

Weaponsmith 1981

Chapter 1981: Open the box and take a look (1)

Moreover, as her skill became more and more seasoned, the quality of the Pearl Lotus which she picked got even better. The last few stalks of Pearl Lotus even gave off crystal clear glistening, and on one look, one would know that it was of the finest quality among the medicinal herbs.

Busy from morning till mid-afternoon, Huang Yueli then finally managed to finish picking all the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses in the entire field of the medicine farm.

As her picking success rate was one hundred percent with no failure, so until the very end, the entire medicinal box which was used to contain the medicinal herbs were stuffed until it was bloated, almost not being able to contain everything. She tried her best to arrange every single stalk neatly but still wasn't able to contain everything in.

In order to avoid crushing the medicinal herbs, she only picked one third of the herbs out and when she took it out, she casually threw it into her own realm ring.

After she completed everything, she then shut the lid of the jade box tightly, as she stuffed it into her chest area, waiting to submit her task in the afternoon.

When Huang Yueli completed her harvesting and was about to leave, the other Pill Masters were still busying themselves in their medicine farms while their sweat beads were akin to rain dripping down.

There were some who noticed her figure passing by the embankment of the fields but no one had imagined that she only used an entire morning to pick all the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses.

Everyone felt that she knew that she was destined to be chased away so she casually picked some stalks, and gave up.

It was until evening time when the steward came to the rear mountain's medicine farm at the designated timing, to collect all the medicinal herbs which the Pill Masters had harvested.

The Pill Masters all queued up as they respectfully handed up their own jade box.

Huang Yueli was the last in the queue and she was also holding on to a jade box as she handed it over to the steward.

When she took out the jade box, regardless of whether it was the steward or the Pill Masters by the side, all of them gave an astonished expression on their faces.

"Why? You really picked those Drought Land Pearl Lotuses?" The Steward's brows furrowed as he questioned her.

Huang Yueli smiled and said, "Isn't the task arranged by Mister Steward you? Of course I have to complete it seriously, and the jade box contains all the medicinal herbs which I have picked."

"What? How is that possible? Surely you've not ruined Divine Doctor Dai's medicine farm right?" Shu Yali couldn't help but screeched, "Do you know that Divine Doctor Dai's medicinal herbs here are all of

the finest quality and if you have really ruined it into a pile of withered grass, that would be a huge loss to the entire Alchemist Guild!”

Shu Yali cried out in indignance out of justice but when the steward heard what Huang Yeuli said, he was squealing out silently in joy.

Feng Zhensheng had bribed him to find ways to attract Huang Yeuli from committing mistakes. It would be best if the mistake she committed would thoroughly enrage Divine Doctor Dai, so much that she wasn't able to turn tables around.

Now that his aim was about to be fulfilled, wouldn't that make him turned mad from joy?

He was afraid that Huang Yueli would not be hooked and would leave the small courtyard on her own! Whoever knew that this young lass's mind was unable to comprehend the situation. Such an obvious trap and she insisted on stepping onto it!

The steward's fierce looking oversized fat face immediately showed a smile as he nodded his head, “Good! Good! You've done well! No matter how your standard of harvesting is, as long as you complete your task seriously, that is something worth commenting about! Since that's the case, I shall now hand Divine Doctor Dai your jade boxes, and tomorrow night he will head over personally to inspect it, so just go back and wait for your results!”

The steward made a marking on each jade box and carried all of it as he left.

Shu Yali turned her head back to see Huang Yueli still bearing an insipid and easy going look, totally unable to detect any sliver of nervousness from her at all.

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Shu Yali couldn't help but sneered, “Death is already knocking on your doorstep yet still pretending! I want to see what you are going to prepare to compensate Divine Doctor Dai for ruining his medicinal herbs!”

Huang Yueli totally couldn't be bothered about her as she walked back to her room directly.

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Rear courtyard, reception hall.

Dai Boqi sat in the middle seat right smack in the centre as he nipped his beard, retrieving a medicinal pill from an exquisite wooden box, as he squinted his eyes to check on it against the light.

Feng Zhensheng was seated right next to him with a beaming smile on his face, “Divine Doctor Dai, this is the Nine Lives Reversal Pill which I had refined a few days ago and this is my first time refining an eighth level upper grade pill. I am still inexperienced but although I know I am still not up to standard, but I am unable to find the key to it hence I'm here shamelessly to ask for your teachings.”

