The Chaos Potion would also be an unpredictable variable in that situation.

It would be hard for Shen Yanxiao to win that competition!

Luo De broke out in cold sweat. He never expected that Shanguan Xiao and Luo Fan’s potions would have such terrifying effects when consumed together.

Even if he was confident with Shen Jue’s talents, he was still anxious for that student.

With the level of Shanguan Xiao and Luo Fan’s skills, it was impossible for them to come up with such an excellent combination. There was no doubt that Pu Lisi had helped them with that.

That Great Herbalist so was shameless and ruthless that he would deal such a cruel blow to a youth who had yet to reach adulthood.

When he realized the situation, even the gentle Ye Qing was displeased about that.

However, Pu Lisi had been meticulous in his plans, and there was nothing more he could do since the competition had already started.

“Great Master Ye Qing, you have to help Shen Jue! It’s obvious that Pu Lisi wants to force Shen Jue into a dead-end corner. If he were to drink those two bottles of potion, he could never concoct another potion for the rest of his life!” Luo De felt anxious. Shen Jue was getting destroyed right in front of him, and he

could only grit his teeth in anger at Pu Lisi's shamelessness. He had even omitted the words 'Great Master' when he mentioned Pu Lisi's name.

Ye Qing shook his head in helplessness.

Herbalists had their own rules, and once the competition had begun, no one else could interfere with it.

Chapter 440: Detrimental Potion (3)

If Ye Qing were to interfere with the competition, not only would that affect his reputation, but Shen Jue would also lose his foothold with the other herbalist.

Ye Qing did not mind consequences to his reputation, but he did not want to destroy Shen Jue's future path as an herbalist.

"Let's see how the situation goes." Ye Qing was also somewhat helpless. Even though he believed in Shen Jue's talents, he also had reservations about the destructive detrimental potion.

He had decided to save Shen Jue if he could not endure the damage caused by the detrimental potion, even if he had to forgo the reputation that he had built for so many years. It was more important to have Shen Jue healthy and hale.

Pu Lisi sneered. The moment Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan had completed their potions, he knew that the competition had ended for Shen Yanxiao. It would not have mattered what kind of detrimental potion she produced, she would have to bid farewell to the path of an herbalist.

That was the price that she had to pay for humiliating a Great Herbalist!

Ten minutes later, Shen Yanxiao had finally completed her potion. It was a bottle of pale-pink colored potion, and the glistening liquid seemed exceptionally beautiful inside the crystal bottle. Then she divided it into two servings and poured the liquid into two crystal bottles.

No one knew what detrimental potion that Shen Yanxiao had concocted. Even the experienced and knowledgeable Ye Qing could not identify it.

When Shen Yanxiao left her table with the two bottles of potion, Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan stared at her with an evil expression.

"The three potions have been completed. Now let's move on to the crux of the competition." Luo Fan curled his lips and stared at Shen Yanxiao eagerly. He did not believe that a detrimental potion concocted by an intermediate herbalist would win against the potions that Pu Lisi had personally taught them!

He also did not believe that Shen Yanxiao's potion would cause any trouble for him.

"You're right." Shen Yanxiao smiled faintly as she placed her bottles of potion on the table.

Shangguan Xiao and Luo Fan also followed suit, and the real competition had begun.

"In that case, please go ahead." Luo Fan's eyes flickered with a malicious smile as he urged Shen Yanxiao toward the road of destruction.

Shen Yanxiao walked toward the potions without any hesitation. She picked up the Concealed Poison Potion and drank it without even blinking her eyes.

The moment she downed the liquid, a crazy smile surfaced on Shangguan Xiao's face.

Without any pause, Shen Yanxiao picked up the Chaos Potion and drank that too.

When the two potions flowed into her stomach, she felt an acute pain all over her body. Her five senses had also gradually weakened. Her vision became blurry, and she could not smell anything. Even the sounds that she heard were muted. It seemed like the damage had spread throughout her body.

Cold sweat continuously seeped from her forehead, and even her breathing became more rapid.

The effects of the Concealed Poison Potion and Chaos Potion had started to surface.

Shangguan Xiao wanted to laugh when he saw how Shen Yanxiao's condition worsened every second. That brat would soon be finished!

Luo Fan also had a complacent expression on his face.

Shen Yanxiao endured the acute pain and gritted her teeth in agony. "Your turn."

"Sure." Luo Fan took large strides forward with a scornful smile plastered on his face. While he appreciated Shen Yanxiao's suffering, he picked up the potion and drank it.

Similarly, Shangguan Xiao moved forward and drank the harmless-looking potion.