Dai Boqi observed the pill for a while and spoke out, “Although this Nine Lives Reversal Pill has barely reached eighth level upper grade, but as your control towards the flame isn't enough hence the medicinal effects is much worse than an eighth level upper grade pill! Moreover, you have also committed several mistakes when refining the medicinal herb...”

Just what kind of standard did Dai Boqi have? He had refined the Nine Lives Reversal Pill multiple times so the expected eighth level upper grade pill in his eyes was naturally filled with flaws. He was a straightforward person and within a few sentences, he had already criticised Feng Zhensheng's pill refining skills from head to toe entirely.

Feng Zhensheng's expression looked a little awkward. As the Alchemist Guild Headquarter's President, although he wasn't the best Pill Master in the Guild, but many people fawned on him and just a handful of them would criticise him this mercilessly.

To tell the truth, he really felt uncomfortable just from listening to these words.

But as Dai Boqi was Divine Doctor Liu's Master, and he was someone whom he hurried over to fawn on him, he could only suppress his dissatisfactory heart, as he put on a smiling face and used various pleasing words to coax this elderly man.

Just as Feng Zhensheng was getting fidgety, there was a knock on the reception hall's door.

"Divine Doctor Dai, Steward Qin have already delivered the medicinal herbs which this batch of apprentices harvested, for you to look through."

Dai Boqi then put down Feng Zhensheng's pill and shifted his gaze towards the boxes which the attendant held in his hands.

"En, bring them all in!"

The steward gave a reply and walked up in quick steps as he placed all eight jade boxes on the coffee table in front of Dai Boqi, lining it all properly.

On seeing these boxes, Feng Xiaoyan who was seated right next to her father gathered up her spirits.

Ever since Feng Xiaoyan was injured, she had not dared to step out of the door and today, she had specially headed over to Dai Boqi's side, just because Steward Qin had already secretly communicated with her, telling her that today was the day when the apprentices would hand in their medicinal herbs. Hence she specially came over, just so that she could hit Huang Yueli when she's down.

The steward had just left and she walked over with a curious look as she asked, "Divine Doctor Dai, how are this batch of apprentice's standard? Do you want to open up the boxes to take a look now?"

Dai Boqi appeared to have a lack of interest over this.

"Isn't it all the same, among the apprentices-in-waiting in every ten batches, there would be one who could barely pass and that would already be great. Ever since Yan'er shifted out, I had always wanted to take in a second direct disciple but alas, for so many years, there aren't many number of registered disciples who can meet the standard!"

Feng Zhensheng smiled, "Divine Doctor Dai, your requirement is too high. It's naturally difficult to want to find someone who is comparable to the genius Divine Doctor Liu."

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Dai Boqi apparently assumed so hence he didn't bother to rebuke his words.

“Sigh, such a pity, the current people have withered to such a standard so not to mention someone like Yan’er, even those who are slightly weaker, are hard to find...”

He lamented for a short period of time and shook his head, “Forget it, let’s not talk about these and take a look at how this batch of apprentices have done harvesting the medicinal herbs. Just nice, you’re an expert so help me collate and examine a few critically.”

Saying that, Dai Boqi stretched out his hand and opened the first jade box.

Shu Yali was among this batch of apprentices and as her results were the best in the selection assessment hence her serial number was number one and her jade box was placed right in front.

Dai Boqi opened her box and saw the ten over stalks of medicinal herbs lying quietly inside. Each stalk was lush and verdant which made it look lively and energetic.

Feng Zhensheng was also an expert in this and when he saw this, he couldn’t help but praise, “I wonder which apprentice picked this? She had practically preserved these few stalks of Aromatic Silk Jade Grass’s spiritual qi, and there doesn’t seem to be any loss in the medicinal effects. Moreover, to be able to pick fifteen stalks at one go, the success rate seems rather high.... Incredible! A rough diamond indeed!”

His expression was excited but Dai Boqi merely swept one gaze at the box and revealed a picky and disgusted expression.

“These few Silk Jade Grass seems complete on the exterior but you didn’t notice those few scratches on the roots which were left behind and that led to the loss of spiritual qi. This meant that this Pill Master overused too much strength while completing the incantation gesture and didn’t manage to control the intensity of her Profound Energy! Can’t even harvest a medicinal herb properly, innate talent is only so-so...”

Feng Zhensheng was stuffed for words as he could only say, “But the success rate of her harvesting is still rather high, which could make up for that, I guess.”

Alas, Dai Boqi’s gaze was already spoilt rotten by Liu Buyan as he thought of all others as no difference from trash. Shu Yali’s moves, naturally couldn’t be compared with Liu Buyan’s hence she had once again been despised into dredges.

“An entire medicine farm and only managed to harvest only seven or eight stalks successfully, not even twenty percent of it, is this considered as high? In the past, Yan’er would be able to harvest at least sixty percent and above! If they want to be my disciple, the minimum requirement of successful harvesting will at least have to reach fifty percent!”

When Feng Zhensheng heard that, he almost spat out blood.

Was he taking in a disciple or just playing around with the Pill Masters? Fifty percent harvest? Did he think everyone had the innate talent to become a ninth ranked Pill Master?

Even if it was him Feng Zhensheng, the President of the Alchemist Guild Headquarters, when he was in his younger days, the success rate of harvesting medicinal herbs was at most twenty five percent.

How many of such geniuses like Liu Buyan were there under the heavens?

Based on this kind of standard to gauge, this old man would probably not be able to take in a second direct disciple for this lifetime!

But for Feng Xiaoyan who was listening by the side, she somehow felt fortunate.

In the past, she had always wanted to be taken in by Dai Boqi under his wing to become Liu Buyan's junior sister. But Dai Boqi's requirement was simply too high so even if she made her father persuade him personally, Dai Boqi just refused to loosen up, obviously he didn't look up at Feng Xiaoyan.

Now that her fingers were injured, even if it was cured, her pill refining standard would also be affected, apparently she could no longer be Dai Boqi's disciple any longer.

But at least, based on Dai Boqi's abnormal and ridiculous request, it was not possible for him to take anyone in as a disciple.

In this way, her losses somehow seemed much lesser.

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Dai Boqi didn't know what the two people beside him were thinking. After he gave a regretful sigh, he casted Shu Yali's number one jade box to one side.

"But, this number one harvesting of medicinal herbs is still barely all right, it's fine to let her become an apprentice. Just let her stay on in the store for a probationary period!"

Saying that, he opened the second jade box.

The medicinal herbs in this box, as compared to Shu Yali's Aromatic Silk Jade Grass earlier, was much worse.

A sparse total of seven to eight stalks, moreover every single stalk's leaves fell off. Just from the exterior, it didn't look complete and after using one's soul trace to sense it, one was able to clearly sense that the spiritual energy in medicinal herb had already been lost by a huge amount.

Dai Boqi's face immediately turned ugly, "Just this kind of standard and they have to check to get a scolding from me! I say, President Feng, haven't I already mentioned this the last time round, I only want those with the best innate talent among the younger generation! These trashy people, stop sending them over to my side, even if they come I'll still chase them away!"

"Yes, yes, yes, it's my negligence."

Feng Zhensheng stole a peek at the medicinal herbs inside the box as he replied against his conscience.

Actually, from what he saw, to be able to harvest seven to eight stalks in one go was already considered not bad.

After all, these younger Pill Masters were not even twenty years old yet and their own standard was merely between second to third rank.

Usually if they were to harvest third levelled medicinal herbs, their harvesting would normally reach fifty percent or so.

But Dai Boqi's request was very high. He made them harvested at least fifth levelled medicinal herbs and that had far surpassed their original standard. Even if they weren't able to harvest a single stalk, that was considered normal.

To be able to harvest around ten percent meant that their innate talent was already rather outstanding...

Bai Boqi opened another three boxes consecutively and after taking a glance at those, the annoyed expression on his face became even more obvious.

As for the jade boxes serial numbers, it was lined according to the selection assessment ranking so those few boxes at the end, the quality of those medicinal herbs, were definitely worse than the previous one.

When Dai Boqi saw three, he simply could not continue any further as he swept the jade boxes to one side with force.

"What kind of rubbish are these? Other than the first one who could still make do, why can't there be a slightly decent Pill Master? Forget it, I'm not looking anymore, take it away, take it all away!"

When the guards by the side saw this, they immediately shot up and caught hold of the falling jade boxes from the table.

If not for so, these boxes might all be shattered onto the ground.

Dai Boqi replied angrily, "This is another batch who is wasting my time! Enough, there's no need to continue looking as well. President Feng, you can bring these people back. In future those with terrible innate talent, don't need to send them to me!"

The guards didn't dare to defy his words as they carried the boxes and were about to leave.

When Feng Xiaoyan saw that, she immediately became anxious.

She was still waiting for Dai Boqi to fly into a huge rage when he saw the pile of weeds which Huang Yueli had submitted!

Now, Dai Boqi didn't even open Huang Yueli's number one jade box and already ordered his men to bring away the boxes! Moreover, he only wanted to send those Pill Masters, other than Shu Yali, back to the Alchemist Guild, with no intention to chase anyone away.

How would that do?

Wouldn't it be letting Bai Ruoli that little slut off easily?

Thinking of this, Feng Xiaoyan couldn't sit still any longer as she scuttered right up and blocked the guards' path.

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"Wai... wait, don't go first!"

Feng Xiaoyan turned around and looked towards Dai Boqi, "Divine Doctor Dai, please wait a moment, there's still three jade boxes which you haven't opened! Judging them failure just like this, isn't it a little too unfair? Wouldn't it be better to take a look first then make a decision?"

Dai Boqi was apparently not interested, "What's there to see? I've already seen so many and the remaining few's standard is totally imaginable!"

Feng Xiaoyan hurriedly cried out, "That might not be so. Perhaps there would be someone who wasn't apt in theoretical assessments but especially good in practical use? Moreover speaking, every apprentice had been through several stages of selection before they were selected. If they were to find out that the medicinal herb which they picked had not even been seen by you, perhaps they might feel unresigned in their hearts."

Dai Boqi sneered, "So what if they're unresigned? I've already said this earlier, I only want the most outstanding pill refining genius. They aren't able to make themselves shine so who else can they blame?"

Feng Xiaoyan saw Dai Boqi totally indifferent as she was extremely anxious in her heart. She was deeply worried that even after so many schemes that she had plotted, it would all come to a naught by this old man's stubbornness.

But no matter how she persuaded him, Dai Boqi looked as though he was lacking in interest.

In the end, due to his impatience, he waved his hand vigorously, "Enough, stop nagging! Otherwise I will send you guests off! Why are you still standing there in a daze for? Still not going to move away these eye piercing jade boxes??"

The guards were really worried that he would be angry hence they grabbed the jade boxes tightly as they were about to route past Feng Xiaoyan.

Feng Xiaoyan knew that if she didn't take any action, these jade boxes would really be taken away and Huang Yueli would really escape from this calamity!

She no longer cared about anything as her heart hardened and scuttled towards the guard next to her, pushing him hard!

Dai Boqi's personal guards were at least seventh stage realm top experts and all of them had outstanding skills. As they were pushed by someone off guard, the guard subconsciously stretched out his hand to block the push, and the Profound Energy within his body naturally dissipated outwards.

Feng Xiaoyan was struck right smack by that gust of powerful Profound Energy as she entirely flew outwards from the impact, throwing up blood in mid-air.

She crashed heavily against the wall and her chest felt as though the blood inside was churning as her eyes saw stars while she was in so much pain until she could not breath.

But luckily, she didn't faint and could still barely open her eyes to take a look at the guard's direction.

Although she had been sent flying, but the jade box which the guard was holding on to had accidentally stumbled out of his hands, as it landed on the ground.

The jade box fell onto the ground, giving off a crisp shattering noise, as the medicinal herbs in it also fell out.

“What’s the matter? Yan’er, Yan’er, are you alright?”

On seeing Feng Xiaoyan flying from the attack, Feng Zhensheng ran over anxiously as the guards and female attendants all started to gather around anxiously.

Dai Boqi walked over personally and stuffed a pill into her mouth and frowned, “Her internal organs are just injured, luckily my guard’s reaction is swift enough and didn’t deal a heavy hand on her! But she got to rest for two month to recover! What’s wrong with this? What happened just now?”

Feng Xiaoyan was in so much pain that her forehead was filled with cold sweat but on seeing the jade boxes which had rolled and splattered onto the ground from afar, her eyes surfaced a smile.

Although she was injured by a seventh stage realm top expert and she suffered a substantial injury, but as long as she was able to make Divine Doctor Dai disgusted by that wretched lass and thereby chasing her out of the Alchemist Guild Headquarters, then this little sacrifice was absolutely worth it!

Even if she had to suffer ten times the pain, she would accept it willingly!

Chapter 1986: Who is this genius? (1)

Feng Xiaoyan hurriedly endured her pain and forcibly opened her mouth to speak out, “Div Divine Doctor Dai, it’s all my fault, earlier.... I lost my footing and banged against this guard. I’m sorry, it’s all my fault that these jade boxes which are used to store the medicinal herbs have been shattered..... quickly go take a look if these medicinal herbs can still be used? I... I will compensate you...”

Dai Boqi replied disapprovingly, “What’s there here? These medicinal herbs which those fellows harvested, originally not many of them could be used, there’s no need for you to reproach yourself.... Hmm?”

He was saying that and he subconsciously shifted his glance over to the shattered jade boxes.

Dai Boqi merely casted a fleeting glance but just after one look, he couldn’t help but cried out in shock, “This is.... what’s going on?”

Feng Xiaoyan was in so much pain that her brows furrowed tightly, her sight was a little blurry and she couldn’t see the place that was too far away.

But just from Dai Boqi’s tone, a slight smile surfaced on her face and momentarily the part where she was injured on her chest somehow didn’t feel that painful anymore!

Indeed, her hard work had not gone to waste!

After those jade boxes had been shattered, that wretched lass would absolutely be exposed for ruining all those medicinal herbs which she was in charge of!

She had long heard that the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses were the most expensive among this batch of medicinal herbs, moreover Divine Doctor Dai was waiting anxiously for these Pearl Lotuses as he had urgent need for it!

Now that none of the stalks were harvested and having to replant it would take another half a year or so, it was imaginable just how angry Divine Doctor Dai would be!

However, before Feng Xiaoyan even started to be happy, she heard Dai Boqi's surprised and joyous voice.

"Heavens! These Drought Land Pearl Lotuses, which box did it drop out from and who harvested them? These qualities, these medicinal effects, this condition.... It's simply awesome! I have never seen any Drought Land Pearl Lotuses which had grown this well before! Moreover, there are so many stalks! This.... this... how could this be possible? Heavens..."

Dai Boqi spoke out the word Heavens several times, simply submerged in shocking joy until he seemed to have forgotten how to talk.

Feng Xiaoyan's mouth opened in disbelief, instinctively feeling that she had developed hallucination.

"No, I must have heard wrongly, it must be because I'm heavily injured so my ears are not clear at all.... the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses' quality is very good? This is absolutely something which is impossible!"

But when Dai Boqi opened his mouth once again, it completely shattered her idea of deceiving both others and herself.

"I found it! These have all dropped out from the number eight jade box! Number eight jade box! Which apprentice submitted this? Simply... simply too surprising! So Soaring Heavens Continent has such a pill refining genius, and I actually haven't discovered this fact at all! Quick, quick, go check who this Pill Master is?"

The guards had never seen him so excited and happy before so they all didn't dare to dilly dally as they hurriedly ran outside.

Feng Xiaoyan endured her pain as she looked at Dai Boqi.

At this moment, where was the almighty expression on that cold and bad-tempered elderly man's face? A smile spread over his elderly face, smiling like a chrysanthemum flower, subbing his hands together as he kept on pacing up and down.

"Heavens, this simply is.... joy in a surprise! Quickly help me count, just how many stalks of Drought Land Pearl Lotuses are there here?"

Initially it was the female attendants who knelt down on the ground, picking up the Pearl Lotuses stalk by stalk as they placed it inside the jade box, checking and counting each stalk.

But after a few seconds, Dai Boqi felt that they were too slow and he was burning with anxiety hence he himself squatted on the ground as he started to count.

Chapter 1987: Who is this genius? (2)

"One stalk, two stalks, three stalks..."

"Eleven stalks, twelve stalks, thirteen stalks...."

“... forty one stalks, forty two stalks, forty three stalks..... forty eight stalks! A total.... A total of forty eight stalks! This... how is this possible? How could it be? There’s actually so many!!!”

Dai Boqi picked up all the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses that had dropped onto the ground and when he picked the last ten over stalks, his hands were trembling non-stop.

Pill Master’s hands were most stable and no matter under what kind of situation, their hands would absolutely not tremble to such a state. It simply was because... he was really so excited that he was about to faint!

The quantity planted in every single plot of medicine farm was almost certain and no matter the species, the quantity in each plot of medicine farm would all be nine times nine, eighty one stalks. Not one stalk more nor one stalk less.

Hence through the quantity of the harvesting in the jade box, one would be able to find out the success rate of the harvest.

Just like what Dai Boqi said earlier, most Pill Masters were able to exceed harvesting fifty percent or so of medicinal herbs, that would already represent that the person’s Earth attributed innate talent was extremely shocking, at least of ninth grade lower talent. As long as that person’s fire attributed innate talent wasn’t too bad, that person would be able to become at least an eighth ranked Pill Master.

For someone like Liu Buyan who was able to successfully harvest around sixth percent or more of medicinal herbs, one would have the potential to become a ninth ranked Pill Master.

This jade box which contained the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses had a total of forty eight stalks, which was already a sixty percent success rate, and was comparable with Liu Buyan!

What kind of innate talent does this person have? Ninth grade mid? Or ninth grade upper? Yan’er’s Earth attributed innate talent is ninth grade upper so he must be similar to Yan’er, then he should at least have ninth grade upper innate talent! Heavens! There’s actually such a talented Pill Master and I don’t even know about it! I must take him in as my disciple and teach him personally, absolutely not allowing those mediocre fools to foolishly teach him, delaying his progress!”

Dai Boqi was extremely anxious and couldn’t wait to charge towards this apprentice who harvested the medicine, making him acknowledge him as his Master!

He had thought that such a peerless genius like Liu Buyan could no longer be found in Soaring Heavens Continent. Whoever thought that he had really found another one!

Actually what Dai Boqi didn’t knew was that when Huang Yueli harvested the Drought Land Pearl Lotuses, it was much more than this quantity as every single stalk seemed to have been picked in complete shape, but as the jade box was too small, she had no choice but to remove a number of it.

Otherwise, the number of Drought Land Pearl Lotuses which were heaped in this box would be much more!

In terms of quantity, it would absolutely make the experienced veteran Pill Grandmaster like Dai Boqi faint with shock.

Feng Xiaoyan and Feng Zhensheng were all dazed by this scene and for a long time, they weren't able to react in time. Their minds were confused as they watched Dai Boqi walking around, as they thought that they were dreaming.

Because this matter was just too mysterious.

What kind of innate talent did Huang Yueli have, they themselves knew it all too well. She was merely trash so not to mention what kind of pill refining genius or whatever ninth grade innate talent, she did not even have a single ounce of Profound Energy, which was even worse than an ordinary person's physique!

Whereas for that number eight jade box, it was submitted through that steward whom they had bribed, as they saw her submission with their own eyes.

The inside of the jade box.. how could it possibly have so many Drought Land Pearl Lotuses in perfect condition? It even made Divine Doctor Dai so agitated from seeing it?

Chapter 1988: Who is this genius? (3)

This... what on earth had gone wrong?

Shouldn't there should only be a pile of weeds inside? A trash who had no ounce of pill refining innate talent, facing an entire field of almost withering high levelled medicinal herbs, what tricks could she possibly come out with?

How was it possible that within a blink of an eye, the weeds in the jade box had turned into high quality medicinal herbs?

"Im... Impossible! This absolutely cannot be possible! Divine Doctor Dai, this is absolutely impossible. Don't be tricked by others, these medicinal herbs... are absolutely fake! It must all be fake!"

Feng Xiaoyan was so anxious as she forgot about all the pain on her momentarily, leaping up into the sky, as she wanted to pounce over.

She stretched out her hand and made a grab for the Pearl Lotuses on the table, after turning it in all directions repeatedly, trying to see if she could find a problem with it.

Because no matter what, she could not believe that Huang Yueli had managed to harvest the medicinal herb completely. From what she saw, this kind of matter absolutely could not happen. Then in this case, it was definitely Huang Yueli who was up to some trickery, in an attempt to cheat the elderly man!

However, no matter how she looked, the stalk in her hand was a perfect grade of Drought Land Pearl Lotus, even more perfect than those which could be auctioned in the market for a heavenly price, as its medicinal herbs didn't seem to have suffered any damages.

"Impossible.... Impossible....."

Feng Xiaoyan just simply didn't believe in it and as she was anxious, she wanted to pull apart the Pearl Lotus in her hand.

When Divine Doctor Dai saw that, he pushed her aside while burning with anxiety, and retrieved the stalk of Pearl Lotus with a lightning move of his hand.

“What are you trying to do? This is a top grade valuable item and with these Pearl Lotuses, I will be able to refine the White Dew Pill completely moulding it into shape! If this were to be damaged by you, are you able to compensate for it?”

Feng Xiaoyan was originally injured hence her body was feeling weak, so how was it possible for her to be able to take on a push from a ninth stage realm practitioner like Divine Doctor Dai, hence she rolled to one side from the push.

She coughed out a mouthful of blood and clutched her chest, feeling that her internal injuries were evidently more serious now.

But Feng Xiaoyan couldn't care about all these as she hurriedly stood up and tried to climb up.

“Divine Doctor Dai, I really am not trying to create havoc but... but I just can't bear to see you being cheated by someone else! These Drought Land Pearl Lotuses are absolutely not real! They are absolutely not rare medicinal herbs! I cannot see your entire furnace of medicinal pills being ruined by fake medicinal herbs!”

“What?? Fake medicinal herbs??”

Hearing this, Dai Boqi indeed suffered a shock from her, as he subconsciously held that medicinal herb to his nose and took a whiff, then using his fingers to gently pick one petal off, putting it into his mouth to try the taste of it.

After that, he stared angrily at Feng Xiaoyan, “What rubbish are you sprouting? Real medicinal herb or fake ones, how could it possibly deceive me? This is the genuine Drought Land Pearl Lotus, with top grade medicinal effects! There is absolutely no issue with this! You don't know anything yet still dare to talk blindly here? Men, send the guests off!”

Dai Boqi flicked his sleeves and wanted to chase them away.

Feng Xiaoyan's eyes opened wide, as she was so shocked that she could not say a word more.

For an experienced Pill Grandmaster like Dai Boqi, it was impossible for him not to be able to verify the authenticity of the medicinal herbs. Since he said that these Drought Land Pearl Lotuses were real, then it would absolutely not be fake!

But Huang Yueli didn't have any bit of pill refining innate talent at all, which was the truth as well?

Feng Xiaoyan suffered from a severe loss of blood from her heavy injuries and her mind was originally a little muddled so naturally she was not able to think clearly properly.

But Feng Zhensheng suddenly thought of a possibility, and hurriedly butted in.

“Divine Doctor Dai, please wait a moment, there's something suspicious about this matter!”

Chapter 1989: Who is this genius? (4)

When Dai Boqi heard that it was Feng Zhensheng who spoke out, he finally gave him some face as he frowned and asked, "President Feng, how do you explain this now?"

Feng Zhensheng's thoughts raced swiftly and cleared his throat as he said, "Divine Doctor Dai, Xiaoyan's suspicions are very logical. Think about it, these few jade boxes are arranged according to serial numbers and are in accordance with the apprentice's selection assessment results. Logically speaking, the medicinal herbs in the number eighth jade box should not be better than the first right?"

Dai Boqi replied disapprovingly, "Just this? Hasn't your own daughter said this herself earlier? Some people might not be apt in theoretical papers but their practical standard could be very high, hence she wanted me to take a look at the last three jade boxes, wasn't it? It's all thanks to Young Miss Feng, if not for her words, I might miss such a peerless genius. Just thinking about it makes me feel regretful!"

When Feng Xiaoyan heard that, her chest had a sharp pain and she almost threw up blood again.

This was what's called to move the rock to smash your own feet. If she had known that that wretched lass Bai Ruoli was so sinister and had long made preparations to fill so many high levelled Drought Land Pearl Lotuses in the box, she would rather die than to say such words!

But unfortunately, the words really came out of her mouth and Dai Boqi even praised her for saying the right thing!

In this way, she had no face to rebuke him, otherwise wouldn't it be akin to slapping herself?

Feng Xiaoyan wasn't able to say that and Feng Zhensheng was apparently rather embarrassed as he hurriedly coughed a few times to cover up before he spoke out again, "Cough cough, this... what you said is right too! But this matter is still rather suspicious! These Drought Land Pearl Lotuses grades are a little too fine, even the harvesting success rate is so high, almost chasing up to Divine Doctor Liu! It's said that Divine Doctor Liu is the Number One pill refining genius in Soaring Heavens Continent for the past thousand years so just how many of such a person like him would there possibly be? It's such a coincidence that in such a short duration of a few decades that there would be a second person like him?"

When Dai Boqi heard that, he felt unhappy but he could not help but admit that what Feng Zhensheng said seemed to be a little logical.

A peerless genius who was born every one thousand years, would it be possible to have a second one so soon?

The possibility of this was really very, very small. Moreover these two geniuses were taken in by him, Dai Boqi as their Master?

Such a good thing, was like a cake falling from the sky, which was extremely fascinating.

His brows furrowed even tightly and a deep profound look on thoughts was revealed on his face, "This matter is indeed unusual, but the medicinal herbs which have been picked are genuine... speaking of this, if there's anyone who, in order to ask me to be their Master, and specially acquired these medicinal herbs, then the amount of money they spend is just too much! This kind of grade of Drought Land Pearl Lotuses, and moreover so many stalks, in Soaring Heavens Continent's auction, would be able to sell for heavenly price of several millions of high grade spirit jades!"

What Dai Boqi said was indeed the truth.

If it wasn't for the fact that they knew Huang Yueli's other identity, Feng Zhensheng would not believe that anyone was able to spend so much money, just to deceive Dai Boqi for this moment, which might be exposed on the very next day so doing this would result in the losses outweighing the gains.

However, Feng Zhensheng now knew that Huang Yueli held on to Liu Buyan's identity token and was able to utilise Liu Buyan's private store.

There were plenty of valuable items inside and any single one item was worth much more than these Drought Land Pearl Lotuses.

To her, spending this amount of money wasn't a heartache at all!

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Feng Zhensheng admitted that this was the truth to this matter and he was still racking his brains on how to expose Huang Yueli's real identity.

"Divine Doctor Dai, I believe that there must be a problem behind this matter so why not let's verify it first then talk about it. Otherwise, if you rashly take in a disciple only to discover that you've been cheated, wouldn't it cause other people to gossip when they hear about this?"

Dai Boqi's age was very old and he favoured his face very much so Feng Zhensheng's words poked his Achilles heel on the spot.

Hence he nodded his head, "Alright then, let's check through this carefully. Problem is.... where do we start checking from? Or shall we get this apprentice over to question her?"

Feng Zhensheng hurriedly stopped him, "No! We can't do this at all! Would she personally admit that she is deceiving us?"

Feng Zhensheng was worried that Dai Boqi had always pampered his beloved disciple and if he knew that Huang Yueli was his fiancée, although he would still be angry but on account of Liu Buyan's face, he might just show mercy and not chase her out of the Alchemist Guild.

In this way, wouldn't their efforts have gone to naught?

He hurriedly thought of another idea, "I have an idea, aren't this batch of apprentices under Steward Qin's charge? These jade boxes containing the medicinal herbs must be retrieved by him as well. Later on, let's first ask Steward Qin over for questioning first. If there's any suspicious points, then let's follow that lead and continue checking, I'm sure we will be able to uncover the truth!"

Dai Boqi nodded his head, "That's fine as well, then I'll send someone to get Steward Qin over."

Feng Zhensheng hurriedly said, "No need to trouble the guards. I'm feeling a little bored and would like to go out for a walk, I'll drop by and get Steward Qin over on the way?"

Saying that he turned around and was about to leave the door, thinking to meet Steward Qin first to collude with him to scheme on Huang Yueli!

Whoever knew that in the end, before he could even step out, Steward Qin walked over in quick steps.

Feng Zhensheng was shocked and subconsciously wanted to walk forward to stop Steward Qin.

Alas, by the time he thought of this, it was already too late.

Dai Boqi's sharp eyes had already seen Steward Qin and called out for him loudly.

"Steward Qin, you're just in time! I have something to question you, you must answer me truthfully!"

Steward Qin went into a blank and turned his head back, he happened to see Feng Zhensheng squinting his eyes at him.

He immediately reciprocated, assuming that he had already understood Feng Zhensheng's intention as he faced Dai Boqi, "Yes, this subordinate understands, will Old Master please ask."

Dai Boqi replied with an "En" and spoke out, "Let me ask you, did you receive the jade boxes personally with your own hands from today's apprentices-in-waiting?"

Steward Qin nodded, "That's right! This subordinate personally saw them bring it over!"

"Then ... when they were harvesting these medicinal herbs, were you patrolling the scene as well?" Dai Boqi asked again.

Steward Qin uncontrollably paused for a moment.

According to Dai Boqi's small courtyard regulations, when the batches of apprentices-in-waiting were working, he should occasionally patrol the area but he was usually skiving on the job so other than announcing the regulations and retrieving the jade boxes, he would never appear at the scene.

But towards this question, he absolutely didn't dare to tell the truth.

"That's right, this subordinate often goes around to check!"

"Then.... when this batch of apprentices are harvesting, did they personally do it on their own? Are there any suspicious points?"

"Steward Qin shook his head, "No..."

"Cough cough!"

Feng Zhensheng finally couldn't help but started coughing out loudly.